

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

1 Thessalonians 5:21

A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 46

"Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

DAY ONE - MONDAY

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

Author: Paul

Audience: Christians in Thessalonica

Importance: Paul had written to the Thessalonians giving them assurance of the Lord's return and comfort concerning their loved ones who had died. He followed this by giving them instructions for living in anticipation of Heaven. One key to living the Christian life is prayer. Another is gratitude. It is the will of God for Christians to be thankful – at all times and in all situations. This does not mean that things will always be pleasant for us. But it does mean that we can always find something to be grateful for. Let us determine to pray and to be thankful every day.

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

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in Christ Jesus

for this is the will of God
concerning you
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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.)

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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 this passage?

What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

In what are we to give thanks? How can we do this?

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?