

Scripture Memory

If your personal Scripture Memory program were squarely on track, what is the main benefit you would expect?

I. MOTIVATION FOR MEMORY?

Why memorize?

Because God _____

John 2:5 _____

John 17:17 _____

Col 3:16 _____

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deut. 6:6-9

Modern Myths of Memory and Meditation

MYTH (Satan)	TRUTH (God)
#1. No _____	Phil 2:13, Phil 4:13, 2 Tim 1:7
#2. No _____	Matt 6:33, Psa 90:12; 119:59-60
#3. No _____	John 14:21, 2 Tim 3:16-17



Our Part

- Discipline Yourself 1 Tim 4:7
- Encourage One Another Heb 10:24-25
- Stand Firm 1 Cor 15:58

II. HOW TO MEMORIZE

A. Getting Started

B. Memorizing

1. _____ for _____
2. Write it out
3. _____ the context. Know who, where, when, why, to whom
4. Memorize one phrase at a time with reference _____ and _____
5. Learn the verse with the _____
6. Principles of Scripture Memory:
 Repetition, Division, Visualization, Concentration, Recitation, Application
7. Have someone check you for word perfect recitation. Eccl 4:9-10
8. Get each verse OVERLEARNED before proceeding.

No workman, however skilled, can work hastily and well at the same time.

III. HOW TO KEEP GOING

The secret to successful memory program is _____ and _____

- When behind and discouraged, _____ Phil 3:14
- Don't _____ 2 Cor 10:12
- Set your heart to be a _____ 2 Cor 8:10-11, Eccl 7:10
- Use the word in life and ministry
- Over 500 verses and your review is difficult?



Meditation

The unhurried mulling over of a verse word by word, thought by thought, like treasure, investigating each word and phrase in relation to my life, allowing and expecting the Holy Spirit to actually illumine me to understand and appreciate what is there with a willing heart, resulting in a life changing application.

IV. HOW TO GET OTHERS STARTED

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Prayerful Meditation On The Scriptures - August 8, 2000

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PRAYERFUL MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURES is fundamental to spiritual growth. Yet most believers find the experience something less than fulfilling. Here are five suggestions:+

#1 Meditation on the Scriptures should not be viewed as a method or system, but as an attitude: Faith, openness, reverence, expectation, supplication.

This people draw near to me with their words...but they remove their hearts far from me, and their reverence for me consists of traditions learned by rote. (Isa. 29:13 NASB)

#2 Meditation can actually be quite difficult at times. Thus, we should not judge its value on how we feel. Yet it is important that our efforts are enlightened, well-directed, and sustained.

Let me understand the teachings of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders. (Ps.119:27)

#3 It is only if we have a heart fixed on obeying God without reservation that a little effort goes a long way. When we are resisting Him through disobedience or compromise, no amount of effort can produce the desired result.

I have more understanding...for I obey your precepts. (Psalm 119:100)

#4 In our pride, we don't want to be beginners. In truth, we will never be anything but beginners. Given the challenge in learning to effectively utilize meditation for spiritual growth, we would do well to recognize the need for a mature mentor.

Whatever you have learned or received...from me, or seen in me – put into practice. (Philippians 4:9)

#5 Often, what first seemed easy and rewarding, suddenly becomes utterly impossible. We struggle with inner confusion, coldness, and lack of confidence. We find concentration difficult. Our imagination and emotions wander – or run wild. We often feel dry and desolate. Repugnant fantasies buried deep within us take over. We totally lose interest in spiritual matters.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. (Romans 7:15, 19)

My friend in Christ, don't give up, because God promises you that the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. (Proverbs 4:18)

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Castor Oil

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Jogging barefoot up Mt. McKinley with 100 pounds of rocks in your backpack

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Flossing your teeth with barbwire

There is no command in Scripture to memorize God's word. But it is clear that memorization furnishes us with:

- Tools for effective service. "The Scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all branches of his work." 2 Tim 3:17. Ever hear someone say, "Well, somewhere in the Bible it says..."
- Victory over temptation. When faced with Satan's onslaughts, Christ immediately and effectively quotes Scripture. "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God' ... Then the devil left Him." Matthew 4:4, 7, 10, 11
- Obedience to God and success in life: "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it: for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8

I am suggesting that meditation on Scripture is forcefully facilitated through the process of memorization.

Living with Christ in a victorious fashion without gaining command of the Scripture is like
Typing with arthritic feet

With wool socks on

Upside down,

Blindfolded

60 feet under water – in ice-cold sewage

while choking on a clogged air hose... that leaks

as someone shoots at you with a poisonous spear gun.

So... What are you waiting for? Get going on your Scripture Memory

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2. Is The Bible True?

A. The Bible Is Not Trustworthy

B. There Are Problems With The Bible

C. The Bible Is Trustworthy

3. What About Evil?

A. Evil Exists And God Does Not

B. God Exists And Evil Does Not

C. God Exists And Evil Exists