

MEMORIZE : The WHY's and HOW's**The WHY's of memory**

1. Memory is a Biblical way to learn. Psalm 103:1-2
2. Memory helps me to obey God. Psalm 119:11
3. Memory builds family relationships. Deuteronomy 6:6-7
4. Memory prepares me to fight Satan. Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:10-13,17
5. Memory prepares me to help others. 1 Peter 3:15
6. Memory keeps me from worrying. Psalm 119:165
7. Memory gives me encouragement. Romans 15:4

8. What do I do when I want to give up?
 - a. This is a natural feeling.
 - b. Satan is not happy with you for memorizing Bible words - 1 Peter 5:8
 - c. God will bless your desire to grow in Him, and He's stronger than Satan - Matt. 5:6
 - d. PRAY that God would "Restore to you the joy of your Salvation." (Psalm 51:12)

9. Remember the parable of the sower. If I only learn the bare minimum of Bible truth and never desire to grow, that truth does me little good. In the long term, weeds will grow, the hot sun will scorch out my faith. Do not break covenant with God. Instead, **Galatians 6:9!**

10. Remember the **BIGGEST** reason why you learn these Bible teachings: That you may have life in Jesus' name through faith in what the Bible tells of Him (John 20:31).

The HOW's of memory

Most people think they have a bad memory. But they do not have a bad memory. They have an untrained memory. We all memorize facts and ideas all our life long. Examples?

- a. In order to memorize, I must _____ what I memorize.

- b. In order to memorize, I must think something _____ to me.

Begin early, and don't stop. Early in life—at age 2 already children can start learning the Lord's Prayer and Jesus Loves Me. However, by God's grace, even the oldest Christian can still memorize!

HERE IS ONE SUGGESTED WAY TO PUT YOUR God-given memory to work for God's glory and your good

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| 1. | Pray |
| 2. | Understand – the individual words, and then groups of words. |
| 3. | Divide and conquer |
| 4. | Write |
| 5. | Recite |
| | a. OUT LOUD |
| | b. THE SAME WAY. |
| 6. | Share |
| | a. The process |
| | b. The content |
| 7. | REVIEW |