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Memory Verses

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Why Memorize?

Memorizing scripture is an excellent way to worship God and allow him to mold you and use you. It is your sword which can be used offensively and defensively in spiritual battle. King David wrote, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you (Psa. 119:11, NIV). It helps you witness, teach and pray. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17, NIV). Blessed is the man whose “delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers” (Psa. 1:2-3, NIV). “Do your best to present yourself to God as one

approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15, NIV).

How to Memorize?

There is no prescription for memorizing scripture, but here are some suggestions that may help God's word become a natural part of your lifestyle.

- Read the verse dozens of times out loud.
- Write down the verse.
- Learn what the verse means.
- Find logical breakpoints to segment the verse into smaller phrases. For instance,
- For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 (always memorize the reference so you can find the verse when needed)

- Repeat each segment until it is memorized then connect the segments into a whole verse.
- Create a simple tune to put the verse to music.
- Utilize idle time to learn the verse. Put it in your pocket or purse, on the dash of your car, your desk at work, your computer desktop, your cell phone, the bathroom mirror, or the breakfast table.
- Practice reciting what you have learned to someone else. For instance, use it for spiritual discussions with family members at meal times.
- Periodically review the verses you have learned.

Believing in Jesus

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” *John 1:1-4*

Believing in Jesus

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” *John 3:16-17*

Believing in Jesus

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”

Psalm 23:1-3

Believing in Jesus

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Believing in Jesus

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” *John 14:6*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” *Luke 9:23-25*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” *Galatians 5:16-17*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ
liveth in me: and the life which I now
live in the flesh I live by the faith of
the Son of God, who loved me, and
gave himself for me.” *Galatians 2:20*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” *Romans 8:12-14*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Ephesians 4:22-24

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” *Romans 12:1*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Romans 12:2

Letting Jesus Live in You

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” *Acts 1:8*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” *1 Corinthians 2:12-13*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” *Acts 20:24*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

John 12:24

Letting Jesus Live in You

“And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” *Acts 5:41-42*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“To whom [the saints] God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:” *Colossians 1:27*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”

Colossians 1:28-29

Making Disciples

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” *Matthew 7:21*

Making Disciples

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

Matthew 23:23

Making Disciples

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:33

Making Disciples

“But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:”

Matthew 20:26-27

Making Disciples

“And he saith unto them, Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

Making Disciples

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Amen.” *Matthew 28:18-20*