#### THE IMPORTANCE AND HOW OF BIBLE MEMORIZATION

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**OBJECTIVE:** To encourage God's people to go back to the Bible and dedicate time to the memorization of God's Word.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1. Bible memorization has been practiced by God's people for centuries!
- 2. We used to be known as "People of the Book."
- 3. There are great blessings when we memorize God's Word!
- 4. In this lesson we will discuss two main points: The importance and how of Bible memorization.
- 5. Let us be doers of God's Word (James 1:22-25; Luke 11:28).

## I. THE "IMPORTANCE" OF BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- 1. It is commanded and encouraged by God (2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 3:16).
- 2. The Bible speaks about Bible memorization (Psalm 119:11, 16; Prov 11:18; Proverbs 7:1-3).
- 3. It helps us to always be ready to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15).
- 4. It helps us to be ready for the task of evangelism (Acts 8:35; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20).
- 5. It helps us to overcome sin and temptation (Psalm 119:9, 11; Matthew 4:1-12).
- 6. It helps us to refute the error of false doctrines (1 Timothy 1:3).
- 7. It helps us to grow in the knowledge of God's Word (2 Peter 3:18).

## II. THE "HOW" OF BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- 1. You MUST want to do it! (Psalm 119:97).
- 2. You must believe you can do it! (Philippians 4:13).
- 3. Identify the reason WHY you want to memorize! It MUST be a Biblical reason!
- 4. Purchase your memory notebook! Use it only for Bible memorization!
- 5. Prepare a chain of Bible verses you want to memorize.
- 6. Use index cards to carry with you everywhere you go!
- 7. Divide the verses you want to memorize into sections.
- 8. Use the verses you memorize in conversations, Bible lessons, etc.
- 9. Record your verses on your phone so you can listen to them.
- 10. Repetition, repetition, and more repetition! Stay on top of your verses.
- 11. Remember the two ways of memorization: Select whichever works for you!
  - a. Memorize the entire verse
  - b. Be familiar with the content of the verse
- 12. Understand the verses you memorize!
- 13. Practice the verses you memorize (James 1:22-25; Luke 11:28).
- 14. Memorize with someone else! Motivation is important.
- 15. Do all to the glory of God!

# CONCLUSIÓN:

- 1. Thank God for the ability to store His Word in our hearts!
- 2. I am confident that God will bless those who desire to spend time with His Word!
- 3. Remember, you can do it!
- 4. Download my book on memorization: <u>www.backtobibleknowledge.com</u>

"I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word" (Psalm 119:16, NKJV)