

# Memorizing Scripture to Change your Life

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I. Introduction. A person can remember those things that are important to remember.

II. Why we memorize Scripture.

- A. We memorize because we want to think God's thoughts.
- B. It helps us to remember the broader portions of Scripture. (e.g., I Samuel 17)
- C. A person can memorize Scripture while doing something else.

III. Practical suggestions.

- A. A person should have a plan for long-term Scripture memory.
- B. A person should continually review what he knows, and do it in an orderly fashion.
- C. There is no perfect method, but one should continue to work at it.
- D. Key verses are more helpful to memorize than entire books because a person can generally remember what happens in between, reviewing entire books is difficult.
- E. Always keep verses with you so that you can review them during down time.
- F. Memorize the reference before and after the verse to emphasize the address.
- G. Repeat the verse over and over again.
- H. The way you make a habit is not to break it.
  - 1. Start.
  - 2. Start now.
  - 3. Start enthusiastically.
  - 4. Make no exceptions.

IV. Verses to start out with: I Corinthians 10:31, I Corinthians 1:9.

## Application questions:

1. Why memorize Scripture?

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2. What suggestions did you find most helpful? Why?

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3. Make a list of ten verses you would like to start out memorizing. What is your plan for making Scripture memory a continual part of your life?

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