

*“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.”*

Ecclesiastes 12:1

## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

### WEEK 21

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

#### DAY ONE - MONDAY

#### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Author: Matthew

Speaker: Jesus

Audience: The disciples

Importance: Jesus told His disciples that they were “the light of the world.” Like a city on a hillside, they could not be hidden. Then, He explained how they were to be this light - by doing good works their lights would shine. The goal was not to bring glory to themselves, but to glorify God. They would glorify God by doing good works. The world would glorify God by seeing the good works of the disciples. May we learn to do the same!

#### DAY TWO - TUESDAY

#### READING AND WRITING

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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

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and glorify your Father which is in heaven

Matthew 5:16

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.)

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.

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**DAY FOUR - THURSDAY**

**REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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What is the meaning of Matthew 5:16?

What does this verse teach about being a disciple of Jesus?

How does one let his or her light shine?

What is the goal of letting one's light shine?

Why should Christians not be afraid to let their good works be seen of men?

What are good works that will cause one's light to shine?

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?