



How to Remember Scriptures

Background

I'm a teacher of the Word. I always want to find ways to help and add value to people and help them grow. I started reading the Word of God before google, and I used to find the scriptures I was looking for. I was pretty good at it. I could find the address of what I was looking for. It was before Bible software where you had to open the Bible page by page until you found what you were looking for.

Today google is hurting us. It's taking away from our ability to remember, do our due diligence because everything is now spoon fed to us. Back in the day you could never forget a scripture you put in effort to find. It was a lot harder and because of that, you would never forget scriptures you had discovered. It was painful and unlike then, today forgetting has become an option.

You can be lazy and get up and google will spoon feed you. You can forget and still find what you want. It's terrible. This may sound good, but it's hurting us.

It's has handicapped our brains. We do not maximize our brain power and ability. Our Brains work half of the time. May be quarter time. We have part time brains and the rest of the time it's google time. Do you know your phone number, your wife's? License Plate?

I believe things do not have to continue this way. We can get back to where we were without going back to the stone Age or cave age.

Before I get into talking about memorizing and remembering scriptures, I want to say that the ultimate goal ought to be for us to be able to recall the Word of God for meditation and

application. There are no accolades for memorizing scripture. It's for you, not for God or others. It is not to show off how awesome you are and how much you know.

You will only stress, not bless those you are trying to impress. Power in the Word of God is not in quoting it, but in meditation and application.

- Revelation is released from a place of application.

Meditate

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

- Meditate
- Bring forth fruit
- Prosper

Application

James 1:22-23 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

- Be doers of the Word
- People do deceive us on many occasions, however the worst of all is self-deception. When we do not do the Word of God, we are into self-tripping. We lie to ourselves.

Mathew 4

Jesus did not have to open the Bible and read it. He had the Word in His heart. He simply applied the Word and put away Satan.

Ephesians 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God is powerful and alive. It is always effective.

Nobody cares how much you know. Do you have results?

Keys point to help in remembering the Word

Your focus should not be to memorize. If you remember, you have memorized.

1. Study and Reading the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- a) Notice this says to study to show ourselves, not others. The word “study” here means “to be diligent, make effort, or to be prompt.

We need not just skim or dig on the surface while looking for Gold. Gold is not on the surface. We have to mine for it and dig deeper for it.

Money is not found on the floor. You have to work for it. It takes effort. If you find a dropped wallet and someone taps on your shoulder and says you dropped your money, do not look back if you had none. It is a set up. Money is usually not found on the floor.

1 Timothy 4:13—Reading, Exhortation, and Doctrine

You retain what you study more than what you read.

The Bible is powerful in your heart, not your hand.

2. Repetition

You know your name without thinking, address. You become professional by repetition. For something to become a part of you, it must be repeated over and over. Here is a secret, if you want become good at some thing

- a) Repeat it—right after learning it;
 - o 15-20 minutes after learning it;

- o 6-8 hours after;
- o 24 hours after—for short term memory.

b) For long term memory,

- o repeat Right after;
- o then after 20-30 minutes;
- o then after 1 day;
- o then after 2-3 weeks;
- o finally, 2-3 months.

c) The brain erases what it believes to be none important information. If repeated and it is being used, it stores it long term.

i) I hope I'm in your long-term memory. 😊

Your **favorite dish** is not one you eat once a year. If it is, then it is not your favorite dish or else you could do whatever you can to have it more frequently. What many call their favorite dish is their desired dish. If it is your favorite, you must have it a lot more frequent.

Professionals are made from a place of repetition. They master the basics and all the skills they have from a place of repetition.

3. Value

a) Before you can repeat something, you need to see its value. You won't repeat a thing until you recognize its value.

i) 2 Samuel 12:9 *Why have you **despised** the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.*

Luke 2:46

Jesus had tremendous value for the Word of God. When He was young, He was going to the temple. Why? He valued the Word of God. We need to value the Word of God to remember.

You need to value the Word of God if you want to see the effort it brings. the Word = reading, studying, and living the Word.

4. Time

We both have the same amount of time—24 hours. Doctors tell you to sleep more, yet they sleep less. Time is created, not found.

What you love and value you make time for. You need to make time for the Word of God. Some make time for girls, football, movies, and soaps. You need to be intentional in making time for the Word of God.

If it is a girl, soccer, movies, fake book, quitter, TV—you make time for these things. In the same way the Word of God needs time.

If you value and love the Word, you will forego other things and make time for it.

You can't go to a man of God and ask him to pray for you so you can get everything that he knows. No! You have to put in time. Knowledge is not acquired by conduction.

Microwave mindset. It takes time. Things you give time come out better.

5. Meditation

- o Think
- o Calculate
- o Compute
- o Ponder
- o Picture
- o Imagine
- o Deliberate
- o Examine

a) *Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

- b) Psalm 1:2 *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*
- c) Genesis 24:63 *And Isaac went out to **meditate** in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and **saw**, and, behold, the camels were coming.*
 - i) Meditation = Seeing. You get revelation when you meditate. Isaac saw Carmel's coming with Rebekah on them. If he was not meditating, he would not have seen.

6. Writing

No head is more reliable than a pen and a paper. Heads often freeze.

a) Literal Pen

- i) Habakkuk 2:2 *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

b) Words we speak (Tongue)

- i) Psalm 45:1 *My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*

7. Speaking about it—quoting it.

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8. Practice or Application

If we live the Word of God, we will remember it. It sticks! Applying the Word like we said in the beginning is one of the most powerful ways we can remember the Word of God. **What we apply, we remember.**

- o Personal example is from Proverbs 14:7 *Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.*

When we apply the Word to our lives, we get experiences with God.

9. Training and teaching others

- a) What you teach gets more cemented.
- b) One way to remember is to share what we have learned. In sharing, we learn even more.

10. Holy Spirit

- a) You need to learn to depend on the Holy Spirit to remember. He helps us recall and remember.
- b) John 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all thin*