

Bible Memory: Philippians 2:3

Scripture Memorization:

Write this verse several times in an effort to memorize it.

We want to encourage you to memorize this verse. There are many biblical reasons why we should memorize Scripture. Here are a few:

1. Jesus memorized Scripture.

Jesus, the Word incarnate, knew the written Word, and quoted it all the time. He quoted twenty-four books of the Old Testament almost 180 times in the New Testament. It's clear that he thought of the Scriptures as the ultimate authority in life and a way to understand the heart and desires of God. Why would we not follow the example of Jesus in knowing the Scriptures by heart?

2. We are called to memorize Scripture.

Colossians 3:16 tells us to "let the word of Christ dwell in us richly." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 tells us to bind God's law on our foreheads, teach it to our children, talk about it wherever we go, and make it an integral part of our lives. We must know Scripture first before we can teach it or apply it as God desires. The command to know Scripture is not burdensome, but life-giving.

3. Memorizing Scripture renews our mind and transforms our life.

Do you have to write everything down in order to not forget? God knows that we cannot remember or keep his commands without being reminded of them frequently. This is one reason he told us to renew our minds in the Scriptures daily. He already wrote down what we need to know!

According to Romans 12:2, keeping Scripture at the forefront of our minds will help us receive spiritual transformation from Almighty God. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."

Bible Reading: **Philippians 2:1-4**

Devotional Thought:

When we realize God is ultimately in control and our lives are in His trustworthy hands, we can stop pushing our agenda. Instead of having a selfish, self-centered to-do list, we release our wants, dreams, and desires for something far greater... HIS!

Life isn't about accomplishments but rather relationships: our relationship with Christ and our relationship with others. How we live our lives really comes down to a question we have to answer daily: will we live for Christ or will we live for ourselves?

When we live for ourselves—our wants, our desires, and our dreams—we become our own focus, not Jesus. But what if we chose differently? What if when we wake up each morning, we choose Jesus?

Before our feet hit the floor, let's surrender our day to Him. Instead of having an inward focus, let's reach out in humility to others, recognizing ways we can be Jesus' hands and feet right where He has placed us. Humility isn't thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less often - His will over our own.

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Bible Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Devotional Thought:

Friends, one day EVERY knee will bow in honor to the name above all names... Jesus. Not only will everyone bow, but everyone will confess that Jesus is Lord! What a glorious day that will be!

In the meantime, we have a lot of work to do! We can never stop reaching out to a hurting world that is desperate to know the One who bears this most powerful name... Jesus!

Now is not the time to shrink back or hold back. It's the time to reach out, roll up our sleeves, and get to work. Now is the time to reach out to a world that needs to feel the love of Christ. Now is the time to help people experience forgiveness and receive unconditional love!

That glorious day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess is coming, but until that day let's get busy!

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