Reflection Questions: Have I allowed myself to be distracted by sin? What worthless things do I let control or direct my life? What must be done to correct these things?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

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Quotes to Ponder

The Lord's Word was intended to be a funnel for fear, never an instigator of self-effort.... The fear of God is the soul of godliness. George J. Zemek When we fear that we may not know the meaning of God's will, we had better turn to Himself for clear guidance and safe keeping.

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Is practical godliness the very jewel of your soul, the coveted prize of your mind? If so, the outward path of life, however rough, will be clean, and lead the soul upward to delight ineffable. He who delights in the law should not doubt but what he will be enabled to run in its ways; for where the heart already finds its joy, the feet are sure to follow. Holiness of heart is the cure for covetousness. **Charles Spurgeon** Keeping the eye is a grand means of keeping the heart. **Charles Bridges** What your heart covets, your eyes will see, and then you will make wrong decisions. William Varner Our prayer "Teach me" must be balanced with "Give me understanding," and both must lead to obedience. Warren Wiersbe In terms of the Christian life we are not innovators; we are imitators. We

want to be like those who have gone before us and walk as they walked. James Montgomery Boice

He who has received of the Lord grace to fear Him, may be bold to seek any necessary good thing from Him; because the fear of God hath annexed to it the promise of all other blessings. William Cowper

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- 1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
- 2. What does this section of *Psalm 119* (33-40) teach about God?

About His Word?

About mankind?

- 3. What phrases in *Psalm 119:33-40* show the author's dependency on God in regard to His Word?
- 4. What are the desired results which reveal that this is not so much about knowledge, but about faithfulness?
- 5. What potential pitfalls or obstacles does the writer identify that he wants to overcome or avoid?
- 6. Why do you think *dishonest gain* (*36*) and *looking at vanity* (*37*) are specifically listed?
- 7. In verses 36-37 what is the cause and effect relationship?
- 8. What does 2 Peter 2:14-16 teach about the sin of greed or covetousness?

- 9. As God establishes His Word in us, His servants, what is the result (*38*)? What is the biblical meaning of this?
- 10. What reproach does the author speak of in verse 39?
 - Read *Psalm 119:6, 25.* Do these verses help you in defining *reproach* in *verse 39*? Explain.
- 11. What is the psalmist's attitude toward God's *commandments* (35) and *precepts* (40)?
- 12. What does the poet ask for twice (37, 40)?

With this in mind, how do you think he would define revival?

13. The poet longed for God's Word more than ... Verse 72 —

Verse 103 —

Verses 147-148 -

14. How does God's righteousness revive us (40)?