

In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee.

Psalm 118:11

9. Wherewithal shall a young man correct his way? By keeping Thy words.
10. With my whole heart have I sought after Thee, cast me not away from Thy commandments.
- 11. In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee.**
12. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.
13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.
14. In the way of Thy testimonies have I found delight, as much as in all riches.
15. On Thy commandments will I ponder, and I will understand Thy ways.
16. On Thy statutes will I meditate; I will not forget Thy words.

Having found gold, silver, or precious stones, you don't place it in plain view, but hide it in inner chambers and storage areas, so as to escape the hands of thieves. Thus one who acquires the riches of the virtues hides them in his soul, as not by means of vainglory to have them stolen by the plunderer of souls. This prophetic word gives also another lesson: for it instructs us not to present the words of God to everybody. "Don't cast your pearls before swine...."

11. "Thy words have I hid within my heart, that I may not sin against Thee" ([ver. 11](#)). He at once sought the Divine aid, lest the words of God might be hidden without fruit in his heart, unless works of righteousness followed. For after saying this, he added, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy righteousnesses" ([ver. 12](#)). "Teach me," he saith, as they learn who do them; not as they who merely remember them, that they may have somewhat to speak of. Why then doth he say, "Teach me Thy righteousnesses," save because he wisheth to learn them by deeds, not by speaking or retaining them in his memory? Since then, as it is read in another Psalm, "He shall give blessing, who gave the law;"⁵¹⁴¹⁵¹⁴¹ [Ps. lxxxiv. 6](#). "The rain also," etc. therefore, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord," he saith, "O teach me Thy righteousness." For because I have hidden Thy words in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee, Thou hast given a law; give also the blessing of Thy grace, that by doing right I may learn what Thou by teaching hast commanded....

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf108.ii.CXIX.ii.html> Augustine

Theotokos treasured these things in her heart.

This describes Christ, Who was completely anointed with the Holy Spirit.

"hide Thy sayings" - not so much to not throw one's pearls before swine, but these are things we cannot describe. they are too beautiful to put into words. We hold on tightly.

Could flip vs 12 and 11. As we learn the statutes (ways, words, law - it is all the same) of God, we treasure these things in our heart.

life is hard, confusing, disheartening, energy stealing - fight this with the things in the heart.

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