

An Illustration of Memorizing and Applying Bible Verses:

Philip. 4:13: “I can do all things through **Christ** who **strengthens me.**” Many of us live out self-fulfilling prophecies. We believe what we tell ourselves—or what we have been told by others: “You are not good enough,” “you’re ugly,” “you can’t do anything right,” or “you can’t make it.”...

We program ourselves for spiritual failure as well. I just can’t memorize Scripture, we say. I know the text, but I don’t remember where it is taken from. Yet we memorize lots of school material for exams, and song lyrics.

The answer to this limited thinking is right thinking-Biblical thinking. The Bible says we are loved; we are sons and daughters of God, Kings and Priests. The Bible says we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

The context of Philippians 4:13 shows that Paul had experienced imprisonment, beatings, poverty, lack, humiliation and plenty. However, he learned that his joy was not dependent on external circumstances, but on his relationship with Jesus. He learned contentment and how to master all circumstances thought Christ who gives him inner strength and peace.

Application:

(1) What challenges am I facing that make me conscious of my inadequacies? Is one of them faithfully memorizing Scripture?

(2) How does Philippians 4:13 help me face my challenges?

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Goal: *The goal of this initiative is to encourage and challenge each believer to memorize and apply one Bible text every week. Each month we will have a theme and we will memorize the texts under that theme. Given this goal, how many texts will we memorize by the end of each month? ___ How about each quarter ___ and at the end of the year? ___ It will be exciting!*

Choosing Texts: I will choose the themes and you will choose the texts as of the second month. By the end of the third week of each month, you should submit your texts to me via email, text 516-410-0077 or on my face book page. The Theme for January is “NEW BEGINNINGS”

God's Word is living and powerful; it is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. It cannot fail. **Walk in and by it.**

[Heb. 4:12; Psalm 119:105; Numbers 23: 1]

WHY SHOULD I MEMORIZE & APPLY BIBLE TEXTS?

The Bible:

Is the Truth

John 17:17

Is alive and powerful

Heb 4:12

Guides and directs you

Psalm 119:105

Causes you to prosper

Joshua 1:8

Increases your faith

Romans 10:17

Keeps you from sinning

Psalm 119:11

Cleanses your ways

Psalm 119:9

Gives confidence

2 Timothy 2:15

Improves spirituality

John 6:63

Fills you with joy and rejoicing

Jeremiah 15:16

Gives security

Matthew 24:35

Blesses you

Revelation 1:3

Is the truth

John 17:17

Protects you from believing a lie

2 Theses 2:10-12

Leads you to Jesus

John 5:39; 20:30-31

Makes you wise unto salvation

2 Timothy 3:15

Reproves, trains in righteousness

2 Tim 3:16-18

Is more important than food

Job 23:12

Will set your soul on fire for God

Jeremiah 20:9

“As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined” (E.G. White, Education, page 124).

“Only those who have become diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusions that will take the world captive.” (Great Controversy P. 380)



COMMITMENT: By the grace of God, I _____
 _____ (add your name) commit myself to
 memorizing and applying one Bible passage per week in 2012.
Memorizing & Applying One Bible Verse Weekly

Good Book



Keys for Memorizing Bible Verses: Pray! Pray!

1. **Context.** Read the immediate verses before and after the verse to be memorized, the chapter of the book in which the verse appears.
2. **Repeat the verse.** Memorization is accomplished through repetition. The more you repeat the verse, the more clearly it will be impressed upon your mind.
3. **Subdivide the verse.** Break the verse down into its component parts. Repeat each part again and again, thinking clearly about its meaning. Then join that part to the next part of the verse.
4. **Visualize the circumstances.** Try to get a mental picture of the circumstances of the verse: Jesus speaking to his disciples, Paul writing from a dark jail, or a prophet prophesying. Figure out what **it meant** to those who first heard it and then what **it means** to you.
5. **Keep the Word in front of you.** Write the verse on a small index card. Put it in your cell phone or on face book. Put it on your mirror, your dashboard, your computer, or in your purse or wallet. Say the verses as you drive, wash dishes, or walk in your neighborhood. You could even record them on your cell phone and play them any time.
6. **Review the verses aloud.** Speaking the Word of God aloud has an amazing power of persuasion. Try emphasizing different words in the verse.
7. **Apply the verses to your life.** Apply each verse to your life. **Live by the Word** (Matt 4:4). “**Walk In The Word**” Share your insights with others; keep a “spiritual growth journal” that traces the changes in your life. As you use the verses you learn, they become part of you and are not just a memory exercise.
8. **Review.** Make a brief review at the end of each month to help you remember the significance of that month’s verses and keep the

verses you have memorized fresh in your mind. Have fun in memorizing the word. Reward yourself and family as you succeed.

Walk In the Word and by the Word!