***Nuggets From The Word***

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**“Living in the Power and Promise of God’s Word”**

Psalms 19:13-14, “13 *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me.* **Then** *I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression*. 14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight*, *O LORD*, ***my*** *strength and my Redeemer*.”

**It is Important to Avoid Deception**. What does God consider to be ***presumptuous***? If we can identify what God considers presumptuous, then ***we can avoid these things with His help***. We make grave mistakes when we don’t seek God’s input or direction in our lives and ***presume to know God’s thoughts without seeking Him***. This was the deadly mistake Eve made in her conversation with the snake (Satan) in the garden of Eden. She ***presumed to know*** God’s instructions, and everything unraveled at this point of presumption. The best way to **arm** ourselves against the deceptive trap of presumption is to ***keep a humble heart*** and ***always seek to know God’s will and direction in our daily living***. This ***humility*** and ***heart*** **attitude to seek God** keeps us from fatal errors, deceptive pride, and great transgressions.

We **arm** ourselves when we **study** God’s Word and **allow** Him to **reveal** His will and His direction for our daily lives.

**Matthew 7:7**, “***Ask****, and it will be given to you;* ***seek****, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you*.”

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**, “*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,* ***thoughts of peace*** *and not of evil,* ***to give you a future and a hope***. 12 *Then you will* ***call*** *upon Me and go and* ***pray*** *to Me, and I will listen to you*. 13 *And you will* ***seek Me*** *and find Me, when you* ***search*** *for* ***Me******with all your heart***.”

What great and wonderful promises we have from our heavenly Father.

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