

Giving Challenge

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I. Introduction.

A. We will not make an impact on the world for the gospel without some dying.

B. No one can take us on if we put the fear of God first.

II. Just because God pours out His grace on us does not mean that it cannot be poured out in vain—God expects us to be committed and labor in response to grace. (I Corinthians 15:10, I Corinthians 6:1)

A. Discipline is a fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:23)

B. The great task is the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

III. To make disciples one must be equipped.

A. One needs to practice Scripture memory.

1. It can help one in the midst of temptation.

2. It can help one to remember context. (e.g., I Samuel 7:4-5)

B. Memorizing verses early will help one throughout his or her entire life.

C. Memorize one verse a week.

1. Once you memorize a verse word-perfect, review it thirty times.

2. Review the verse you have memorized throughout the month.

3. Verses to start out with (Acrostic: G.L.O.R.I.F.Y. T.H.E. L.O.R.D.): I Corinthians 10:31 (glorify), Matthew 22:36-38 (love), John 14:21 (obedience), Philippians 4:4 (rejoice), Colossians 4:12 (intercession), Hebrews 11:6 (faith), I Timothy 4:12 (youth), I Thessalonians 5:18 (thanksgiving), Mark 4:19 (hindrances), Ephesians 4:19 (edification), Luke 6:46 (lordship of Christ), Philippians 2:3-4 (always for others), Ephesians 6:1 (respect for others) and Romans 12:1-2 (dedication).

IV. Challenge to give.

Application questions:

1. What is the value of Scripture memory?

2. How is it possible that grace can be received from God in vain? Does this mean God's grace is ineffective? Explain.

3. What practical system can you put in place to start memorizing or better memorize Scripture? Explain.
