

Memorizing Scripture

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I. Introduction.

A. We have a special treasure in the Scriptures because they can make us wise for salvation. (II Timothy 3:15)

B. The Scriptures introduces us to Christ. (Acts 4:12)

C. The primary way the Spirit speaks is through the Word.

II. The mind needs to be renewed through the Word of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

III. God warns us through the Scriptures about mistakes we make. (Joshua 9:14, Matthew 22:29, Psalm 119:133, 9-11, 19:11)

IV. Objections to memorizing Scripture.

A. It is too difficult to memorize.

1. However, people memorize things all the time. It is a matter of work and not of memory. (e.g., I Corinthians 10:31)

2. A person does not memorize because it is not meaningful to them.

B. It takes Scripture out of context.

1. This does not have to be the case.

2. Scripture memory can help a person understand context.

3. Memorizing Scripture helps for witnessing since one does not always have a Bible with him.

C. A person does not have time.

1. People waste a lot of time, so it is difficult to believe that people do not have time.

2. People have the time they just must make it.

3. One verse a week makes fifty-two a year.

4. One must be prepared for an answer. (I Peter 2:15, Jeremiah 20:9, Luke 24:32)

V. Reasons to witness.

A. It will help one to witness.

- B. It will help one to grow. (Acts 20:32, I Peter 2:3)
- C. It will help one to counsel others. (Proverbs 22:21)
- D. It will help one to control one's communication. (Ephesians 4:29, Psalm 12:6)
- E. It will give guidance. (Psalm 119:105, 130)

VI. Practical tips.

- A. Memorize a verse word perfect with the reference.
- B. Review past Scriptures so that you do not lose them.
- C. Put a verse on a card and carry it with you.

Application questions:

1. Which reason for Scripture memory do you think is the most important? Explain.

2. What are some other objections some might raise to Scripture memory? How should one respond to those?

3. How would you counsel someone looking for some tips on how to start memorizing Scripture?
