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A FEW LISTS TO CONTEMPLATE

Today in my quiet time I came across this:

*The **law** of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;*

*The **testimony** of the LORD is
sure, making wise the simple*

*The **precepts** of the LORD are
right, rejoicing the heart;*

*The **commandment** of the
LORD is pure, enlightening the
eyes;*

*The **fear** of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;*

*The **rules** of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than
gold, even much fine gold; sweeter
also than honey and drippings of
the honeycomb. Moreover, by
them is your servant warned; in
keeping them there is great
reward. Psalm 19:7-11*

While I was reading this, I couldn't help but notice that this list of attributes of the Lord's Word is similar to Philippians 4:8:

*Finally, brothers, whatever is
true, whatever is **honorable**,
whatever is **just**, whatever is
pure, whatever is **lovely**,
whatever is **commendable**, if
there is any **excellence**, if there
is anything **worthy of praise**,
think about these things.*

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Then I noticed the various words used to describe/define God's Word. . .

Law
Testimony
Precepts
Commandment
Rules

All of these words are used in Psalm 119:6, 12, 103, 105,111, 127, & 142. I just love it when I can actually go through and put God's Word together with other parts of His Word. It just makes it so nice to see how well it fits together. In some respects, it's like a puzzle, and His Words are the pieces that we get to find and interlock together.

While I was reading and pondering, I noticed a heading in the margin. It said "Seven Attitudes." It was beside "*He leads me beside still waters.*" That piqued my interest, so I went to the location it stated and here is what I found. . .

SEVEN ATTITUDES OF THE SPIRIT.

Scripture Reference	Attitude/Action				Relates to:
Psalm 23:2	Lying Down	⇔	⇔	⇔	Spiritual Rest
Isaiah 40:31	Mounting Up	⇔	⇔	⇔	Exaltation
Luke 10:39	Sitting	⇔	⇔	⇔	Learning
Acts 3:8-9	Leaping	⇔	⇔	⇔	Ecstasy
Ephesians 6:11,14	Standing	⇔	⇔	⇔	Warfare
Hebrews 12:1	Running	⇔	⇔	⇔	Progress
1 John 1:7	Walking	⇔	⇔	⇔	Fellowship

Again, I was impressed with this, and thought it was worth sharing and pondering. When we read these words, lying down, mounting up, sitting, leaping, standing, running, and walking, we know they spiritually, they refer to resting, exalting, learning, ecstasy, warfare, progressing and fellowshiping! How cool. More puzzle pieces fitting together. Many of you might have already figured it out, but it never hurts to see it written out like that. And its always good to reflect on your own personal growth to see if any of these attitudes are present in your own walk with Christ.

Finally, when I saw the list above, I noticed the next list directly below it...

SEVEN THINGS OPENED

Scripture Reference	Attitude/Action				Relates to:
Deuteronomy 15:8	Hands	⇔	⇔	⇔	Benevolence
2 Kings 6:7	Eyes	⇔	⇔	⇔	Vision
Psalm 40:6	Ears	⇔	⇔	⇔	Hearing
Psalm 51:15	Lips	⇔	⇔	⇔	Testimony
Daniel 6:10	Windows	⇔	⇔	⇔	Prayer
Acts 16:14	Heart	⇔	⇔	⇔	God's Message
2 Corinthians 2:12	Doors	⇔	⇔	⇔	Service

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Hands – Giving

Eyes – God’s Vision – His plan for you to follow

Ears – Hearing God’s Word

Lips – Sharing your testimony. . . not always the entire thing, but what relates to the situation.

Windows – Pouring out your heart to God regarding all things.

Heart – Goes with ears – Hearing God’s Word and hiding it your heart so we live by it.

Doors – Asking God where He would have you serve others. (Not just in Church, but in life.)

I know I’ve given you a few things that may or may not be of interest to you, but I found them interesting enough to pass along. If you choose, you can always cut them out and put them in your Bible for quick reference. Keep in mind that the Bible is God’s love letter to you. Read it often. Hide His Word in your heart. Share God’s Word as openings present themselves. It pretty amazing how if you make yourself available to God, those openings will just happen, it won’t be scary and it will all come together. You may just plant seeds, or maybe you water seeds. Personally, I have found that just sharing may just begin a wonderful relationship. You never know what God has in store. Whatever it is, it’s always God and for His glory.

MATCH THE SCRIPTURES WITH THEIR REFERENCES.

I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Acts 3:8

...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Psalms 119:11

...that you may be able to stand against the schemes
of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

2 Kings 6:7

And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and
entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and
praising God.

Hebrews 12:1

Psalms 40:6

Psalms 119:105

And he said, “Take it up.” So he reached out his hand and
took it.

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

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Serving the Month of AUGUST, 2024

Date	Reader	Date	Usher
4	Michelle Brennan	4	Jim Wackerly
11	Chuck Gray	11	Joan Heierding
18	Sue Wackerly	18	Carol Gray
25	Bill Heierding	25	Jim Wackerly

Communion Deacon:

Bill Heierding

Alternate: Chuck Gray



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Roman Road to Salvation:

Romans 3:23 We're all sinners

Romans 6:23 God's **FREE** gift

Romans 10:9-10 How we believe

Roman 10:13 Assurance

Also:

God's Plan - Peace and Life

John 3:16

Our Problem – We're separated from God. Romans 3:23

God's Remedy – The Cross

1 Peter 2:24

Our Response – Receive Christ

John 1:12

Admit ⇨ Repent ⇨ Believe ⇨ Receive

Revelation 3:20

Romans 10:13