

Let's start off with a few questions....

- 1) Is it a command to memorize scripture or is it something that is optional?
- 2) If we don't memorize, is it sin? Commission or Omission?
- 3) Why does God want us to memorize scripture?
- 4) Why does the devil not want us to memorize scripture?

To help remember scripture, we should use God's method.

- 1) Study – II Timothy 2:15 (Laziness in this area will never receive a “Thou hast been a good and faithful servant” comment when we stand in front of the Lord.)
- 2) Review, Review, Review – Keep His Word in Front of your Eyes like the garments worn by the Jews and scriptures placed on the door posts.
- 3) Through meditation – Ponder over the application.
- 4) Through prayer – asking God to make the verse come alive.
- 5) Through songs – the devil hates God's music and God's Word – Together they are a mighty weapon!!
- 6) Through discussion and teaching others – When you encourage others, they encourage you. When you motivate others, they motivate you. When you teach others, they teach you.
- 7) Hide it in our hearts so the Holy Spirit can use it as a weapon against our flesh and Satan.
- 8) Anything God commands us to do He will give us the ability to do it through His power not ours. Proverbs 14:1, Let us be wise women and kick our self-defeated attitude out the door!

The devil's method for preventing scripture memorization or forgetting verses:

- 1) Deceit – “You are too old” (As long as your alive, you're never too old for Satan to attack you.), “You simply can't do it”, “You don't need it.”
- 2) Cares of this world – “Don't have time to study.”
- 3) Make it hard or difficult so you will give up.

Song: My Bologna Has a First Name...If you count the words (include letters each as a word), there are 55 words. When the devil says a verse is too long or too hard to memorize – you say to Him – That's bologna! If we can remember the Oscar Meyer jingle, we can do this!

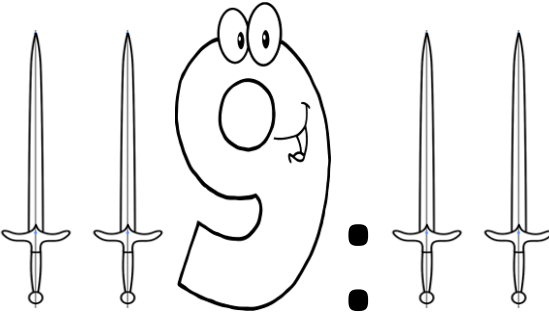
- 4) Lack of understanding of your accountability when you stand in front of the Lord, 2 Cor. 5:10.
- 5) Carelessness, Laziness – so you are unprepared for battle, like a city with broken walls – no protection – easy prey.

**Psalms 119:11 “Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”**

How to remember the reference:

Two numbers you can draw faces in, 8 – the fat me and 9- the skinny me. I like 9 best!

Turn the “1”s into 4 swords, draw a smile inside the number 9. God's Word, like swords protects me from all four sides (North, South, East and West) against the attacks of the devil!

Psalm :

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