1. 1. **They are POWERFUL** - “reviving the soul” . The Word of God is the instrument He uses to turn men and women from darkness to light, from Satan to Himself (Acts 26:18;

**Acts 26:18**. 18 To 1open their aeyes, to turn them from 2bdarkness to clight and from the 3authority of Satan 4to God, that they may receive 5dforgiveness of sins and 6aneinheritance among those who have been 7sanctified by faith in Me.

# and what a powerful instrument it is …..Hebrews 4:12 New International Version (NIV)

**12**For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

1. **They are PLAIN** – “making wise the simple” . The commands of the Lord are so clear and plain that the “wicked fools” need not be in any doubt about them (Isaiah 35:8).

And a highway will be there;  
    it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
    it will be for those who walk on that Way.  
The unclean will not journey on it;  
    wicked fools will not go about on it.

1. 3. **They are PLEASING** - “giving joy to the heart” . We are sometimes tempted to think that God’s will is hard – but look up Romans 12:2 and 1 John 5:3.

**5**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. **2**This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. **3**In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

1. 4. **They are PURE** – “The commandment of the Lord is pure” absolutely pure, with no mixture of evil. God’s commands are holy, like God Himself.

# Psalm 12:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

The words of the Lord *are* pure words,  
*Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth,  
Purified seven times.

5. **They are PERMANENT**– “enduring for ever” (Psalm 19 v 9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
    enduring forever.  
 They are never out-of-date; they are appropriate and applicable for every age and circumstance and are never in need of revision (Matthew 5:17). The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
    and all of them are righteous.

6. **They are PRECIOUS** – “more precious than gold” and “sweeter than honey” (psalm 19 vs 10 They are more precious than gold,  
    than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
    than honey from the honeycomb.).

To the true believer Jesus is precious (1 Peter 2:7); His blood is precious (1 Peter 1:19); so is His Word (Psalm 119:72; 2 Peter 1:4).

7. **They are PREVENTIVE** – “by them is your servant warned” (psalm 19 :11 By them your servant is warned;  
    in keeping them there is great reward.).

“Prevention is better than cure”, and God seeks to prevent us from sinning and grieving Him by giving us His commandments.