

# The Bible Memory Guide

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# Introduction

Welcome to the Bible Memory Guide, a mini e-course I've put together to help anyone, expert or novice, to become a better Bible memory student. This guide is designed to motivate and teach you how to memorize the Bible with confidence and joy.

I used to think that I could never memorize more than a few Bible verses here and there, let alone an entire chapter. Then I began to understand more of how God planned for me to experience His written Word... by memorizing it.

I realized that I actually **was** able to memorize entire chapters of the Bible. After I did one, I did another, and then another. It's like a good book you can't put down (it actually is!).

It has become a passion of mine to memorize the Bible, and I would like to share some of that passion with you now, in this Bible Memory Guide. This course is divided into three brief sections:

- [Step 1: Bible Memory Preparations](#)
- [Step 2: How to Memorize the Bible Passage](#)
- [Step 3: Long Term Bible Memory](#)

**Disclaimer:** God made everyone unique. We do not all learn in exactly the same way. In the Bible Memory Guide, I attempt to teach you the techniques that work for me. They are not theory or speculation; they are techniques that I personally use, and they work for me. Since each person learns slightly differently, you may have to make adjustments along the way to suite your learning style. The best advice I can give you is this: as you seek to memorize God's Word, listen to God's voice (the Holy Spirit). If you listen and obey him, he will teach you the methods that work best for you.

## **Step 1: Bible Memory Preparations**

There are several Bible memory preparations you must go through before you memorize a verse or chapter of the Bible. Just like you must prepare for any physical journey, so also you must prepare for this journey of memorizing Bible passages.

First of all, you must believe that you can and will memorize whatever you choose to memorize. Ordinary people (such as myself) have memorized entire chapters of the Bible. If you're ordinary or above ordinary, then you can memorize Bible chapters, too!

Next, you need to find a passage to memorize. This is one of the most crucial parts of the Bible memory preparations. Don't just choose any old chapter or verse. Choose something that means a lot to you, or something that deeply interests you. In other words, create an emotional attachment with what you desire to memorize - this will greatly help you in the steps to come.

Once you've chosen a passage that you just can't wait to memorize, then read over the passage several times. You've probably read it many other times before, but read it again. You're ready to begin memorizing only when you understand the main idea of the passage you want to memorize.

So, you know what you want to memorize, and you know you are able to do it, and you've read over that passage several times. Now it's time to move on from these Bible memory preparations, and begin to memorize the Bible passage.

## **Step 2: Memorize the Bible Passage**

Once you've completed the preparatory steps, you're ready to actually memorize the Bible passage you chose in Step 1. If you haven't already prepared yourself, please do so now before continuing.

The best way (and usually the only way) to remember anything is through repeat exposure. If you read a chapter or verse of the Bible just once or twice, you may be able to explain the main idea of the passage, but you most likely won't be able to repeat it word-for-word.

So, it is necessary to repeat the passage you are trying to memorize, over and over again. But you have to repeat the Bible passage in a systematic manner. You can't just read it from beginning to end over and over again and expect to remember it word-for-word.

Here's how to systematically memorize the Bible passage you've chosen: repeat the first thought over and over again (at least 5 to 10 times), and do the same for every thought after the first one.

As you repeat the thought, glance up from your Bible and repeat the thought without reading it. Then read it from your Bible again. Then glance up - then read - glance up - read, etc. Toggle between reading and reciting until you feel that you pretty well grasp the thought. Then move on to the next thought.

Repeat what you did for the first thought, for each subsequent thought. When you have several thoughts memorized, string them all together, and recite the

verse(s).

As you memorize the Bible passage, continue this cycle of memorizing thought-by-thought, and stringing the thoughts together, until you've completed the entire passage you chose in Step 1.

As you become more skilled at memorizing, it will become easier to determine what a "thought" is. Let me give you an example. If I was trying to memorize Isaiah 55, the first thought I would repeat would be "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters."

Memorizing the Bible is meant to be a pleasure, not a task. So try to be creative as you repeat each thought. Maybe you want to emphasize only one or two words each time you repeat the phrase. Or maybe you want to visualize what the thought is describing. Try to find as many ways as you can that allow you to "experience" that thought.

If you're memorizing an entire chapter, you may find it helpful to also memorize the verse numbers. Although it may sound like extra work, in the end it's helpful, because it can help you remember the order of the verses. Also it's pretty cool to be able to recite any verse on-demand (for example, Isaiah 55:6).

After you memorize the Bible passage you chose, recite it to yourself, and immediately correct any mistakes you make. When you are able to recite the entire passage to yourself without making a mistake, ask a friend or family member to listen to you recite that passage as they follow along in their Bible. Make sure they immediately correct any mistakes you make.

When you're able to recite the Bible passage to yourself and to another person without making a single mistake, you are almost finished. You've made extensive progress, and you only have one more step. Many people forget about this final step, but it is so very critical to remembering any Bible passage long-term.

After you memorize the Bible passage you chose in Step 1, you're ready to learn about long-term Bible memory skills. Now let's advance to the final Step 3.

## **Step 3: Long Term Bible Memory**

Many people forget about long term Bible memory. If you've put the work into memorizing a Bible passage, you might as well put in just a little more work, and be able to recite it at anytime, anywhere, with great ease. Sound too good to be true? It may be easier than you think.

Long term Bible memory is actually pretty simple. Here's how it works. The first step is to memorize the passage, which you probably already did. The second step, is to not recite that passage for a few days. Then, recite the passage to a friend or family member, as they follow along in their Bible. Take note of each mistake you make, even if it's a difference of singular or plural.

You'll probably be surprised that you even made a few mistakes. But don't worry about it. Just read the Bible passage over to yourself again, putting special emphasis on the parts where you made a mistake. Then say it to a friend or family member until you make absolutely no mistakes.

Finished? Not quite. Let it set for a few weeks. Then come back again, and do the same thing - recite the passage to someone, correct any mistakes, and let it set for a while. Then come back to it again later.

After you go through that process over a period of several months, you will have the skill of long term Bible memory mastered. Congratulations! Amaze yourself as you effortlessly recite that passage to anyone at anytime. You've done an excellent job!

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