

How to Memorize a Verse Effectively

GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIZING A VERSE OF SCRIPTURE

1. Before you start to memorize the verse, read it aloud several times.
2. Learn the topic, reference, and the first phrase as a unit.
3. After you have reviewed the topic, reference, and first phrase a few times, add the second phrase. Gradually add phrases until you know the whole verse.
4. Work on the verses audibly whenever possible.
5. As you memorize and review the verse, think about how it applies to your own life.
6. Always review the verse in the sequence:
 - a. TOPIC: "Assurance of Salvation."
 - b. REFERENCE: "First John five, eleven and twelve."
 - c. Verse(S): "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son God does not have life."
 - d. REFERENCE: "First John five, eleven and twelve."
7. The most critical element in scripture memory is REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW. The most important time to review a verse repeatedly is right after you can quote the whole verse (topic, reference, verse, reference) without making a mistake, Review the verse a minimum of once daily after that, preferably several times a day. The more you review, the greater your retention.
8. An important concept is the principle of OVERLEARNING. A verse should not be considered memorized simply at the point when we can quote it accurately. Only when we have reviewed it frequently enough for it to become *ingrained* in our memory should we consider a verse memorized.

How to Review Memory Verses Together

1. Review the memory verses you know best first. This helps to build confidence.
2. Maintain an attitude of helpfulness, encouragement, and praise. Do all you can to insure each other's success.

"Two are better than one because they have good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10(NASB)
3. Your minimum goal is to have each verse word perfect.
 - a. Often your ability to quote a verse perfectly will give others confidence in you so that you can help them.
 - b. It is mentally easier to retain a verse that has been learned perfectly.
 - c. If you only know the content vaguely, or don't know the location of the verse, what you say will have less authority.
 - d. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. "Whatever your task is, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into work done for the Lord and not merely for men: (Colossians 3:23, PH).
4. When listening, signal the quoter when he or she makes a mistake, but give verbal help only when asked.
5. After quoters have corrected a mistake, have them repeat the verse wordperfect before going on to another verse.
6. Review your verses with someone using the same translation.