

Lesson 4

Committing To Memory

Generally speaking, young people have a sharp mind. A mind in which recall seems to be relatively easy. Take advantage of this time and commit things of a spiritual nature to memory.

It has been stated the human mind has the ability to store an untold number of facts, numbers, words, etc. However, as one grows older, the skill of recall may not be so impressive. For just a moment, let's give attention of the importance of committing to memory.

Committing to memory what God's Word says requires some basic rules. It requires:

I. MAKING YOUR MIND UP

- A. As with anything else you are going to have to decide what it is going to be: Know God's Word or not know His Word. What have you decided? _____
- B. Ezra 7:10 - "*For Ezra had _____ his _____ to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.*"
- C. Having the right attitude toward your studies as well as toward memorizing verses goes far.
- D. Purpose that you are going to be an excellent student of the Bible.

II. PUTTING IN THE NECESSARY TIME

- A. There are no shortcuts to memorization.
- B. If you are going to commit to memory the invaluable Word of God, you must dedicate sufficient time.
- C. Psalm 1:1,2 - "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the _____ of the Lord; and in his law doeth he meditate _____ and _____.*"
- D. This does not mean that we shirk other responsibilities but we are to be persistent in our study of God's Word.
- E. Committing to memory the Word of God is a great use of one's time!

III. HAVING THE RIGHT MOTIVATION

- A. It is important that one have the right motivation for wanting to memorize God's Word.
- B. It may be the case that for some, the motivation may be wanting to impress others with how much Bible they can quote. This should not be your motivation!
- C. We should memorize God's Word so we can be ready to: