

Scripture Memory

Shaping your heart!

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.....

WHAT is Scripture Memory?

Learning Bible verses word for word by heart.
Memorizing verses or passages from God's word.

WHO?

Is this only for those with exceptional memorizing skills, or photographic memories?
No! It's for any and everyone who trusts in Jesus and wants to know what he says in his perfect word that he has given us.

WHY?

1. God's word is perfect.

Psalms 19:7-8

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

2. God's word is valuable.

Psalms 119:72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. (Proverbs 7:1-3; Psalms 119:24; Psalms 119:72)

3. God's word is practical.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4. God's word is eternal.

1 Peter 1:24-2

For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

5. God's word is an offensive tool.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

(Psalm 119:105, Psalm 1, Philippians 4:6, Hebrews 3:1, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Psalm 1)

6. God's word is a defensive tool too!

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

(Ephesian 6:17; Matthew 4:1-11;

What you think,
determines
where you go.

Our lives run in
the direction of
our thoughts

Chuck Swindol:

I know of no other single practice in the Christian life more rewarding, practically speaking, than memorizing Scripture. . . . No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends! Your prayer life will be strengthened. Your witnessing will be sharper and much more effective. Your attitudes and outlook will begin to change. Your mind will become alert and observant. Your confidence and assurance will be enhanced. Your faith will be solidified.

Knowing God's word is
Vital
and
Versatile

Memorizing is an
eternal investment.
It cannot be taken
from you!

Why memorize? Isn't reading and studying enough?

1. Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

2. Deuteronomy 6:4-7

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3. Genesis 2:16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

