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A MONTH OF PRAYERS for your WIFE

From Psalm 119

While doing a Bible study on Ephesians, I was struck by the verse in chapter five about how husbands should love their wives "just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the *washing with water through the word*" (v. 26, emphasis added). As I thought about how I could wash my wife "with water through the word," I came up with a list of things from Psalm 119 that I can pray for her each day.

I love praying these things for my wife, as the Word is so central to her walk with Jesus. I also find that her knowledge of and saturation with the Scriptures is an encouragement and protection to me. I have found often that God leads me in my personal life and as I lead others through my wife's counsel. How important it is for her to be washed with and living the Scriptures.

Why not pray these things for your wife? Take each point, look up the verse, and turn it into a prayer. Pray one each day of the month. Pray:

1. That she will learn the Word (119:7).
2. That she will hide the Word in her heart and not sin against God (119:11).
3. That she will declare the Word before others (119:13).
4. That she will meditate on the Word and learn the ways of God (119:15).
5. That she will delight in the Word and not neglect it (119:16).
6. That her eyes will be opened to see wonderful things in the Word (119:18).
7. That her soul will be consumed with a longing for the Word at all times (119:20).
8. That the Word will be her counsel in all things (119:24).
9. That when she is discouraged, the Word will be her life and strength and delight (119:25, 28, 143).
10. That the Lord will give her understanding and discernment of the Word (119:27).
11. That God will be gracious to her and keep her from deceitful ways through the Word (119:29).
12. That her heart will be turned to the Word and away from selfish gain and worthless things (119:36, 37).
13. That as she grasps the goodness of the Word, God will take away any dread or fear that may have a hold on her (119:39).
14. That she will trust in the Word, and use it to answer the enemy who taunts her (119:42).
15. That the Word of truth will not be snatched from her mouth (119:43).
16. That she will seek out the Word and find in it freedom for daily living (119:45).
17. That she will have opportunity to speak the Word to people of influence, and that she will do it boldly and without shame (119:46).
18. That her love and longing for the Word will grow, and that it will be sweeter and more valuable to her with each passing day (119:47, 72, 103, 131).
19. That the Word will come to her during times of trial and bring her comfort (119:52, 61, 83).
20. That she will be grieved when the Word is forsaken (119:53,136).
21. That the Word will be her song regardless of her outward surroundings (119:54).
22. That she will have friends who follow the Word (119:63).
23. That the LORD will do good to her according to His Word (119:65).
24. That she will learn knowledge and good judgment through the Word (119:66).
25. That she will meditate long and often on the Word, gleaning much insight from it (119:97, 99).
26. That she will stay far from evil paths so she can obey the Word (119:101).
27. That the Word will be a lamp to her feet and a light to her path, bringing her delight (119:105).
28. That she will stand in awe of the Word (119:120).
29. That the meaning of the Word will unfold to her, and that it will give her light and understanding (119:130).
30. That she will be convinced that the Word is righteous and fully trustworthy (119:138).
31. That when she strays, she will seek the Word and that it will woo and shepherd her back to God (119:176).

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