

Lesson 12

Review

1. From your own experience and knowledge as well as what you have learned in this course, write down as many reasons as you can of why it is important for God's people to memorize Scripture especially in its full context.

2. Can you name the only two things in this world that will last forever?

3. a) What is the warning of Psalm 1:1 and how does it apply to us as we seek God's blessing in the memorization of His precious Words?

b) From Psalm 1:2 what two things are mentioned that are important to keep in mind as you memorize God's Holy Word?

4. What strategy would you say the devil has used most effectively to prevent Christians from taking Scripture memorization seriously and to discourage those who are pursuing this blessing?

5. What helpful guidelines outlined in Chapter 9 would be good to keep in mind as you proceed on your pilgrimage?

6. What will you do if you find your focus and enthusiasm waning?

7. Review testimonies in Appendix C and jot down brief comments of some the Holy Spirit has used to speak to your heart.

8. Take a few moments to consider where the emphasis of your life is being placed. Contemplate the value of making Scripture memorization a life change, not just a passing phase. Jot down your heart's response to the Holy Spirit's urging.

9. Now, you are completing this study series, but you are just beginning a journey. It will be important for you to have a continuing plan in place. Being accountable is important. In this class you have been accountable to each other but now this built-in accommodation will be ending. What type of arrangement do you anticipate will meet your need as you continue? Consider the possibilities:

Would you prefer that members of this group continue meeting to help and encourage each other as they have during these past weeks? If so, how do you see this being accomplished?

Would a smaller group or a one on one arrangement better suit your situation?

Would you be willing to let the Lord use you to inspire others to open their hearts and minds to His heart and mind through memorizing His Holy Word? Would you be open to letting Him use you to start a group of your own?

Write out your personal preference.

Paul told us: Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win. All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT)

And now I entrust you to God and the Word of His grace—His message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those He has set apart for Himself. (Acts 20:32 NLT)

Always Remember:

It is not getting to know the words of Scripture that is important, it is getting to know the Author.

In Real Estate, the emphasis is always, "Location! Location! Location!" In retaining Scripture we have memorized it is, Review! Review! Review!

You can't eat an elephant at one sitting. But it can be done, one bite at a time.

When you train, you don't start by running five miles the first day. You start slow and work up to it. Similarly, memorizing takes time.

*. . . precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little. (Isaiah 28:10)*

Fix these words of mine on your hearts and minds . . . (Deuteronomy 11:18)

I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your law is written on my heart. (Psalm 40:8)

The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip (Psalm 37:31)

Accept instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart. (Job 22:22)

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. (Psalm 19:7-8)*

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. (Psalm 16:7)

The entrance of (His) words gives light, it gives understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

*They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold:
They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. (Psalm 19:10)*

They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. (Deuteronomy 32:47)

. . . there hath not failed one word of all His good promise.... (Kings 8:56 - KJV)

I run in the path of your commands because you have set my heart free. (Ps 119:32)

I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. (Psalm 119:45)

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

When your words came I ate them; they were my joy and my hearts' delight . . . (Jeremiah 15:16)

Food for Thought:

Nuggets from here and there!

Scripture is the only part of eternity we can grasp in our fleeting, finite existence.

Meditating is having an attitude of submission to God

The Words of God are written in only one place — the Bible.

The person who has trouble memorizing may be the best "meditator".

The Bible is the language of heaven and will not pass away. (Matt 24:35)

Think Scripture! Apply it to everyday circumstances.

Meditation helps us think straight in a crooked world.

Memorizing is the best way to get the Bible into your life.

Make it a habit. Good habits are hard to learn but slow and steady wins the race.

Without a commitment the job will never be done.

Memorizing Scripture shows us how to live God's way.

Scripture feeds us; it helps us communicate hope; it strengthens us against the world; it helps us to get rid of bad habits.

Scripture memorization provides messages of hope at critical times in life; it purifies our thoughts; and gives direction in times of confusion.

Memorized "words" may be of little value. It is the meditation and absorption into our mind and life that allows Scripture to bear fruit in our lives.

Growth to spiritual maturity comes only by feeding upon God's Word, and memorization enhances this.

Memorization is like exercise. The more you do it, the easier it gets; the less you do it, the harder it gets.

So much Scripture! So little time!

Scripture is the only *pure truth* that exists in this world.

Memorizing Scripture is the best investment you can make of your time in this world.