

Scripture Memory

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I. Introduction.

A. There are many needs for the believer—a need to keep us from the enemy, a need for bite in witness, spiritual refreshment and others.

B. There is no one fix for these issues, but Scripture memory pays greater dividends in the spiritual life than any other spiritual activity for the speaker apart from prayer.

C. The assumption is that you want deliverance from sin. The one who has clean hands will become stronger. If there is known sin in our lives, the Lord will not hear us. (Job 17:9, Psalm 66:18)

II. We hide the Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

A. Hiding the Word in our hearts is an aid to help—it does not guarantee victory.

B. When the Bible gets memorized it becomes part of us.

III. We can have victory over Satan.

A. We live in a world where there is fear in the night, so we need some sort of weapon against the evil one. (Song of Solomon 3:8, Ephesians 6:8)

1. Jesus quoting Scripture is the supreme example.

2. The Devil quotes Scripture too, but it makes a difference who wields the Sword of the Spirit since it is the Spirit's. The Devil also misquoted Scripture.

B. If Jesus used Scripture to battle the Devil, so should we.

III. The Word of God is able to convict sin. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Proverbs 22:17-21, Ecclesiastes 11:9)

IV. Scripture memory is effective for evangelism and refuting false doctrine.

V. Scripture memory works for spiritual prosperity. (Psalm 1:2-3)

A. We are to meditate on God's Words.

B. We are to do God's Word.

C. Scripture memory is not easy.

D. You need a plan for Scripture memory.

Application questions

1. How can Scripture memory help one in his or her spiritual life?

2. How did Jesus model Scripture memory differently than Satan?

3. What is your plan for Scripture memory?
