

Scripture Memory

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Introduction – our need for consistent Scripture memory and review:

- ① We are in a constant battle with the world, the flesh, and the devil (Eph. 6:10-13).
- ② We need to have a good grip on our only offensive weapon, the sword of the Spirit, (Eph. 6:14-18); and memorizing the Word gives us the best possible grip.

I. How to Consistently Memorize and Review Scripture

Please refer to the handout you received at church or get a copy from our Web site.

II. Why We Should Consistently Memorize and Review Scripture

A. God expects His people to have His Word stored in their hearts.

Deut. 6:4-9 | Prov. 3:1-3; 7:1-3

B. The Memorized Word will give you victory over sin, Satan, and temptation.

Psalms 119:9-11 -- *note the example of Jesus in Matt. 4:1-11*

C. The Memorized Word will give you victory over worry and evil thoughts.

Prov. 4:20-23 | Rom. 12:1-2 & Eph. 4:22-23 | II Peter 2:7-9 -- *note Lot's example;*
You will not enjoy victory in your thought life unless you daily guard against "seeing and hearing" the unlawful deeds of our society on TV, radio, internet, etc.

illustration -- muddy bucket and white rocks

D. The Memorized Word will help you in your witnessing.

Prov. 22:17-21 c.f. I Peter 3:15 -- *note list of verses to the right*

E. The Memorized Word will help you in your relationships with others.

Eph. 5:17-6:9 & Colossians 3:15-4:1 ~ *Note the parallel between "be filled with the Spirit" and "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." Also notice how obedience to these commands affects every relationship in life!*

It is much easier to consistently live a Word-controlled, Spirit-controlled life when you are daily memorizing and reviewing Scripture.

Jesus "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

~ *Luke 2:52* ~

There are many other reasons for & benefits to memorizing & reviewing Scripture!

108 Verses Every Christian Should Have Memorized

list compiled by Evangelist Ron Hood

Sin	Rom. 3:10, 23	Rom. 5:12	ICor. 6:9, 10
Death and Hell	Rom. 6:23	Heb.9:27	Rev.21:8
Christ Died for Us	John 3:16	Rom. 5:8	I Peter 3:18
Salvation Only in Him	John 14:6	Acts 4:12	I Tim. 2:5, 6
Not by Works	Rom. 4:4, 5	Eph. 2:8, 9	Titus 3:5
Must Repent	Luke 13:3	Acts 3:19	Acts 8:22; 26:20
Must Receive	John 1:12	John 3:36	Rev. 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	John 10:27, 28	Phil. 1:6	I John 5:11-13
Confess Sin Daily	Ps.38:18	Prov.28:13	I John 1:9
The Word of God	<i>Inspiration</i> —	II Tim. 3:16, 17	
	<i>Hear it</i>	Rom. 10:17	
	<i>Read it -</i>	Rev.1:3	
	<i>Study it -</i>	II Tim. 2:15	
	<i>Memorize it —</i>	Ps. 119:9-11	
	<i>Meditate on it —</i>	Joshua 1:8	I Tim. 4; 15
	<i>Obey it -</i>	James 1:22	James 4:17
Prayer	Matt. 21:22	Phil. 4:6, 7	I John 3:22
Christ the Center	John 15:5	II Cor. 5:14, 15	Col. 3:23, 24
Fellowship	Acts 2:42	Heb. 10:25	I John 1:3
Surrender (Dedication)	Romans 6:12, 13	Romans 12:1, 2	ICor. 10:31
Witness	Matt. 28:19, 20	Mark 8:38; Acts 1:8	II Cor. 5:19, 20
Holy Spirit	I Cor. 6:19, 20	ICor. 12:13	Gal. 5:16, 17
Promises of His Presence	Joshua 1:9	Is.41:10	Heb. 13:5,6
Promises of His Protection	Ps. 34:7	Ps-91:10, 11	Prov.1:33
Promises of His Provision	Matt. 6:33	Rom. 8:32	Phil. 4:19
Promises of His Peace	Ps. 119:165	Is. 26:3	John 14:27
Promises of His Forgiveness	Ps. 86:5	Ps. 103:10-12	Eph. 4:30-32
Promises of His Guidance	Ps. 119:105	Prov.3:5,6	John 7:17
Promises of His Strength	Ps.27:14	Is.40:31	Heb. 4:16
Promises of His Victory	ICor. 10:13	ICor. 15:57,58	Phil. 4:13

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**Practical Suggestions for Continuing and Enjoying
Your Bible Memory Program**

1. Pray daily that God will help you be obedient to Him in this area, and ask others to pray for you.
2. If you made a commitment to the Lord about this, review and renew it daily. If you did not, won't you promise the Lord now that you will work on Scripture memory for the next 21 days? Write down your vow and post it where you will see it each day.
3. Be accountable to someone.
4. Quote your verses to a listener each week. Have a set day and time each week to meet, pray, and quote the verses you have been learning.
5. Select short, meaningful verses to begin with.
6. Set a winning pace—a pace you can keep up with.
7. It's best to have a set time for memorizing and reviewing Scripture daily. You can work on your verses while exercising, traveling, etc.
8. Set goals in this area and review the rewards of reaching them.
9. Read one of the advantages of Scripture memory during your devotions each day; ponder it and pray about it. *A list of advantages is in the front of each verse book.*
10. If you obtained verse cards from us, don't feel that you have to learn the verses in the order they appear. Don't let the goal of learning all the verses in the book(s) overwhelm you. Simply be consistent.
11. Call or write to us if you need more verse cards. There are 11 verse books in print at this time. A list of "the 108 verses" is available.
12. Share with others what God is doing in your life. Explain the method to them, and ask them to try memorizing Scripture for a few weeks. Let us know if you need more handouts or brochures.
13. You may want to review the message on Scripture memory that you heard or share it with others. The message is available on cassette tape and video.

We are praying for and working toward your spiritual success.

“One Thing Is Needful” -- Luke 10:38-42

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As you sit at the Savior's feet and hear His word, you should be aware of . . .

I. The Attitude God Expects towards His Word

- A. Diligence – Proverbs 2:1-6 / I Timothy 4:15 / II Peter 1:5-11
- B. Delight – Psalm 119:14-16, 20, 36-37, 40, 72, 92, 103, 113, 162, 174 / I Peter 2:2-3

Compare your love for the Word with your love for the things of this life. Compare your time, words, and money spent on the Word to the same spent on the world.

II. The Actions God expects with His Word

- A. Hear It – “He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear” is stated many times in the Gospels and in Revelation 2 & 3.
- B. Read It – I Timothy 4:13-16 / Revelation 1:3
- C. Study It – II Timothy 2:15
- D. Memorize It – Deut. 6:4-6 / Psalm 119:11
- E. Meditate on It – Josh. 1:8 / Psalm 1 / Psalm 119 (many verses) / I Tim. 4:15
- F. Obey It – Deut. 6:4-9 / James 1:22 & 4:17
- G. Proclaim It – Psalm 71:15-24; 96:3; 119:13, 46, 172 / Mark 16:15 / Romans 1:14-17

Beware of these four things that will hinder you from sitting at Jesus' feet and hearing His Word, as He would have you to do:

1. **Worldliness** – note Col. 3:1-4, Matt. 22:36-40, I John 2:15-17, and Rev. 2:1-5
2. **Busyness** – note Luke 10:38-42 (Mark 4:19 & Luke 21:34 relate to #s 1 & 2)
3. **Laziness** – note Prov. 6:6-11, 20:13, and 24:30-34
4. **Stubbornness** – note I Sam. 15:22-23; Prov. 1:20-33; Isa. 65:2-5; and Jer. 25:4

If you stood before the Lord Jesus Christ today to give an account of your stewardship, would you be able to look into His eyes and tell Him, "Lord, I have been faithful to hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on, obey, and proclaim Your Word"?

If you could give that account, would you then be able to tell the Lord that you have had **an attitude of diligence** as you did those things? Could you also tell the Lord that you have *delighted* in His Word?

Are you more like Martha than you are like Mary? It's easy to be that way. If you have not been sitting at the Savior's feet and hearing His Word, as you should, will you confess that sin to the Lord, now? **Will you renew your commitment to the Lord to spend plenty of quality time in His Word and in prayer each day?**