

Techniques for Memorizing God's word

Most of us have no trouble absentmindedly singing along to some stupid song we hear over the sound system at the supermarket, or remembering a "one liner" from a favorite poem or movie, yet a lot of people think they "can't" memorize the word of God. Ridiculous! Of course you can!

Is there anything better that you could be filling your head and heart with than the words that came from God Himself?

I hope that you already take the time to write God's word on your heart, but if not, why not start today?

Here are a few things that have helped me over the years and maybe you could try some of them.

1. Know the importance of memorizing the Holy Bible.

There's an enormous number of verses that extol benefits of the word of God, but here are just a few:

"Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart."
(Proverbs 7v3)

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein..." (Joshua 1v8)

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."
(Psalm 119:11)

God's word will rejoice the heart (Jeremiah 15v16), keep you from sin (Ps 119v11), clean you up (John 15v3), renew your mind (Ephesians 4v23), and do all kinds of other wonderful things to you and for you. There's nothing that you can hold in your hands in this fallen world that is **"true and righteous altogether"** besides this wonderful Book, and there's absolutely nothing better to fill your head and your heart with than this old Authorized Version King James Bible.

2. Write them down.

In the Bible, it's interesting how many times God told guys to write stuff down. If you count them up it's a pretty long list! I believe this is because the One who "wired" us up knows that He put a connection between the hand and the mind somehow when it comes to recalling things. Just the process of writing something down can help etch it into your mind.

Once upon a time as a young rascal I had a science test in school for which I was woefully unprepared. I hadn't studied at all in weeks, and so the night before the test I wrote a bunch of notes to myself on scraps of paper and placed them in my pocket. My plan was to cheat on the test by referencing the tiny scraps while "on the clock"! (Shame on me! I'm not proud of this but there's a point to this story!) The next day when the test started I realized that my writing it out had helped me remember everything and I passed with flying colors without actually taking the papers out of my pocket!

If writing things down will work for "evil" then surely it will work for good!

Writing out a verse or passage a few times will really help you remember it!

3. Post them up.

God told the Israelites to "bind them" on their fingers and post them up where they would be reminded out them. Why not write a Bible verse on an index card and tape it to your bathroom mirror? Or on the window sill in front of the kitchen sink? Or on the refrigerator?

Why not keep a pouch of Bible verse cards in your pocket that you can reference as often as you do your cell phone? Standing in line, sitting in a waiting room, taking a break at work, etc

4. Say them out loud.

"...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"(Romans 10v10)
There's something about saying something out loud that causes your heart to "believe" what your mouth is saying. Even worldly motivators like Napoleon Hill and similar guys would say to repeat your goals of business, finance, etc out loud every morning until they become a reality!

If lost people who are focused on the things of this world know about this mouth-heart connection, then Bible believers should certainly be using that technique to commit "**the oracles of God**" to their memory.

5. Take them into Combat.

Few things will help etch a memory into your mind like emotion or adrenaline. Think about it! Some of the most vivid memories in your mind are from when you were scared to death or heartbroken. Going to the U.S. Army Airborne School (I do not like "heights" so I didn't particularly enjoy myself there!) provided me with some indelible memories, as did the night my Dad went to be with the Lord unexpectedly. I could tell you what each of my five senses were picking up in great detail from those moments in my life. I'm sure you have similar experiences. Why not use that? Giving the gospel to someone can get your blood pumping so

much that the verses you used will be burned into your mind and heart! Also, it can help you realize your weak spots and figure out which verses you need to add to your arsenal. The Bible has ALL the answers, we just need to be faithful to write them on our hearts so that we can use them when we're on the assembly line at work, driving, locked in a dungeon, or otherwise separated from our Bible, etc.

So those are just a few things that have helped me. They've helped me memorize several short books of the Bible that way, and alot of individual verses as well which have been a great blessing to me throughout my life.

I'll leave you with this thought: if the police came and hauled you off in your pajamas in the middle of the night and put you in solitary confinement, how much scripture would you have in your heart to sustain you? Times are crazy and we could be in that situation very soon if the Lord tarries. Let's be faithful to write His words on hearts!