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Psalm 119:11



Spot the Difference

I am sure you have all heard the saying, 'learn or know something off by heart'. I think that we could perhaps apply this in some small way to Psalm 119:11, where it says, 'Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.' Imagine knowing God's Word so well, that whenever you are confronted by something that is wrong, you know to keep clear of it and so avoid the shame of sinning against God.

Surprisingly, this same idea of knowing right from wrong can be seen in the world of banking. A few hundred years ago, when bank notes were first circulated widely among the population, criminals then began to produce their own counterfeit bank notes. Over the years, millions of pounds worth of useless bank notes have been passed off as the real thing to people who don't know the difference.

Now, to deal with this problem,

certain bank employees go through special training so they are then able to spot the difference. During their training, these staff members are never shown any of the forged notes, rather they spend all of their time focusing on and familiarising themselves with the real thing. As a result, they soon know off by heart every detail of every line, pattern or security mark embedded into those notes. Then, as soon as those same people are presented with a forged note, being so familiar with the real thing, they quickly pick up on the fact that it is a worthless fake.

If you are a Christian, it is vital that you know what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false. Can you see now how important it is to focus upon, read and study God's Word thoroughly to spot the difference? Hide this precious knowledge in your hearts so that when the situation arises you will be ready to honour God, rather than sin against him.



QUIZ

Which of these lines will help this young person to hide God's Word in their heart?



ANSWER:

PRIZES!

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