

**“BIBLE MEMORIZATION”**

Luke 6:45

Think about everything you’ve memorized over the years: Songs, poems, movie lines, passwords, phone numbers and much more. Yet, when it comes to Scripture memory, most of us think, *“That’s just too hard. I can’t do it.”* Today, we turn our attention to five reasons why memorizing Scripture has such a positive impact on our lives.

- Key thought: Anything stored in my heart will be expressed in my actions.

1. Memorizing Scripture Points Me To God’s Way For Life.

*“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word. I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands. I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”* Psalm 119:9-11

*“His delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”* Psalm 1:2,3

*“Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.”* Psalm 119:24

2. Memorizing Scripture Prepares Me To Help Others

*“Let the word of Christ  dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”* Colossians 3:16

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”* Deuteronomy 6:6,7

3. Memorizing Scripture Provides Me With Spiritual Food.

*“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* Psalm 119:103

Jeremiah: *“When Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight...”* Jeremiah 15:16

Ezekiel: *“So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.”* Ezekiel 3:3

4. Memorizing Scripture Promises Power For The Battles Of Life.

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground....Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:10-13,17*

Jesus: *“It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4*

#### 5. Memorizing Scripture Purifies My Life From Old Habits.

*“Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything - and I do mean everything - connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life - a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you.” Ephesians 4:21-24 (Msg)*

*“For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.” Galatians 5:17*

- The fastest way to get rid of something is to replace it!

#### CONCLUSION

- Two keys to memorizing Scripture:

Repetition

Review

#### PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

“Memorizing Scripture: Good News in, Good News out” by Doug Fields

“Think Fast” by Jason Strand

“Scripture Memory: A Missing Discipline” by Jason Hayes