

Techniques

[FORTIFY THE MIND: MEMORIZATION TECHNIQUES](#)

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A vibrant mind filled with scripture will be as a stream in the midst of the desert.

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Fortifying the mind with scripture is our defense against the dark sentences that the world would place upon our souls. The Lord has great and precious promises available to us that we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world, through lust. {[See 2 Peter 1:4-11](#)}

Scripture passages are available for our help when putting on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. {[See Ephesians 6:10-18](#)} But how do we put scripture into our minds in an effective way where we can use it when needed most? If you don't have a photographic memory, it may take some strategies and a little effort to put important scripture to memory. We are told that we need these scriptures to be partakers of the divine nature and to be fortified with the armor of God. Let

me share with you some tips for memorizing scripture. If these scriptures are vital during ordinary times, how much more so through the day of trouble! Don't wait to put the scriptures in your heart and mind.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION MADE EASY:

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A technique for memorizing scripture begins with simply reading the verse or range over and over until it becomes familiar. Make up a list of the verses so that you can read and rehearse them. You can do this over a span of time which is useful for you. When you are familiar with the scripture, then begin to memorize one or two verses at a time day by day until it is embedded in your memory. This works great for larger portions. Short verses you may only need to read repeatedly to become familiar with it. The visual or audio familiarity with the scripture will make memorizing much easier.

Once you have memorized a scripture in your list, it helps to cement it more solidly in your memory if you first list the beginning of the text along with the book, chapter and verse(s). It is also helpful in some cases to add a column for an acronym when trying to remember the verses of a particular book. Take the book of Deuteronomy for example. In my list, I have some difficulty remembering which verse goes with which text. So I made up an acronym NBOBOB to go beside each scripture in Deuteronomy. You can use an acronym or letter for a single text also. A letter of the alphabet helps me remember what word the text starts with. An acronym can give you a more

information about the verse, or can give you the beginning letters of several key words in the text. See the [Excel Memory Planner](#) for an example. You can also use this document to adjust your memory verse helper to your liking.

But eventually, when you have rehearsed your scripture over and over again, you will want to have only the listing of the references without the text helps.

Stage three then, is to practice pulling your scriptures without any cheat sheet. We may not always have a list in front of us. In other words, try to remember all of the Psalms that you know and even in order.

How do you keep the memory verses fresh? Repeat those scriptures that you have learned, perhaps taking 20 or so to repeat every day in addition to what you are currently memorizing. It isn't easy to get through a long list of memory verses every day and still find time to learn new ones. And of course the bigger the list gets, the more you have to manage it.

SUMMARY OF MEMORIZATION STEPS:

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1. Make up a list of the verses you are learning. Read the verse or range over and over until it becomes familiar. You can do this quickly or over a span of time.
2. When you are familiar with the scripture, then begin to memorize one or two verses at a time day by day, adding to what you learned the previous day until the scripture is embedded in your memory. This works particularly well for large sections.
3. Once you have memorized a scripture in your list, it helps to cement it more solidly in your memory if you first list the beginning of the text along with the book, chapter and verse(s).
4. Use acronyms and letters of the alphabet to help you remember the first word of a text, or as the beginning words for a group of texts within a book. A letter of the alphabet helps you remember what word the text starts with. An acronym can give you a more information about the verse, or can give you the beginning letters of several key words in the text.
5. Eventually, when you have rehearsed your scripture over and over again, you will want to have only the listing of the references without the text helps.
6. Finally, when you have thoroughly cemented the scripture in your mind, practice pulling your scriptures without any cheat sheet. We may not always have a list in front of us. In other words, try to remember all of the Psalms that you know and even in order.
7. Repeat those that you have learned, perhaps taking 20 or so to repeat every day in addition to what you are currently memorizing.

MEMORY VERSE HELPER

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In the Memory Planner, you will see icons such as a red heart and an arrow in a green box. The hearts signify that the verse has been memorized. The green box with the arrow is a tag alerting you that the verse has not been memorized. You can move the icons and alter your planner spreadsheet according to your plans.

EXODUS	20:2-17	I am the Lord your God which brought
NUMBERS	23:19	God is not a man that he should lie
DEUTERONOMY	4:1-2	Now therefore hearken O Israel
DEUTERONOMY	4:4	But ye that did cleave unto the Lord
DEUTERONOMY	4:9	Only take heed to thyself and keep
DEUTERONOMY	4:20	But the Lord hath taken you
DEUTERONOMY	5:29	O that there were such an heart in them
DEUTERONOMY	8:18	But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God
JOB	23:10	But he knoweth the way that I take
JOB	28:28	Behold the fear of the Lord, this is wisdom
PSALMS	1	Blessed is the man that walketh not in the
PSALMS	4:3	But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly
PSALMS	19:7-14	The law of the Lord is perfect
PSALMS	20:7	Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will

PSALMS	23	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
PSALMS	25:1-2	Unto thee oh Lord, do I lift up my soul
PSALMS	27:1-5	The Lord is my light and my salvation
PSALMS	27:10-11	When my father and my mother forsake me
PSALMS	27:13-14	I Had fainted unless I believed to see the goodness
PSALMS	34:19	Many are the afflictions of the righteous
PSALMS	37:1-10	Fret not thyself because of evildoers
PSALMS	41:1-3	Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord
PSALMS	46	God is our refuge and strength
PSALMS	50:14-15	Offer unto God thanksgiving
PSALMS	51:10-12	Create in me a clean heart oh God, and renew a right
PSALMS	52:7	Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength
PSALMS	52:8-9	But I am like a green olive tree
PSALMS	55:22	Cast all thy burdens upon the Lord
PSALMS	77:13	Thy way, oh God, is in the sanctuary
PSALMS	91	He that dwelleth in the secret place
PSALMS	103:1-5	Bless the Lord, oh my soul
PSALMS	107:17-19	Fools because of their transgression
PSALMS	119:1-3	Blessed are the undefiled in the way
PSALMS	119:9	Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way
PSALMS	119:11	Thy word have I hid in my heart
PSALMS	119:105	Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
PSALMS	121	I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
PROVERBS	3:1-2	My son, forget not my law; but let thine
PROVERBS	3:5-10	Trust in the Lord with all thine heart
PROVERBS	3:11-12	My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD;
PROVERBS	3:25-26	Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation
PROVERBS	3:27	Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
PROVERBS	16:32	He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty
PROVERBS	19:17	He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord
PROVERBS	20:11	Even a child is known by his doings, whether it
PROVERBS	20:22	Say not thou, I will recompense evil
PROVERBS	21:23	Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth
PROVERBS	21:31	The horse is prepared against the day of battle
PROVERBS	22:22-23	Rob not the poor, because he is poor
PROVERBS	24:17-18	Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth
PROVERBS	24:28-29	Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause
PROVERBS	29:25	The fear of man bringeth a snare
PROVERBS	29:26	Many seek the ruler's favour
PROVERBS	30:5	Every word of God is pure: he is a shield
ISAIAH	1:18	Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord
ISAIAH	4	And in that day seven women
ISAIAH	8:20	To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not
ISAIAH	12:2	Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid
ISAIAH	26:3	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
ISAIAH	26:20-21	Come my people. Enter thou into
ISAIAH	35:3-4	Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble
ISAIAH	40:31	But they that wait upon the Lord
ISAIAH	41:10	Fear thou not for I am with thee
ISAIAH	50:7	For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be
ISAIAH	51:1	Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness
ISAIAH	51:11-13	Therefore the redeemed of the Lord
ISAIAH	53:4-5	Surely he hath borne our griefs

ISAIAH	58	Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like
JEREMIAH	12:05	If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied
JEREMIAH	17:5-15	...cursed be the man that trusteth
JEREMIAH	29:11-13	For I know the thoughts that I think
AMOS	3:7	Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth
ZECHARAIAH	4:6	Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit
ZECHARAIAH	10:1	Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time
MALACHI	3:10-11	Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse
MATTHEW	1:21	And she shall bring forth a son
MATTHEW	5:3-12	Blessed are the poor in spirit
MATTHEW	6:9-13	Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
MATTHEW	6:19-21	Lay not up for yourselves
MATTHEW	6:22-23	The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye
MATTHEW	6:24	No man can serve two masters
MATTHEW	6:31-34	Therefore take no thought, saying What shall
MATTHEW	11:12	And from the days of John the Baptist
MATTHEW	11:28-30	Come unto me all ye that labor
MATTHEW	28:19-20	Go ye therefore into all the world
LUKE	11:13	If you then being evil
JOHN	3:14-15	And as Moses lifted up the serpent
JOHN	3:16-17	For God so loved the world that he gave his only
JOHN	7:17	If any man will do his will
JOHN	8:32	And ye shall know the truth
JOHN	14:1-3	Let not your heart be troubled
JOHN	14:13-16	And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name
JOHN	14:21	He that hath my commandments and keepeth
JOHN	14:26-27	But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost
ROMANS	3:23	For all have sinned and come short of the glory
ROMANS	6:16	Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves
ROMANS	6:23	For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God
ROMANS	8:1-2	There is therefore now no condemnation
ROMANS	8:18	For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time
ROMANS	8:28-29	And we know that all things work
ROMANS	8:35-39	Who shall separate us from the love
ROMANS	12:1-2	I beseech you therefore brethren
ROMANS	12:17-21	Recompense to no man evil for evil
EPHESIANS	3:20	Now unto him that is able to do exceeding
EPHESIANS	4:30-32	And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God
EPHESIANS	6:10-18	Finally brethren, be strong in the Lord
PHILIPPIANS	1:6	Being confident of this very thing
PHILIPPIANS	4:4	Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice
PHILIPPIANS	4:6	Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by
PHILIPPIANS	4:8	Finally brethren, whatsoever things are
PHILIPPIANS	4:11-12	For I have learned in whatsoever state
PHILIPPIANS	4:13	I can do all things through Christ
PHILIPPIANS	4:19	But my God shall supply all your need
1 CORINTHIANS	10:13	There hath no temptation taken you
1 CORINTHIANS	15:51-55	Behold I show you a mystery
2 CORINTHIANS	10:3-6	For though we walk in the flesh
2 CORINTHIANS	12:9	My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is
COLOSSIANS	3:8	But now ye also, put off all these
2 TIMOTHY	1:7	For God hath not given us the spirit of fear
2 TIMOTHY	2:15	Study to show thyself approved unto God

2 TIMOTHY	3:16-17	All scripture is given by inspiration of God
HEBREWS	10:16-23	This is the covenant that I will make with
HEBREWS	12:1-7	Wherefore seeing we also are compassed
JAMES	1:2-8	My brethren, count it all joy when ye
JAMES	1:12	Blessed is the man that endureth temptation
JAMES	1:19-20	Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every
JAMES	3:9-10	Therewith bless we God even the Father
JAMES	4:6-10	God resisteth the proud
JAMES	4:17	Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
1 PETER	5:10	But the God of all grace, who hath called
2 PETER	1:4-11	Whereby are given unto us exceeding great
2 PETER	3:9	The Lord is not slack concerning his promise
1 JOHN	1:7-9	But if we walk in the light as he is in
REVELATION	14:6-12	And I saw another angel fly in the midst
REVELATION	21:1-27	And I saw a new heaven and a new earth
REVELATION	22:1-22	And he showed me a pure river of water of life

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