

## Our Core Values - Part 5

### Biblical Focus: Applying God's never changing Word to an ever changing world

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#### 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

### Having A Heart For God's Word

**Psalms 119:11 (NCV)** I have taken your words to heart so I would not sin against you.

**Psalms 119:20 (CEV)** What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
**Matthew 7:24** Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice is like a wise man who **built his house on the rock.**

#### Unstable Foundations

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**Exodus 23:2** Don't follow the crowd in doing wrong.
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**Mark 7:8** You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to traditions.
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**Proverbs 16:25** There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.
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**Judges 21:25** In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ it with my ears
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ with my eyes
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ it with my hands and mouth
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ it with my mind
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ it with my heart
3. \_\_\_\_\_ by it.  
**Psalms 1:1-3 (NLT)** Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.  
**Psalms 119:11** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ through it.  
**Psalms 119:18** Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
1. Hardened soil = A \_\_\_\_\_ mind  
**Action: Cultivate an open mind**
  2. Shallow soil = A \_\_\_\_\_ mind  
**Action: Make time for God's Word**
  3. Weedy soil = A \_\_\_\_\_ mind  
**Action: Eliminate distraction**
  4. Good soil = A \_\_\_\_\_ mind  
**Action: Act on what God says**
5. \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
**James 1:22** Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ in it.  
**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.