

LIFETIME SCRIPTURE MEMORY

I. CONVICTION AND COMMITMENT

A. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

1. THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO IT
2. THAT YOU MAKE THE DECISION TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO LIFETIME SCRIPTURE MEMORY.

B. Conviction

1. What does the Bible say about whether we should memorize scripture?
Prov. 7:1-3 Deut. 6:6,7 Ps.119:11 **Why does God want YOU to memorize scripture?**
You are in this workshop by His appointment and He wants to bless your life with His Word.
2. You are here and you have been exposed to the how-to's so that you CAN do it.
3. He wants you to Do Your Best to be approved as His laborer equipped with the Word and able to rightly divide it.

II. REASONS FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORY

A. IT BUILDS US UP SPIRITUALLY Acts 20:32

1. It gives the Holy Spirit access to us 24 hours a day. Eph. 6:17
2. The Word Will Keep Us From Sin. PS 119-9,11
3. It gives us confidence that we really do know exactly what God says. **NO Guesswork!**
4. It Builds Us Up Spiritually. Acts 20:32

B. It Equips Us With The Word To Minister The Word To Others I Cor.14:1 NASB

1. Edification Means It Builds Them Up Acts 20:32
2. Exhortation Means Admonition Or Encouragement Acts 20:31
3. Consolation Means Calming Or Comforting I Th. 4:16-18

III. MOTIVATION IN SCRIPTURE MEMORY

A. THE IMPACT OF THE LIFE OF ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE

B. LIFETIME SCRIPTURE MEMORY WITH REVIEW GIVES

100% RETENTION - YOU CAN REMEMBER IT

- C. People say, "I can't memorize" John 3:16
- D. Some people say Scripture memory is for kids Eph.6:17
- E. The Key Is Repetition review, review, review

D. How To Memorize Scripture

THE METHOD FOR LIFETIME SUCCESS:

1. Carrying Navigator Size Cards 2 3/4" X 1 3/4"
2. How long should I remember a verse? The objective is to remember it for life.

In order to effectively memorize a verse you will have to review it every day for 8 weeks and then put it in a back review system that gets you through it weekly. In a moment I'll show you a review system that works for life.

IV. PRINCIPLES OF SCRIPTURE MEMORY

A. HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

B. HOW TO HAVE A LIFETIME BACK REVIEW

C. HOW TO MAKE A VERSE BOX

D. BE ACCOUNTABLE – TO YOURSELF; TO ANOTHER MAN WHO IS DOING IT!

Be Encouraged, You Can Do It, One Verse At A Time.

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HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

- 1) Print the verse on one side of a verse card.
- 2) Flip the card over (instead of turning it around) and print the reference in the middle.

Genesis 1:1

On the bottom left print the month and day you are memorizing it. On the bottom right print the month and day two months from the day you memorize it. In the bottom middle print the year.

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The date two months from now is the date you will stop reviewing daily and start reviewing it weekly.

3) Memorize by phrases in the verse. Memorize one phrase at a time, using the reference, adding phrase by phrase until the entire verse is committed to memory. Say each phrase 10 times by itself then add them together and say the whole verse 10 times.

4) Say the reference before and after you quote the verse. The reference is the hardest part to remember so we say it twice when quoting the verse.

5) Learning Genesis 1:1

Say "Genesis 1:1 In the beginning" 10 times.

Say "God created the heavens and the earth"

Genesis 1:1" 10 times

Say "Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1 10 times

6) Review this verse each day for 2 months by looking only at the side with the reference.

Check yourself if necessary by looking at the other side. Get someone else to check you.

Quote the verse aloud. Pray over the verse, asking God to make the meaning clear and applicable to you. Then put it in a weekly review system.

7) Remember: When reviewing look at only the reference side to prompt yourself. If you forget the verse, go through the above learning procedure again.

8) Choose a time when you are free to review on most days such as driving to work or after your morning quiet time. **BUT**, commit yourself to not going to bed without getting your scripture memory review done.

HOW TO HAVE A LIFETIME BACK REVIEW

EFFECTIVE SCRIPTURE MEMORY COMES THROUGH DEVELOPING THE FOLLOWING GOOD HABITS.

1. Date the verse when you memorize it and review it every day for 2 months. This is called your "current review". After the 2 months is over, take the verses out and put them in a weekly "back review" system.

2. Set up a back review system

Divide the number of verses in your back review by the number of days you want to review them in.

Example: If you have learned 35 verses,

35 verses / 5 days = 7 verses per day

Monday through Friday

35 verses / 7 days = 5 verses per day

Sunday through Saturday

3. Put an equal number into each day's "back review" and put a title card in front of each group with the day of the week printed on it. Put a rubber band around each day's verses to hold them together. Carry your "current review" verses in one side of the verse pack and your "back review" verses in the other side. As you begin each day, put that day's back review in your verse pack and always carry your verse pack with you all the time, just like your keys. That way you can "redeem the time" and the spare moments of your life can count for eternity.
4. Review, Review, Review
When driving, waiting, exercising, etc.
Have a regular time if possible
Don't go to bed without reviewing!
5. When you get behind, always do today's "back review" verses first before trying to catch up with yesterday's verses. That way you can get back on track today.
6. As you continue to memorize, get a verse box to hold your back review. Make tabs to separate the days.
7. When your back review is too much to handle or when you get to 30 to 40 verses per day, go to a two-week review.
Example: Sun 1, Mon 1,.... Sat 1
Sun 2, Mon 2,.....Sat 2
8. Eventually you will need to have a three-week and then a four -week review system.

Visualize yourself knowing 520 verses

2 verses per wk x 52 wks = 104 verses per yr
104 verses per year x 5 years = 520 verses
520 verses / 14 days = 38 verses to review per/day

If you really want to think big.... **Visualize yourself knowing 2080 verses!**

2 verses per wk x 52 wks = 104 verses per yr
104 verses per year x 20 years = 2080 verses
2080 verses / 28 days = 75 verses per/day

Be encouraged, you can do it, one verse at a time

HOW TO MAKE A VERSE BOX

1. USE A BUSINESS CARD BOX WHICH CAN BE BOUGHT AT A BOX STORE
2. (6.3"X 3.6" Inside Dimensions) Any approximate size box will work.
3. MAKE A DIVIDER PIECE 7" x 1.75" and bend the ends ¼" to make a compartment 3" wide inside the box. Fit the piece and then glue it in.
4. Make a "U" shaped slider out of cardboard 1.75" wide by 13". Bend it so that it has 2 legs 5" long and bend around the center 2.75" to hold the review against the end of the box. As you get more verses in the review trim the legs of the slider to allow room for more cards in the review.

Scripture memory pointers

1. Memorize your verses word perfect. Knowing exactly what a verse says is very important. Say the reference once before and once after you say the verse.
2. Memorize from a formal equivalent translation as much as possible. Formal equivalent means it is as close to a word for word translation as possible. Some common ones are ESV, NASB, NKJV, KJV, Literal Translation of The Bible, Greek Interlinear.
3. Memorize out of other translations when you read a verse that really speaks to you in a special way but make sure that it is not inaccurate.
4. Don't memorize the same verse in more than one translation. Otherwise you will find it hard to know it word perfect in either one. If you learned it in one translation stick with that one.
5. Use classic Navigator size cards, 1.75" x 2.75". Use all same size cards. They will be much easier to handle. Don't use 3" x 5" cards unless you have an eyesight problem, because they are too bulky to carry.
6. Begin memorizing 2 verse cards per week. Decide on Sunday which verses you will memorize and the days you will memorize on such as Monday and Thursday. Decide when you will memorize them such as driving to work or while you are exercising etc. If possible memorize new verses when your mind is fresh.
7. Have a regular time to do your back review verses and try to do them the same time each day. If you don't get them done then, make a deal with yourself to not go to bed until you have finished your review.
8. When possible say your verses out loud. That way you get the added benefit of hearing the verse and putting the inflection and emphasis in the right place.
9. If you have started memorizing by flipping the cards stay with that system. If you have started memorizing by turning the cards stay with that.
10. Review with another person as much as possible because it is easy to drop out a word or phrase from a verse even if you have known it for a while.
11. When you miss a day of back review do today's verses first then try to do the ones you missed. That way you can be current today and not be chronically behind.
12. If you regularly have trouble getting through all of your verses then it may be time to expand your back review to a 2 week system or a 3 or 4 week. Try not to go more than 4 weeks or you may begin to lose them.
13. Always carry your verse pack with today's current and back review verses so that you can make use of the spare moments in your day.
14. Make a decision that when you are in the car alone you will do your review before listening to music, radio, sermons, twitter, texts, or facebook.

REASONS WHY GOD WANTS US TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE.

A. WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH HIS WORD

1. Psalm 12:6 (ESV) The words of the Lord are pure words, _____
2. Psalm 18:30 (ESV) This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. _____
3. Psalm 33:4 (ESV) For the word of the Lord is upright, _____
4. Psalm 33:6 (ESV) By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. _____
5. Psalm 119:89 (ESV) Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. _____
6. Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. _____
7. Psalm 119:9,11 (KJV) Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. _____
8. Proverbs 2:1-5 (RSV) My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, [5] then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. _____
9. Prov.4:20-22 Proverbs 4:20-22 (ESV) My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. [21] Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. [22] For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. _____
10. How can you "let them not escape when you are in the dark and have no Bible with you? _____
11. Keep them within your heart. How? _____

B. WHAT DID THE LORD JESUS SAY ABOUT MEMORIZING HIS WORD

12. John 15:20 (ESV) Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. _____
13. John 16:4 (ESV) But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. _____
14. Can we remember the Lord's Words completely and accurately without memorizing them? _____

C. WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT SAY ABOUT SCRIPTURE MEMORY THROUGH THE APOSTLES LUKE, PAUL, PETER, AND JUDE?

15. Acts 20:35 (ESV) In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

16. 2 Peter 3:2 (NAS) that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles, _____

17. Jude 1:17 (ESV) But you beloved ought to remember, the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. How can we remember them? _____

18. Rev. 3:3 (ESV) Jesus To The Church at Sardis “ Remember, therefore, what you received and heard; and Keep it, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. How can we remember what we received from the Lord when He speaks to us out of His Word? _____

D. WHAT DOES GOD’S WORD DO FOR THOSE WHO MEMORIZE IT?

19. Psalm 119:16-17 (ESV) I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. _____

20. Psalm 119:25 (ESV) My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! _____

21. Psalm 119:28 (ESV) My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! _____

22. Psalm 119:42 (ESV) then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. _____

23. Psalm 119:105 (ESV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. _____

24. Psalm 119:130 (ESV) The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. _____

25. Psalm 119:160 (ESV) The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. _____

26. Psalm 119:162 (ESV) I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. _____

27. Proverbs 4:20 (KJV) My son, be attentive to My Words; incline your ear to My sayings; let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to him who finds them and healing to all his flesh. _____

28. Proverbs 7:1,3 My son keep My Words and treasure up my commandments with you; 3. Bind them on your fingers write them on the tablet of your heart. 7:5 To preserve you from the loose woman, from the adventuress with her smooth words. _____

E. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT SCRIPTURE MEMORY IN THESE VERSES?

29. Proverbs 2:1 (KJV) My son, if you receive my words, and treasure up my commandments with you; v.5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. _____

30. Proverbs 3:1,2 (RSV) My son, do not forget not my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments: for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you _____

31. Proverbs 4:4-5 (RSV) Let your heart hold fast my words: keep my commandments, and live. _____

32. 2 Tim. 2:15 (RSV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Does God want our best when it comes to His Word? _____

33. How can you do your best to know God’s Word? _____