

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your Word." Psalm 119:9

This means you should follow the Ten Commandments so you are not condemned. In John 16:13 it says, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come." This is further explained in Acts 8:31 when the Ethiopian asked, "How can I, unless someone guides me? And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him." This shows us that we need the Word of the Lord to guide us into truth. When you fail and have broken any of the commandments, you should go to your pastor and confess your sin and you will be absolved.

We learn in the Ten Commandments that God guards us from sin by giving us rules that tell us when we are wrong. When we realize we are wrong, Confession and Absolution leads us to the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Even when we daily sin and struggle, we are reminded of our Baptism and that God has drowned the Old Adam. We daily remember that we have His grace because of Jesus. To strengthen our weak souls, He feeds us His very Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins.

This means to me that I should try to keep the Ten Commandments the best I can. I know that I will fall short, but God has taken care of that for me. He did this by sending His only Son to die on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins. I am connected to Christ's death and resurrection through my baptism. I am glad to be going to the Lord's Supper now because I will receive the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith.