

Tips for Memorizing Scripture

Take advantage of already established routines

- Look at your schedule and determine when it is convenient for you to take time to memorize Scripture.
- You may do it when you are working out, riding in the elevator, brushing your teeth, at the dinner table (with your family), having devotions or any other time of the day.

Keep the verses handy

- Keep your verses with you (in your purse, briefcase, pocket, car, etc.) so that you can take advantage of unexpected moments such as waiting for appointments, waiting in a check out line, etc.
- Have verses displayed in various areas that you frequent such as your bedroom, the bathroom, the kitchen, on the computer and your office.

Put the passage/verses in context

- Read the verses surrounding the passage because the context will help you to more fully understand the text.
- Meditate on the passage, asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand it and apply it to your life. It may even be helpful to do a Bible study on that passage.

Repetition is essential

- You have a better chance of retaining what you have learned if you repeat it several times a day, every day of the week. You might also want to do a weekly and monthly review.
- Use a variety of ways to saturate your mind with Scripture.
- You may want to write out the passage a couple times, read it, and try repeating portions of it to yourself.
- If you are an auditory learner, you may want to obtain a recording of it to bring with you in your car or while doing chores.
- Visual learners may find it helpful to put the passage in a visible place such as the refrigerator or the bathroom mirror. Taking time to write it out can also aid in memorization.
- If you are an experiential learner, you may want to make actions to go with the words.
- If you are musical, you may even want to sing the verse to a simple tune (Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Deep and Wide, or other simple tunes may be helpful).
- Don't be afraid to try these ideas— even if they seem childish; they will help you learn God's Word. If you have children, you can use these ideas with them. They will love it!

Application is an important step in this process

- You may want to write a short meditation on the passage early in the week to help you think through its implication in your life.
- You may want to keep a journal of the times that the verse makes a difference in your life— in your thinking, in temptation, in actions, etc.
- You may want to discuss application with others because different people will have varying ideas and perspectives.

Develop an accountability structure

- Find an individual or a group of individuals to keep you accountable.
- Give someone permission to ask you how you are doing with applying each verse to your life. If you have kids, they will love to be able to check-up on you.