

*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

2 Timothy 2:15

## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

### WEEK 44

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

Romans 13:1

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#### DAY ONE - MONDAY

#### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Author: Paul

Audience: Christians in Rome

Importance: Paul wrote to the Romans to teach them about the power of the Gospel. Because it is God’s power to save, all men should be obedient to it. Because they had obeyed it, they should live according to its precepts. That included living as a good citizen. Paul reminded them that Christians are to submit to the authority of government – so long as they do not violate the will of God. Governmental powers are ordained of God for the good of men. However, those powers must be exercised appropriately – to protect the good and to punish the evil (vs. 3-4). When government violates those principles, the Christian can work to change the government back to God’s way. However, above all things and in all situations, the Christian must conduct himself as a child of God – serving God first and always seeking the salvation of souls.

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#### 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...

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#### DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

#### LEARNING BY PHRASES

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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**

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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 this verse?

How does it fit into the context of the book of Romans?

Why should one be subject to the higher powers?

What are some ways that a Christian can influence the government to follow God's Word?

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?