

HE ^{AS} YOUR LIFE

Why Memorize Scripture?

To Conform to the image of Christ

- And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Triumph over sin

- I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

Triumph over Satan

- Jesus in the desert with the devil; triumphs with Scripture Matthew 4:1-11

Comfort and counsel others

- Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:4

Gospel to unbelievers

- For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," a made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5 & 6

What God's Word Says About Scripture

- These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7
- Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds Deuteronomy 11:18
- Do not let this Book of the Law depart from you mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8
- But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalms 1:2
- Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name. Psalms 86:11
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalms 119:105
- My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. Proverbs 4:20-22

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- As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:9-11
- When Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight. Jeremiah 15:16
- The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Ephesians 6:17
- Let the Word of Christ rule in you hearts. Colossians 3:16

How to Memorize Scripture

"I know of no other single practice in the Christian life more rewarding, practically speaking, than memorizing Scripture. . . .

No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends!

*Your **prayer life** will be **strengthened**.*

*Your **witnessing** will be **sharper** and much **more effective**.*

*Your **attitudes and outlook** will begin to **change**.*

*Your **mind** will become **alert and observant**.*

*Your **confidence and assurance** will be **enhanced**.*

*Your **faith** will be **solidified**"*

-Chuck Swindoll

(Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994], p. 61).

Suggestion 1

Place an emphasis on one word of verse at a time

Example: John 3:16a

FOR God so loved the world,

for **GOD** so loved the world,

for God **SO** loved the world

for God so **LOVED** the world

...and so on.

Suggestion 2

Review, Read, Recite, Repeat

Example: John 1:1-3

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[2] He was in the beginning with God.

[3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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Day 1:

- Read John 1:1 ten times (read it each time to imprint the words in your mind).
- Then close your Bible and recite it ten times (I suggest reciting it aloud).

Day 2:

- Refresh John 1:1 and then recite it ten times by memory.
- Read John 1:2 ten times.
- Close your Bible and recite it ten times.

Day 3:

- Recite John 1:1 one time by memory
- Recite John 1:2 ten times by memory
- Read John 1:3 ten times
- Close your Bible and recite it ten times.

This information was taken from "Ten Reasons to Memorize Big Chunks of the Bible" to read the full article visit <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/ten-reasons-to-memorize-big-chunks-of-the-bible> And on and on. Review, read, recite, repeat. If you repeat a verse by memory once a day for 100 days it will be in your permanent long-term memory.

If you want to know how to sustain a habit of reviewing, Andrew Davis has a 30-page book on how to do this (only \$0.99 on Kindle!).

Helpful Resources

- Apps to help memorize:
 - Scripture Typer
 - Fighter Verses
- Put verses to song:
 - **Seeds of Family Worship** has several CD's (also available on iTunes)
 - Helps families experience God's Word through music
 - Teaches parents to lead family worship in their homes
 - Provides awesome resources for family discipleship
- Place scripture on cards in car and around house