

Psalm 119:73-80: A Word-Shaped Life

“The whole Counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own Glory, Man’s Salvation, Faith and Life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture...” —Second London Baptist Confession of Faith 1:6

I. A WORD-SHAPED LIFE _____ AN _____ OF GOD’S _____ - 119:73

“The Bible aims to create authentic people who are so satisfied in God that their outward behavior shows that God is their greatest treasure—not money, or power, or fame, or sexual pleasure, or family, or church, or even sickness-free heaven. God’s value is supreme in the heart, and this has changed everything.” —John Piper, *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*, 138

- We know we are learning God’s Word when we simultaneously acknowledge God as _____ and pray for His help in _____.
- We know we are learning God’s Word when we _____ it and _____ it.
- We know we are learning God’s Word when our _____ are different than the _____.
- We know we are learning God’s Word when _____ and _____ affect us differently than they did previously.

II. A WORD-SHAPED LIFE _____ _____ - 119:74

III. A WORD-SHAPED LIFE _____ ALL OF LIFE _____ A _____ - _____ - 119:75

A. A God-focused lens is developed through _____ and _____ knowledge of the Word of God

- “God is completely _____.”
- “God is infinite in _____.”
- “God is perfect in _____.”

“The primary purpose is for us to become so convinced of these truths that we appropriate them in our daily circumstances, that we learn to trust God in the midst of our pain, whatever form it may take.”—Jerry Bridges, Trusting God, 19

B. A God-focused lens is developed through _____ of the wonderful _____ of God

“Nothing is so small or trivial as to escape the attention of God’s sovereign control; nothing is so great as to be beyond His power to control it.”—Jerry Bridges, Trusting God, 39

“It is much easier to trust in the sovereignty of God when it is the other person who is hurting. We need to be like Jesus, of whom it was said, ‘A bruised reed he will not break’ (Matthew 12:20). Let us not be guilty of breaking a bruised reed (a heavy heart) by insensitive treatment of the heavy doctrine of the sovereignty of God.”—Jerry Bridges, Trusting God, 53

C. A God-focused lens understands God’s _____
_____ behind all _____ (cf. Romans 8:28-29)

- When we view affliction as coming from the hands of a loving God, we begin to ask “What am I to learn?” rather than “Why is this happening to me?”
- When we view affliction as coming from the hands of a loving God, we begin to ask, “How can I help others?” rather than saying “This suffering is pointless!”

Recommended Resources:

John Piper, *Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017)

Journibles produced by RHB

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* (Colorado Springs, CO: 2008)

Randy Alcorn, *If God Is Good: Faith In the Midst of Suffering and Evil* (Colorado Springs, CO: Multnomah, 2009)

Jim Berg, *God Is More Than Enough: Foundations For A Quiet Soul* (Greenville, SC: Journey Forth, 2010)