

Victory's Secret Weapon

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:13-17

Only one item in the armor is a weapon: the sword, which represents the Word of God.

A Bible Promise:

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11

This was the weapon of choice, used by Jesus Himself when tempted by Satan in the desert – He quoted scripture. And God will bless us with power to overcome as we take up the Sword of the Spirit. Notice this:

“Build a wall of scriptures around you, and you will see that the world cannot break it down. Commit the Scriptures to memory, and then throw right back upon Satan when he comes with his temptations, ‘It is written.’ This is the way that our Lord met the temptations of Satan, and resisted them.” –Review and Herald, April 10, 1888

“We might close the door to many temptations, if we would commit to memory passages of Scripture. Let us hedge up the way to Satan's temptations with ‘It is written.’” God's Amazing Grace, 262

The problem here for most of us is not that we need to be convinced of the usefulness of knowing God's Word by heart. More likely than not, the problem for most people is one of two things: either you find it hard to memorize, or you don't feel like you have the time to add this to your already full plate. Most Christians find it enough of a challenge to just get their devotional Bible reading in, let alone add yet another task to their already too busy day.

How to Memorize:

The secret to memorizing large blocks of scripture, is to brake them down into shorter phrases. For example, if we want to memorize Isaiah 26:3, we could break it up into these phrases:

“Thou wilt keep him / in perfect peace, / whose mind is stayed on thee:/ because he trusteth in thee.”

For some, the phrases may need to be very short. The key is, don't go on to the next phrase, until you've mastered the one you're working on. As soon as you conquer the next phrase, then master the previous phrase or phrases together with the one you've just learned. Eventually, you'll be able to repeat the entire verse. In fact, as you follow this approach, you'll most likely find that your ability to memorize will improve, over time, so that you may be able to handle longer phrases at a time.

Take advantage of times during the day when you're stuck waiting for an appointment, standing in line at the grocery store, waiting for the light to turn green, or on hold on the telephone to review scriptures you want to memorize.

Methods:

- Flash Cards
- Smart Phones
- PDA's
- Scripture song CDs

For new verses:

Go over them daily for about two months

Review of verses already memorized:

Review once a month to keep them in your memory

Another Reason:

"The time will come when many will be deprived of the written Word. But if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us." Last Day Events, 67

Web Resources:

Flash Card Memory Systems: <http://www.fast.st>
Digital Scripture Memory Systems: <http://www.laridian.com>