

# Scripture Memory

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## I. Introduction.

## II. Motivation for Scripture memory.

- A. Knowing that Scripture memory is commanded, may not be enough to motivate others to maintain the discipline.
- B. People have to find their own motivation.
- C. The speaker was motivated because he was born again and wanted to help people.
- D. Memorizing Scripture will transform your life and enable you to help others.
- E. We memorize Scripture to know and obey the commandments. (Deuteronomy 6:6, Joshua 1:8, John 14:21)
- F. Jesus faced temptation from the Devil through the Word of God. (Matthew 4:11, Deuteronomy 8:3, 1 John 2:15-16)
- G. We need a balanced ration of Scripture - reading, studying, Scripture memory. (Luke 1:42-56)
- H. Some benefits of Scripture memory:
  - 1. Dealing with anxiety. (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:11)
  - 2. Victory over sin. Have passages of Scripture to call to mind to fight evil thoughts. (Psalm 119:111, Proverbs 6:20-23, 2 Peter 1:44, Psalm 119:155, Mark 7:21-23, John 14:26, Deuteronomy 18:9-11,)
  - 3. Light. (Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:130)
  - 4. Guidance. (Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 23:7, Joshua 1:7, John 8:31)
  - 5. Purifying the heart. (Proverbs 30:5, Psalm 12:6, Matthew 12:35)

## III. How to memorize.

- A. Choose some time that is free from distraction.
- B. Read the verse in context.
- C. Include the reference 'fore and aft'.
- D. Read it several times thoroughly.
- E. Break it into natural phrases.

F. Write the verse on a card.

G. Review immediately and frequently at least once a day.

H. Strive for word perfection.

IV. Role playing man-to-man Scripture memory work. (Hebrews 1:14, 2:1-3, 2:9, 2:14, 2:18, 3:12, 4:2, 4:9, 4:12-16)

A. Get verses from reading, church, Bible study and other people.

B. Memorize with a person that wants help, but he has to want to do it himself for it to work.

C. A good habit is to be reviewing twenty to fifty verses a day.

D. Memory work is in proportion to spiritual health.

E. The speaker's relationship with Jesus keeps him going in Scripture memory.

F. It is a continual challenge to keep up with Scripture memory—it helps to recognize that there are seasons in life that you must prepare for in order to be consistently successful.

G. Stick with one Bible translation per verse.

### **Application questions**

1. How does Psalm 119 describe the value of Scripture memory?

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2. What is your motivation for Scripture memory work?

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3. What do you need to do to improve your topical memory work? Explain.

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