

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God; But they delight in doing everything God want them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow Him more closely. They are like trees along a river bank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

Q: KEY BATTLEGROUND OF YOUR LIFE?	ILLUSTRATION	LESSONS TO BE LEARNED
<p>THOUGHT LIFE</p> <p>Breeding Ground of Temptation:</p> <p>Anvil of the Soul: For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. Prov 23:7</p> <p>Battleground of the Spirit: We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5</p>	<p><u>KING SAUL</u></p> <p>God's Command: Go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have. (1 Sam 15:3)</p> <p>Saul's Action: But Saul spared Agag (the King) and the best of the sheep and oxen and all that was good. (1 Sam 15:9)</p> <p>Saul's Problem:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebellion ('I'm right...) 2. Rationalization (My way's better...) 3. Pride ('I'm the King) 4. Sought Advice from Wrong Source (Medium at Endor, 1 Sam 28) 	<p><u>God's Thinking is Different than the World's</u></p> <p>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. Is 55:8</p> <p><u>Our Thinking needs continual Transformation</u></p> <p>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2, NASB</p>
<p>KNOW TRUTH and LIVE BY IT (WISDOM)</p> <p>Q: <i>What is the foundation, the ultimate authority that informs and shapes your world view?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents / Tradition (Racism) ▪ Education & Experience ▪ Societal Norms (Polls -- Clinton) ▪ Legal (Abortion) <p><u>God's Word is Unchanging and Eternal</u></p> <p>Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89</p>	<p><u>SAUL of TARSUS</u> Philipians 3:4-6</p> <p>If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law, blameless.</p> <p><u>PAUL THE APOSTLE</u> Philipians 3:7-10</p> <p>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss...</p>	<p><u>God's Word provides Light and Guidance</u></p> <p>Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105</p> <p><u>Scripture Memory & Obedience - Hand in hand</u></p> <p>The law of the Lord is in his heart; his steps do not slip. Psalm 37:31</p> <p><u>Worldly wisdom changes --</u> <u>God's Word stands forever</u></p> <p>The grass withers and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord stands forever. 1 Pet 1:24,25</p>

Q: KEY BATTLEFIELDS OF YOUR LIFE?	ILLUSTRATION	LESSONS TO BE LEARNED
<p>VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION</p> <p>Q: How do you deal with temptation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Think about it ▪ Feed it ▪ Rationalize it <p><i>Bible: Flee from youthful lusts – 2 Tim 2:22 (Riggs)</i></p> <p><u>From John Crawford:</u></p> <p>Q: Is it possible to live in victory over sin? A: Galatians 5:16, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."</p>	<p>JOSEPH</p> <p>"How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did not allow bitterness to have a place in his life. 2. Took every thought captive – no rationalization of sin 3. Saw himself as a child of God instead of as a slave (no loss of identity). 4. Ran away from temptation 	<p><u>Temptation is a Process:</u></p> <p>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full grown brings forth death. James 1:14,15</p> <p><u>There is a Way of Victory:</u></p> <p>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. I Corinthians 10:13</p>
<p>CONSISTENCY</p> <p>Every Scripture is God-breathed – given by His inspiration – and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness (that is, in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose and action), so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well-fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.</p> <p>2 Timothy 3:16,17 AMP</p> <p>Q: In your life, what is the least common denominator of a consistent walk with God?</p>	<p>DANIEL (King Darius Decree -- Lion's Den)</p> <p>Others sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel ... cannot unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Predictable (prayed 3 time daily) 2. Visible (had the windows open) 3. Believable (the God of Daniel is the living God, enduring for ever --- he delivers and rescues ... who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions) <p><u>Telegrams from Gene Warr:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The key to Scripture Memory is review, review, review. 2. Sin will keep you from God's Word, or God's Word will keep you from sin. 	<p><u>Meditation = Obedience = Success</u></p> <p>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous and then you shall have good success. Joshua 1:8</p> <p><u>Meditation = Consistency = Success</u></p> <p>But they delight in doing everything God want them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow Him more closely. They are like trees along a river bank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. Psalm 1</p>

HOW TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

A sequence for memorizing:

1. Reference
2. Verse
3. Reference

The reference is normally more difficult to remember than the verse. That is why it should be repeated before and after the verse. The reference is like the handle on a suitcase, enabling you to lift up from the Bible a complete portion whenever needed.

The Secret of Scripture Memory is review, Review, REVIEW!

Quote the verse aloud.

Ask God to make its meaning clear and applicable to you.

Memorize one phrase at a time, using the reference.

Add phrase by phrase until the entire verse is committed to memory.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2, NASB