

Why A Church-Wide Scripture Memory Plan?

To the great detriment of the church, the discipline of Scripture memorization is often neglected. We need to keep in mind that we are not just memorizing words but truths that will impact our souls. Here are some of the reasons why we should spend time memorizing Scripture.

1. Minds anchored in God's Word are transformed minds, able to discern the will of God

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2**

2. Minds anchored in God's Word enhance our communion with Christ; Who dwells in us through His Word

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Colossians 3:16**

3. Minds anchored in God's Word encourage thorough obedience to God's commands

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. **Joshua 1:8**

4. Minds anchored in God's Word are safeguarded from sin and impurity

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:9-11**

5. Minds anchored in God's Word are bolstered up against the tempter and accuser, who seeks to sow seeds of doubt and confusion about what God has said

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matthew 4:1-4**

6. Minds anchored in God's Word are equipped for spiritual warfare

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **Ephesians 6:16-17**

7. Minds anchored in God's Word thrive and grow even in the midst of dry and difficult times

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 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 that yields its fruit in season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. **Psalms 1:1-3**

8. Minds anchored in God's Word are well equipped to respond to the inquiries and objections of outsiders

But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. **1 Peter 3:15**