Memorizing Bible Verses

**Why is Memorizing Bible Verses Important?**

1. Helps Transform your heart and mind (to understand how God thinks, to get His perspective, to change our thoughts and put them in line with God’s) What does God say about our thoughts/mind? Isaiah 55:8, 9

o What does God say about our heart? Jeremiah 17:9, Mark 7:21-23

o What part does our heart/desires play in temptation? James 1:14

o According to James 1:14, the key to battling temptation is setting our desires on the things of God. This begins with getting God’s Word in our mind. Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 4:23, 24

o Then meditating on God’s Word. (This enables us to move His Word from our head to our heart.) Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3

o God’s Word on our heart keeps our desires on Him and helps us from desiring the things of the world. Psalm 119:9, 11; Proverbs 3:1-3; 7:1-3

o God’s Word in our heart allows us to focus on Him constantly throughout the day. By constantly focusing on Him and His Word His desires become our desires. This causes us to not even notice temptation or to displace the ungodly thoughts we have.

1. Helps in Witnessing to Non-Christians. Acts 18:28; I Peter 3:15
* “Until these verses are hidden in the heart, they aren’t available to use with the mouth.” – Don Whitney
1. Helps in Counseling Other Christians – Colossians 3:16
2. Helps Our Personal Growth
* Guides Us—Psalm 119:24, 105
* Aids in Prayer – John 15:7
* Fuels Meditation—Psalm 119:97; Psalm 1:2, 3; Joshua 1:8
* Overcomes Temptation/Sin—Psalm 119:9,11; Matthew 4
* Keeps us on the Right Path—2 Timothy 3:16, 17 (teaching, rebuking, correcting, training)
* Helps discern proper motives of the heart—Hebrews 4:12
1. Can remind you of a part of your testimony when God helped you or taught you.
2. Helps you know the entire context of a specific book or chapter in the Bible.

o One memorized verse can give you a handle on the whole chapter, or help you remember what you learned through Bible Study.

1. Most Effective Way to Apply the Following Verses:

o Proverbs 3:1-3; 7:1-3 “Write them on the tablet of your heart”

o Deuteronomy 6:6-9 “these commands should be on your heart”

o Deuteronomy 32:46,47 “these words are your life”

**Examples from the Bible**

* Paul: Acts 13:16, 40-42; Acts 28:28
* Peter: Acts 2:1–47
* James: Acts 15:13-18; 30-31
* Stephen: Acts 7 (23rd or the 52nd verses of Stephen’s sermon quotes from OT)
* Jesus: Matthew 4:2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10; Luke 24:25-27; Matthew 19:1-6; Matthew 21:13, 16, 42

**How to Memorize God’s Word:**

**If you want a digital option**, Use a Bible verse Memory App: Scripture Typer. The free version lets you memorize and review up to 50 verses.

**If you prefer something physical**, print the verse on one side of a 3x5 card. 2. Flip the card over and print the reference in the middle. On the bottom left of the card print the month and day you are memorizing it. On the bottom right print the month and day two months from the day you memorize it. In the middle print the year. The date two months from now is the date you will stop reviewing daily and start reviewing it weekly.
Like so: June13 2006 August13

1. Memorize the verse by phrases.
* Memorize one phrase at a time, including the reference, adding phrase by phrase until the entire verse is committed to memory. Some people like to say each phrase 10 times by itself, then add them together and say the whole verse 10 times.
1. Say the reference before and after you quote the verse.
* For many, the reference is the hardest part to remember, so say it twice when quoting the verse.
1. Review this verse each day for eight weeks.
* Quote the verse aloud. Pray over the verse, asking God to make the meaning clear and applicable to you, then put it in a weekly review system.
1. When reviewing, look at only the reference to prompt yourself.
* If you forget the verse, go through the above learning process again.
1. Commit yourself to never going to bed without getting your scripture memory review done.

**How to have a Lifetime Back Review:**

* Date the verse when you memorize it and review it every day for two months.
	+ - This is called your “Current Review.” After the two months is over, take the verses out and put them in a weekly “Back Review” System.
* Divide the number of verses in your back review by the number of days you want to review them in.
	+ - Example: 35 verses/5 days = 7 verses per day Monday through Friday or
		- 35 verses/7 days = 5 verses each day Sunday through Saturday

3. Put an equal number into each day’s “Back Review” and put a title card in front of each group with the day of the week printed on it. Carry your “Current Review” verses in one side of the verse pack and your “Back Review” verses in the other side.

**Other Helpful Hints:**

1. As you begin each day, put your verse pack in your pocket-just like your keys. That way, you can take advantage of spare moments throughout the day.
2. Review, Review, Review!!! When driving, waiting, etc. Have a regular time if possible.
3. Find time to meditate on the verse and what God is saying to you personally.
4. Begin memorizing verses that stick out to you from your time reading your Bible or begin memorizing a Scripture Memory Course (Topical Memory System or The Real Purpose of Life Scripture Memory Course)
5. Begin slowly. Start by memorizing one verse a week.
6. Scripture Memory is hard work!