

TOPIC: **"A Call To Scripture Memory"** booklet by Susan Heck

- I. Intro (pages 1-4)
- II. **WHO should memorize Scripture?** (pages 4-6)
 - A. Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:23, Colossians 3:16
 - B. Examples of men in history
- III. **WHY should we memorize Scripture?** (pages 6-11)
 1. To be successful. Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-2
 2. It will convict us of sin, which leads to sinning less. Psalm 119:11, Psalm 37:31
 3. Because God's Word is powerful! Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:2-3
 4. It is commanded. Deuteronomy 6:6, Deuteronomy 11:18
 5. Because of the examples in the New Testament of saints who memorized. (over 300 direct quotes, i.e. Stephen's knowledge)
 6. It will transform our minds. Romans 12:2, Eph 4:23, James 1:20
 7. It will enable us to help others. Psalm 119:97-100
 8. It will keep us from error. Matthew 22:29
 9. It will increase our love for God and knowledge of God. 1 John 5:2f
 10. It will comfort us in our afflictions. Psalm 119:50, Matt 24,7,8
 11. It will help us in our old age. Deut 32:46-47
- IV. **WHAT Scripture should we memorize?** (page 12) 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 42 and 43 (for depression) Matthew 6 (for anxiety) 1 Cor 13 (for loving others) James 3 (for problems with the tongue)
- V. **WHEN should we memorize?** (page 13) Joshua 1:8 (all the time)
- VI. **HOW should we memorize?** (page 13-14)
 1. Start.
 2. Set realistic goals.
 3. Find someone to hold you accountable.
- VII. **METHODS of Memorizing** (pages 15-17)
 1. Make an audio voice of yourself, recording it as fast as you can.
 2. Copy the passage on paper and carry it with you.
 3. Photocopy the passage from your Bible (mental image).
 4. Repeat it over and over.
 5. Maintain a rhythm.
 6. Review everyday. Say it out loud.
 7. Use 3x5 cards, use color, stickers, drawings... anything that helps.
- VIII. **SOME OTHER TIPS on How to Memorize** (pages 17-19)
 1. Work on memorizing when mentally alert, free from distractions.
 2. Stick to the same Bible translation for the passage.
 3. Put your verse or passage to music.
 4. Teach the verse to your children or others.
 5. Logically think of the flow, train of thought, through transitions.
 6. Use the verses in your daily life, sanctifying process.

3rd John

(NASB = New American Standard Bible)

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. 3 For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love for the church. 6 You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore, we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.

9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. 10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church.

11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. The one who does good is from God; the one who does evil has not seen God. 12 Demetrious has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

13 I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write them to you with pen and ink; 14 but I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face.

15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.