

The Power of Scripture Memorized

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Why Memorize?

- **Keep my life pure:** “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word...Your word I have treasured in my heart that I may not sin against You.” Psalm 119:9,11
- **To Equip me for good work:** “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16,17
- **To be successful:** “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.” Joshua 1:8

How to Memorize

- Start with the reference: “Philippians 4:13”
- Memorize the verse:
 - Break it into smaller chunks.
 - “I can do all things”
 - “through Christ”
 - “who strengthens me.”
 - Put it all together: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
- Finish with the reference: “Philippians 4:13”

Practical Helps

- Set an achievable goal
 - A goal for success (1 verse per week)
 - Not a goal for failure (1 verse every day)
- Write it down
 - A goal is just a dream until it has been written down
- Get a buddy to help you: “And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.” Ecclesiastes 4:12
- Use helps like Anki or flash cards

The Power of the Word

- **The Bible is God's Living Word:** “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12
- **God is at work through His Word:** “So will My Word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11
- **The Bible is God's weapon to both reach out and to defend:** “and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

Review!

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