

Loving God's Word Above Material Things

1. The Psalmist declares a great love for God's commandments above precious metal ([Ps. 119:127](#))
 - a. This is not the first time he has done so in this Psalm (cf. [Ps. 119:72](#))
 - b. There is great reward in keeping God's Word ([Ps. 19:9-11](#))
 - c. Wisdom and understanding are greater than material wealth ([Pr. 3:13-18, 8:10-11, 18-19, 16:16](#))
 - d. Million dollar question: Do I love God's Word above material things?

Compare and Contrast God's Word With Material Things

1. God's Word endures forever ([Ps. 119:89, 160](#) see below; [Isa. 40:8](#); [Lk. 21:33](#))
 - a. "The sum of thy word is truth; And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever." ([Ps. 119:160](#) ASV)
 - b. Material things are temporary ([Pr. 23:5, 27:24](#); [Mt. 6:19](#); [1 Tim. 6:7](#); [2 Pt. 3:10](#))
2. God's Word is certain ([Dan. 2:45](#); [2 Pt. 1:19-21](#); [Heb. 6:18-20](#))
 - a. Material things are uncertain ([1 Tim 6:17](#); [Pr. 23:5](#))
3. God's Word provides happiness ([Ps. 119:1-2, 128:1](#); [Lk. 11:27-28](#); [Pr. 3:17](#))
 - a. Material things (especially trusting in them) produces sorrow ([1 Tim. 6:9-10](#))
 - b. Material things do not satisfy! ([1 Tim. 6:6](#))
4. God's Word makes one to stand ([Eph. 6:11, 14](#); [Pr. 24:16](#))
 - a. Trusting in material things will make one fall ([Pr. 11:28](#))
5. God's Word is pure and purifies ([Ps. 12:6, 19:8-9, 51:10](#); [Mt. 5:8](#))
 - a. Material things choke the Word and corrupt the heart ([Mt. 13:22](#))

6. God's Word brings about salvation ([Ps. 119:41](#), [81](#), [123](#), [155](#), [166](#), [174](#))
 - a. Trusting in material things brings about death ([Lk. 12:16-21](#); [Mt. 16:25-26](#); [Mk. 10:17-27](#))
 - b. Job understood that putting trust in gold and wealth was to deny God ([Job 31:24-28](#))
 - c. Riches will not deliver one from wrath ([Pr. 11:4](#); [Ezek. 7:19](#); [Zeph. 1:18](#))
 - i. But righteousness will ([Pr. 10:2](#))

We Should Be Seeking God's Word Not Material Wealth

1. Parable of the pearl of great price ([Mt. 13:45-46](#))
 - a. Do we count all things but loss that we may gain Christ? ([Phil. 3:7-8](#))
 - b. If people studied their Bibles as much as they sought after material things think about how much greater the church would be! ([Pr. 2:3-6](#))

Hating Falsehood

1. The Psalmist acknowledged that God's Word is right which led to him hating all falsehood ([Ps. 119:128](#))
 - a. There is no doubt that God's Word is right ([Ps. 19:8-9](#))
 - i. Time and again God's Word has been proven to be so
 - ii. Satan could not stand up to it when tempting Jesus ([Mt. 4:1-11](#))
 - iii. God's Word will not return void ([Isa. 55:11](#))
 - b. What is falsehood?
 - i. false (*sheqer* H8267 sheh´-ker) an untruth; by impl. a sham (often adv.):—without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully. (Strong 121)

- ii. In about thirty-five passages, *sheqer* describes the nature of “deceptive speech”: “to speak” ([Isa. 59:3](#)), “to teach” ([Isa. 9:15](#)), “to prophesy” ([Jer. 14:14](#)), and “to lie” ([Mic. 2:11](#)). It may also indicate a “deceptive character,” as expressed in one’s acts: “to deal treacherously” ([2 Sam. 18:13](#)) and “to deal falsely” ([Hos. 7:1](#)). Thus *sheqer* defines a way of life that goes contrary to the law of God. (Vine 77)
2. Why so much falsehood?
 - a. Satan is the father of lies ([Jn. 8:44](#))
 - b. He was there casting doubt on God’s Word in the garden ([Gen. 3:1-4](#))
 - c. He has been busy ever since casting seeds of doubt and deception ([Job 1:7](#))
 - d. There are many false teachers in the world ([1 Jn. 4:1](#))
 - e. Man wants to do things his way sometimes ([Pr. 14:12](#), [16:2](#), [18](#))
 - i. They think they are right ([Pr. 12:15](#))
 - ii. We know better ([Jer. 10:23](#))
 - iii. Thus, we must take heed ([1 Cor. 10:12](#))
 - f. Ignorance is a factor ([Rm. 10:1-4](#); [2 Pt. 3:3-7](#); [Hos. 4:6](#))
 3. We succumb to falsehood when we are not armed to protect against it ([Eph. 6:10-17](#))
 - a. Question: What does my armor look like?
 - b. I must be sure that I suit up daily
 4. Many falsehoods to hate and as such oppose:
 - a. Denominationalism ([1 Cor. 1:10](#); [Eph. 1:22-23](#), [4:4](#))
 - b. Atheism, skepticism, agnosticism ([Ps. 14:1](#))
 - c. Cults, mysticism, the occult ([Gal. 5:20-21](#))

- d. False teaching within the church
- 5. We care and love souls thus we teach to bring others to Christ!

Conclusion

1. Do I love God's commandments above material things?
2. Do I hate every false way?
3. If not, why not?