

1. Teach others: "Go ye therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Mt. 28:19).
  2. Give an answer: "But sanctify the Lord God in your heart: and be \_\_\_\_\_ to give an \_\_\_\_\_ to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Pt. 3:15).
  3. Contend for the faith: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).
  4. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, with all longsuffering and \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Tm. 4:2).
  5. Withstand Satan's temptations: "It is written...." (Mt. 4:4,7,10).
- D. Let these things be your source for motivation in committing to memory God's Word!

#### IV. EXECUTING A GOOD STRATEGY

- A. Again, bear in mind there are no short cuts to profitable Bible study or to memorization.
- B. You need to have a good plan or strategy in place.
- C. Someone has once stated it is more beneficial in memorizing to review the material for brief moments of time over a long period of time rather than reviewing the material for long moments over a short period of time.
- D. In other words, it is better to review a passage for 5 minutes over one week than it would be to review the passage for 30 minutes over the period of two days.
- E. REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION!!!!!! Nothing takes the place of this in committing to memory God's Holy Word.
- F. Make use of Index Cards. These can be valuable in memorizing material. They fit nicely in your pocket and can be reviewed at a moment's notice. Be careful to not put too much information on one card as it can appear "cluttered" and will hinder your quick review.
- G. Set aside time each day to memorize what you are working on.
- H. Set realistic goals for yourself. For example, memorizing the plan of salvation and at least one verse per step. Give yourself a week or so to do this. That would be realistic. It would be unrealistic to memorize the book of Proverbs over the weekend.
- I. Remember, individuals do not retain or recall information at the same pace. So, don't allow the pace of others to become your standard.

#### V. NOT GIVING UP

- A. Whether it's memorizing Scripture or day-to-day service to God, never give up.
- B. Quitting is a sure path to failure.
- B. 1 Corinthians 15:58 - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye \_\_\_\_\_, always \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is \_\_\_\_\_ in vain in the Lord."
- C. Set realistic goals and don't stop until you achieve them!