

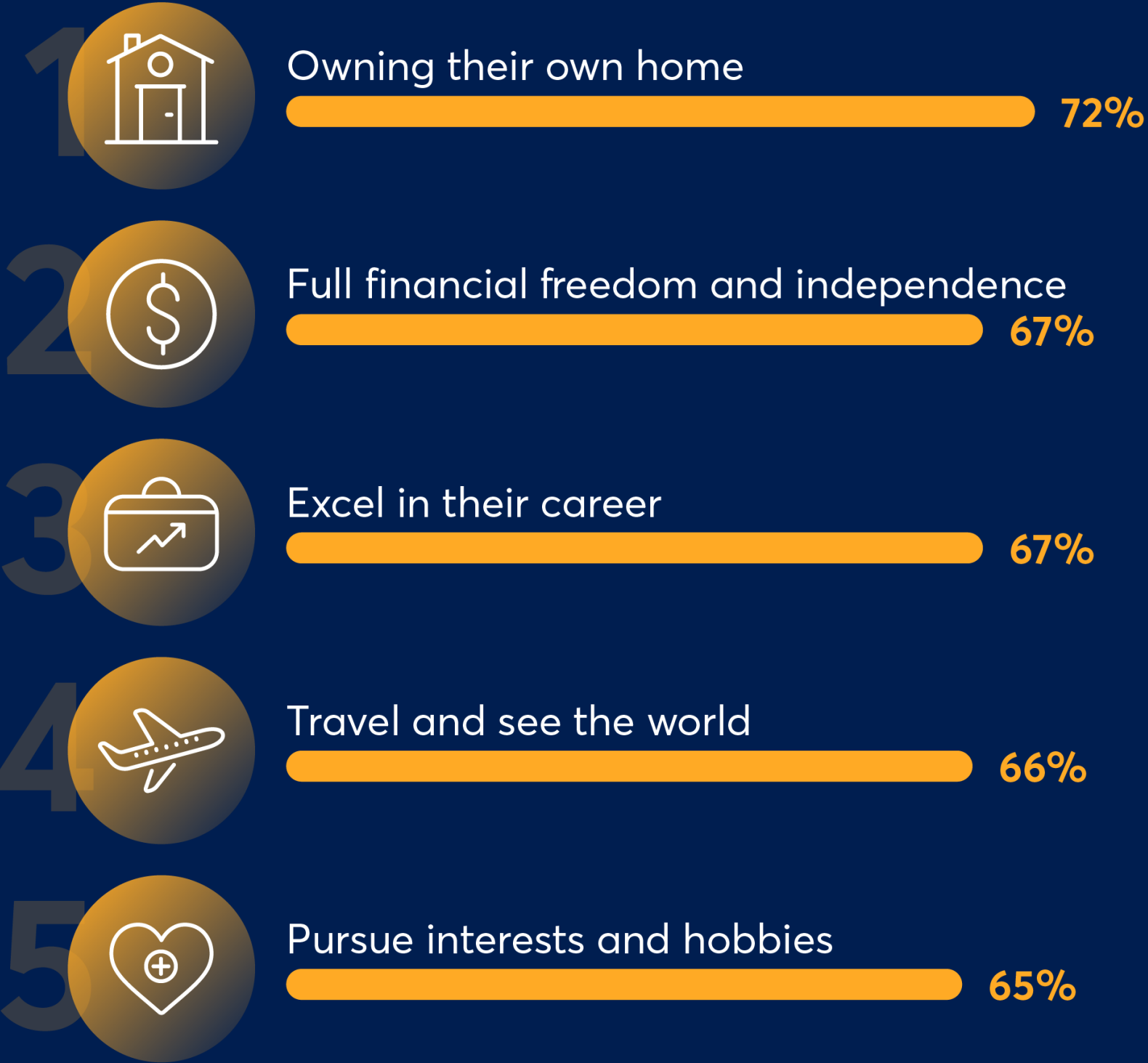
The **Word of God**

> Psalm 119

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TOP FIVE HOPES



TOP FIVE FEARS



Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.

¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.

¹³²Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.

¹³⁵Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.

¹³⁶Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

Psalm 119:137–144

¹³⁷You are righteous, LORD,
and your laws are right.

¹³⁸The statutes you have laid down are righteous;
they are fully trustworthy.

¹³⁹My zeal wears me out,
for my enemies ignore your words.

¹⁴⁰Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.

¹⁴¹Though I am lowly and despised,
I do not forget your precepts.

¹⁴²Your righteousness is everlasting
and your law is true.

¹⁴³Trouble and distress have come upon me,
but your commands give me delight.

¹⁴⁴Your statutes are always righteous;
give me understanding that I may live.

Psalm 119:145–152

- ¹⁴⁵I call with all my heart; answer me, LORD,
and I will obey your decrees.
- ¹⁴⁶I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
- ¹⁴⁷I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
- ¹⁴⁸My eyes stay open through the watches of the
night, that I may meditate on your promises.
- ¹⁴⁹Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your laws.
- ¹⁵⁰Those who devise wicked schemes are near,
but they are far from your law.
- ¹⁵¹Yet you are near, LORD,
and all your commands are true.
- ¹⁵²Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last forever.

Psalm 119:153–160

- ¹⁵³Look on my suffering and deliver me,
for I have not forgotten your law.
- ¹⁵⁴Defend my cause and redeem me;
preserve my life according to your promise.
- ¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek out your decrees.
- ¹⁵⁶Your compassion, LORD, is great;
preserve my life according to your laws.
- ¹⁵⁷Many are the foes who persecute me,
but I have not turned from your statutes.
- ¹⁵⁸I look on the faithless with loathing,
for they do not obey your word.
- ¹⁵⁹See how I love your precepts;
preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with
your love.
- ¹⁶⁰All your words are true;
all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalm 119:161–168

- ¹⁶¹Rulers persecute me without cause,
but my heart trembles at your word.
- ¹⁶²I rejoice in your promise
like one who finds great spoil.
- ¹⁶³I hate and detest falsehood
but I love your law.
- ¹⁶⁴Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous laws.
- ¹⁶⁵Great peace have those who love your law,
and nothing can make them stumble.
- ¹⁶⁶I wait for your salvation, LORD,
and I follow your commands.
- ¹⁶⁷I obey your statutes,
for I love them greatly.
- ¹⁶⁸I obey your precepts and your statutes,
for all my ways are known to you.

Psalm 119:169-176

- ¹⁶⁹May my cry come before you, LORD;
give me understanding according to your word.
- ¹⁷⁰May my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.
- ¹⁷¹May my lips overflow with praise,
for you teach me your decrees.
- ¹⁷²May my tongue sing of your word,
for all your commands are righteous.
- ¹⁷³May your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
- ¹⁷⁴I long for your salvation, LORD,
and your law gives me delight.
- ¹⁷⁵Let me live that I may praise you,
and may your laws sustain me.
- ¹⁷⁶I have strayed like a lost sheep.
Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten your commands.



**Wonderful Words
in a Wobbly World**

Three questions:

1. What does the psalmist say about the Word of God?
2. What does the psalmist do about the Word of God?
3. What does the psalmist ask the Lord to do?

1. What does the psalmist say about the Word of God?

wonderful (v. 129), gives light (v. 130), gives understanding to the simple (v. 130), right (v. 137), **righteous** (vv. 138, 144, 160, 164, 172), thoroughly tested (v. 140), **true** (vv. 142, 151, 160), give me delight (v. 143, 174), last forever (v. 152), eternal (v. 160), great spoil (v. 162), and sustain me (v. 175)

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in **righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Righteousness refers to a state of being aligned with God's will and character.

Truth is associated with God's faithfulness and the fulfillment of his promises.

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the **truth** and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

*But when he, the Spirit of **truth**, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

John 16:13

*Instead, speaking the **truth** in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

Ephesians 4:15

2. What does the psalmist do about the Word of God?

obey (vv. 129, 134, 145, 167, 168), **keep** (v. 146), long or pant (v. 131), not forgotten (vv. 141, 153, 176), hope (v. 147), meditate (v. 148), learn (v. 152), not turned from (v. 157), **love** (vv. 140, 159, 163, 167), heart trembles (v. 161), rejoice (v. 162), praise God (v. 164), follow (v. 166), sing (v. 172), chosen (v. 173)

*All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who **keep** his covenant and his decrees.*

Psalm 25:10

*Whoever has my commands and **keeps** them is the one who **loves** me.*

John 14:21

God doesn't just want our obedience. Besides, you can do something right with the wrong motivations. God wants an obedience that flows from being in love with him, which are the right motivations.

3. What does the psalmist ask the Lord to do?

turn to me (v. 132), have mercy on me (v. 132), direct my footsteps (v. 133), let no sin rule over me (v. 133), redeem me (vv. 134, 154), make your face shine (v. 135), give me understanding (vv. 144, 169), answer me (v. 145), hear my voice (v. 149), **preserve my life** (vv. 149, 154, 156, 159), look on my suffering (v. 153), deliver me (vv. 153, 170), defend my cause (v. 154), teach me (v. 171), help me (v. 173), let me live (v. 175), seek me (v. 176)

The psalmist is not just seeking physical survival, but a fullness of life that is only possible through a deep relationship with God and a commitment to his ways.

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Concluding statements

Read the Word of God to know the God of the Word.

God is trustworthy and true

He is worthy to be loved and obeyed.

Talk to God.

I have not forgotten your commands.