

SPIRITUAL Foundations



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SCRIPTURE MEMORY MADE EASY

Scripture Memory is a gift with great reward. Learn an easy, approachable method to hide God's word in your heart.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Friend, don't let your age or other factor keep you from seeking to hide God's Word in your heart.

I have treasured your word in my heart
so that I may not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11 CSB

1. DECIDE what verse you will memorize.
2. WRITE IT in your own handwriting.
3. READ the verse out loud several times.
4. REVIEW the verse daily for one-three days.
5. PRACTICE reciting the verse from memory.

HELPFUL TIPS:

Notice the punctuation, then read the verse with the appropriate pause, excitement, question, or command.

DON'T FORGET: Pray and ask God to help you. He loves to say YES when we ask according to HIS WILL- **AMEN!**

REMINDER: Growth Takes Time

Any attempt we make to memorize God's Word
delights his heart.

Enjoy the experience!

(you're not getting a grade, so just have fun!)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

PRAY TO

#1: START WITH PRAYER

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”*
1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

Here's the deal:

IT'S GOD'S WILL FOR US TO HIDE HIS WORD IN
OUR HEARTS.

Therefore, He will enable us to do what we are willing to allow Him
to do for us when it comes to memorizing His word.

TRUTH BOMB:

He knows everything about us, He knows our strengths and
weaknesses. He will help us to hide His word in our hearts as we
pray and ask Him for His supernatural power to override any
hindrance we may have when it comes to memorization.

#2: BE THANKFUL

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures
forever!*
Psalms 136:1 NKJV

Our gratitude will help us keep our eyes on the things of God, His
faithfulness, His mercy, and grace. This allows us to focus less on our
insufficiency and to magnify His sufficiency.

DECIDE

Pick a verse or two that speaks to you.

In my experience, when a verse seems to stand out to me, it's usually because God is trying to teach or show me something. When this happens, I find it easier to reflect on and memorize.

However, other times, I simply want to know more about a specific subject or topic. This allows me to find a verse or two that speaks to me so that I can apply it to memory.

How to find a verse that speaks to you:

1. Review the scripture your pastor taught from last.
2. When you read your daily devotional, is there a verse that resonates with what you mentioned?
3. If you're working through a guided Bible study, is there a verse that keeps coming up that you want to think more about?

There is no **one** way to find a verse, but I feel if you prayerfully and ask God to show you, He will do so in a tender way.

If you still can't decide, here are some great ones to consider:

Romans 8:28

Psalms 139:14

Proverbs 3:5-6

1 John 1:9

Galatians 5:22-23

Philippians 4:6-7

WRITE

Every time you write and re-write the text, your brain is applying the lines of the letters, the dots and the crosses to memory.

Copy the words of the scripture you're memorizing onto a note card or sheet of paper.

Having a small note card is easy to carry with you, hang on your bathroom mirror, or post by your workstation at the office.

TIPS:

#1: PRETEND YOU ARE THE AUTHOR

This is a simple, fun exercise that allows you to “hear” the words in a different perspective.

#2: PRETEND YOU ARE THE ONE THE WORDS WERE WRITTEN FOR

The same idea applies. We “hear” the text as if someone had written these words in a letter or note to us.

READ

#1: READ THE VERSE OUT LOUD.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

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When we read out loud, it allows our brains to receive the information differently. It helps us notice things we didn't see when we read silently.

#2: SLOW DOWN:

Read the verse again, slowly this time. Notice any punctuation.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Do you remember, as a child, when your teacher would read to the class from the book you had been reading? How different did the words sound, and how much more real did the story seem? The same idea applies to your reading aloud to yourself.

REVIEW

Re-read the words again and again.

Remind yourself where the punctuation is.

Allow your mind to see the words you've written on your index card.

Allow your mind to see how the verse is set up on the page of your Bible.

PRACTICE

Practice saying the verse out loud to yourself as often as you can.

IDEAS TO TRY:

- *break the verse down into sections*
- *practice reciting the verse from the first word to the first comma or punctuation, then to the next one, and so forth.*
- *when you can say out loud the first half of the verse, get excited, you're almost there!*
- *keep up the practice, even if you don't feel like you're getting it. Keep praying and asking God to help you.*

BELIEVE

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NIV

REVIEW YOUR VERSE WITH THANKSGIVING AND BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED.

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

What does the verse say that God can do?

Whose power is at work?

Where is that power residing?

For what purpose is that power living in us?

BONUS TIP:

By reading the verse as it relates to the chapter, the complete thought, idea, or topic may be better understood. This often helps when a verse seems hard to memorize.