

Spiritual Disciplines

Bible Memorization

(Psalm 119:11)

- Introduction:
1. This year, we are going to have one lesson each month on a spiritual discipline that we need to develop and exercise.
 2. In this lesson, we will discuss the spiritual discipline of Bible memorization.

I. The Case for Biblical Memorization

- A. I believe a case needs to be made for it, I can already hear what some of you may be thinking.
- B. While the Bible doesn't explicitly command us to memorize Scripture, it is expected of us, to say the least.
- C. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119; Luke 4; John 15:7-8)
 1. Jesus expected people to memorize God's word (Luke 10:26; Matthew 21:42; John 7:42).
- D. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Colossians 3:16).
- E. The weight of the evidence is convincing: God wants us to internalize his word.

II. Five Verses to Memorize

- A. Oftentimes, the verses we have spent time memorizing are verses that are doctrinal in nature; verses that will help us defeat false doctrine.
- B. Those are great verses to memorize, but would it not be equally great to memorize verses that give us strength when we are weak, give us courage when we are fearful; give us hope when we are hopeless; and give us assurance when we have doubts?
- C. Here are five verses I would like for us to memorize.
 1. (Hebrews 6:10).
 2. (Romans 8:28).
 3. (Isaiah 41:13)
 4. (Psalm 94:19).
 5. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

III. A Helpful Memorization Tool

- A. Download a free app called "Verse Locker." (The icon is a padlock with a red heart in the middle of it).
- B. This app allows you to plug in the verses you want to memorize, then allows you for different ways to help memorize your verses.

- Conclusion:
1. I want to begin this series on "Spiritual Disciplines" to challenge you to transform your life into the image of Jesus.
 2. Becoming a Christian is not just an event, but an ongoing transformation that must exist in our lives.
 3. Will you commit to making the changes to which our changeless God calls us?