

## Scripture Memory Methods

**2 Tim 3:16-17** – All Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**Ps 119:9-11** - 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. 10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. 11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.

### Scripture Memory Cards

front of card	back of card
<p>Psalm 16:11</p> <p>- joy, purpose - Ps 36:7-9; Jn 15:11</p> <p>12/11/05      NASB      1</p>	<p>You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.</p>

- Front of card: Verse at top; verse topic(s) in center along with similar verses; date memorized at bottom left; translation in bottom center; number of verses at bottom right
- Back of card: verse
- Can use Navigator cards with pocket pack (see under **Resources** below) or 3x5 cards
- Cards allow you to organize them however you want, either by biblical book or by topic. I recommend you organize them topically so you can recall similar verses together.

### Memory Method

1. Write the verse *word for word* on card.
2. Say the verse *out loud* several times.
3. Memorize *one phrase/thought at a time* verbatim, emphasizing different words/phrases to cement them in your mind.
  - In *Your right hand* there are pleasures forever
  - In Your right hand there *are* pleasures forever
  - In Your right hand there are *pleasures* forever
  - In Your right hand there are pleasures *forever*
    - Meditate on the importance of each word and phrase and its contribution to the total meaning of the verse.
4. Once you can repeat the verse word for word consistently, write the date on the bottom left corner.

5. Review the verse every single day for 2 months, quoting the reference *before and after* the verse.
6. Review all verses on a regular basis (at least once a quarter).

### Staying the Course

- Set an attainable goal: 1 verse/week to start. Keep track of your progress. The more you memorize, the easier it will become!
- Memorize verses that God puts on your heart from your quiet time or from sermons.
- Get a Scripture memory accountability partner and review your verses together on a regular basis.
- *Meditate* and *pray* over new verses learned and ask God to use them in your life as you face spiritual temptations and decisions.
- REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW!!! Try writing out verses that you struggle with to test your accuracy. If you have 100 verses memorized, review 5/day and you will review all your verses every 20 days.
- Ask God to sharpen your mind as you learn and seek to apply His Word.

### Resources

#### Verse Cards

- Verse cards (2 ¾ x 1 ¾ inches) can be ordered by calling the Baptist Student Union of Oklahoma Bookstore at 405-329-2990. They are around \$1 per 100 cards. You can also order verse packs (leather holders for the cards) for around \$4 each and have them shipped to you.

#### The MacArthur Scripture Memory System, Thomas Nelson, \$18

- This program comes with three audio CDs featuring Dr. MacArthur reading the weekly verse and giving his brief exposition of the passage. Also includes a booklet detailing the steps to effective Scripture memorization, 52 laminated cards highlighting the weekly verses, and an interactive CD-ROM.

#### The Navigators Topical Memory System, NavPress, \$10

- After this 30-week Navigators course, you'll not only have 60 key verses memorized, you'll also know how to meditate on Scripture and apply it to your life. This boxed set includes a how-to course booklet, a vinyl verse pack, and 60 verse cards with NIV, KJV, NASB, and NKJV verses.

#### Topical Memory System: Life Issues, NavPress, \$10

- This new *Topical Memory System* from the Navigators will help you apply over 70 key passages about anger, depression, guilt, knowing God's will, stress, suffering, perfectionism, sexual temptation, sin, money, love, and more. Turn to the user's guide for short articles (from *Discipleship Journal*) and mini-Bible studies on each topic. Includes 72 verse cards in NIV, KJV, NASB and NKJV and a vinyl verse pack.