

Putting Scripture to Memory

An exercise of spirit & mind

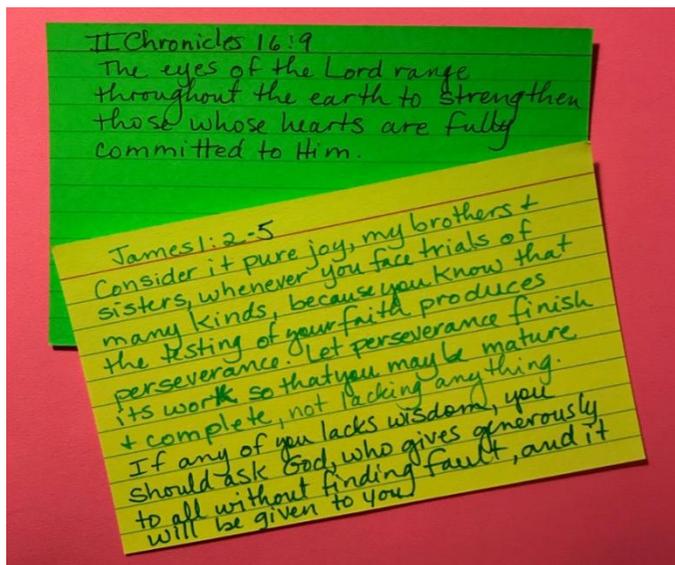
Matthew 12:34b ...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Memorizing Scripture helps keep our thoughts pure and God focused.

The goal of scripture memorization is to form a new habit, the habit of getting God's Word, deep in our heart. As we memorize scripture a new hunger for living the Christ-centered life is birthed in our spirit. We will have a recall to speak God's Word in due season.

Is this really that important? Yes, and the reason it's so important is that Scripture is a weapon in the hands of the believer. The enemy knows he is defeated when we speak aloud the Word of God. You must speak it out because the enemy does not know your thoughts so it has to be said out loud.

Another reason that Scripture memorization is so important is that your spirit is built up know the Word of God and your relationship with Jesus (Yeshua) deepens.



THE PLAN

The basic idea is to memorize 5 scripture verses of your choice in a 6-week period of time. You will put to memory a new scripture verse each week for the first 5 weeks. The 6th week will be a final challenge and evaluation of your efforts. Each scripture is hand-written on an index card.

You can certainly make it fun by using colored cards or decorating your cards. This is your plan so, do what works for you. Ask the LORD to give you creative ideas to help you reach your goal.

It's a WIN, WIN!

Joshua 1:8 The book of 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 the you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

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WHERE TO BEGIN

- BEGIN: by selecting Scripture verses that you would like to put to memory (*you may have more than 5 which you can save for a later date*)
- Write down a scripture on an index card (*bright colors if that will help you – get creative!*)

- **CREATIVE IDEA:** You can label your scripture card on the front as shown in the image on the right with the scripture written out on the reverse side



- Put the index card somewhere that you can easily see it
- Speak the scripture out loud every time you see the scripture card
- Challenge yourself to memorize it within a week's time
- REPEAT with a new scripture verse & card each week, for a total of 5 weeks.
- WEEK 6: Without looking at the 5 scripture cards write all your verses down on a separate piece of paper. Week 6 is the challenge to see how you did with your memorization.

THE WRITTEN WORD

You may ask; why should I spend time writing each scripture down? Yes, most of us would like to say that we have great reading and memory retention. But as we all well know this is not the case in most instances.

There are findings on some experiments psychologists did with college students. They compared the advantages & disadvantages of typing notes on a laptop vs. handwriting their notes with pen and paper (long-hand). They did a variety of experiment in a classroom lecture setting with 300 students. Their findings were surprising.

“Those who took notes in long-hand and were able to study did significantly better than any of the other students in the experiment. They did better even than the fleet of typist who had basically transcribed their lectures on laptops.”

Reference: Mueller, & P.A. Oppenheimer, D.M The pen is mightier than the keyboard: Advantages of long-hand over laptop note taking. --Psychological Science Journal (2014)

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Getting the most out of our Scripture memorization takes some effort on our part. When we write each Scripture out in long-hand, several times in a week if need be, we are giving God our time and thoughts. We are redirecting our focus on the Word of God.

Sure, we can all memorize many things without writing them down. Writing strengthens and reinforces that verbal part of our brain that puts it to memory. Remember our goal is to have the Word of God in our spirit permanently to speak out in due season.

*Jesus (Yeshua) spoke to the devil: ...It is **written** (Matthew 4:4)*

Challenge yourself; you'll be glad you did. We wound the enemy of our souls with the weapon of the Word of God.

Speak the verses out that you put to memory and watch the enemy flee!

<http://worshipwarriors.net/teachings/memorizing-scripture.pdf>



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