

Scripture Memory

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I. Introduction.

- A. The assumption is that there is motivation for Scripture memory.
- B. You also have to have some skill.

II. "Beginning with Christ."

- A. Have you believed in Jesus Christ for salvation? (Galatians 3:20, John 1:12)
- B. The new believer must first be protected from hostile enemies. Reading and memorizing the Word of God helps with this. (1 Peter 2:2, Psalm 119:11, Ephesians 6:16, Matthew 4:1-11)
- C. We need our own reasons for motivation in Scripture memory. One of the motivations is to keep the Devil away.
- D. Role playing Scripture memory through repetition.
- E. You have to have a system to change your thought patterns.
- F. Work out the review system so a man goes from the known to the unknown.
- G. You have to have some accountability. (Hebrews 1:2-3, 1:14, 2:12, 2:9, 2:14-15, 2:18, 3:12-13, 4:2, 4:9, 4:12, 5:1, 5:7, 5:12, 6:4, 7:25, 8:11, 9:27)
- H. Witnessing is not a big enough reason for Scripture memory.
- I. To help someone else get motivated, you have to know what buttons to push.
 - 1. Scripture memory helps us to think another thought when we actually see what the Bible is saying.
 - 2. Share what motivates you.
- J. Get motivated, get a schedule and then get someone to help by listening to you.

III. Plan.

- A. Get sixty verses and give them to someone.
- B. Put all those that you can quote word perfect and put them in a separate pile.
- C. Take those and review those every day and then re-memorize the rest about one a day until you can quote all word perfect.
- D. Divide the completed into two groups and then review those two groups daily.

- E. Add a new packet of around sixty.
- F. Organize verses by book.
- G. In reviewing start from the known and move to the unknown.
- H. Verses are to feed on and to keep from sinning. (Psalm 119:111, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

IV. How to choose verses.

- A. Pick them up in your Bible reading and Bible study. (Proverbs 6:16)
- B. The Topical Memory System helps to get you started on how to choose verses.
- C. Scripture memory is a lifelong resource.
- E. Scripture memory helps us change our thought patterns. (Joshua 1:3)

Application questions

1. Memorize Psalm 119:111 and write it below. How does this verse contribute to the value of Scripture memory?

2. What is your motivation for Scripture memory work?

3. What do you need to do to improve your topical memory work? Explain.
