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Psalm 143:5

A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 20

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26

DAY ONE - MONDAY

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

Author: Matthew

Speaker: Jesus

Audience: The disciples

Importance: After explaining what it meant to follow Him, Jesus emphasized the importance of so doing. At stake is the eternal soul of every man. Jesus declared that there is nothing more valuable than one's own soul. It is worth more than the "whole world." Nothing should be of more importance to man than the eternal destiny of his soul.

DAY TWO - TUESDAY

READING AND WRITING

Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

LEARNING BY PHRASES

For what is a man profited
if he shall gain the whole world
and lose his own soul?
or what shall a man give
in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:26

Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

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After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

DAY FOUR - THURSDAY

REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION

Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

DAY FIVE - FRIDAY

REPETITION AGAIN

Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

DAY SIX - SATURDAY

REPETITION AND MEDITATION

Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY

MEDITATION

What is the meaning of Matthew 16:26?
What does this verse teach about being a disciple of Jesus?
What is more valuable than one's soul?
What should one be willing to exchange for his soul?

How does this passage apply to my life?

How may I use this passage in teaching others?

From what error can this passage prevent me being deceived?