

Memorizing Scripture

One of the best ways to meditate on Scripture is to memorize Scripture.

When it comes to Bible study, it's not about how much you read – it's about how often you read it and think about it.

How to pick the verse you will memorize

DAY 12

- 1 One verse from what you are reading in your Bible reading plan
- 2 One verse that applies to your situation
- 3 A verse from a message that made an impact on you

Read that one verse over and over again OUT LOUD, but emphasize a different word in the verse one at a time.

After each word, stop and write down your thoughts, even if it's just a word or two.

Even if you have never opened a Bible before, you can do this. Simple but amazingly powerful.

Let's practice

Read the following verse again and again aloud and emphasize a different word each time.



Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."



LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

- Stop and think, what does it mean to **Let**?
- Let it happen
- I give it permission
- Open the door
- It's a choice
- It is not going to happen on its own. You have to Let it.

Write down this observation - *I must choose to study the Bible.*



Let the **WORD** of Christ dwell in you richly.

- Of course, it's important to let Christ dwell in me by His Spirit, but I also need to let Him dwell in me through His Word.
- John says the Word is God – so when I let the Word dwell in me, I let God dwell in me.
- **Revelation 19:13** "His name is called the Word of God . . . "

Write down this observation - I need more than just His Spirit - I need His Word in me as well.



 Let the word of **CHRIST** dwell in you richly.

- Word of Christ, not what some philosopher or tv personality or musician's lyrics rolling over and over again in my head.
- I don't want to let the world dwell in me richly, but if I allow those things in my life more than God's Word, then that is dwelling with me.

Write down this observation - the word of Christ, not the world, is what changes me.

 Let the Word of Christ **DWELL** in you richly.

- What does it mean to dwell?
- Not just I read it, close my Bible, and go off to work – that's not dwelling.
- Let it move in and inhabit me.
- When someone dwells with me, they are moving in - Not just coming by to say hi.
- Permanent residence rather than stopping by once in a while
- They are with me all the time
- I can only let it dwell in me if I am thinking, meditating, or thinking about the word of God over and over – throughout my day and even my evening.



 Let the word of Christ dwell **IN** you richly.

- Not just around you. Let it dwell in you.
- In your house - In your heart, soul, mind.

 Let the word of Christ dwell in **YOU** richly.

- In other words – this is personal. It is for me.
- Not instruction for a pastor or a missionary or a Bible teacher. Or even super-spiritual people.
- This is an instruction for every single believer. Let it dwell in me.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you **RICHLY**.

- What does that mean, to dwell richly?
- Opposite of richly is poorly.
- Don't let it poorly dwell in me – let it dwell richly.
- Richly means luxuriously, extravagantly, profoundly in a way that beautifies my life and edifies my life.
- Not a poor substitute like - I thought about it, and now I got to go to work.

Through this method, you can see seven different layers of meaning from this one verse.

You simply pronounce the different words with emphasis on another word each time.

The result is you are being transformed

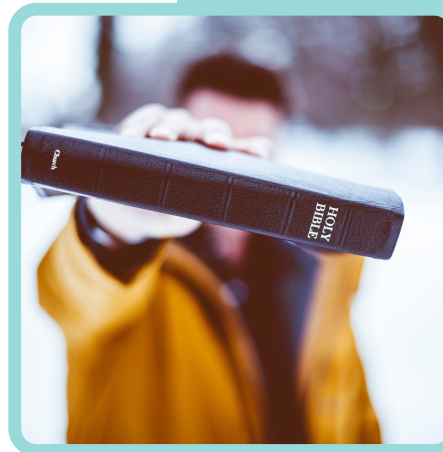
Homework – memorize the following verses:



Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."



Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



What is your one takeaway from this session?

