Scripture Memory
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I. Introduction.

II. Reasons why it is important to memorize Scripture.

    A. To know Jesus Christ

        1. To become a Christian. (John 5:35, II Timothy 3)

        2. To walk on the right path. (Psalm 19:11)

        3. To get back on the right path. (I John 1:9)

    B. To keep a person from sin. (Psalm 119:111, Matthew 22:29)

    C. To grow. (I Peter 2:2, Acts 20:32)

    D. To help other Christians. (Ephesians 4:29, Luke 24:27)

    E. To witness. (I Peter 3:15)

III. Objections to Scripture memory.

    A. Scripture memory takes Scripture out of context.

        1. Jesus took Scripture out of context.

        2. One can learn the context through Scripture memory. (e.g., John 3:16)

    B. Why memorize when one can read it? One may not always be able to read a Bible though. (Joshua 1:8)

    C. It lacks in depth study. However, Scripture memory helps a person to meditate on it anywhere. (Colossians 3:16)

IV. A practical way to memorizing God's word.

    A. Write a verse down on a card with the topic and reference on the other side.

    B. Learn a verse in two or three days, but review it throughout the coming months in order to keep it. Use a review box.

    C. Get a friend to help check up on you.

D. Watch out for pride—do not count how many verses you know.

E. Verses to start out (Acrostic: G.L.O.R.I.F.Y. T.H.E. L.O.R.D.): I Corinthians 10:31 (glorify), Matthew 22:36-38 (love), John 14:21 (obedience), Philippians 4:4 (rejoice), Colossians 4:12 (intercession), Hebrews 11:6 (faith), I Timothy 4:12 (youth), I Thessalonians 5:18 (thanksgiving), Mark 4:19 (hindrances), Ephesians 4:19 (edification), Luke 6:46 (lordship of Christ), Philippians 2:3-4 (always for others), Ephesians 6:1 (respect for others) and Romans 12:1-2 (dedication).

Application questions:

1. Which reason for Scripture memory stands out to you? What strikes you about it?
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2. What are some other objections to Scripture memory? How would you address these?
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3. How would you counsel someone looking for advice on how to get into Scripture memory?
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