

## WHY SHOULD WE MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

### Psalm 119:9-16

INTRODUCTION: To most Christians today the very idea of memorizing Scripture is thought of as out of date. If anyone should memorize Scripture it is surly only children. Adults have far more important things to do with their time. The word "memorize" means "to learn by heart." When a person truly memorizes a verse they literally take that verse into their heart! Psalm 119:9-11. When we talk about our heart we are talking about our mind: Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 15:19. Our mind is talking about our emotional and mental areas of life: Psalm 4:7. Our heart also includes our will: Hebrews 3:7-15. When we truly memorize God's living Word it becomes a living part of our hearts and affects every area of our lives: Hebrews 4:12.

#### I. MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD GIVES US GOD'S DEFENSE AGAINST TEMPTATION!

2 Corinthians 12:14; Psalm 37:30-31; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 7:1-6. Our enemy the devil knows God's Word and he will use it against us. How can we resist him? 1 Peter 5:7-8.

#### II. MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S WAY OF CLEANSING OUR HEARTS!

Ephesians 5:25-27; John 17:17-19; King David spoke the following after his sin with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband: Psalm 51:10, 17. How can we get and maintain a clean heart before our God? 1 John 1:9.

#### III. MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S WAY TO GROW OUR TRUST IN HIM!

Proverbs 22:17-19: As we repeat the Word of God over and over in our hearts our faith in God's Word will grow and it will affect all our choices in life. Romans 10:17.

#### IV. MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S WAY OF HELPING YOU TO LIVE A TRULY SUCCESSFUL LIFE!

Joshua 1:6-9: As we meditate and memorize the Word of God it must always be with the idea of applying to our lives what we learn. James 1:22-25| Luke 6:46-49. Let's compare a few verses from God's Word and see what He has to tell us: Luke 6:43-45 with Psalm 19:14 with Ephesians 4:29. You do know that you speak what is hidden in your heart don't you? Wouldn't it be nice to have a clean heart? Luke 6:45. Could it be time to get the treasure of God's Word into our hearts that we might speak forth the things of the Lord for His glory and our good?