

## Psalm 119:33

*Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.*

Quick note before we get into today's devotional, Psalm 119 is probably my favorite Psalm, not because it's the longest Psalm (176 verses), but because the entire Psalm talks about God's awesome word, which I love with my whole heart. So, take some time this weekend to read through it and be encouraged in His Awesome Word!

But here is a thought for us to ponder over the weekend as well. What if we really believed the songs we sing in church, or the Christian songs on our playlist, how different would our lives be? We sing "**Great if Thy faithfulness**" Yet how often do we feel like God is not faithful because He has not answered our prayers... or answered them in the way we want Him to, or when we want Him to?

Along with that, what if we really believed and lived by the scriptures that we read each day, how different would our lives be?

We read and love to quote, "***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***"

**Philippians 4:13** yet we still fail or fall, Therefore, either God's word is not true, or we are not really following what it says, allowing His strength to get us through those trying times.

You see it's not just a matter of believing God's word, but also putting it into action. Here are two verses for us to meditate upon over this weekend. These are verses we all know so well, and we believe them, but are we living them?

† **Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

† **James 2:17** *Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

If we truly have faith in God and His word, then why do we put so much emphasis on the things of this world, or even look to the things of this world to get us out of a bind? We are all guilty of it, including me, because I am no better than you are simply because I teach God's word. I am reminded of what Paul said to the Romans.

† **Romans 2:21** *You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?*

As a teacher of God's word, I must put myself in check and make sure I do my best to not just teach God's word, but also live the same things the Holy Spirit has given me to teach.

But the same goes for all of us, once again, it's back to faith and knowing God's word, but if we truly know and believe it, why aren't we living it more, instead of living it when the occasion sees fit to. No, God's word is awesome and the songs that we sing we sing to an awesome God are great as well. So let's stop just memorizing God's word and just singing these songs. But also living what we read and sing "always" and not just when the occasion seems right, and one good way to do so is to pray today's verse.

† ***“Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.”***

Along with:

† ***Psalm 119:88 (MSG) In your great love revive me so I can alertly obey your every word.***

And as God answers that prayer, let's also respond from our hearts with:

† ***Psalm 119:57-60 (MSG) Because you have satisfied me, GOD, I promise to do everything you say.  
I beg you from the bottom of my heart: smile, be gracious to me just as you promised.  
When I took a long, careful look at your ways, I got my feet back on the trail you blazed.  
I was up at once, didn't drag my feet, was quick to follow your orders.***