

Scripture Memory Discipline

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

~ Psalm 119:11

These passages are keystone verses to some rich theological and devotional passages. By memorizing them, you'll always have them available. Many Christians who've been imprisoned for their faith have received great comfort from the scripture they'd memorized. This practice is difficult but is completely within reach for everyone. Start off slow and stick with it. You'll reap real fruit in your life.

There are seven sets of verses arranged topically. Pick one that meets you where you're at in your spiritual life. The verses are generally very short, so you could probably memorize a whole set in a month. But, pick a pace that works for you and try to stick with it.

Ten Tips for Scripture Memorization:

- Invest a few minutes to read the context of the verse to better understand the larger meaning of the passage.
- Reading the verse several times through will help you develop a clear understanding. You will find that, as you memorize and practice the verse, your understanding of the verse will grow.
- Copy the verse down on two 3x5 cards, carrying one with you in your back pocket or purse, and placing the other one in a well-visited location (i.e. your car seat after you arrive at a location, your desk, your bathroom mirror, etc.)
- First memorize the first phrase of the verse, then add on the next, continuing to add phrases till you've got it all.
- Work on the verses aloud, or at least move your lips (people on the bus will think you're weird)
- When memorizing the verse, recite the address too so you can find it easily (though you'll soon be able to google it from your phone)
- Use spare moments during the day to practice your verses, such as while driving, waiting in line, etc.
- Make sure you know the verses "word perfect". God put all those "ands" & "buts" in there for a reason they could add special meanings to you later.
- Even after you get verses down and memorized, take 15 minutes once a month to run over them so they don't get rusty.
- Pick a friend and make a habit of saying your verses out loud to them

Set 1 - Live The New Life in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual[a] act of worship.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 4:19

Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men.

Joshua 1:7&8

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then



you will be prosperous and successful.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Philippians 4:6&7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Set 2 - Proclaim Christ

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 9:27

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

John 5:24

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Set 3 - Rely on God's Resources

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

Lamentations 3:22,23

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Hebrews 2:18

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.



1 Peter 5:6&7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Psalms 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to your word.
I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.
I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

Set 4 - Be Christ's Disciple

Matthew 6:23

But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Proverbs 3:9,10

Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

2 Corinthians 9:6,7

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Matthew 28:19,20

Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Set 5 - Grow in Christlikeness

John 13:34,35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Philippians 2:3,4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



1 John 3:18

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Romans 4:20-22

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

Mat 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Set 6 Prayer

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

John 5:11 & 12

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Matthew 9:38

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Set 7 - Life In Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 17:3

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

