

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” 1 Peter 3:15no2 KJV

Diamonds aren't carried about in one's pocket like pocket change or put in a storage bin until needed. They are “*sanctified*,” or set apart from common things for special consideration and favor. They are highly prized and command great price. They are firmly set in gold or some other precious metal for display in a conspicuous manner or kept in a safe or strongbox until needed. There is no such thing as a “perfect” diamond. Every diamond has microscopic flaws and the fewer the flaws, the more valuable it is. A diamond really has no brilliance of its own, but rather, reflects light that is shined upon it. In the dark, it is no different than any other stone. Unlike diamonds, God is infinitely perfect! He needs no light to reflect He is multi-faceted radiance for “*God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*” Our faith displays His beauty for all to see! “*Your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.*” His perfect Light radiates forth from within our hearts more brilliantly as our faith increases. “*But [God] knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*” The purer my “gold” the more beautiful is God's radiance! Imagine the most beautiful diamond, then imagine it with infinite rainbow color, and then imagine it radiating from within itself the most brilliant light possible and only then will you will begin to scratch the surface of how lovely God is! “*Yea, He is altogether lovely!*” We are to “*sanctify the Lord God in our hearts*” in such a way as to allow His brilliance to shine forth from our lives to all others. God and His Word are one and the same. “*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God.*” Filling our thoughts with Truth of God's Word is the essence of letting “*the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another.*” You must read, study, and “*meditate therein day and night*” for God's Word to “*dwell in you richly.*” Only then will you have the “*mind of Christ, the Word made flesh.*”



Keep God's Word secure in heart,
And you'll not from the faith depart,
Others will see your shining Light,
And praise the God that gives you might! -CGP

The Psalmist wrote, “*Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.*” The word “*hid*” is used here in the sense of guarding or safekeeping. Not only will God's Word illuminate the path you must walk, it will shine forth to illuminate the paths of others and like moths to a flame, they will be drawn to its brilliance. When a diamond ring is worn, people do not remark upon its gold setting no matter how intricate it might be, because the diamond is the focus of attention. Our lives, however ornate, will never eclipse the brilliance of God's Word! Diamond rings break, wear over time, are repaired, and sometimes even replaced, but the diamond never tarnishes or wears. Our faith is only as valuable as the precious Word of God it displays! “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*” God's Word is God and God is that Light!

“Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.” Psalms 119:104-105 KJV