

A Scripture Memory Review System

"I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You."

Psalm 119:11

The challenge of memorizing Scripture is not just memorizing it the first time, but remembering it after that. I have spent much time memorizing large portions of Scripture that I did not review and therefore could not remember months later. To remedy this, I use a Scripture Memory Review System.

Memorizing Scripture is challenging. It is often challenging because, as a culture, we are not in the habit of memorizing. However, the more you do it (and the earlier you teach your children to learn it), the more accustomed our minds will become to it. Don't quit because it is hard at first; keep training your memory muscle and it will become stronger.

Memorizing Scripture and using a review system also takes time. Is it worth it?

- How important is it to understand who God is and his will for our lives (Eph 5:15-17)?
- How important is it to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:1-2; Psalm 19:7-14)?
- How can we live out our freedom in Christ from sin (Psalm 119:9-11; Matt 4:1-11; John 8:31-32)?
- How can we have victory in the spiritual battle and escape from deception (Eph 6:10-17; Col 3:16; Titus 1:9)?
- How can we be equipped for every good work (1 Tim 3:16-17)?
- How can we be sure to grow, bear spiritual fruit, and enjoy success in all we do (Psalm 1:1-3)?

Here is David's conclusion about the words of the Lord,

"More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned; In keeping them there is great reward!"

Psalm 19:10-11

To get started, choose a book, chapter, or passage. It is better to memorize large sections of Scripture so that you can understand its context. However, this review system works for short verses too.

Day 1: Memorize the first verse.

- Read the first verse five times (or seven or ten, depending on your need). As you do this, be sure you:
 - Include the verse numbers (say "two-three" for 2:3). This will become very helpful for recall and ministry.
 - Consider the meaning of the verse. Read it out loud in a way that expresses the meaning.

- Visually photograph the words or create images of its meaning in your mind. You may also find it helpful to write out the verse by hand.
- Repeat the first verse five times (or seven or ten) without looking.

Day 2: Review and Memorize

- Repeat the verse you memorized yesterday five times. Don't forget to:
 - Include the verse numbers (say "two-three" for 2:3).
 - Consider the meaning of the verse and say it out loud in a way that expresses the meaning.
- Memorize the next verse as described in "Day 1."

Day 3: Review and Memorize

- Repeat the verse you memorized yesterday five times. Don't forget to:
 - Include the verse numbers (say "two-three" for 2:3).
 - Consider the meaning of the verse and say it in a way that expresses the meaning.
- Repeat one time all the verses you have memorized together.
- Memorize the next verse as described in "Day 1."

Day 4 (and after): Review and Memorize

- Continue what is described in "Day 3" until you complete the passage or chapter.
- Put the passage on your "Daily Scripture Memory Review" chart and review it for 14 days.
- Then place the passage on your "Weekly Scripture Memory Review" chart and review it once a week for 7 weeks.
- Then place the passage on your "Monthly Scripture Memory Review" chart and review it once a month for the rest of your life!

Daily Procedure

- Review a passage from your monthly chart.
 - You can do this during other daily activities: shower, driving, waiting, cleaning, exercising. Make it a part of your daily routine.
 - You won't have to do this everyday unless you have around thirty passages on this chart.
- Review a passage from your weekly chart.
 - You won't have to do this everyday unless you have around seven passages on this chart.
- Review all passages on your daily chart.
 - This will normally only be one or two depending on how many passages you are trying to memorize at once.
- Continue to review and memorize the passage you are currently working on as described in "Day 3."

