

Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart: Memorizing Scripture

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Bible Verses

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 7:1-3

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Deut 6:7

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:1-3

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. Joshua 1:8

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Psalm 119:97

Note: Meditation is closely related to memorizing Scripture.

Why memorize Scripture?

1. God commands us to (See verses above.)
2. Jesus memorized Scripture
3. Helps us against Satan and temptation
4. Helps us encourage and share the Gospel with others
5. Helps give us better insight into Scripture
6. Helps us pray
7. Changes our heart
8. Comforts us

My story

Sample Bible passages to consider memorizing

- Any of the Bible verses above or in the slides, including some of the verses before or after these passages, if you like (for example, Deut 6:4-9, or all of Psalm 1 or Psalm 51)
- Psalm 23 (the Lord is my shepherd)
- Isaiah 40:28-31 (those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles)
- Matthew 5:3-10 (Beatitudes)
- Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's prayer)
- Matthew 6:19-21 (treasures in heaven) and 25-34 (do not worry)
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 (Love is patient, love is kind, etc.)
- Galatians 5:22-23a (fruit of the Spirit)
- Ephesians 6:10-17 (armor of God)

Additional resources

- "How to Memorize Scripture 1 - Five Simple Tools" YouTube by Branch Together
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=memorizing+scripture&&view=detail&mid=B48A7EC82752426D97AAB48A7EC82752426D97AA&rvsmid=81A9AE54679E7D7EFA9281A9AE54679E7D7EFA92&FORM=VDRVRV>
- "How to Memorize Scripture 2 - Tips for Longer Bible Passages" YouTube by Branch Together
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Memorize+Scripture&&view=detail&mid=81A9AE54679E7D7EFA9281A9AE54679E7D7EFA92&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3D+Memorize%2BScripture%26FORM%3DVDMHRS>
- 10 Tips to Start Memorizing Scripture by Angela Cornell (free download from Christianity Today)
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/biblestudies/articles/spiritualformation/10-tips-to-start-memorizing-scripture.html>
- 10 Practical Tips for Memorizing Scripture by Kevin Halloran from Unlocking the Bible
<https://unlockingthebible.org/2016/04/10-practical-tips-for-memorizing-scripture/>
- How to Memorize Scripture from Navigators
<https://www.navigators.org/resource/how-to-memorize-scripture/>
- 7 Easy Steps to Memorize Key Bible Verses from One Thing Alone Ministries
<https://onethingalone.com/memorize-key-bible-verses/>
- The Psalms Project and Sons of Korah - Psalms set to music
<https://www.thepsalmsproject.com/> and <https://sonsofkorah.com/>