## A NEW WAY OF THINKING

# HOW SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAN IMPACT YOUR WALK WITH GOD

"So let us know,

let us press on to know the Lord."

Hosea 6:3

## A.) GOAL:

Learn how to develop a passion for memorizing God's Word with practical tools and encouragement that create patterns of success in this important spiritual discipline. In our desire to be men and women of the Word, Scripture Memory can be one of the most potent ways of allowing the Holy Spirit to have access to our minds, hearts and actions.

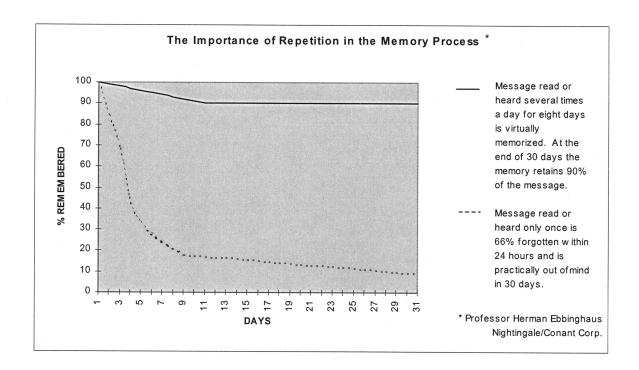
B.)	MOTIVES:					
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## C.) METHODS:

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Ideas From The Group

A corporate training film teaches that if a new procedure can be practiced without failure for 37 consecutive days, then it becomes harder to forget the new routine than to remember it.



#### D.) APPLICATION

Write down two or three things that God has impressed upon you concerning Scripture memory.

Referring to at least one of your items above, briefly state (1) your present Scripture memory practices and (2) an action you could take to continue or improve upon your current practices.

Rate your application according to the **SMART** test:

Is it **S** pecific?

Is it M easureable

Do you have A ccountability?

Is it **R** ealistic?

Do you have a **T** ime table for progress?

If you need to, re-write your application so it passes the SMART test.

## E.) RESOURCES

## Scripture Memory Topics Memorizing Scripture for a Lifetime

A key strategy for successful, life-long Scripture memory is **choosing a topic** that you memorize with each passage. This topic acts as a mental "tickler" or reminder system that greatly increases your ability to recall memorized passages. This topical approach to Scripture memory creates a mental "filing system" that improves your ability to call up and use Scripture that you have worked hard at storing up in your heart and memory.

Memorizing Scripture that is already organized topically builds on this strategy. But what about passages that you want to memorize but don't appear in neatly organized packs?

You should have a flexible topical system that will give you a life time of service. On the following page is a suggested outline to get you started. Feel free to modify it to fit your personal preferences. The key is having a topical system that allows you to "catalogue" each verse as you memorize it.

#### SUGGESTED TOPICAL SYSTEM

#### A) PACKS

- 1) Beginning With Christ
- 2) Going On With Christ
- 3) Topical Memory System
  - a. Basic
  - b. Life Issues
- 5) Walking in Victory
- 6) Growing in Faith
- 7) Growing in Love
- 8) Excuses
- 9) God's Promises
- 10) God's Word
- 11)
- 12)
- 14)
- 15)

#### **B) BIBLE STUDY**

- 1) Book/Chapter
  - a. Key Verse
  - b. Outline

#### C) DOCTRINE

- 1) Scripture
  - a. Inspiration
  - b. Authority
- 2) God
  - a. Character Of
  - b. Work Of
- 3) Jesus Christ
  - a. Character Of
  - b. Work Of
- 4) Holy Spirit
  - a. Character Of
  - b. Work Of
- 5) People
  - a. Character Of
  - b. Work Of
  - c. Sin
    - 1. Defined
    - 2. Dealing With
    - 3. Forgiveness
- 6) Salvation
  - a. Assurance
  - b. Justification
  - c. Sanctification
  - d. Glorification
- 7) Church
  - a. Universal
  - b. Local
  - c. Purpose
- 8) Things To Come
  - a. Death
  - b. Heaven
  - c. Hell
  - d. Second Coming
- 9) Powers & Authority
  - a. Angels
  - b. Satan
  - c. Spiritual Leaders
  - d. Government

#### D) CHRISTIAN LIVING

- 1) Personal Growth
  - a. Character
    - 1. Faith
    - 2. Honesty
    - 3. Humility
    - 4. Joy
    - 5. Love
    - 6. Passion
    - 7. Peace
    - 8. Perseverence
    - 9. Purity
    - 10. Servanthood
    - 11. Strength
    - 12. Suffereing
    - 13. Wisdom
    - 14.
    - 15.
  - b. Disciplines
    - 1. Prayer
    - 2. Scripture
    - 3. Fasting
  - c. Finances
    - 1. Giving
    - 2. Wealth
  - d. God's Will
  - e. Grace
  - f. Obedience
- 2) Ministry
  - a. Discipleship
  - b. Leadership
  - c. Spiritual Gifts
  - d. Teamwork
  - e. Witnessing
  - f. World Vision
- 3) Relationships
  - a. Children
  - b. Enemies
  - c. Friends
  - d. Marriage e. Parents
- 4) Promises
  - a. Ministry
  - b. Personal
  - c. Universal

## TOPICAL SCRIPTURE MEMORY PACKS

WALKING IN VICTORY	GROWING IN FAITH	GROWING IN LOVE
I. VICTORY:	I. PROMISES:	
Victory in Christ	Importance of Promises	I. LOVE IN SPEECH: Tell the Truth
1 Cor 15:57		
2 Cor 2:14	2 Peter 1:3,4	Eph 4:15
	2 Cor 1:20	Col 3:9
Weapons for Victory	Promises for Ministry	Avoid Gossip
2 Cor 10:4,5	2 Cor 1:3,4	Prov 17:9
Eph 6:10,11	1 Cor 3:7,8	Prov 11:13
Overcoming the Devil	Promises for Fulfilled Life	Speak Graciously
Rev 12:11	Psa 1:2,3	Col 4:5,6
James 4:7,8	2 Peter 1:8	Prov 15:1
Overcoming the Flesh	Promises for Help in Trouble	Admit Sin
Rom 8:5,6	1 Pet 5:10	James 5:16
Rom 13:14	2 Cor 12:9	Matt 5:23,24
Overcoming the World	Promises for Provision	Listen
1 John 4:4	Eph 1:3	James 1:9
1 John 5:4,5	Psa 37:4,5	Prov 18:13
Overcoming Sin	Promises for Forgiveness	Accept Reproof
Psa 37:31	1 John 2:1,2	Prov 9:8,9
Rom 6:12,13	Psa 103:12	Matt 18:15
II. PURITY:	II. WORD:	II. LOVE IN RESPONSE
Thought	Power	Forgive Others
Phil 4:8	Heb 4:12	Eph 4:32
Titus 1:15	Isa 55:10,11	Col 3:13
Heart	Inspiration	Be Patient
Luke 6:45	2 Pet 1:20,21	Eph 4:2
Prov 4:23	1 Thess 2:13	2 Tim 2:24,25
Sight	Nourishment	Control Anger
Matt 6:22	Jer 15:16	
Matt 5:28	Job 23:12	Eph 4:26 Col 3:8
Body 1 Thess 4:3	Know Acts 17:11	Overcome Bitterness
		Heb 12:15
1 Cor 6:13	Psa 119:125	Eph 4:31
Speech	Obey	Endure Justice
Eph 4:29	John 8:31,32	1 Peter 2:20,21
Matt 12:36,37	Matt 4:4	Rom 12:19
Actions	Reliability	Avoid Jealousy
1 Thess 5:22	Matt 24:35	Prov 27:4
1 Tim 5:1,2	John 17:17	James 3:16
III. PRAYER:	III. FAITH:	III. LOVE IN ACTION:
Ask	Testing of Faith	Live in Harmony
Matt 21:22	1 Peter 1:6,7	Rom 15:5,6
Matt 7:7,8	James 1:2-4	1 Cor 1:10
Praying Alone	Results of Unbelief	Serve Others
Matt 6:6	Heb 4:2	Matt 20:26,27
Mark 1:35	Heb 10:38	Gal 5:13
God's Answer	The Battle of Faith	Put Others First
Jer 33:3	Eph 6:16	Rom 15:2
Eph 3:20,21	1 Tim 6:11,12	Rom 12:10
Pray in His Will	Source of Faith	Encourage One Another
1 John 5:14,15	Heb 11:1	1 Thess 5:11
1 Thess 5:17,18	Rom 10:17	Eccl 4:9,10
Intercessory Prayer	Faith in Action	Be Compassionate
1 Sam 12:23	Heb 6:12	Matt 9:36
Matt 9:37,38	James 2:17	Rom 12:15
Praise	Justification by Faith	Be Gentle
Heb 13:15	Gal 2:16	James 3:17
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Psa 146:1,2	Rom 5:1	Gal 6:1

## TOPICAL SCRIPTURE MEMORY PACKS

EXCUSES	GOD'S PROMISES	GOD'S I	GOD'S WORD		
I'm Not So Bad	Salvation	It's Eternal Nature			
Rom 3:10	Isa 33:22	Matt 24:35			
1 John 1:10	Heb 9:28	1 Peter 1:24,25			
	Christ's Return	It's Authority			
I'll Take My Chances	Heb 10:37	Psa 138:2			
Prov 14:12		John 17:17			
Heb 10:31	Rev 22:12				
Too Much To Give Up	The Holy Spirit	It's Power			
Matt 6:33	Luke 11:13	Jer 23:29			
Mark 8:36	John 15:26	Heb 4:12			
I Can't Understand	Guidance	Points to Christ			
1 Cor 2:14	Psa 32:8	John 5:46,47			
Psa 119:130	Isa 48:17	Luke 24:27			
I Don't See The Need	Answered Prayer	It's Value			
2 Cor 4:4	Matt 7:7	Matt 4:4			
John 3:19,20	John 14:13,14	Acts 20:32			
I'm Not Good Enough Yet	Forgiveness	It's Reliability			
Luke 5:32	Psa 103:2,3	Psa 33:4			
Rom 4:4,5	Matt 6:14	James 1:21			
I'm Too Great a Sinner	The Power of Faith	Using It			
Luke 19:10	Matt 21:22	Ezra 7:10			
Isa 1:18	Luke 17:5,6	Jer 15:16			
I Fear Others	The Fruit of Obedience				
Prov 29:25	John 14:23	MY RESONSE:			
Matt 5:11,12	John 15:10	Praise	Remembrance		
I Couldn't Hold Out	Reward for Good Works	Psa 119:7	Psa 119:93		
1 Peter 1:5	Psa 112:5				
2 Thess 3:3	Heb 6:10	Rejoicing	Meditation in the Day		
I Am an Athiest	Protection	Psa 119:14	Psa 119:97		
Psa 14:1	Psa 121:7				
Rom 1:20	Isa 46:4	Prayer for Openness	Finding Guidance		
Man Wrote the Bible	Security	Psa 119:18	Psa 119:105		
2 Tim 3:16	Psa 91:1				
2 Peter 1:21	Rom 8:38,39	Steadfastness	Trust		
I'll Wait Till Later	Strength	Psa 119:30	Psa 119:114		
Prov 27:1	Isa 40:31				
Isa 55:6	2 Thess 3:3	Prayer for Understanding	Servant's Attitude		
I Want My Fun Now	Peace	Psa 119:34	Psa 119:125		
Eccl 11:9	John 14:27				
Luke 12:19,20	John 16:33	Finding Freedom	Enlightenment		
Too Many Hypocrites	Fulfillment and Honor	Psa 119:45	Psa 119:130		
Job 13:16	Matt 16:25				
Rom 14:12	James 4:10	Consistent Obedience	Delight		
It Doesn't Sound Reasonable	God's Control	Psa 119:56	Psa 119:143		
1 Cor 1:18	Psa 138:8				
Isa 55:8,9	Zech 14:9	Immediate Obedience	Meditation at Night		
I Don't Believe in Christ	Truth	Psa 119:60	Psa 119:148		
Rom 3:3	John 8:31,32				
John 5:44	John 16:13	Appreciating Affliction	Recognizing Truth		
What About Other Religions	Fruitfulness	Psa 119:71	Psa 119:160		
Isa 43:11	Jer 17:7,8				
Isa 8:20	2 Peter 1:8	Pure Devotion	Finding Peace		
I Don't Believe in Hell	Rest and Relief	Psa 119:80	Psa 119:165		
Matt 25:41	Matt 11:28				
Matt 7:13,14	Rev 21:3,4	Hope	My Choice		
	1,	Psa 119:81	Psa 119:173		

## F.) PRACTICE SESSION

"Let's have fun, Let's help each other, Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord . . ."

• Pair up to memorize one or more Beginning With Christ verses.