

Transformed by the Word of God

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“Your Word I have hidden in my heart
that I might not sin against You.”
Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Ephesians 6:17

The sword of the Spirit
is the Word of God.

3 Strategies

1. SATURATION

These words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Deut 6:6-7

We should become acquainted with the Bible...You need not be surprised that God will flash the knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures into your memory at the very time when it is needed. . *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, April 15, 1890.

The testimony of two witnesses

- H.M.S. Richards Sr.
- Barry Black

2. Scripture Memory Cards

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Psalm 119:11

- Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets you may read a passage and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in the mind. *Steps to Christ*, p. 90.

3 ways to memorize

- Semantic memory – reading out loud
- Motoric memory – writing out the text
- Eidetic memory – seeing the text

- Begin with prayer, reaffirming your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence that you might hide God's Word in your heart.

- Read the selected passage out-loud, slowly and carefully. Concentrate on each word as you read, making sure you grasp the meaning of the text. If there is a word that you do not understand, look it up in a dictionary. Listen carefully as you read the text several times.

- Write out the text on a 3x5 card. The verse should be written out with one idea per line since this is how it is stored in your memory. Make sure that you include the reference at the beginning and also at the end of the verse.

NOT LIKE THIS:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16

BUT LIKE THIS:

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

- Look at the text carefully, as you have structured it on your card. Read it over slowly, listening carefully to each word.

- Set the 3x5 card aside and write out the text from memory on a new 3x5 card, beginning with the reference. Vocalize the words as you write. Check to ensure that you have rewritten the text with 100% accuracy. If not, focus again on the initial card and repeat.

- Keep one card in your Scripture memory file (a 3x5 card file) and take the other card with you. Recite the text frequently throughout the day. If you have difficulty, pull out the 3x5 card and read the reference and text out-loud.

The testimony of two missionaries

- Bobby Morrison
- Bob Banks

3. SCRIPTURE SONGS

Let the word of Christ dwell in you
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teaching and admonishing one another
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

- There are few means more effective for fixing His word in the memory than repeating them in song. *The Youth's Instructor*, March 29, 1904.

- The songs that had cheered the wilderness wandering were sung. God's commandments were chanted, and, bound up with the blessed influences of nature and of kindly human association, they were forever fixed in the memory of many a child and youth. *Education*, p. 42.

- Often He (Jesus) expressed the gladness of His heart by singing Psalms and spiritual songs. Often the dwellers of Nazareth heard his voice raised in praise and thanksgiving to God. He held communion with heaven in song. *The Desire of Ages*, p. 73.

- As the children of Israel, journeying through the wilderness, cheered their way by the music of sacred song, so God bids his children today gladden their pilgrim life. *The Youth's Instructor*, March 29, 1904.

The testimony of two students

- Grade 2 student in Georgia
- Grade 5 student in Tennessee

Let the Word of Christ Colossians 3:16



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richly in all wisdom (repeat)
Teaching and admonishing one another (repeat)
In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
Singing with grace in your hearts (repeat)
To the LORD.

THE PROMISE

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the
Father will send in My name, He will teach
you all things, and bring to your
remembrance all things that I said to you.
John 14:26

