

Scripture Memory

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Word of God hidden in the heart can change a person's life.
- B. The Spirit of God can take memorized Scripture and apply it in any given circumstance.

II. Excuses for not memorizing Scripture.

- A. "I am too dumb." You can do anything you really want to if God lays it on your heart.
- B. "I am too old." Older people have memorized Scripture.
- C. "I am too busy." If you are busy, you need to memorize Scripture.

III. Scripture memory is something God wants you to do. (James 4:17)

IV. Start with 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

V. Motivation.

- A. Pray about whether God wants you to do this, and he will help you. (Philippians 4:13; Colossians 3:23)
- B. Keep firmly in your mind that this habit will help you know God more. (Philippians 3:10)
- C. It will make the Word of God more readily available for the Spirit of God to use.
- D. It will help you in times of temptation. (Psalm 119:9-11)

Application questions:

1. Why is Scripture memory valuable?

2. How would you respond to someone who says that Scripture memory is not as necessary in the internet age where it is easier to find verses?

3. What is your plan for Scripture memory?
