

# Making Scripture Memory Your Own – A Lifetime Habit

*What memorizing God's Word will do for you;*

1. It will help you overcome worry
2. It will help you have victory over sin
3. It will help you gain confidence in witnessing
4. It enriches us; **Col. 3:16**
5. Moses urges it; **Deut. 6:6-7**
6. Jesus used it; **Matt. 4:4**
7. It gives stability; **Ps. 37:31**
8. It's written on the heart; **Prov. 7:1-3**

*Why topics and references;*

1. To understand the meaning of the verses.
2. They are mental 'hooks' to reference the verses.
3. They serve you well when done; fore and aft.

*Observations about the Word of God;*

1. It is matchless - Man can not duplicate it.
2. It is ultimate - It is final, it will not be changed, and its judgments' have no appeal.
3. It is perfect - God is perfect, so no one can improve on it.
4. It is timeless - It is relevant in the past, present and future.
5. It is indestructible - Absolutely no person or force can destroy it.

*God's Word is ineffective whenever one or more of these things happen;*

1. The Christian is neglecting it.
2. The Christian is doubting what it says.
3. The Christian is disobeying it.

*The hand illustration;*

*Retention%*

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| 1. <u>Hear</u> the Word.                         | 5-10%       |
| 2. <u>Read</u> the Word.                         | 10-15%      |
| 3. <u>Study</u> the Word.                        | 20-35%      |
| 4. <u>Memorize</u> the Word. <b>Ps. 119:9-11</b> | <u>100%</u> |
| 5. <u>Meditate on</u> the Word.                  | Varies      |