

# Scripture Memory

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## I. Introduction.

## II. Motivation.

- A. In order to memorize Scripture, it might take some effort.
- B. The speaker used to think that obedience was good enough for Scripture memory. (John 14:21)
- C. It is commended and commanded in Scripture. (Deuteronomy 6:5-6, Proverbs 7:1-3, Colossians 3:16, Joshua 1:8)
- D. The value of Scripture memory illustrated:
  - 1. Holy Spirit. (John 1:12, Romans 8:9, 8:14, John 14:26)
  - 2. Sin. (1 John 1:9, Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 1 John 1:8)
  - 3. When you think about a subject in a Bible, references come to mind for the person memorizing Scripture.
- E. For you to memorize Scripture, you have to have desire, which is related to your personal reasons.

## III. The speaker's testimony.

- A. The speaker was instructed to memorize a verse a day and review all that he knew when he was a young believer in the Navy.
- B. What has kept the speaker going is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that goes beyond the Scriptures.
  - 1. It is the joy of evangelism.
  - 2. It is the joy of helping young Christians come along.

## IV. Why memorize Scripture.

- A. God's Word is a joy to the heart. (Jeremiah 15:16)
- B. We feed on God's word. (John 6)
- C. The advantage of memorizing Scripture is that you can have a choice in your thought life because Scripture memory affects your thought life. (Jeremiah, John 6, Psalm 119:111)
- D. You clean up your life by applying the Word—victory over sin like food. (Romans 8:5)

E. You have to want the victory.

F. You can only change by the renewal of your mind, and memorizing Scripture is just a method of getting the Bible into you. (Romans 12:2)

G. Memorizing Scripture can help us become effective witnesses. (Matthew 4:19)

H. Memorizing Scripture helps to change the heart. We take the pure Word of God and pack it into the heart. (Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 7:21-23, Romans 8:5, Psalm 12:6, Proverbs 30:5, Proverbs 23:7)

I. Find out what your motivation is.

### **Application questions**

1. Memorize Psalm 119:111 and write it below. How does this verse contribute to the value of Scripture memory?

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2. What is your motivation for Scripture memory work?

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3. What do you need to do to improve your topical memory work? Explain.

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