

Memorizing Scripture

"Probably no method of Scripture intake pays higher dividends for the time invested than Scripture memory." --Walter Henrichsen, author of *Disciples Are Made-Not Born*.

Proverbs 22:17, 18 says, "Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, that they may be ready on your lips."

Colossians 3:16 instructs us to "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you."

What are some of the benefits of memorizing Scripture? It can help you have victory over sin (Psalms 119:9, 11), give you confidence in witnessing (1st Peter 3:15), give you joy (Jeremiah 15:16), help you pray more effectively (John 15:7), and help you grow (1st Peter 2:2).

Jesus could quote Scripture (Matthew 4), and so could Paul (Acts 13), as well as other godly men. We should follow their example!

The law of God kept before the mind brings the order of God into our mind and soul. The soul is restored as the law becomes the routine pattern of inward life and outward action.

A freedom we have is the choice of where we will place our minds. We can fill our minds with the word of God, preserved in the scriptures. To that end memorization is important. Memorization enables us to keep God's word constantly before our minds.

Josh. 1:8 says: "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Memorization enables us to meditate, which enables us to do, which enables us to "have good success" because we are walking in God's ways.

Memorizing and meditating on God's Word will help you overcome worry. You can experience God's perfect peace by having His promises written on your heart.

God's Word hidden in your heart is the sword of the Spirit, available for battle at any time against sin and Satan.

Scripture memory will help you keep spiritually fit. You will experience immediate benefits and become better equipped to meet future needs and opportunities.

You Have a Good Memory

If you don't think so, consider all the information you know by heart—your address and phone number, all the people you know by name, details about your job, facts and figures about your favorite sport or hobby, and so on. You see, your memory is pretty good after all. Anything is easy to memorize when you really have an interest in it.

THE TOPICAL MEMORY SYSTEM

If you want to memorize Scripture, but aren't sure what to memorize or how, this system is exactly what you need to begin hiding God's word in your heart.

LIVE THE NEW LIFE

Christ the Center	2 Corinthians 5:17	Galatians 2:20
Obedience to Christ	Romans 12:1	John 14:21
The Word	2 Timothy 3:16	Joshua 1:8
Prayer	John 15:7	Philippians 4:6, 7
Fellowship	Matthew 18:20	Heb 10:24, 25
Witnessing	Matthew 4:19	Romans 1:16

PROCLAIM CHRIST

All Have Sinned	Romans 3:23	Isaiah 53:6
Sin's Penalty	Romans 6:23	Hebrews 9:27
Christ Paid the Penalty	Romans 5:8	1 Peter 3:18
Salvation is not by Works	Ephesians 2:8, 9	Titus 3:5
Must Receive Christ	John 1:12	Revelation 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	1 John 5:13	John 5:24

RELY ON GOD'S RESOURCES

His Spirit	1 Corinthians 3:16	1 Cor 2:12
His Strength	Isaiah 41:10	Philippians 4:13
His Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:22, 23	Numbers 23:19
His Peace	Isaiah 26:3	1 Peter 5:7
His Provision	Romans 8:32	Philippians 4:19
His Help in Temptation	Hebrews 2:18	Psalms 119:9, 11

BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLE

Put Christ First	Matthew 6:33	Luke 9:23
Separate From the World	1 John 2:15, 16	Romans 12:2
Be Steadfast	1 Corinthians 15:58	Hebrews 12:3
Serve Others	Mark 10:45	2 Corinthians 4:5
Give Generously	Proverbs 3:9, 10	2 Cor 9:6, 7
Develop World Vision	Acts 1:8	Matt 28:19, 20

GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS

Love	John 13:34, 35	1 John 3:18
Humility	Philippians 2:3, 4	1 Peter 5:5, 6
Purity	Ephesians 5:3	1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Leviticus 19:11	Acts 24:16
Faith	Hebrews 11:6	Romans 4:20, 21
Good Works	Galatians 6:9, 10	Matthew 5:16