

# Scripture Memory made easy

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## *Special pull-out chart*

Plan for learning one hundred Bible verses in fifty-two weeks

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# Why bother learning Bible verses?

Memorizing Bible verses helps you:

- to understand God's Word
- to pray
- to meditate on God's Word
- to share Jesus with others
- to counter Satan's attacks

## Remember it is God's Word

"For the word of God is living 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."

*Hebrews 4:12*

## Remember it is God's inspired Word

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

## Motivation for memorizing scripture

You need to be motivated:

- to get you started
- so you won't give up

Don't worry if you think:

- **"My memory is terrible"** – this book will help you train your memory to remember Bible verses.
- **"I've tried it before"** – here is a simple way to help you, no matter how many times you may have tried to do this before.
- **"I don't know how to do this"** – this book gives you a step by step approach and assumes that you know nothing about memorizing Scripture.
- **"I've always wanted to memorize Scripture but I'm worried that I'll just give up"** – this book will keep on showing you how you can persevere in memorizing Scripture.

### Motivation

What we enjoy doing most, we do best.

If you think of learning Bible verses merely as a laborious chore, you will find it much more difficult unless you realize that it will:

- help you become a stronger Christian
- help you to be more effective for Jesus.

Memorizing Scripture *is* hard work. It's no good starting to memorize Scripture thinking that it will be a breeze.

Perseverance is needed. But it is a joy and a privilege to draw closer to God in this way.

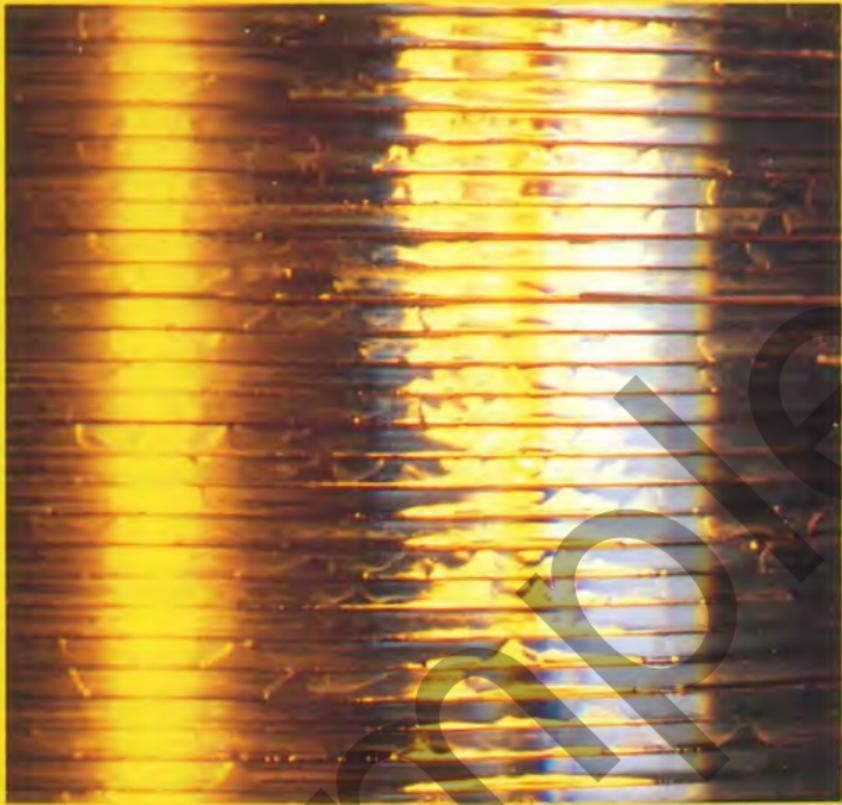
"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

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."

*Psalm 19:7-8*



Flawless . . . like pure gold

Memorizing Scripture is unlike memorizing anything else. Some of the techniques may be used when memorizing Shakespeare or reviewing for an exam.

But the *purpose* is different. The *material* is unique.

“And the WORDS of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.” *Psalms 12:6*

“Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold.”

*Psalms 119:127*

Build yourself up so you can help others

“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.”

*Colossians 3:16*

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# What to do before you start

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## 1. Pray

Ask God to help you as you prepare to undertake this task.

Ask God for his help as you memorize Scripture.

"[God] answered their prayers, because they trusted in him."

*1 Chronicles 5:20*

## 2. Be positive

You *can* memorize Scripture.

Have a positive attitude as you start.

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## 3. Which Bible should I use?

Use an accurate translation. Memorize all your verses in the same translation.

Use your current or favorite Bible as the basis for memorizing Scripture, but be certain that the translation is accurate. You probably should not use a paraphrase in scriptural memorization.

## 4. When should I memorize Scripture?

There are no rules here.

Whenever is best for you is the best time. Some people make it part of the time while they are praying and reading their Bible. Some find first thing in the morning and last thing at night are good times for this.

## 5. Using memory cards

Obtain 100 white 3 x 5 index cards. Blank business cards sold by stationers are also ideal. You can carry them around with you in a little holder or credit card wallet.

Write one Bible verse on each card as you prepare to memorize it.

You may prefer to access the Bible verse on your computer and print it out in a small font on a stiff piece of paper which you can then cut up.

Then you are ready to carry around the verses with you at all times.