

*Phil 4:8 if there be any virtue, and if there be any  
praise, think on these things. (KJV)*

*NKJV - meditate on these things  
literally "take an inventory, calculate"*

*if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of  
praise, let your mind dwell on these things. NAS*

*think about such things. NIV*

Transcendental mediation - repeating a mantra  
over and over.

Not true meditation - to think on

Psa 119:15 I will meditate on Thy precepts, And regard  
Thy ways.

- consider the way of God - not neglecting word

Psa 119:16 I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not  
forget Thy word.

His words guard our way

Psa 119:127-128 Therefore I love thy commandments  
above gold; yea, above fine gold. (128) Therefore I  
esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right;  
and I hate every false way.

Psa 119:23-24 Even though princes sit and talk against me, Thy servant meditates on Thy statutes.  
(24) Thy testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.

God's word preserves us as we dwell on unjust criticism and causes recognition of true value

Psa 119:72 The law of Thy mouth is better to me  
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Psa 19:7-8 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is  
sure, making wise the simple. (8) The precepts of  
the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The  
commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening  
the eyes.

The lottery rose to \$1.6 billion and the powerball rose to \$718 million.

Aug 25, 2017 - Jack Whittaker, who won \$315 million in a lottery in West Virginia in 2002, tells Time, "I wish that we had torn the ticket up." Since winning, Whittaker's daughter and granddaughter died due to drug overdoses. Just eight months after winning, he was robbed of \$545,000. "I just don't like Jack Whittaker. - CNBC

Oct 17, 2018 - 20 lottery winners who lost every penny. -- business insider

Nearly 70% of lottery winners end up broke within seven years. Even worse, several winners have died tragically or witnessed those close to them suffer.

Cleveland Plain Dealer Jan 14, 2016

Psa 19:9-10 The fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are  
true; they are righteous altogether. (10) They are  
more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the  
honeycomb.

Where else do we find absolute wisdom – a moral  
code above all others in the world!

Psa 119:27 Make me understand the way of Thy precepts, So I will meditate on Thy wonders.

- causes us to consider our place vs. God's in creation

Heb 2:6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"

Psa 119:48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

Meditation causes us to love God's word

Psa 119:148 My eyes anticipate the night watches, That I may meditate on Thy word.

Do you long for a time to meditate on God's word

Psa 119:172 Let my voice sing about your word,  
because all your commands are good.

Have you considered the difference between  
someone who sings of God and someone who  
sings the music of the world?

Psa 119:59 I considered my ways, And turned my feet to Thy testimonies.

Meditation on God's word causes us to change our way even in face of evil

Psa 119:61 The cords of the wicked have encircled me, But I have not forgotten Thy law.

Psa 119:78 May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie; But I shall meditate on Thy precepts.

Meditation in God's word guards against lies, causes shame in those not subject to Lord

Psa 119:92 If Thy law had not been my delight,  
Then I would have perished in my affliction.

God's word prevents discouragement in  
persecution

Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the  
disciples, encouraging them to continue in the  
faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we  
must enter the kingdom of God."

Psa 119:93 I will never forget Thy precepts, For by them Thou hast revived me.

Meditation makes God's word a constant companion

Pro 6:22-23 When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you. (23)  
For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

With God's word, you have greater knowledge than wisdom of this world

Psa 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"

Psa 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, ... 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

I am always amazed that men do not listen to God considering his power, majesty and mercy.

Although Wil was growing old, I did not expect him to depart this earth last week. My nephew who is only 58 had the same event happened to him – bleeding in the brain and his son just got married two weeks before. We don't know his outcome.

Both men were faithful and dedicated servants of the Lord.

Act 26:27-29 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. (28) And Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian. (29) And Paul said, I would to God, that whether with little or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

Are you almost persuaded – don't think about it too long.