A. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

- 1. In possession (119:57)
 - **Portion = possession**
 - a. When all is gone, there is God Psalm 73:26
 - b. When hope is lost, there is God Lamentations 3:24
 - c. When you think you cannot go on there is God Psalm 16:5

A. Brings Commitment (119:57-60) - continued

2. In performance (119:57) Keep = Keep covenant

Psalm 18:22

John 6:68

3. In personality (119:58) a. Be pleasant 1 Kings 13:6 b. Be penitent

Psalm 25:16

A. Brings Commitment (119:57-60) - continued **4.** In perspective (119:59) a. We must consider our walk Haggai 1:5 1 John 2:6 **Psalm 77:6** b. We must consecrate our walk **Psalm 93:5 Psalm 5:8** 5. In priority (119:60) Luke 14:17-20

B. Brings Contentment (119:61-64)

- 1. When opposed by evil (119:61) Bands = Ropes Robbed = Surround (keep taking) John 10:10 Psalm 78:7
- 2. Whenever opportunity is made (119:62) Acts 16:25 1 Thessalonians 5:6

The Sufficiency Of God's Word Psalm 119:57-64

We need to rely on the Word of God

B. Brings Contentment (119:61-64) - continued

3. With others that follow God (119:63)

- 2 Corinthians 6:14
- 1 Peter 4:4
- **Philippians 3:17**
- 4. With the reality of God's mercy (119:64) Psalm 107:1-2

God's Good Word Psalm 119:65-72

Adversity brings an affirmation of the need for the Word of God

Psalm 119:65-72 Teth

- 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 119:65-72 - continued 69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. I. God's Good Actions (119:65) A. Because it is His way (119:65a) 1. That is recognizable Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

2. That is repeatable Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. I. God's Good Actions (119:65) A. Because it is His way (119:65a) - continued 3. That is reliable

Psalm 52:1

Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

B. Based on His Word (119:65b)

Psalm 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68)
A. The source required (119:66a)

Unique

Proverbs 2:6
For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

2. Unreachable Psalm 139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68)
B. The start required (119:67b)
Hebrews 11:6
But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Psalm 27:13

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Hebrews 5:14

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68)
C. A situation required (119:67)

Consequence

Galatians 5:7
Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Romans 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68)
C. A situation required (119:67) - continued
2. Correction
Hebrews 12:5-7

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68) C. A situation required (119:67) - continued **3.** Commitment **Psalm 119:8** I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. **Proverbs 8:32** Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

II. Learning Good Discernment (119:66-68)

D. The statements required (119:68)

1. Know who God is

Psalm 25:8

Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

2. Know what God does

3. Know what God says

III. Good To Trust During Affliction (119:69-70) A. The affliction (119:69a) John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

III. Good To Trust During Affliction (119:69-70)

B. The affirmation (119:69b -70)

1. What I am going to do

Psalm 119:128

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

2. What the arrogant are going to continue to do Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

IV. A Good Result Of Affliction (119:71-72)

A. A positive perspective (119:71)

James 1:2-4

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. IV. A Good Result Of Affliction (119:71-72) B. A precious outlook (119:72) Proverbs 4:7. 13 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:

and with all thy getting get understanding.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

How "Good" Are We Following God's Good Word?