



Hidden In Your Heart

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

The Power of the Word

- How many verses can you quote?
- Look at Psalm 119. What is one verse that stands out to you?

Why Memorize Scripture

- It will help you when faced with temptation. Matthew 4:1-11
- It is the key to purity. Psalm 119:9-11
- It is the sword in your armor against Satan. Eph. 6:13-18
- It will help you be prepared to give an answer concerning your faith. 1 Peter 3:15
- It will help you encourage and teach others. Col. 3:16, 2 Tim. 2:14-17
- It will help your prayer life. John 15:7
- If we know scripture, we can meditate on it anytime, wherever you are. Ps. 119:97

What Things Hold You Back?

- Do you sometime feel like you will fail?
- Do you remember what you ate for supper last Friday night? How about three weeks before that? Probably not. But you probably did eat and were well nourished because of it. The important thing is that you eat every day, just as it is important that you feed yourself spiritually every day. Some people have better memories than others, but we can train ourselves to remember things permanently if we want to.

Goals For Scripture Memory

- Write out a statement of resolution to memorize scripture.
- Make a list of the various time slots in your weekly schedule which you will dedicate to the task.
- Learn how to select and organize the material you will memorize.
- Develop effective ways to memorize, review and ensure that it will be permanent.
- Build the discipline of prayer, meditation and study into your life so you understand what you have memorized.
- Design the process so that the goal is not just memorization but application.
- Link yourself with one or two others who have the same goals so you are accountable to each other.



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Memorization Routine

- Pick two verses you want to memorize for the week.
- Try to understand the meaning of the passage you are about to memorize.
- You may want to label the passage by topic or title.
- Write the passage on the card. Write the date on the card when you began memorizing it. Also write the date two months from now.
- Learn the verse word perfect!
- Keep the verses in a convenient place. Have a way to carry them with you. (LifeWay has a wonderful iPhone app for scripture memory)
- Review your verses. (Tip: Review by reciting the verse out loud wherever possible. You will learn the verse better and faster if you recite it out loud. It will help you keep focused. Recite the reference, the verse and then the reference again.)
- Review your verse at least once a day for two months. Reviewing more than once a day is best. Do not think that reviewing them two or three times a day for 60 days is too much. It is not. In fact, it is essential if you are going to be successful. A passage of scripture is not to be considered memorized until you have reviewed 100 times.
- After you have memorized and reviewed the verse for two months, put it in the back of your file. Once a month, review the verse again, just to make sure you still have it memorized.

This is not an easy discipline, but necessary if you really want to learn scripture. If you fall behind, pick up where you left off and start again.

Memorization Techniques and Tricks

- It is easier to learn something if you are fully convinced that it is important. If you are working at memorizing scripture and find it a joy, then your mind will be more open to it.
- Make use of the time when you are lying in bed waiting to fall asleep. What a great way to fall asleep!
- Our minds absorb things that are relevant to our own lives. Have you ever memorized facts for a test and then quickly forgot what you learned?
- Be careful of wasted time.
- Stick with the plan you choose.
- Practice. Practice. Practice.
- Be careful not to get into a rut. Try to keep it fresh.
- Keep your materials organized.
- Write out the verse visually in a way that makes it easier for you to memorize (by phrases, etc.)
- Make use of images, phrases, words and songs.

Memorizing Long Passages

- Select the chapter or passage.
- Read the passage several times for familiarity. Read it slowly and carefully, making sure you look at each word.
- Do a Bible study on the passage. Look at commentaries so you have a good understanding.
- Write out a brief outline of the passage. (understand the flow of the passage)
- Break up the passage into several sections.
- Write out the verses on a strip of paper. Assign topics when applicable. Highlight the first five words of each paragraph.
- Start memorizing the entire batch, beginning with the first paragraph.
- Do not move on to new material until you can recite the passage in an enthusiastic voice as if you were reading it to a group. You should also be able to write out the passage from memory.