

BIBLE MEMORIZATION PLAN

Week	VERSES	Week	VERSES
29 <input type="checkbox"/>	Philemon 1:6b	43 <input type="checkbox"/>	John 15:5
30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 10:28	44 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 20:6-8
31 <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 11:28-30	45 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 23:1-2
32 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 1:1-2	46 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 23:3-4
33 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 1:3-4	47 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 23:5-6
34 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 1:5-6	48 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 19:11
35 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 4:4	49 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 19:20
36 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 9:6-8	50 <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 8:28
37 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 12:9	51 <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 8:32
38 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 46:9b-11	52 <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 3:21-22
39 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 64:4	53 <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 3:23-24
40 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 1:10	54 <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 3:25-26
41 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 3:5-7	55 <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 3:31-32
42 <input type="checkbox"/>	John 14:2-3		

*"Bible memorization is absolutely
FUNDAMENTAL to spiritual formation.
 If I had to choose between all the
 disciplines of the spiritual life,
 I would choose **BIBLE MEMORIZATION**,
 because it is the fundamental way of
FILLING OUR MIND with what it needs.
 This book of the law **SHALL NOT**
 depart out of your mouth.
 That's where you need it!
 How does it get in your mouth?
MEMORIZATION."*

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A PLAN FOR BIBLE MEMORIZATION

One of my favorite parts of John Bunyan's book *"The Pilgrim's Progress"* is when the two men, Christian & Hopeful, get locked up in Doubting Castle by a Giant named Despair. For four days Giant Despair beat the two men and tried to convince them that they would never be set free. Christian and Hopeful felt were on the verge of losing all hope, when in the darkness of the night, the two men began to pray. The clouds of despair began to break open and reveal a ray of hope. Finally, it dawned on Christian that he possessed a key that would set them free from Doubting Castle. Christian rejoiced saying:

"What a fool am I, thus to lie in a stinking Dungeon, when I may as well walk at liberty? I have a Key in my bosom called Promise, that will, I am persuaded, open any Lock in Doubting Castle."

Friend, have you ever felt the weight of despair? Have you ever been in the bondage of sin & temptation? Have you ever heard the accusations of guilt and condemnation from the enemy? Have you ever faced a trial that has caused you to doubt the promises of God? With one look in the mirror, every Christian would admit: "Yes, I have felt all of those." Is there hope? Yes. And surprisingly the answer lies with the "Key" in your bosom called "Promise" which will indeed unlock every door of doubt and despair.

Matthew 4 records that Jesus Christ himself faced temptation from Satan. Do you recall what he did? He quoted Scripture. It is doubtful that Jesus had a physical copy of the Bible in the wilderness. Rather, Jesus knew the Word. And when temptation tried to get a hold on his life, the Word of God (the Key) came out of His heart (his bosom) and He was victorious. I have come to recognize in my own personal battles with fear, doubt and temptation that the best way to do battle is with the Word of God. But, in order to do battle with the Word, it has to be buried deep in the wells of your soul.

Ps. 119:11 says: *"I have **stored up** your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* This 'storing up' the word is the call for Bible memorization. We will not successfully overcome sin & Satan unless we memorize the Word of God and store it in our heart. Romans 12:2 teaches believers not to be *"conformed to this world, but*

be transformed by the renewal of your mind." With all the junk that fills our minds from this world, how else can it be transformed except that we fill our mind with God's Holy Word? The degree to which we fill our mind with God's Word is the degree to which we will gain victory over personal sin and find joy in God. John Piper writes in his book *"When I Don't Desire God"*:

"How shall we use the Word of God to fight for joy? The first answer I have given is to read it with plan and regularity. The next answer I give is to memorize verses and paragraphs and chapters and even whole books of the Bible...What hope is there to have a mind filled with Christ except to have a mind filled with his Word?"

So, here's the challenge I put out: Memorize the Scripture. Memorize verses, paragraphs, chapters & books. I can hear some say: *"I can't memorize. It's too difficult."* Well, would memorizing be too difficult if this church offered you \$1,000 for every verse you memorized? No. So, what's motivating you? David writes in Psalm 19:10 that God's Word is *"more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold."* *Is God's word worth more to you than money?*

Every week at New Hope, we have a memory verse(s) of the week. The memory verses we are doing for this year are a part of this document. You may consider purchasing a pack of memory cards to assist you. They are available online at www.desiringgod.org (go to their store and search: "Fighter Verses"). The pack of fighter verses has been a helpful tool in my own personal journey of memorizing God's Word.

Finally, remember the ultimate reason we read God's Word and memorize it is so that God may be glorified and we, His people, may be sanctified. All this is for His glory and our joy.

Transforming my mind with God's Word,

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1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Deuteronomy 7:9	15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 121:5-6
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Deuteronomy 10:12-13	16 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 121:7-8
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 11:34-36	17 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 125:1-2
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 12:1-2	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 141:3-4a
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 56:3-4	19 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 147:5
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 62:5-8	20 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 40:28-29
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 John 1:8-9	21 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 40:30-31
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 John 2:15-17	22 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 2:8-10
9 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 73:25-26	23 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 4:26
10 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 77:13-14	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 86:5-7
11 <input type="checkbox"/>	James 1:2-3	25 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 86:15
12 <input type="checkbox"/>	James 1:12	26 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 6:10-12
13 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 121:1-2	27 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 6:13-15
14 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 121:3-4	28 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 6:16-18