

Scripture Memory

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I. In Psalm 119:9-11 we are commended to hide the Word of God in our hearts.

A. The average Christian has not been obedient in this area.

B. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

2. There are 273 commandments of Jesus in the New Testament relating to Christian behavior.

3. Obedience is the great one.

4. The greatest commandment is love. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

5. The greatest commandment in Deuteronomy 6:5 is tacked on with the secret of how to keep the greatest commandment in Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

6. The one that keeps his commandments has them. (John 14:21)

7. It is a command to be obedient - it is more than good, it is God's will. (Proverbs 7:1-3)

II. The memory system.

A. The necessity of preparation.

1. Like a robber who says "stick 'em up" without pulling out a gun, Christians often speak without preparation.

2. First generation Navigator representatives were expected to memorize three verses a week, and retain all that they memorized by consistent review.

B. Anyone can learn to memorize scripture.

1. Use rules of association.

2. Carry your verse pack with you wherever you go.

3. For the average person, memorization requires going through it forty-nine times. You do not memorize with the intention of forgetting the verses the next day.

C. It is easy to get sidetracked.

1. It is hard for flesh and blood to work. It is hard for the brain to think.

2. Scripture memory is work.

D. The value of Scripture memory.

1. Saved through Scripture memory – personal testimony of Dawson Trotman.
2. When we fail to get the Scripture in our hearts, we fail to have the power to get it into others.
3. Your victory will help another.
 - a. There is nothing wrong with being down, but we are responsible for getting up.
4. You teach new Christians basic principles.
 - a. Do not give new Christians all of it—there is something in human nature that wants more of something no matter what it is, so let them receive it in parts.

Application questions.

1. How is Scripture memory related to obedience? Explain.

2. How is Scripture memory related to evangelism? Give examples.

3. What is some of the advice that the speaker gave to help memorize Scripture? Where are you at with Scripture memory? Set some goals for this. How do you plan to accomplish these goals? Be specific.

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