

Thy Word *have I hidden* In My Heart

God's Word does not change. His Word is immutable, unchangeable, and true. We hide the Word in our heart—not a pulsing piece of flesh, but in the center of our being, our spirits, that we might not sin against God. We must study the Word of God.

Do we acknowledge God in all we do? Do we go to our jobs as a representative of Jesus Christ? We must guard the Word of God in our hearts. Detox yourself from anything the devil will use against you to sin against God. In all you do—your careers, your schooling, your athletics—make sure it is God's will, whatever it is. Everything you do should be a guide to make you a greater witness for Jesus Christ, not just to make money.

Romans 6

Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans to give them guidance on the relationship between the Law (part of what we call the Old Testament) and grace. In chapter 6, he addresses his critics, who claimed that Paul argued one could live any kind of way without repercussions because of the grace of Jesus. Paul rebukes this foolish claim, emphasizing that when we come to Christ, we allow our old sinful nature to die off and are raised as redeemed with Christ, servants of righteousness instead of sin.

Temptation is real. The world is temptation. But remember that the old man who sinned is dead, and now we are raised to life as a new person, redeemed by God and free from sin. When the Word is in your heart, let it convict you—don't hit the override button.

We are now resurrected with Christ. Our old self is dead. There is more to us than just our physical bodies—much more! Wages are what we earn for our actions. The wages of our sin is death.

John 17:12-16

We are not like the world. Ask God permission in your activities. "Will I still be representing you doing this?" Our greatest witness can often be when we don't say anything, but someone observes us from afar.

1 Peter 2:9-12

Our identity is no longer the sins we committed, but the calling God gives us. We are to be, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We get there by hiding the Word in our hearts!