

*"Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in the ways...."*

Isaiah 64:5

## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

### WEEK 23

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Matthew 6:24

#### DAY ONE - MONDAY

#### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Author: Matthew

Speaker: Jesus

Audience: The disciples

Importance: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught many things about living a life that is pleasing to God. He emphasized that one's devotion and service to God must not be with a divided allegiance. Trying to serve two masters - God and anything else - will lead to hatred of one or the other. It is not possible to serve God faithfully while also serving the flesh.

#### 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.

Remember to review and recite the verses from previous weeks! Make sure you still remember them. It might be a good time to go back to the verses from the first weeks of these studies...

#### DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

#### LEARNING BY PHRASES

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No man can serve two masters

for either he will hate the one

or else he will hold to the one

Ye cannot serve God and mammon

Matthew 6:24

and love the other

and despise the other

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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Isaiah 64:5

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**

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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 6:24?

How does this passage fit in the context of this chapter?

How does this passage fit in the context of the Sermon on the Mount?

What does this passage teach about the importance of undivided loyalty?

What does this verse teach about priorities in life?

Who is the master of my life?

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?