

“The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me; then I shall be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

1. **The law of the Lord** - the Torah of Jehovah is perfect, complete, and without blemish. . .reveals His divine love and redeeming grace
The law of the Lord restores the soul, converts the soul, giving spiritual vitality and renewal
2. **The testimony of the Lord is sure, absolutely solid, firm, trustworthy, faithful both in time and eternity**
His testimony is fixed and completely trustworthy, it makes wise the simple – *“Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.”* – Acts 4:13
3. **The precepts** . . .the standards and the statutes of the Lord are right, true, straight – **All His ways are righteous and without error**
His precepts rejoice and brighten the heart –He created all things, **spoke everything into existence** and upholds it all by the power of His hand
4. **The commandment of the Lord is pure, choice, clean, no mixture or error in any of His commands** – **Enlightens our eyes**
“This I command you, that you love one another.” – John 15:17 – The Holy Spirit dwelling in us leads, comforts and convicts
5. **The fear of the Lord (moral reverence)** is clean and it endures forever . . .throughout eternity forever more
The only way out of life is death . . .the portal every person must pass through . . .some earlier, some later, God has the power of life and death
6. **The judgments (the verdicts of God)** are true – There is no error in any of God’s judgments – **God has not nor ever will be wrong**
His judgments, whether favorable or unfavorable are right and righteous – Right in every moral and forensic sense - **God is never surprised**
7. **They are more desirable, delectable** than gold and sweeter than honey . . .more than purest gold and sweetness of a honeycomb
His law, testimony, precepts, commandments are to be desired more than all material or physical comforts – *“The Pearl of Great Price”*
8. *“in keeping them there is great reward.”* Keeping His commandments results in abundant reward and blessing from God
9. *“Who can discern (understand, distinguish, perceive) his errors (faults)? Acquit me of hidden faults (blind spots)*
Every person has blind spots – We fall short by both commission and omission – **Who can understand his errors?** – We need frequent self-examination
“If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 Jn. 1:7
Cleanse me of secret faults . . .things I’ve committed, things I’ve omitted – Both public faults and private sins
10. *“And keep me back from presumptuous sins (pride, arrogance and carelessness) Then I shall be blameless (upright and whole)*
I shall be acquitted of great transgression (forgiven); Let them not rule (control and drive) over me” – *“The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.”*
11. *“Let the words (speech, both the tone and the content) of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight.*
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.” – Forgive us our debts just as we forgive others – We are forgiven to the extent that we forgive others

Heart Check Concerns

1. **Discontent** – in yourself and/or God’s portion for your life – Discontent can be remedied – *“...through Him who strengthens me.”* Phil. 4:10-13
2. **Critical Attitude** – Are we too critical? Continually putting ourselves down; or regularly finding fault in others
The way we judge is how we will be judged – Matthew 7:1-5 – We are to get the log out of our own eye extending love and grace
3. **Ingratitude** – Colossians tells us to be overflowing with gratitude – Grateful people are happy, purposeful and thankful
4. **Withdrawal** – Withdrawing from God, spouse, fellowship to avoid discomfort . . .both real or imagined
Withdrawal leads to self-centeredness and faulty perspective – Isolation is a scheme of Satan . . .we need one another in the journey
5. **Loss of spiritual hunger** – Luke warmth is not pleasing to God – Revelation 3:16 – **There is a remedy** . . .
“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30