

Scripture Memorization

How and Why?

Why?

We see it in:

- **Our need for salvation**
- **Our need for direction and wisdom**
- **Our need for strength and encouragement**
- **Our need for comfort and rest**

Why?

It is commanded

Colossians 3:16

***the word of Christ dwell in you richly in
all wisdom, teaching and admonishing
one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with grace in
your hearts to the Lord.***

Why?

Closer communion with God

- *Psalm 1 (meditating on God's word day and night)*
- *Psalm 32:8-9*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse [or] like the mule, [Which] have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

Why?

Being transformed by His Word

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Why?

Makes us wise

Proverbs 4:7

*Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [Therefore]
get wisdom. And in all your getting, get
understanding.*

Why?

Triumph over sin and temptation

- *Ephesians 6:17 – the Sword of the Spirit*
- *Psalm 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*
- *Matt 4 shows Jesus defending against Satanic attack by quoting Deuteronomy*

Why?

Comfort and counsel to ourselves and others

- *Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold in settings of silver.*
- *Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Why?

Communicating the Gospel to others.

1 Peter 3:15

***But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and
always [be] ready to [give] a defense to everyone
who asks you a reason for the hope that is in
you, with meekness and fear;***

Why?

Arm yourselves with a correct understanding of:

- **God's glory and Law**
- **Man's sinfulness and rebellion**
- **Christ's love and sacrifice**
- **The gift of Salvation**

How?

Study the verse's context and in prayer

Read the verses before and after

(20/20 vision – 20 verses preceding and after)

How?

Understand what kind of verse it is (for example)

A promise?

An exhortation?

A correction?

Wisdom?

How?

Does it apply to you, to the church, or is it specifically for the time and people for which it written?

Examples:

Phil 4:13 I can do all things... (re: contentment)

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord,... (a promise to Israel)

“Romans 8:28 “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.” (conditional)

How?

- **Create a schedule with realistic goals**
- **Memorize with others**
- **Write the verse down**
- **Say or sing the verse aloud**
- **Use an app if necessary**
- **Put reminders everywhere**
- **Pray the verse / apply the verse**
- **Persevere**