



Finding Great Direction

Psalm 19:1-14

If you get a very bad sunburn who is responsible for that:

- A. You?
- B. Your friend?
- C. Your pastor?
- D. Your parents?
- E. The Food and Drug Administration?

God speaks in creation and the whole world is influenced by the heat of the sun. (vv 1-6)

- Creation tells of God's glory and amazing handiwork.
- **The Type:** The heat of the sun hits everywhere, everyone, and everything.

God speaks in His Word and the whole person is influenced by the truth of the Word. (vv 7-10)

- **The Antitype:** The truth of the Word shapes the whole person. The Word is:
 - Perfect...restoring the soul.
 - Sure...making wise the simple.
 - Right...rejoicing the heart.
 - Pure...enlightening the eyes.
 - Clean...enduring forever.
 - True...righteous altogether.
 - Valuable...more desirable than gold.
 - Delicious...sweeter than honey.

God speaks into our hearts and our whole lives become upright and acceptable to Him. (vv 11-14)

- Great reward, uprightness, and acceptability are not found in knowing the Word. These are found in the next step beyond knowing the word—in keeping the Word.
- “somra” is the Hebrew word translated “keeping” and the root meaning is “to exercise great care over.” “To do carefully, faithfully, and diligently.”

Idea: Continual exposure and continual “keeping” of the Word of God...brings my whole life to be upright and acceptable.

You determine your exposure to the Word of God—and the exposure of your kids.

- Teens and Adults: Bible Study Methods Handout. Online.
- Teens and Adults: Read the Bible in a year in chronological order. Online.
- Teens and Adults: The Bible Experience—audio reading of the entire Bible read by professional actors with sound effects. Zondervan Publishers.
- Teens and Adults: www.bible.org
- Teens: TruthQuest Inductive Student Bible.
- Kids: *The Hands On Bible* by Group for kids.

In order to submit my entire life to the influence of the Word of God I will: _____

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

Idea: God is the one trustworthy Source of help...for living life and for facing death.

- **Today:** Please list the current ways that you choose to be exposed to the Bible and allow your life to be shaped by its truths.
- **Monday:** Please list the current electronic devices on which you spend more than one hour a week.
- **Tuesday:** What strikes you about the analogy in Psalm 19 between the universal influence of the sun and the universal influence of the Word of God on a person?
- **Wednesday:** Why is the Bible more valuable than gold? Do you believe this?
- **Thursday:** Why is the Bible sweeter than honey? Do you believe this?
- **Friday:** In what ways can you be a better “keeper” (somra) of the Bible?
- **Saturday:** Please download the “Bible Study Methods” handout from the CBC website and read it.

God’s Core Question: What would you be willing to do in order to submit your entire life to the influence of the Bible?

Note for Connection Groups: *The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: www.cypressbible.org and then click on “Get Connected” and the link is on that page.*