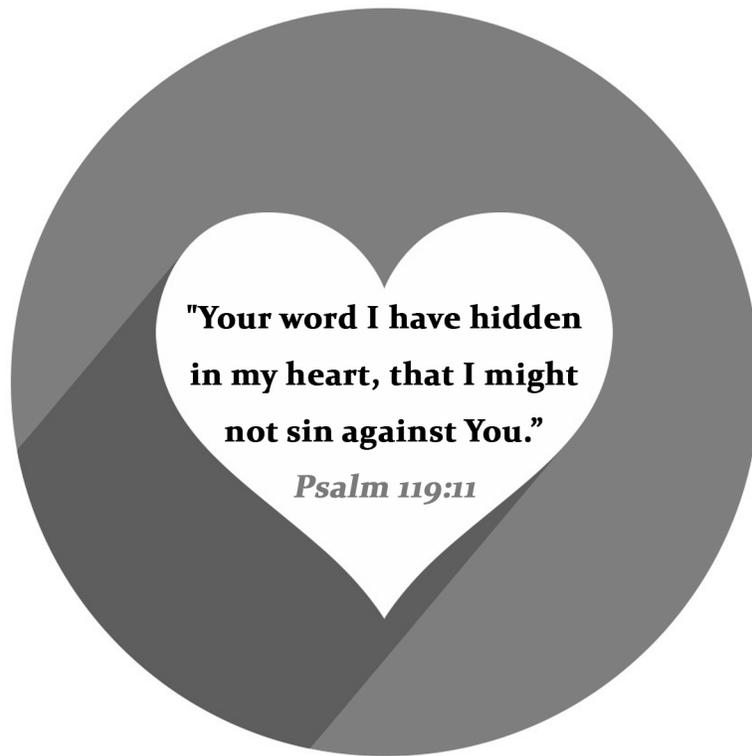


# **The Easy Way to Hide God's Word in Your Heart!**





# THE EASY WAY TO HIDE GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

- 1) **WHY** we should memorize God's Word. It will change the way we think and it will transform our lives. (Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 1, 2 Peter 1:2-4)

These are some of the commands and exhortations that are for each of us. We are to:

- Keep His Word
- Remember God's Word
- Not forget His commandments
- Meditate on His law day and night
- Keep God's Word within our hearts
- Hide God's Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God

- 2) How we can **COMBINE** memorizing Scripture with our daily routines.

- Trade your thoughts for God's thoughts
- Memorize Scripture during the times when our hands are busy, but our minds are free (getting ready in the morning, household chores, yard work, waiting in traffic, waiting in lines, on work breaks, etc. Ask the Lord to show you **your** opportunities.)
- Remember, great progress comes from a few minutes at a time and one verse at a time!

- 3) An easy plan to **REVIEW** our memorized Scriptures, so we won't forget what we've memorized.

- The goal is to move memorized Scriptures from our short-term memory to our long-term memory.
- Here's an easy way to review: take all the verses/passages/books you have memorized and put them in the natural order that they occur in the Bible.

For example:

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 119:11

Proverbs 3:5-6

John 3:1-21

Let's say you are beginning to work on memorizing Psalm 1:1-6. Each day, work on your newest memory verse, plus start at the beginning of your review list and start reviewing your already memorized Scriptures. Take as many days as you need to review that particular portion until you feel it is firm in your mind.

When you get to the end of your review list, go back to the beginning and go through the cycle again. When you have your newly memorized passage to add to your review list, insert it where it fits in the Bible order. So, every day you are doing "new" memory work and reviewing verses you have already memorized.

Now, your revised review list will look like this:

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 1 (your most recently memorized Scriptures are now in your review list),

Psalm 119:11

Proverbs 3:5-6

John 3:1-21

- 4) Some easy ways to **MEDITATE** on God's Word using the Scriptures we are working on memorizing.
- Do these four things intentionally, thoughtfully, and prayerfully:
    1. Think about what the words mean (use a dictionary if needed)
    2. What are the truths in this Scripture?
    3. What should these truths mean in my own life?
    4. Make this verse a prayer to the Lord, praying back the words of Scripture to Him.

## 5) **"THE EASY WAY TO HIDE GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART!"**

(See instruction page)

Memorize right from your Bible, or write out your verses on 3x5 inch cards or a spiral-lined journal, print verses/passages from a computer, or use an electronic device. Carry your Bible verses with you that you are working on memorizing.

*INSTRUCTIONS FOR:*

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*(Say the Scripture reference OUT LOUD before the verse(s) you are memorizing.)*

1. Open your Bible and read your Bible verse(s) OUT LOUD
2. Close your Bible and close your eyes
3. Say as much as you can remember OUT LOUD

*(Say the Scripture reference OUT LOUD before the verse(s) you are memorizing.)*

1. Again, read your Bible verse(s) OUT LOUD
2. Close your Bible and close your eyes
3. Say as much as you can remember OUT LOUD

*(Say the Scripture reference OUT LOUD before the verse(s) you are memorizing.)*

1. Again, read your Bible verse(s) OUT LOUD
2. Close your Bible and close your eyes
3. Say as much as you can remember OUT LOUD

***REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT!***

Keep repeating these three steps until memorized!

You can make up hand motions to go along with the words of the verse(s) you are working on. Use hand motions while your eyes are closed and you are repeating what you can remember of the verse(s). Hand motions can help you to remember the verse.

Work on memorizing every day, if possible! Even a few minutes, several times a day, makes a big difference. Once you have learned your verses, don’t forget to review, review, and review!

## Some Practical Ideas For Hiding God's Word In Your Heart

- Memorize right from your Bible, or write out your verses on 3x5 inch cards or a spiral-lined journal, print verses/passages from a computer, or use an electronic device. Carry your Bible verses with you that you are working on memorizing.
- What should we memorize?
  - Verses/passages that we think we should memorize. (Example: those that explain the Gospel.)
  - Verses/passages that encourage us to be victorious in our personal lives.
  - Verses/passages that the Lord has spoken to us or ministered to us during our time with Him.
  - Bible stories that we can tell to others.
  - Key verses such as John 3:16-17, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 4:12, etc.
  - Memorize verses "in context." Try John 3:1-21 (Jesus and Nicodemus), Luke 2:1-20 (the birth of Jesus).
- It is also wonderful to memorize passages, chapters, and books of the Bible. It is not more difficult; you are still just learning one verse at a time! Start with shorter passages like Psalm 1. You will be encouraged and motivated as you see your progress and are successful.

### TIPS:

For single verses, say the reference out loud as you work on memorizing. For longer passages, it isn't necessary to say each reference for each verse. For example, you could say, "Luke 2:1-20" and then recite verses 1-20.

When you are working on memorizing longer passages, it is very helpful to "link" the last few words of the previous verse, to the first few words of the following verse. (Example from Psalm 1. (Psalm 1:1) "...of the scornful; but his delight..." (Psalm 1:2)

As you're working on longer passages, always say the first verses of the passage you have memorized in **addition** to your newest verse.

If you memorize word-for-word from your favorite Bible translation (not a paraphrase), it will be very easy to have someone "test" you to make sure you were accurate, word-by-word. It's also a great idea to "practice" your Scriptures (a lot!) on family and friends. You may just encourage them to memorize also!

Make sure you have really memorized the verse before going onto the next verse. If you don't, you will become discouraged and feel like you have failed again at memorizing. Just be diligent; great progress comes from a few minutes at a time. Don't give up! You will make progress!

Highly recommended reading: *His Word in My Heart* by Janet Pope

Now, YOU can teach children and adults how to easily hide God's Word in their hearts too!☺