

Scripture Memory

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I. Introduction.

II. Tips to memorizing verses.

A. When one memorizes verses, he should use time that he usually wastes.

B. Memorize key verses to different topics so that you can use them at appropriate times. (e.g., Hebrews 4:13, John 3:19, Psalm 139:12, 94:9)

C. Sometimes you might want to memorize a whole chapter, but this is difficult to review. (e.g., Psalm 23)

D. Write a verse on a card and review that verse every day for a month.

E. Make Scripture memory a habit.

1. Start.

2. Start now.

3. Start enthusiastically.

4. Make no exceptions.

F. Remember the version you are memorizing.

G. Memorizing a few verses a week can result in knowing many verses in a year.

H. God will bring to mind verses you have memorized at the right time.

I. Mark the reference, date, and Bible version on one side. Copy the verse on the other side.

J. 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).

K. Be disciplined with your Scripture memory (this is not legalism).

L. One can learn the context of a passage by learning the verse.

M. One's problem is not bad memory, but bad memory habits.

Application questions:

1. Why memorize Scripture?

2. How would you respond to someone who says that Scripture memory is legalism? Explain.

3. What tip did you find the most valuable for Scripture memory? Explain.
