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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. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.” *John 1:1-4*

Believing in Jesus

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” *John 3:16-17*

Believing in Jesus

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” *Psalm 23:1-3*

Believing in Jesus

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

Believing in Jesus

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” *John 14:6*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?”

Luke 9:23-25

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.” *Galatians 5:16-17*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation — but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” *Romans 8:12-14*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:22-24

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.” *Romans 12:1*

Giving Your Life to Jesus

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2

Letting Jesus Live in You

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” *Acts 1:8*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Letting Jesus Live in You

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.” *Acts 20:24*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

John 12:24

Letting Jesus Live in You

“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.” *Acts 5:41-42*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“To them [the saints] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” *Colossians 1:27*

Letting Jesus Live in You

“We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I [Paul] labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29

Making Disciples

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21

Making Disciples

“But you [teachers of the law and Pharisees] have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.” *Matthew 23:23*

Making Disciples

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Making Disciples

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” *Matthew 20:26-27*

Making Disciples

“‘Come, follow me,’ said Jesus, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Matthew 4:19

Making Disciples

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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