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- ⁹ How can a young person stay
on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.
- ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.
- ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.
- ¹² Praise be to you, LORD;
Teach me your decrees.
- ¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth
- ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.
- ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.
- ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.



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ACTIVITIES:

1. Psalm 119 almost seems to walk through the stages of life, beginning with youth and ending in older age. Why might this be important for readers of any age?
2. Does purity only mean sexual purity? What other kinds of purity may also be understood in this passage? What does it mean to "live according to your word"?
3. Underline all verbs. What does the writer do? What does God do; what is He asked to do?
4. What does it mean to "hide" the words of God in one's heart? Does it mean to keep them secret? Does it mean one must memorize all of the words? Why the word hide? What benefit comes from hiding God's word in the heart? Do you desire this benefit?
5. In v13-14, why does he "tell again" the laws of God? to whom? How is this different from v11?