

# Scripture Memorization System

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## Reasons to Memorize (Meditate on) Scriptures

- **Faith comes by hearing the good news of Christ.**

**Romans 10:17 (15)**

*So faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of Christ (the glad tidings of good things).*

- **God's word is a treasure.**

**Psalms 119:62**

*I rejoice at Your word*

*As one who finds great treasure.*

**Matthew 13:52**

*"Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."*

**Luke 6:45**

*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

**Colossians 2:3**

*That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,<sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**Proverbs 2:1-5**

*My son, if you receive my words,*

*And treasure my commands within you,*

<sup>2</sup> *So that you incline your ear to wisdom,*

*And apply your heart to understanding;*

<sup>3</sup> *Yes, if you cry out for discernment,*

*And lift up your voice for understanding,*

<sup>4</sup> *If you seek her as silver,*

*And search for her as for hidden treasures;*

<sup>5</sup> *Then you will understand the fear of the Lord,*

*And find the knowledge of God.*

**Ephesians 3:8**

*To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.*

## Scripture memorization/meditation creates a treasure trove that will:

- Be a source of personal worship and prayer
- Instruct us as to the will of God so we may pray with confidence
- Encourage us in times of trouble
- Serve as a two-edged sword against the enemy
- Keep us from deception
- Give us tools to instruct and encourage others

## Strategy for Bible Memorization

There are many methods of Scripture memorization. This one was formulated after looking at several systems. Of course, use any that works for you. This is the method I use and recommend.

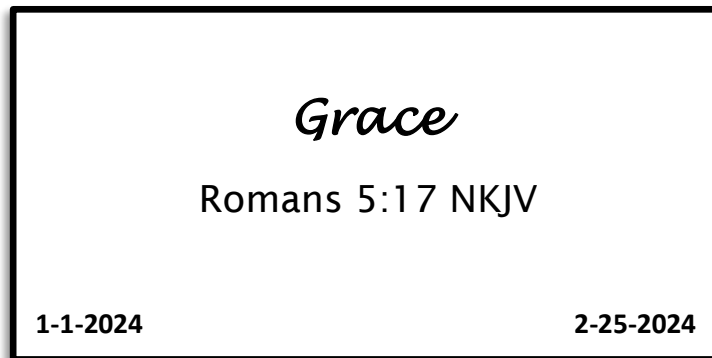
### 1. Memorize by topics (or passages). Here are some examples.<sup>1</sup>

- Faith
- Grace
- Love
- New Covenant
- Praise
- Promises
- Things to Come
- Who We Are in Him
- Forever Forgiveness
- Righteousness
- Romans 5-8
- Ephesians
- 2 Cor. 5
- Etc.

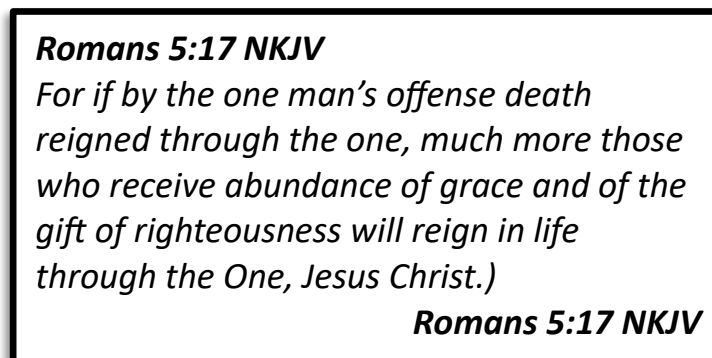
### 2. Collect 8 passages you want to memorize over the next 8 weeks.

3. Write the passages on cards or slips of paper (business cards, 3X5 index cards, or printer paper that has been divided into a size that works for you.

4. On one side of the card, write the category/topic and the reference of the passage. Record the date you will begin and the date after 8 weeks. The verses you rehearse over the next eight weeks might or might not be in varying categories.



### 5. On the other side write the passage and the verse at the beginning and ending.



<sup>1</sup> One could also take a book of the Bible and divide it over several weeks.

**6. Week 1: Rehearse the first passage daily for one week.**

You do not need to memorize Week 1's verse in one week. You will be reviewing it each day over eight weeks and continue reviewing it over time which should result in memorizing it.

**7. Week 2: Review last week's passage and begin to rehearse the next. Do this each day.**

**8. Week 3: Review the first two week's passages while learning the third. Do this each day.**

**9. Continue this process for eight weeks adding a new passage each week.**

**10. At the beginning of Week 9, put Week 1's verse in a separate stack (which will be by categories) and put Week 9's verse with Weeks 2-8. Continue rehearsing the other verses as you did previously, adding a new verse each week which will replace Week 2 (or 3 or 4, etc.)**

You will begin to have collections of verses in the categories you selected. Keep them fastened together by categories (or in an envelope or business card holder, etc.)

**11. Along with rehearsing your passages each day, you will REVIEW your categories weekly. For example, on Mondays, you would also review all passages in the Grace category on Monday (any time of day is fine). Then maybe on Tuesday, you would also REVIEW the passages on Faith. Then on Wednesday, you would review all the passages you have on the New Covenant (or whatever your topics may be.) If you eventually have more than seven categories, just continue cycling through them each day while you are ALSO rehearsing your new verses each week (the last eight weeks).**

**12. WARNING: It is important that we not see this as a required "spiritual discipline." This should be enjoyable, and encouraging, and build you up in your knowledge of the Lord. Feel free to adapt it as you choose. If you'd like, set the system aside for a season as you continue to review the verses each day. Or simply don't think about it at all. You will find that the Holy Spirit will bring them to your remembrance even when you aren't deliberately memorizing.**

***John 14:26***

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

***Philippians 4:8-9***

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.<sup>1</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*