



Scripture Memorization

implanting God's Word

deep within your heart

Scripture memorization is essential in the life of every believer. Here are **5 reasons why we must commit to implanting God's Word deep within our heart...**

ONE

to become more like Christ

Implanting God's Word in our hearts, fixing our gaze upon Him through the Scriptures, reveals to us His true nature and character. This revelation ushers us into the reality of knowing Him more and reflecting His person. Paul wrote that "we all, . . . beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18). "The Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord" (1 Samuel 3:21).

TWO

to experience victory over sin

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. . . . I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:9, 11). The one piece of armor used to kill is the "sword of the Spirit" which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17). Daily we are confronted with the choice to

sin or to walk according to God's way. When this choice arises, we can call to mind the Word of God and experience victory over the temptation to choose sin over God's way.

THREE

to daily defeat the enemy, Satan

When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness he recited Scripture from memory and put Satan to flight (Matthew 4:1-11).

FOUR

to encourage those in need

When our friends and families need an encouraging word, we may not always have our Bibles handy. Having hidden God's Word in our hearts, those Words will freely flow from our hearts and mouths anytime and anywhere. Not only that, the very word of God spoken spontaneously from our hearts has unusual power. Proverbs 25:11 says, "The right word at the right time is like precious gold set in silver."

FIVE

to share the Gospel with unbelievers

Opportunities to share the Good News with those who don't have a relationship with God often come about when we don't have a Bible close by. We must learn God's Word, implant it deep within our hearts so we are able to share God's message of redemption when He brings an unbeliever into our lives.



HOW TO MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD.

Now that we know the **why** behind implanting God's Word into our hearts, let's discover the **how**. When it comes to memorizing God's Word, one size does not fit all— **there are numerous ways to ingest and digest the Scriptures**. The method or plan used to devour the Word is yours for the choosing. Some prefer a very structured approach to memorizing Scriptures, others are creative in their memorization, and still others prefer to set their verses to music. Do what works for you!

Whatever method is used to implant the Word, here are a few things to keep in mind:

Relationship

Read the verse in context.

Reading the verse in context is important because it will help you to better understand the meaning of the verse, memorize the verse, and use the verse in the right manner (see 2 Timothy 2:15).

Read

Read the verse several times.

Read the verse silently, aloud, and with feeling. This will help fix the verse in your mind.

Reference

Learn the location of the verse.

Say the reference at the beginning of the verse. Say the verse. Say the reference at the end of the verse.

Reduce

Break the verse down into small bites.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time! You memorize a verse of Scripture one phrase at a time! Look for key words in each phrase. Say the reference and then the phrase. Repeat

the step above and add the next phrase until you have memorized the entire verse.

Record

Write down the verse and look at it.

Get a visual image of the verse. Highlight or underline key words in the verse that can help you link phrases. Record the verse on a card. Write the verse on one side of the card and the reference on the opposite side.

Right

Learn the verse word perfectly.

Be precise in your memorization. Take note of the punctuation marks. Do not overlook even the smallest words - they often make the biggest difference. Learning a verse word perfectly will give you confidence in using the verse.

Review

Memorization is only half the battle.

You must review your verses every day.

- Keep a memory card with you at all times.
- Make a prayer from the verse.
- Apply the verse to your life.
- Review your verses with a family member or friend. (used with permission of Omar Garcia <http://bibleteachingnotes.com>)

A few ideas for implanting the Word:

Doodle, draw, or use other types of creative art to express yourself as you memorize the Scriptures.

Pray the Word. Take the verses you are learning and pray them back to God; doing this will make those verses become part of who you are.

Set the verses you are memorizing to the tune of your favorite song.



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TO HELP YOU GET STARTED
WITH SCRIPTURE
MEMORIZATION HERE ARE A
FEW VERSES TO IMPLANT IN
YOUR HEART...



*Verses for new
Christians*

The Word – Commanded to Learn
Josh. 1:8; Matt. 4:4; Col. 3:17

Assurance of Salvation
1 John 5:11,12; John 5:24; Rom. 8:1

Obedience – The Key to Happiness
John 13:17; Luke 11:28; Psalms 119:1,2

The New Life in Christ
2 Cor. 5:17; John 10:10b; Col. 2:6

Witnessing – Commanded
Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Tim. 4:2

Daily Prayer is Essential
John 15:7; John 16:24; 1 Thes. 5:17

*Verses to help you
share your faith*

God Loves All Men
John 3:16; 1 John 3:16; Rom. 5:8

All Men Are Sinful
Rom. 3:23; John 3:19; Rom. 3:12

The Results of Sin
Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:27; Rom. 5:12

Christ Paid for Man's Sin
1 Cor. 15:3,4; 1 Pet. 3:18; Gal. 3:13

Salvation is a Free Gift
Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 3:24; Titus 3:5

Christ is the Only Way of Salvation
John 14:6; John 10:9; Isa. 53:6

Man Must Receive Christ Personally
John 1:12; Rev. 3:20; John 5:24

Man Must Make Christ Lord of His Life
Rom. 10:13; Rom. 10:9,10; Acts 16:31

*Verses about who you
are in Christ*

Pardoned from Sin
1 John 1:9; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 2:1,2

At peace with God
John 14:27; John 16:33; Isa. 26:3

A New Nature
1 Pet. 1:23; Eph. 4:24; 2 Pet. 1:4

New Power Within
Col. 1:11; Eph. 3:20; Zech. 4:6

Victorious over Sin
1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 5:4,5; 11 Cor. 2:4

Victorious over Worry
Phil. 4:6,7; 11 Tim. 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:7

Victorious over Anger
Eph. 4:30-32; Psa. 37:8; Ecc. 7:9

Victorious over Depression
1 Thes. 5:18; Col. 1:12; Psa. 100:4

Guided by the Holy Spirit
Rom. 8:14; John 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:12

Verses about challenges you will face as a Christian

To Separate from the World
I John 2:15,16; II Cor. 6:17,18; Rom. 12:2

To Follow Christ
Luke 9:23; I John 2:6; I Pet. 2:21

To Go and Witness
Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; I Pet. 3:15

To Grow in Faith
Heb. 11:6; Rom. 4:20,21; Acts 27:25

To Walk in the Spirit
Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16,17

To Be Generous
Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:7; I Cor. 16:2

To Yield Yourself to God
Rom. 12:1,2; Rom. 6:13; Rom. 6:16

To Seek Christian Companions
I Cor. 15:33; Prov. 4:14; Psa. 1:1

Verses about your new nature in Christ.

Love
John 15:12; John 13:35; I Thes. 3:12

Your words were found, and I ate
them, and your words became to me
a joy and the delight of my
heart, for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
Jeremiah 15:15, ESV

Joy
Jer. 15:16; John 15:11; I Pet 1:18

Faith
Eph. 6:16; Jas. 1:6; Rom. 5:1

Humility
Rom. 12:3; I Pet. 5:5; Jas. 4:10

Patience
Heb. 10:26; Rom. 12:12; Jas. 1:4

Wisdom
Matt. 7:24; II Thes. 3:15; Jas. 3:17

Grace
I Cor. 1:4; I Pet. 4:10; I Cor. 15:10

Comfort
II Cor. 1:3,4; John 14:18; John 14:1

Forgiveness
Mat. 6:14; Mark 11:25; Luke 17:4

Verses about the daily Christian walk

Walk by Faith
Habakkuk 2:4; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:6

Walk in Love
I Cor. 16:14; Eph. 5:2; Col. 3:12-14

Walk as Children of the Light
Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:8

Do Everything as unto the Lord
Rom. 12:1; Col. 3:17; Col. 3:23,24

Daily Renew your Mind
John 17:17; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8; I Pet. 1:13

Rejoice in all Things
2 Cor. 12:9; Gal. 6:14; Phil. 4:4

Pray without Ceasing
Eph. 6:18; I Thes. 5:17; Heb. 4:16