

## *How To Memorize Scripture*

Scripture memory is NOT hard or laborious! A **30-60 SECOND daily investment** is *all* you need to begin hiding God's powerful and effective Word in your heart and mind!

### **BEFORE YOU MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE**

1. Read the surrounding verses or passage in your Bible for the context of each verse you memorize.
2. Try to gain a clear understanding of what the verse actually means by thinking through and asking the four (4) Key Bible Study Questions: *What does it say?* (observation), *What does it mean?* (interpretation), *What else does the Bible say?* (cross references) and *What does it mean to me?* (application).
3. Read the verse through several times thoughtfully, *aloud or in a whisper*. This will help you grasp the verse as a whole. Each time you read it, say the reference, topic, verse and then the reference again.
4. Use the verse in your prayer time, and continue to seek God's help for success in Scripture memorization.

### **HOW TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE**

**Day 1:** Write out the verse on a card and start by simply reading the verse out loud several times with the reference (e.g. James 1:20), the topic/title (e.g. anger), the verse and ending with the reference. Do this for *no more than 30-60 seconds*.

**Day 2:** Learn the reference, topic/title and the first phrase of the verse by repeating several times. Do this for *no more than 30-60 seconds*.

**Day 3:** Add another phrase from the verse, always starting with the reference, topic/title. Do this for *no more than 30-60 seconds*.

**Day 4 and on:** Continue adding more phrases from the verse after you can quote correctly what you have already learned.

Always practice memorizing by saying the verse *aloud*.

Always end the verse by restating the reference.

Think about how to apply the verse to your life and daily circumstances.

### **AFTER YOU LEARN THE VERSE**

Find someone to check you on the verse.

Review the verse immediately after learning it and repeat it frequently in the next few days. This is crucial for fixing the verse firmly in your mind because of the tendency to forget something recently learned.

Review! Review! Review! As you memorize new verses, review the others already learned. Repetition is the best way to keep verses fresh in your memory.