

"...I declare unto you the gospel ...By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 42

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

DAY ONE - MONDAY

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

Author: Paul

Audience: Christians in Galatia

Importance: Please note that the "fruit of the Spirit" is singular - there is only one fruit. It is made up of individual character traits - all of which are necessary. Memorizing lists is sometimes difficult. It may help to break these terms into three groups. Mark Posey suggests the following: "1st Triad: 'love, joy, peace' - deals with our attitude and approach to GOD; 2nd Triad: 'longsuffering, gentleness, goodness' - deals with our attitude and approach to OTHERS; 3rd Triad: 'faith, meekness, temperance' - deals with our attitude and approach to SELF."

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.

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

But the fruit of the Spirit is
longsuffering
goodness
meekness
against such there is no law

love, joy, peace
gentleness
faith
temperance

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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.

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

Love – *affection, good will, benevolence; seeking what is best for another*

Joy – *cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness; not based upon circumstances, but one’s fellowship with God*

Peace – *tranquility, quietness, harmony, security; the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation*

Longsuffering – *forbearance, patience, endurance, fortitude; slowness in avenging wrongs*

Gentleness – *moral excellence, integrity, kindness*

Goodness – *virtue, uprightness of heart*

Faith – *faithfulness, fidelity; conviction of the truth*

Meekness – *mildness, gentleness, humility; strength under control*

Temperance – *self-control; the virtue of mastering one’s desires*

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?