

Scripture Memory for a Lifetime

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I. Introduction.

II. Motivation for Scripture memory.

- A. The assumption is that there is already motivation for Scripture memory.
- B. A lot of Scripture tells us we should memorize Scripture. (Psalm 119:105, 119:130)
- C. Jesus going away made it possible for us to make a commitment because of the Holy Spirit whom He sent.
- D. We are born again and the Spirit within us needs to be fed with the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 6:6, 11:18-19, Proverbs 6:20-23, Colossians 3:16)
- E. Present thoughts determine present action, so memorize the Word. (John 8:32, 2 Peter 1:4, John 14:26, Psalm 119:111, 119:155, Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 2:1, 2:4-5)
- F. The speaker was influenced by Navigators in the military to memorize Scripture.

III. If you want to memorize Scripture, you have to have a system like “Beginning with Christ.”

- A. Have someone memorize Scripture with you.
- B. You have to have tenacity. (John 16:24)
- C. Use repetition.

IV. Question and Answer.

- A. Set yourself a pace. Do not try to memorize chapters - it is too much to retain.
- B. Keep a pack with you to review all the time.
- C. The speaker memorizes verses by book as opposed to topics to systematically cover them. (Isaiah 1:18, 1:19, 2:11-12, 5:20-21, 8:20, 9:6, 11:3, 11:9, 14:12-14, 26:3, 28:9-10, 28:17, 30:15, 30:18, Mark 8:36, Mark 10:45, Luke 6:26, Luke 9:23, Luke 12:15)
- D. We can look forward to victory with Scripture memory. (Job 31:1)
- E. Use cards for accessibility in Scripture memory.

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.
