

## Taw: Psalm 119:169-176

### Launch:

Have your class go around and tell who they would like to be friends with more than anyone else in the world. This could be anyone from LeBron James to Justin Bieber to the coolest kid in school. And here's what makes it even better. In this hypothetical scenario, these dream friends are everything we want them to be. They are nice, kind, supportive, and have your best interest in mind. This is in addition to being really cool and fun to hang out with.

After these figures are identified and the scene is set, ask your class how they would want to show their gratitude to this friend. Money is no object here. What are some fun elaborate ways to show gratitude to these cool friends for being everything you have ever wanted?

It is really fun to think about hanging out with our favorite athlete or musician. It is even more fun to think about them being a good friend. However, as Christians we have a friend who is cooler and an even better friend than anyone we could talk about on this list. As Christians, we have a personal relationship with God, who will never leave us or forsake us. It is in Him that we should find true delight. Since we have this relationship, we should have a natural desire to show Him gratitude in the form of worship. In this passage, the Psalmist emphasizes his worship of God. He loves God with all his heart and is very grateful for God's action in his life. The only response here is worship.

**Highlight:** Which verse spoke to you this week?

### Explain:

Each of the next eight verses in Psalm 119 begins with the Hebrew letter Taw. The theme present throughout these eight stanzas of this great poem is a theme of worship. The concept of worship is incredibly simple. It was to the Psalmist in this final stanza of the great alphabet poem and it is for us today as well. As he has throughout this entire chapter, the Psalmist declares his love and need for the word of God. However, in verse 174, he declares his delight for the law of God. This delight is something that has been very evident throughout the course of Psalm 119, but the Psalmist states it in an extremely clear way here. As Christians, we need to strive to delight in the law of God in the same fervent way as the Psalmist. When we truly love God and His law, we will truly worship His holy name in everything we day and do. As this amazing chapter comes to a close, the application is very clear. We must dive into the Word of God so that we might be changed. When we are changed and transformed by the gospel, we will live lives of worship.

**Apply:**

1. What do you delight in more than anything else in the world? (This will likely not yield spiritual answers; this could be anything from football to cinnamon rolls)
2. What gave you such great love for this thing?
3. What steps can you take to have this level of delight in God and His Word?
4. How do you think your life will be transformed if you truly delight in God and His Word more than anything else?
5. If you could identify one overarching application for the entire chapter of Psalm 119, what would this application be?