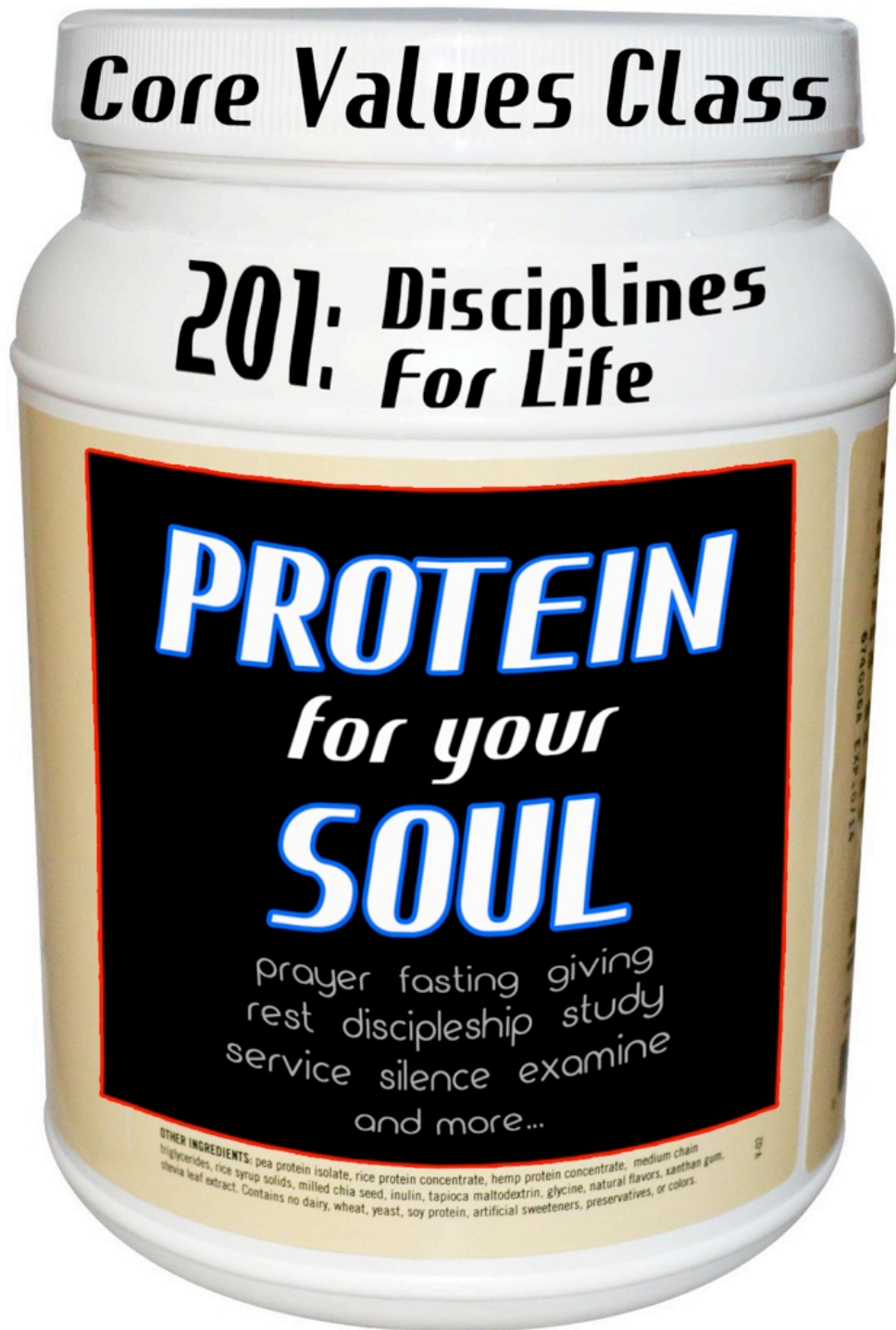




Welcome to
Sierra Community
Church

There is a time for
everything, and a
SEASON for every
activity under
heaven



Saturday

Nov. 16th

9:30am - 12pm

spiritual growth stuff
(coffee & donuts too).

Psalm

All the colors of life

Pirate's Code



...the Code is more what you'd call
"guidelines" than actual rules...

Psalm 119



Longest Chapter
in the Bible:

176 Verses
2542 Words

Author is unknown

Book 5: Psalms 107-150

Acrostic Poem

(22 Letters in Hebrew Alphabet)

Next Longest: New Testament:

Duet. Ch. 28

68 Verses

1997 Words

Luke Ch. 1

80 Verses

1874 Words

Shortest:

Psalm 117

2 Verses 28 Words

Only 4 Verses

don't use one of 8
Hebrew words for
God's teaching.

Psalm 119



*176 verses
celebrating
God's
"Teaching":*

Law

Word

Promises

Statutes

Precepts

Decrees

Ordinances

Testimonies

Judgements

The Hebrew word -
Torah is translated
"Law". A better
understanding would
be "Teaching".

Psalm 119



The Hebrew author has a deep appreciation for the wisdom and authority of the Bible and all that can be gained from studying and following it.

Psalm 119



Psalm 119

¹ Blessed are they whose ways are blameless who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

³ They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways.

¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵ Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

¹⁷⁶ I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.



How do we grow in Peace, Strength & Confidence in God and His Teaching?

1. Ask God for help. “Teach Me” (10 times)

119:12 Praise be to you, O LORD; **teach me** your decrees.

119:33 **Teach me**, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

119:34 **Give me understanding**, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.



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2. Share their worth. "Love" (17 times)

119:127 Because **I love your commands** more than gold, more than pure gold,

119:165 Great peace have they who **love** your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

119:9 **How can a young** man keep his way pure?
By living according to your word.

119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a **light** for my path.



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3. Devote yourself to the “Word”. “Obey” (17 X)

119:44 I will always **obey** your law, for ever and ever.

119:24 Your statutes are my delight they are my **counselors**.

119:25 I am laid low in the dust; **preserve** my life according to your word.

119:48 **I lift up my hands** to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees.



“No one is truly free, they are a slave to wealth, fortune, the law, or other people you are seeking to please, but you are not free”.

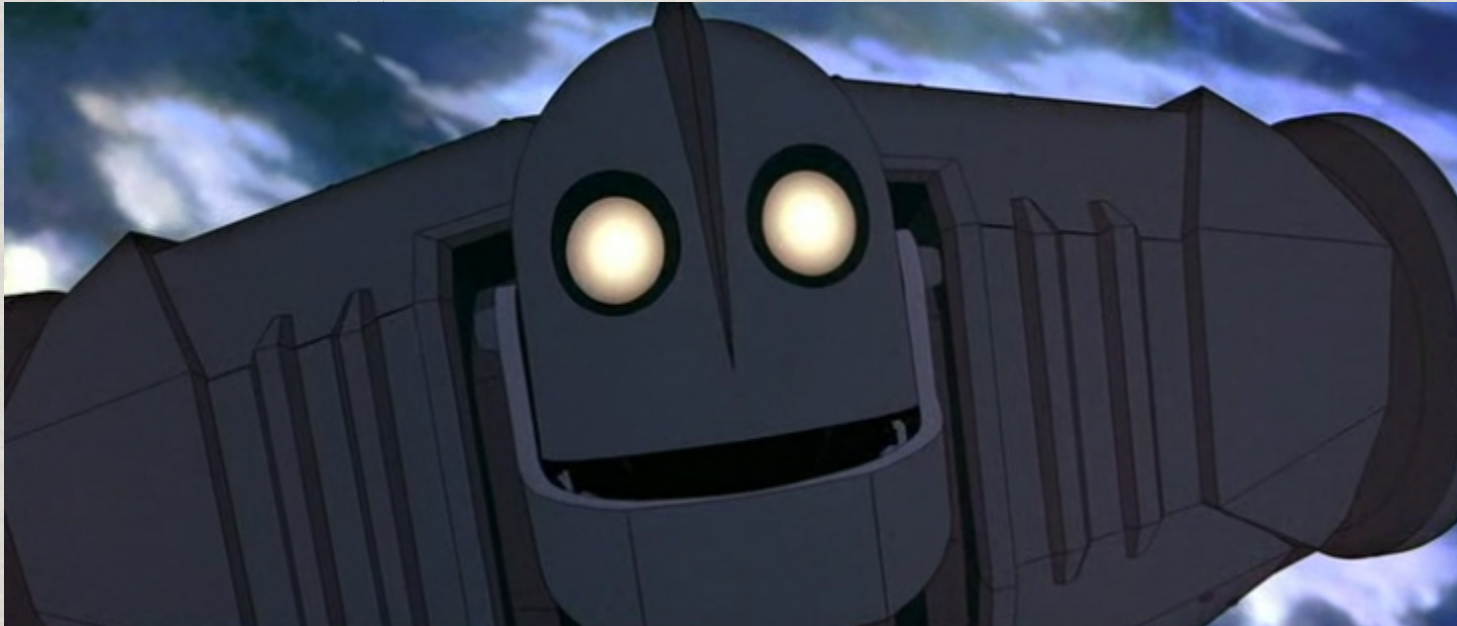
– Euripides (*Greek play-write*)

“One has only the choice between God and idolatry. There is no other possibility. *For the faculty of worship is in us*, and it is either directed somewhere into this world, or into another.” –Simone Weil

“Whatever controls us *is* our lord.”

–Becky Pippert





“I” 144 times

“Me” 76 times

“You” 42 times

Psalm 119





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