

WHY SHOULD I MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

The Bible teaches that meditating on God's word brings godly fruitfulness, perseverance, and prosperity into a believer's life (Psalm 1:1-3). It's the difference between having to walk a mile to get a supply of water for the day and digging a well right in your own backyard. Memorizing God's word gives you access to the living and active word of God 24/7!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Don Whitney shares a list of benefits of memorizing Scripture in *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* (pages 42-44):

- It supplies spiritual power (Psa 119:11; Matt 4:1-11; Eph 6:17).
- It strengthens your faith (Prov 22:17-19).
- It provides guidance (Psa 119:24, Prov 3:5-6).
- It stimulates meditation, and meditation brings godly fruitfulness (Psa 119:97, Prov 3:5-6).
- It helps you witness and provide godly counsel in daily conversations (Acts 2:14-40).

HOW DO I DO IT ???

- PRAY.
- Pray for God to help you, and pray the truth of the verse you are memorizing for yourself and others.
- 2. MEMORIZE ONE VERSE AT A TIME. Don't worry about 21 verses at a time, just focus on one verse per week. That's an achievable goal.
- 3. WRITE DOWN EACH VERSE INDIVIDUALLY.
 Write your weekly verse on a notecard. Carry it with you throughout the day or post it somewhere you will see it often.
 Rewrite it daily. If you only do digital, download a Bible memory app: (https://biblememory.com/ or BibleMemory: BibleMe)
- 4. READ THE VERSE OUT LOUD. Read the verse and reference from your notecard out loud at least three times per day. After the first day, try to say the verse by memory before you read it. You'll be amazed how well you remember the verses simply by reading it several times a day.
- 5. IF THE VERSE IS LONG, BREAK IT INTO SECTIONS.

 For example, you may start memorizing Romans 12:1 by writing down "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God..."

 When you memorize this portion, move onto the next section.
- DRAW A PICTURE.

 Draw a simple picture on the notecard by your verse that helps you remember the meaning. For example, you could draw a stick figure with a Christmas present as a body next to Romans12:1 to remember to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice."
- 7. REVIEW AND BUILD ON WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED.
 Keep a small notebook or journal that is only for memorizing.
 Romans 12. Each week add the next verse you are memorizing.
 Review all the verses together daily. If you are really ambitious, rewrite them all each morning or evening.
- MEMORIZE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

 Memorize with a friend from Calvary, family member, or your Community Group.

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	Week Two (Jan. 9-15): Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal		Week Sixteen (Apr Contribute to the need
	of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.		WEEK SEVENTEE
	Week Three (Jan. 16-22); Romans 12:3		Week Eighteen (Ma Bless those who perso
	For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.		Week Nineteen (Ma Rejoice with those who
	WEEK FOUR (JAN. 23-29): REVIEW ROMANS 12:1-3		Week Twenty (May Live in harmony with o
	Week Five (Jan. 30-Feb. 5): Romans 12:4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all		the lowly. Never be wi
	have the same function,		Week Twenty-one Repay no one evil for
	Week Six (Feb. 6-12): Romans 12:5 so we though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one		sight of all.
_	of another.		WEEK TWENTY-T ROMANS 12:14-17
	Week Seven (Feb. 13-19): Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;		Week Twenty-thre
	WEEK EIGHT (FEB. 20-26): REVIEW ROMANS 12:4-6	_	If possible, so far as it
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	generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.		him something to drink his head."
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	WEEK TWELVE (MAR. 20-26): REVIEW ROMANS 12:7-9		*If you recite Roman member, you will rec

Week Thirteen (Mar. 27-Apr. 2): Romans 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
Week Fourteen (Apr. 3-9): Romans 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Week Fifteen (Apr. 10-16): Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Week Sixteen (Apr. 17-23): Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
WEEK SEVENTEEN (APR. 24-30): REVIEW ROMANS 12:10-13
Week Eighteen (May 1-7): Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
Week Nineteen (May 8-14): Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Week Twenty (May 15-21): Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
Week Twenty-one (May 22-28): Romans 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
WEEK TWENTY-TWO (MAY 29-JUNE 4): REVIEW ROMANS 12:14-17
Week Twenty-three (June 5-11): Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
Week Twenty-four (June 12-18): Romans 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
Week Twenty-five (June 19-25): Romans 12:20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."
Week Twenty-six (June 26-July 2): Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
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