

THE PROCESS OF MEMORIZATION

Text: Psalm 119:11

Introduction:

1. God expects His people to hide His word in their hearts.
2. The word for 'hide' means, "To store up; to treasure; to hoard; to protect."
3. The way to store up God's word in one's heart is by memorizing it.

I. Motivation

- A. To succeed at memorization, we must remember why we are doing it.
- B. Proverbs 2:1-11

II. Commitment

- A. Commit to the need.
- B. Commit to the goal.
- C. Commit to the process (cf. Ecc. 9:10).
- D. Commit to the time (cf. Eph. 5:15-18).

III. Persistence

- A. "Faint not" (Isa. 40:30-31; Matt. 24:13; Luke 18:1; 2 Cor. 4:1, 16; Heb. 3:6, 14; 10:35-39; 12:3).
- B. Try to study the same time each day.
- C. Try to study in the same place each day.

IV. Patience

- A. Focus on the quality of your work, not the quantity.
- B. Set realistic goals.
- C. Encourage yourself; do not discourage yourself.

V. Repetition

- A. Remembrance (2 Pet. 1:12, 13, 15; 3:1)
- B. Repetition is the key to learning and to memorizing.

VI. Meditation

- A. Meditation is to learning as digesting is to eating.
- B. Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:2; 119:97; Luke 2:19; 1 Tim. 4:15

VII. Application

- A. In my life
- B. In teaching others
- C. In defending against error

Conclusion:

1. We can see the importance of memorizing and meditating upon the Word of God.
2. Will we commit ourselves to doing it?