

Bible Memorization

I. Story of Howard Rutledge, POW in Vietnam

II. History of the Waldenses

III. John Huss (c. 1369-1415)

IV. John N. Andrews (1829-1883)

V. H.M.S. Richards (1894-1985)

VI. Randy Skeete

VII. WHY Should We Memorize Bible Verses?

- A. What are the TWO things that man lives on? (Matthew 4:4)
- B. What can hiding God's word in our heart (memorizing) do for us? (Psalm 119:11)
- C. How has God asked us to treat His Word? (2 Timothy 2:15)
- D. How did the prophet Jeremiah relate to God's Word? (Jeremiah 15:16)
- E. In what FOUR ways can the Scriptures help us to be perfect? (2 Timothy 3:16,17)
- F. How vital is it for us to memorize/internalize Scripture? (John 6:53,54,63)
- G. What will be the result of beholding the character of God in His Word? (2 Cor. 3:18)
- H. How does Paul say believers should relate to the Scriptures? (Colossians 3:16)
- I. What does Jesus say we will be able to do if His words abide in us? (John 15:7)
- J. How much value did Job place on God's Words? (Job 23:12)
- K. What crucial spiritual component is based on the Word of God? (Romans 10:17)
- L. What will memorizing Scripture enable us to do? (1 Peter 3:15)
- M. How does Scripture impact our mind? (Romans 12:2)
- N. What will happen to those who neglect to memorize God's Word? (Amos 8:11,12)

VIII. WHEN should we memorize Bible verses?

- A. When should we meditate/memorize God's Word? (Joshua 1:8)
- B. What are FOUR occasions when should talk about God's Word? (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)
- C. When does the Psalmist say a person should meditate on God's Word? (Psalm 1:1,2)

D. Why does David anticipate the nighttime hours? (Psalm 119:148)

E. When does God waken His people to hear and learn from His Word? (Isaiah 50:4)

IX. HOW to Memorize Scripture

A. PRAY: Ask for God to strengthen your mind to know His Word. (John 16:13)

B. TIME: Make it a daily priority! Look for extra minutes each day waiting, nothing, etc.

C. STUDY: Study the verse to carefully grasp the full meaning of the verse.

D. TECHNOLOGY: iPads, tablets, smartphones, mp3 players, apps, etc. (ScriptureTyper)

E. AUDIO: Do two things at once! (e.g. driving, exercising, cleaning, walking dog, etc.)

F. COMMITMENT: Make it a daily priority! Don't allow anything to crowd out your study.

G. CONSISTENCY: Cultivate a habit that will grow stronger and stronger each day.

H. READING/WRITING: Speaking or writing will make a stronger impression on mind.

I. SHARE: Think of others you can share verses with!

J. VISIBILITY: Use note cards, post-it notes to display verses. Also use for desktop wallpaper, screen savers, etc.

K. PERSONAL APPLICATION: Think of how each verse applies to you!

L. REVIEW: Make sure to review all verses from time to time.

X. Spirit of Prophecy Statements → See "*Last Day Events*", pages 66,67.

A. Christ's Example

B. Improve EVERY Opportunity

C. Extremely Valuable

D. "No one can take it from us."

E. Simple, Earnest, Faith → COL 59.3

XI. Ten Verses to Start Today!!

1. 2 Timothy 2:15

2. John 17:17

3. Psalm 119:105

4. Isaiah 26:3

5. Matthew 4:4

6. Luke 19:10

7. John 12:32

8. 2 Corinthians 5:17

9. Philippians 1:21

10. Revelation 1:3

**11. Isaiah 45:22 (My favorite verse!)