

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

An excellent resource on Memorizing Scripture can be found on the CBS website:
<https://membership.communitybiblestudy.org/Repository/root/Documents/Day%20Ministry/ATD%20Resources/Memorizing%20Scripture%20-%20DAY.pdf>

John Piper says the key to memorizing scripture is repetition and review. Take your first verse, read it ten times, and then close your eyes or shut your Bible and say it ten times. And that's the end for that day. (I think if you do that you can memorize almost any verse in the Bible: ten times read, ten times said, and then you've got it.)

Then you come back the next day. Open your Bible, and say the verse again 5 or 10 times. If it's easy, just 5 times. Then do the same thing with the next verse. Then recite them both together. Shut your Bible and leave.

Here's one other little tip that I use. If I pick a verse or a couple of verses or a paragraph, I'll put it on a piece of paper and I'll carry it here in my shirt pocket. And at little times during the day, I'll pull it out and read it for my soul. For my soul! I don't memorize verses that don't help my soul.

I'm not into mechanical memorizing. I'm into fighting the fight of faith. I want to memorize Scripture so that I can defeat the devil at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, that's why! It's so that I can minister to a saint in the hospital at 10 o'clock at night if I've forgotten my Bible. This is for our soul. So I carry it around and I review it. Review is so crucial.

- Write each memory verse on an index card. Put a hole punch in the corner of the card and attach them to a notebook ring. They are small and will fit in your backpack or purse. You can also carry them in your car and every time you are stopped at a red light you can practice reciting the verse for the week.
- Share in your LD groups the occasions when you were blessed by recalling a scripture at just the perfect moment. God uses His word to minister to us and others.