

# **EVERY MAN** *A WARRIOR*

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Helping Men Succeed in Life

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*Scripture Memory*  
*as a Lifestyle*  
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# Scripture Memory as a Lifestyle

## THE TOP 5 COUNT DOWN – WHY BE A MAN OF THE WORD? WHY MEMORIZE THE WORD?

5. The Lord really wants us to be men of the Word so He \_\_\_\_\_ it. 2 Timothy 2:15
4. God \_\_\_\_\_ we will thrive if we are men of the Word. 2 Peter 1:4; Numbers 23:19
3. The Lord cares about us, so He warns us about \_\_\_\_\_ . Proverbs 6:22,23
2. The Lord wants us to be courageous men of action, not passive or indifferent. So, He gives us opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ His Word and put it into practice. James 1:22
1. The Lord wants us to know Him and have us experience His character and His attributes. He seeks \_\_\_\_\_ with us. Intimacy with Jesus will not happen if we are not men of the Word. Isaiah 66:2

Why be a man of the Word? Why memorize scripture? Because the scriptures are a goldmine of commands to obey, promises to claim, sin to avoid, applications to make, and new truths about God. These verses we memorize, review, and meditate on are more valuable than gold or money or houses or any inheritance you think you are entitled to! Psalm 19:10,11

## THE IMPACT OF MEMORIZING THE WORD

“Memorizing scripture is like getting a hypodermic needle of the Jesus virus injected directly in your blood stream. It just changes you.” - Justin Brownlee

1. Memorizing the Word \_\_\_\_\_ your brain. It gives you a filter to process life. It changes how you think. It changes what you think about. It \_\_\_\_\_ your mind. Hebrews 4:12
2. Memorizing the Word prepares you to speak \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into a man’s life at critical moments. 2 Timothy 3:16,17
3. Memorizing the Word builds \_\_\_\_\_ and core convictions in the men you want to disciple. To settle for less cultivates a culture of apathy. If you want to be an expert builder of men, you need to \_\_\_\_\_ memorizing the Word for the men you disciple. Jeremiah 15:16; Jeremiah 23:28,29; Philippians 4:9

# Scripture Memory as a Lifestyle

## FIVE TIPS TO SHARPEN YOUR SCRIPTURE MEMORY SKILLS

1. Memorize scripture with the other men in your EMAW group. Review verses together. No one memorizes scripture on their own. God wired us to need brothers to encourage us and help us. Proverbs 27:17
2. Memorize a verse phrase by phrase, keep adding phrases until the verse is memorized. Try to write it out, using another sensory learning method helps the memory process. Have your wife and kids check you on the new verse you are memorizing.
3. Memorize the verse word perfectly. Have high standards of excellence. Deut. 32:47 -“They are not just idle words for you – they are your life.” Reviewing verses is painful and hard if you do not memorize the verse word perfect in the first place.
4. Quote the reference before & after you review the verse to remember the reference.
5. Review newest verses every day for 3 months, then once a week – REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW – it is the key to success. Just reading the verse card is not reviewing the verse.

## WHAT’S NEXT – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

So, what is our next step? How do we become men of the Word who memorize and meditate on the Word for a lifetime? If we do several small things well over the next two months, we can lay a solid foundation that we can build on the rest of our earthly lives. Three small steps:

1. Spend the next two weeks having daily quiet times in Psalm 119:1-176. Read sixteen verses a day for 11 days, the whole Psalm, 176 verses. Ask the Lord to show you commands, promises, sin to avoid, applications to make and new truths about God. Pick out your best verse, meditate on it and record your thoughts in your Quiet Time journal.
2. After having quiet times in Psalm 119, read and review what you recorded in your journal. Select your six favorite verses from Psalm 119 on becoming a man of the Word and memorize them over the next six weeks. Memorize a verse a week.
3. Develop your own plan to memorize & review verses for the next 2 years. Proverbs 21:5

**My Lifestyle Plan:** I memorize a new verse every week. Once memorized, it goes inside my verse pack, and I review my 12 newest verses every day for three months. When my daily review exceeds 12 verses, I move the oldest verse to my weekly review box. My weekly review box has 7 tabs, one for each day of the week. By the end of the second year, I will have memorized around 96 verses. I will have 12 verses in my daily review and around 84 verses in my weekly review. The 84 verses in weekly review are divided into the 7 days of the week, so I will review 12 verses every day for weekly review & 12 for daily review. What will you do?

# Discussion Questions

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1. Doug shared that to model Scripture memory for the men we disciple. How do you react to that? Agree? Disagree? Why?
2. How do you encourage a man in your group who says, "I can't memorize Scripture?" What are some practical tips you could recommend to help him?
3. What do you do with a man in your group who consistently fails to have his weekly memory verse assignment completed?
4. When you teach the importance of Scripture memory to the men in your group, what personal testimony of the power of Scripture memory would you share? In other words, how has memorizing the Word impacted you? What is your story?
5. At the end of the workshop, Doug shared a next step assignment, a challenge to do three things over the next two months. What were the three parts of the assignment? What will be your plan to memorize Scripture over the next two years?
6. Set a goal for Scripture memorization.
  - Use this formula: "I will [behavior] at [time] in [location]. [Name] will be my Ally."
  - Example: "I will memorize a new verse every week. I will review five verses every day. Bob will be my ally."
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ will be my Ally.