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Which of these benefits have you experienced in your life?

Which of these benefits of interacting with and obeying the Bible is most motivational to you?

What changes could you make to experience even more of these benefits?

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1 Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and who meditates on his law day and night.
3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
 whatever they do prospers. NIV

Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
 refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
 making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
 giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
 giving light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
 enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm,
 and all of them are righteous.
10 They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.
11 By them your servant is warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

98 Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

100 I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.

101 I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.

102 I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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therefore I hate every wrong path. NIV

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