

Help Memorizing Scripture

“I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

Psalm 119:11

This verse provides a beautifully simple plan for a growing walk with the Lord – store the Word in your heart. This willingness to commit to storing up (memorizing) God’s words is commended to us repeatedly throughout the Bible.

Memorizing God’s word begins with a desire. Memorization, especially memorizing longer passages takes work, but it’s absolutely possible. You can do this! Like every discipline, whether spiritual or physical, it comes with both a longing and denial. We long to know and understand God’s Word and we deny the parts of us that are quick to get distracted. Pray that God would give you an increasing desire to know His word so that your behavior reflects your increasing love for Him.

We’ve put together a few tips to help you as you follow through on your Closer commitment.

Tips for memory:

- **Pick it** – Be specific about what you’re choosing to memorize. Below are some suggested passages for you to choose.
- **Section it** – Break it down into small sections to memorize in sequence. You can add a new section when you’ve successfully memorized the one before it.
- **Write it** – Start your memorization by writing down the section you’re working on. We suggest at least 5 times.
- **Say it** – Next, say it out loud if possible. We suggest at least 5 times.
- **Review it** – As you add new sections, continue to say the previous verses, then begin working on the new section.
- **Finish it** – Stay with it until you’ve got it!

Suggested passages:

- Colossians 3
- Psalm 23
- John 15
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Hebrews 1
- Psalm 100
- Ephesians 1