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KEEP IN MEMORY

INTRODUCTION

Knowledge of God's word provides an escape from temptation:
(Matthew 4:4, v7, v10; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

Part of the Christian's armor is (Ephesians 6:17) "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

WHY MEMORIZE (HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF) GOD'S WORD?

1. Because we love the Word: (Psalm 119:16, v97)
2. (1 Peter 3:15) "... and always be ready to give a defense ("answer") ... "
3. (Psalm 119:11) "Thy word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You"
4. It maintains salvation: (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; James 1:21, v25)
5. It gives you confidence when teaching others.
6. It's just excellent discipline.
7. It has a positive influence on others to do the same.
8. Because it will preserve the Word: F.S. Donnelson told of 200 Chinese believers who memorized the N.T. because of their fear that Communism would destroy all the Bibles.
9. Because it will break you of bad habits - people will memorize verses that deal specifically with their bad habit in order to help in overcoming the habit.
10. It's like good soil in a garden: (Proverbs 23:7) "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he"
(Proverbs 4:23) "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life"

SOME KEYS OR HELPS IN REMEMBERING SCRIPTURE

1. Develop an interest and desire to do it.
2. Motivate yourself and reward yourself for success.
3. Give your effort some undivided attention (set aside time).
4. Begin by memorizing scriptures on a single topic of interest.
5. Use repetition, repetition, repetition.
6. Try to use, as often as possible, the verse you just memorized.

CLOSE: You already know (John 11:35). Build on that!