

BIBLE MNEMONICS

Large Volume Bible Verse Memorization



BRIAN DASH

Copyright © 2010 by Brian Dash. 79008-DASH
ISBN: Softcover 978-1-4535-2168-7

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the copyright owner.

This book was printed in the United States of America.

To order additional copies of this book, contact:
Xlibris Corporation
1-888-795-4274
www.Xlibris.com
Orders@Xlibris.com



Dr. Chuck Swindoll

“I know of no other single practice in the Christian life more rewarding, practically speaking, than memorizing Scripture...No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends! Your prayer life will be strengthened. Your witnessing will be sharper and much more effective. Your attitudes and outlook will begin to change. Your mind will become alert and observant. Your confidence and assurance will be enhanced. Your faith will be solidified.” (from Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life)

Billy Graham ...

I am convinced that one of the greatest things we can do is to memorize Scripture.



*I have not gone back from the
commandment of his lips; I have
treasured up the words of his mouth
more than my necessary food.*

Job 32:12

Chapter One



The Treasure of God's Word

*"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver...
Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." Psalm
119:72 & 127*

*"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding
rather to be chosen than silver!" Proverbs 16:16*

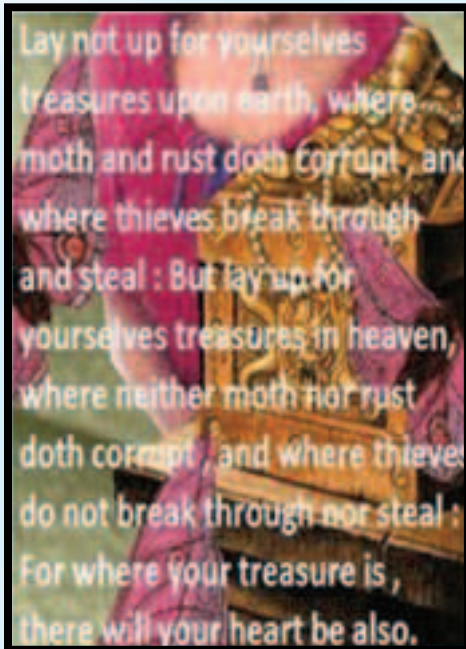
*"I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches"
"I will rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoils"
Psalm 119:14 & 162*

*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye
shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine
Exodus 19:5*

*"A good man out of the good treasure in his heart bringeth forth good things..."
Matthew 12:35*

*"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all
riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgement of the
mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ in whom are hid all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge" Colossians 2:2-3*

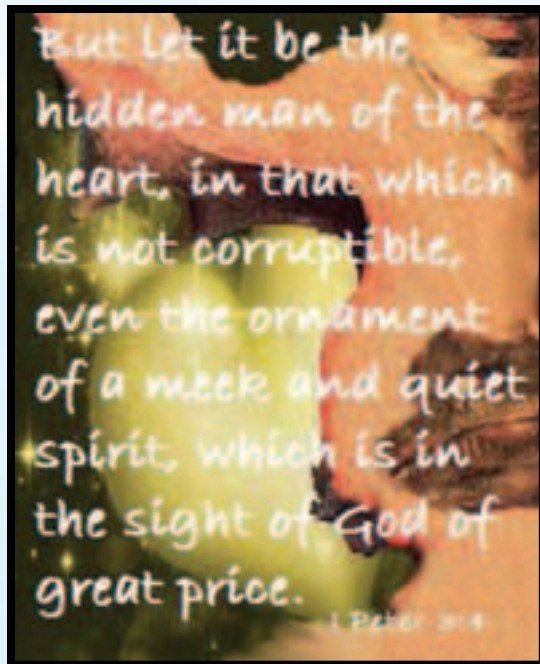
“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he hath, and buys that field.” Matt 13:44



Your endeavor to learn and understand the bible is one of the greatest investments you will make in your life. As you search and memorize scripture each verse you learn should be esteemed as a valuable jewel or piece of gold being deposited in your life. A heavenly treasure that will pay out dividends of wisdom, blessing, peace, comfort and joy that enriches ones soul for all of eternity. As spiritual treasure is nobler than mere material wealth, so should it be desired and sought after

with greater eagerness. People pursue and covet wealth to solidify their net worth, but what is so solid as truth and faith in God? For love of temporal wealth men labor intensely, shall we not be ready to do as much for love of God’s word? When we truly treasure the Word of God we will honor it by our lives, it will be something loved and incite passion. As with the man in Jesu’s parable we too must surrender our lives to the one who has the hidden treasure. Treasure is rarely found or riches achieved without effort. For us to have this precious faith we must search for it as hid treasure, and yield all that we have to possess it. Where may this treasure be found? It is found in Jesus Christ the living word “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”.

“And if you look for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” Proverbs 2:4-5



Most of us would delight in finding money lying on the ground. We would gladly pick it up and put it in our pocket. Yet we often disregard the Bible, a wealth reserve overflowing with God’s precious promises. David in his psalm compared his time in the word as “one that findeth great spoils”. It was more than pocket change, but rather a coveted overflow of inestimable riches which filled his heart with great delight. Memorizing, and meditating upon scripture is one pathway

to discover and possess the spiritual treasures found only in God’s word. It is our search through the scriptures that the hidden treasure will become manifest. We will begin to understand the wonders of God’s grace and love toward us. So brothers and sisters, let us persevere with great delight in this discipline of scriptural memorization and meditation for one day we will discover the glorious truth that our endeavor was one of the most richest investments of our time we could have ever made in this life.

What is gold, that it is fervently sought after, desired and valued? So mighty that kingdoms, and nations are built off its wealth. Of King Solomon God did not commend him for his gold, or amassed silver, but what pleased him was that he wanted a heart of wisdom and understanding. A heart after God’s own heart, as his father David. It was a heart that desired to know God’s heart, whose value came not

“Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God...But we have this treasure in earthen vessels.....” II Corinthians 4:7 & Romans 11:33



from men, but God. Figuratively gold in the bible is not an issue of our financial wealth. It is symbolic of genuine faith and divinity being united with our character. Symbolically gold is a display of glory, honor, beauty, majesty, eternity, and made up the tabernacle furniture of the most holy place where God’s presence resided. Under God’s direction Solomon created five hundred sheilds made of pure gold weighing seven to fifteen pounds each. It is the great worth of spiritual gold which God

desires to see within his children. Speaking to his church Jesus said; “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich” not just any gold, or gold that is found, but gold that is tried by intense heat, and purified. Gold that is of the purest quality so that it has the highest value, and pleasing to him. Pure gold is a soft metal, so it is with our hearts, tender yet strong when refined. Life’s struggles, as the refiner’s fiery furnace have greater eternal value than earthly, temporal gold. Suffering and self denial for Christ yields an increasing weight of glory that shall be revealed in us. It is our heartfelt faith that is put to the tests in the crucible of life that the impurities of ungodly attributes, short comings, and weaknesses are skimmed away leaving us malleable so the image of Christ can be formed in our person, our

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her... Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice silver”. Proverbs 3:13 & 8:10



heart. Until our faith has been refined we may find that our lives are not functioning wholly as God intends. One man spoken of admirably by God himself was Job. Though afflicted and distressed where all seemed lost, Job's optimistic outlook envisioned the providential denouement. Though painfully despised and afflicted in his crucible of life, he knew that his redeemer would "bring him forth as pure gold". He did not vaunt himself of already as being perfect, but he boasted in the

divine refiner's ability. We have the promise that when tested if we allow the process to be completed we too shall be victorious as Job. He will never give us more than we can endure with his grace and presence. As we yield to the Lord in obedience to his word, and allow Him to bring the dross of our lives to the surface to be removed until the consummate result is a precious soul purified, restored, strengthened, settled, and filled with hope and thanksgiving.

Chapter Two



The Art of Mnemonics

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them” Hebrews 10:16

“With my whole heart I have sought thee: O let me not wonder from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:10-11

“Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ ministered by us. Written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God. Not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

II Corinthians 3:6

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success”. Joshua 1:8

If you have the desire to commit scripture to memory, be encouraged to know that it is God working his grace in you as his new creation. Memorization’s habitative methods of learning empower an individual to recall information verbatim. The art of affecting memory is a combination of scientifically proven principles that have been passed down through the ages, proven effective and lasting. Techniques commonly employed in the art include continual repetitious loops of rote rehearsals and reviews at increasing intervals, association of phonetic, visualization, visual prompts, cues, the chaining or association of groups of images, the association of text with images, auditory stimulation, and verbal kinetics. All of these techniques will work together in one system to maximize your brain’s potential, durability of memory constituting a profitable investment of time and effort. The inclusion of memory enhancing art is based on the principle that the human mind much more easily remembers colorful, personal, surprising, humorous or otherwise meaningful information than arbitrary sequences. Initially all of mnemonic learning is done through verbal rote repetition. One deficit of the rote learning technique is that it forestalls understanding of a subject and instead focuses on memorization. The major practice involved in rote learning is learning by repetition. The idea is that one will be able to quickly capture the meaning of the material the more one repeats

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly....” Acts 6:7

it without any meaningful comprehension of the subject. The benefit is that the basis of stored knowledge through memorization will promote the ability to develop our understanding much deeper and easier since the knowledge is accessible at any time to be meditated upon, studied, taught or quickened by God’s Holy Spirit. Our devotion to memorization must avail in turning scripture into significant solutions that engage life’s challenges instead of endless attention to rote tedium of amassing knowledge without sapience. Nothing is more beneficial to prepare a student of the bible for future analytical learning than a solid cache of scripture stored in their long term memory. Our short-term memory is a temporary potentiate of neural connections that will become long-term memory through the process of rehearsal, review, retrieval and meaningful association. With the information provided, you will be able to effectively store much larger quantities of information in your long term memory for potentially unlimited duration, possibly an entire life span.

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”. Psalm 1:2-3

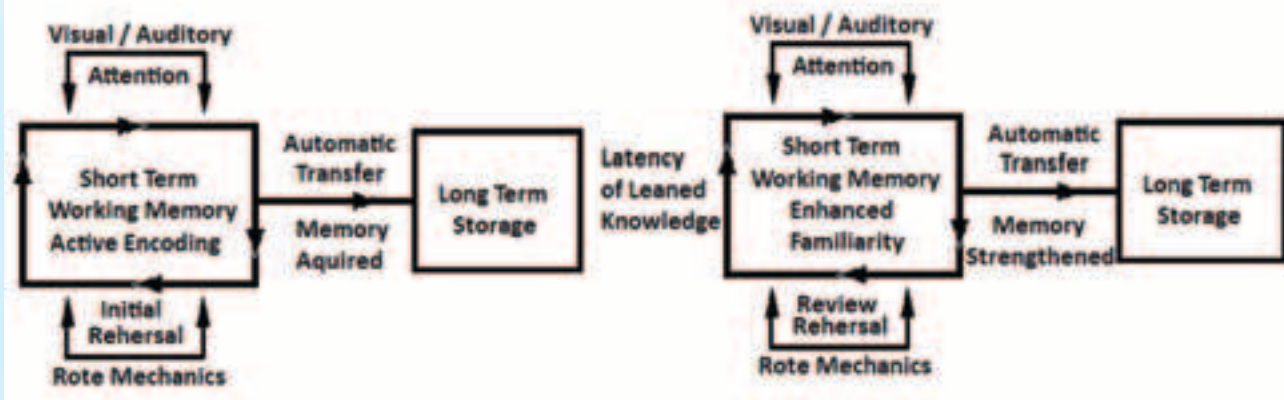
Memory Tier

Short term memory- Short-term memory allows recall for a period of several seconds to a minute.

Working memory the executive and attentional aspect of short-term memory. Working memory tasks include the active monitoring, storage and retrieval of information. The working memory is where most of our learning activities take place. It is an active system of attentional verbal and visual rehearsal that will encode our neural patterns that transfers to our long term memory. Working memory is unique in that it is dependent on information gained through your short term memory. For example: Your short term memory may only be able to quote a few words from a bible verse after looking at it. Your working memory through vocal rote repetition will establish stronger neural connection that will allow you to slowly increase the number of words being quoted. Information learned in the working memory is subject to the “melioration effect” necessitating increasing intervals of time between subsequent reviews of previously learned material to indelibly encode our long term memory.

*"Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word".
Psalm 119:148*

Flow Mechanics of Memorization



Long term memory - The storage of information that can last as little as a few months or as long as decades. Our long term memory is formed from established memory trace dependent upon a mix of repetition, reviews, experience, associations, images and the importance attributed to the learned information. Though information stored in the long term memory may evanesce through time, a renewed rehearsal of the impalpable knowledge in our short-term memory will establish stronger lasting connections with much less effort than previous attempts.

Mnemonic Quality Factors

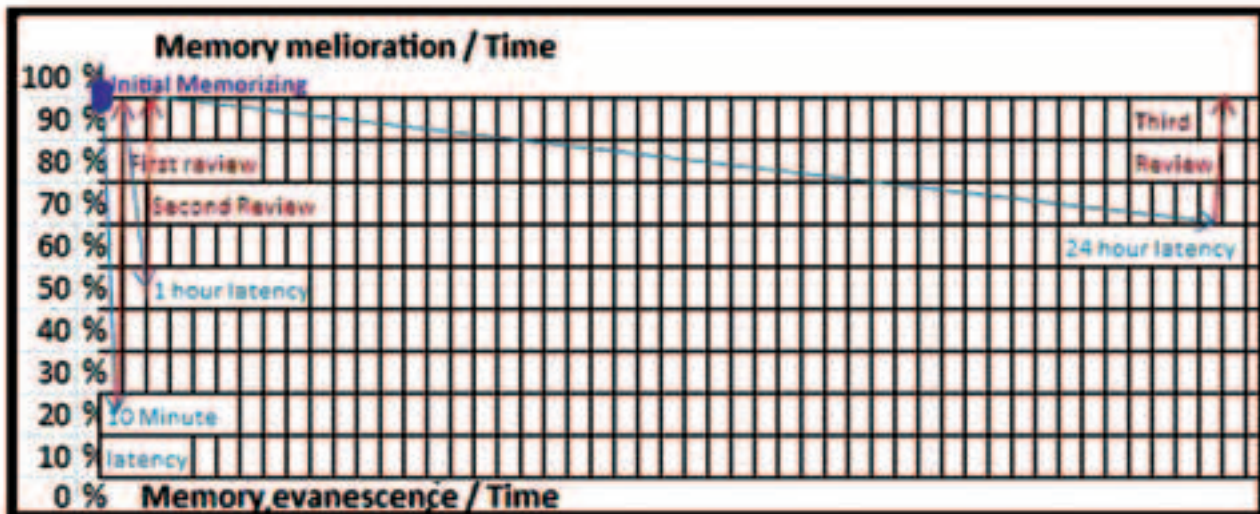
The process and means of proper encoding memory will determine the depth and quality of stored information and one's ability to retain and recall. Below is an explanation of variables we will utilize to enhance stimuli input and educe learned material.

“My meditation of him shall be sweet : I will be glad in the LORD”.
Psalm 104:34

Memory Melioration Evanescence Curve – Memory trace and one’s ability to recall newly learned knowledge is hampered in a matter of minutes unless the learned material is freshly rehearsed. The rate at which knowledge between individuals evanesces is diminutive. With each rehearsal of learned (memorized) knowledge the interval span vastly increases (melioration effect) before another repetition is required. Initially for optimal retention repetitions of the knowledge being memorized needs to be recited within second’s until the memory trace is firmly established. This is the most crucial time in establishing the indelibility (strength) of stored information, and the ease of all future recall.

On average the new gains will diminish within ten minutes at which time a review of the new acquisitions needs to take place. This pattern of interview and recital is necessitated again at one hour, one week, one month, and biyearly. Notice in the chart below how quickly the evanescence initially ebbs and quickly tapers upwards with less loss of information. Improvement will quickly be noticed.

“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day”. Psalm 119:97



Illustrates the effect of time on memory.

Determinants and Aids

Order, Uniformity and Mental files - Effectual recall will be most suitable when the information engaged in during encoding is uniform to those engaged in during retrieval. This makes the bible a perfect system of file memorization since it is uniformly organized by book, chapter and verse. These in essences will be the primary acquisition indicators enabling us to draw out stored information encoded into our memory.

“I opened my mouth, and panted : for I longed for thy commandments”.
Psalm 119:131

Collective Segmentation – In spite of the mind's ability to amass voluminous amounts of information it must be small enough to be tractable and educed. The obvious reason for this is due to the limited ability to focus on one or two items individually. You will be able to memorize books, chapters and verses, and your mind's eye will be able to overview while only being able to single out a particular verse. Segmenting while memorizing often will necessitate breaking up long verses into more manageable sets. This is reflected in forming groups of words which can be taken in at a single glance. Customarily the last segment of a verse is memorized first prior to the beginning segment and then the two are joined. **Familiarity** – Distinct constants of uniformity and order provide the means of developing familiarity via effort, detailed observation, duration, and frequency. Scheduled rehearsals done at the optimal suggested times will be our primary developmental tool for habituating set information. Learning to type is a perfect example of familiarity. The distinct constant of key boards facilitates the creation of familiarity. Initially learning to type requires intense focus, effort and time. At first the mechanics of typing are difficult and slow but with consistent practice it becomes fluid and the act requires little or no thought and can be done with speed and accuracy.

*“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee”.*
Proverbs 3:1

Prompts – are the actuator that impels the release of subsequent information. The quotation of a bible verse is generally prompted by the first word in the verse. Because of conditioning the remainder of the verse impulsively emanates from the subconscious. **Mental Fatigue** – With continual mental exertion acuity enervates sharply after forty five minutes. Any further effort past this point without rest usually results in inferior gains. Therefore, including rest into any lengthy session is necessary to effectuate optimal use of time and effort. **Motivation** - Realization of benefits associated with our love for understanding God’s ways actuates prelation to devotion and inspire action. **Consistency / Discipline** – Above all one must be assiduous and resolute if they intend on being successful in mnemonics. Being consistent with devotional mnemonics is more important than lofty goals, and is the primary factor in progress. Consistency and discipline develop habit forming routines making progress possible. Once study becomes habitual, realistic goals are better perceived and the possibility of achieving them is increased. For more serious goal setting statistical data on verse count, average daily study time and achievement rates can be charted, calculated and accurate goals prescribed. **Observe contrasting differences and similarities between analogous verses** – Noticing identical and deviation of verses will aid in recall and memorization.

“Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart”. Job 22:22

Visualization – While engaging in memorization or review it is important to mentally acknowledge / visualize the verse number or the delineation of rebus portrayals.

ANOLOGOUS VERSES

<p>Matthew 15:</p> <p>3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?</p> <p>13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.....</p> <p>23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.</p>	<p>Matthew 14:</p> <p>22 and straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.....</p> <p>27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.</p>	<p>Matthew 13:</p> <p>8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.</p> <p>23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.</p>
---	---	--

Marking of similarity and differences

Intermittent Reviews – There are two forms of reviews punctilious and refreshing. These are done with flash cards or quoting verses sequentially. Punctilious reviews encode new knowledge and solidifies weak knowledge through systematic emphasis on quality and detail.

“And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book, And all the people stood to the covenant”. II Kings 23:3

Punctilious reviews are inclusive of all initial reviews from the first memorization to monthly scheduled reviews until the mental trace is established. Refreshing reviews are simple reviews of firmly established memory. Refreshing reviews require less time and are scheduled based on how efficiently the information is recalled.

Meditation – The rehearsal of memorized scripture in one’s mind, and the reflecting upon its relation to other scriptures for deeper insight. This can be done in combination with study tools such as concordances, and dictionary’s.

Notation should be made of any insight gained and compiled for future reference.

Prayerfulness should accompany meditation for the illumination of scripture received by inspiration from God’s Holy Spirit. **Auditory and Vocal Kinesthetic** – The use of auditory stimuli enhances higher levels of recall than visual input of word patterns

alone. Muttering the scripture verbatim induces muscle memory enhancing not only our ability to recall but also to recite accurately. **Solitude** - Is a substantial element in our ability to focus on our endeavors, eliminating distractions that would undermine our progress.

Chapter Three



Goal Setting

“Not as though I had already attained or were already perfect, but I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Bretheren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philipians 3:12-14

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.” Hebrews 6:1

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night.....” Psalm 1:1



“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed”.
James 1:25

Setting goals is vital in abetting envisioned achievements, and provides a means to assess anticipated progress. Goal directives can be simplistic or more complex dependent upon your skill level and desire. The first and most important aspect of goal setting is time. What is the minimum amount of time you are willing and able to commit on a daily or weekly consistent basis? Choosing the minimum amount of time facilitates one’s ability to adhere steadfastly to a selected routine until it becomes habitual. It is more advantageous to supplement a current routine with additional time than to curtail sessions and thus encumber procuring set goals. Giving antecedence to the bible over trivial activities is rudimental in procuring the minimum time required to consummate our goals. If learning the scriptures is important to us, then we must realign our priorities until we have a secure schedule unabated by imposing demands. Secondly, we need to set long term goals accurately as possible. To do this we will need to be committed to our routine for several sessions, then using the gathered information calculate a daily average and finally compose our expectations. Daily performance and quality trumps outcome, whether you meet or exceed your expected long term goals.

“And beside this giving all diligence add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge...” II Peter 1:5

Simply, our short term goal will be to consistently complete our daily set study time ensuring quality. With experience set objectives will be more predictable and long range goals contrived. Thirdly, determine short range ambitions realistically achievable, either a chapter or book of the bible. At this stage long range memorization goals will be vague and unnecessary until we are able to plot a more verdical course via experience. With this system of memorization you will memorize entire chapters, and or books verbatim. It is important to memorize large segments to facilitate efficiency of review and to cognitate using proper context.

Goal engagment is the pivotal paramount moment of our inherent success. It is the juncture where executing a seeminlgy tedious venture becomes efficacious and enriching. Allocate the first ten minutes of your exersize to acclimate focus and press through mental distractions.

Your inclination to learn large volumes of scripture will produce a sense of hunger and a sense of discovery to learn more. You will begin to understand the

“And every one that heareth these saying of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock”. Matthew 7:25

scriptures deeper than you have ever before, and your ability to process thoughts using the the mentally referenced scripture will increasase. Walking in your destiny will be a result of your daily habits that will form your character and your character will become your life and your life will flow into your destiny, and the destiny of others. If you have found that your walk with God does not challenge you, then memorizing scripture is an excellent way to stir your faith, and prepare your life to be used by God. The requirements of time and effort needed to learn the bible is no different than learning any other skill, or talent. To develop skill using an instument, art form, or language will require as much time and effort to develop, as skill in the Word. From my experience memorizing epistles is easier than memorizing the gospels, making them an excellent place to start your devotion. Memorizing smaller books at the start will give a sense of acheivement and assist in developing your technique.

Chapter Four



Reviews

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have learned lest at any time we should let them slip.”

Hebrews 2:1

“O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day”

Psalms 119:97

“Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them that they profiting may appear to all.”

I Timothy 4:15

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”. Matthew 4:4

There are two systematic categories of knowledge cultivation we will use to engraft scriptures to our heart. The first being punctilious. Punctilious reviews are the initial verbal rumination used to create and establish new memory traces requiring extreme attentive observance to the mnemonic technical formalities. Quality punctilious reviews will deeply ingrain longevous scripture into your subconscious mind to be accessed at will. Punctilious reviews will need to be done at each initial rehearsal. Initial rehearsals being; the first memorization, ten minutes, one hour, one week and first one month reviews. The duration of the rehearsal will diminish with each verse as the information becomes encoded into your memory and the trace becomes more established. You will notice the first time you memorize a scripture it may take as long as ten minutes while the first review may take two or three, and yet the the third and fourth review may be a matter of quickly reciting it a few times. On average a new verse being learned the very first time will take approximately five to fifteen minutes.

“If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. . . . But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. Deuteronomy 30:10,11 & 14

Punctilious Review Form

With the large volume of scripture you will be memorizing it is necessary to track the review schedule of each verse we have memorized and joined sequentially. To do this you will use the punctilious review form located in the back of the book. The form is a system of converging junction boxes for registering punctilious review due times for each verse. Punctilious review times will be very close to each other often overlap. One form will be used for each chapter.

Romans Ch. 1 Feb. 8, 11

Initial Memorization Review Form of an entire book or the whole of a book

Verse Numb	10 Min	1 Hr	24 Hr	Feb 15, 1 Wk	March 15, 1 Mnth	Notes
1	8:05					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> LINK TO VERSE </div> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Notes</h2> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(for linking, cross-referencing, etc.)</p>
2	8:08	9:05				
3	8:13		9:05			
4	8:18	9:15				
5	8:22	9:22				
6	8:26			8:00		
7	8:35		9:35			
8	8:40	9:35				
9	8:42			join		
10	8:45			same		
11	8:48	9:48		session		
12	8:53		8:05			
13	8:55		Feb 9,			
14	9:10			8:15		
15	8:15	9:10				
16	8:20	9:20	Feb 10,			
17	8:25				8:00	
18						

Example of punctilious / initial review form

“For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”.

Hebrews 5:13 & 14

Punctilious Technique

1. Determine as a short range goal to memorize one book of the bible. From the book you have selected start from the first chapter. It may be advisable to skip chapters of genealogies or the initial salutations since they are time consuming and result in little edification. To gain confidence and develop skill I recommend starting with a short book.
2. Find a place that is conducive to study, free of unnecessary distractions.
3. Prepare materials:
 - ✓ Review form.
 - ✓ Timer or clock.
 - ✓ Beverage, since you will be rotely vocalizing scripture.
 - ✓ Bible.

Session goal is to memorize as many sequential verses in the time allotted with speed and accuracy while mentally acknowledging each verse number. The logistics of memorizing scripture is very basic involving the interweaving of learning new verses, reviews, and linking verses.

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth ; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”.

I Corinthians 2:13

Initial Memorization

1. Read aloud and quote the first verse being memorized. Track the words as they are being vocalized.
2. Without looking quote a manageable segment of the verse you just read.
3. Reread and vocalize the segment that was quoted and evaluate it for correctness.
4. Quote the segment of verse again.

Repeat this process until the entire verse is complete and you are able to rapidly quote it without effortful thought, accurately and confidently six or seven times without visual aid. This will ensure that the memory trace is established. The rate in which you quote the memorized verse is a key indicator of having established the memory trace. Once you are able to rapidly quote the verse with no delays, pauses, errors and with ease you can consider that verse memorized and move on to the next step.

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”. Isaiah 28:9 & 10

5. Add ten minutes to the current time into the punctilious forms junction box designated for the selected verse, and set your timer for ten minutes.
6. Advance to the next verse and repeat steps one through five. Reviews take precedence over learning a new verse, therefore if memorizing a new verse interferes with a review time, stop and review until it is complete. It is possible if the verses are easy, to memorize two or three verses prior to your first review.
- 7.

Ten Minute Review

At the ten minute review; attempt to quote the memorized verse and visually check it for accuracy. Use the same initial quality benchmarks to determine completion. Once the new verses have met the quality benchmarks, notate one hour to the current time on the memorization form and set your timer. It is important to keep forward progress by learning new verses and linking between reviews.

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”. Romans 8:5& 6

Sequentially Linking Verses

Joining memorized verses can be done at any review time. Notation should be made on the form indicating those verses which have been joined. Our goal is to join all verses within a chapter and quote them with the same quality standards for each individual verse, so that they emanate fluidly. While quoting sequentially it is crucial to visualize the verse number for each verse. This will be a future aid when attempting to randomly selecting individual verses to be recalled. Avoid starting a new chapter until the current chapter is completed and sustainable.

Recess

If a study session scheduled for more than an hour, a break should be planned every forty five minutes.

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind”.
Ephesians 4:22 & 23

Future Review

The one hour, one day, one week and first monthly review should be performed and held to the same standards as the ten minute review. Once you have proceeded beyond the first month review your reviews should be simple and require little more than refreshing. Future reviews may include the use of flash cards.

Refreshing Review

The second category is refreshing. Refreshing reviews are periodic reviews scheduled or unscheduled over longer periods of time to keep a memory trace active. They may be any combination of reading, quoting, mental rehearsal, visualization, or flash cards done to increase familiarity and revivify established memory trace. If your memory trace is not freshly activated it does not mean you have forgotten the information, but your ability to recall efficiently will be hampered. Once a memory trace is properly established it is unlikely you will ever totally forget. With refreshing you will not need to memorize the verse again. It is merely necessary to rejuvenate its kinetic force. Vitality and speed of refreshing verses will be dependent upon the effectiveness of your punctilious reviews.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”.
Romans 12:2

If your punctilious reviews were done properly it is likely little effort will be required, although there are times where certain verses may be difficult and necessitate additional detailed attention and rote repetition. Refreshing reviews done on a broadening monthly, biannually or yearly scheduled interval are also known as circuit reviews. Scheduled circuit reviews successively expand in a continuous repetitious loop dependent upon recall efficacy and confidence.

January							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
	Romans Ch 1: Month review	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Romans Ch 2: Month review	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	Romans Ch 3: Month review	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	Romans Ch 4: Month review	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Romans Ch 5: Month Rev.	29	30	31	Rom Ch 1 / 2: Month Rev.	1	2
							3

Example of plotting chapter circuit review dates

Chapter Five



Flash Cards

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

Joshua 1:8

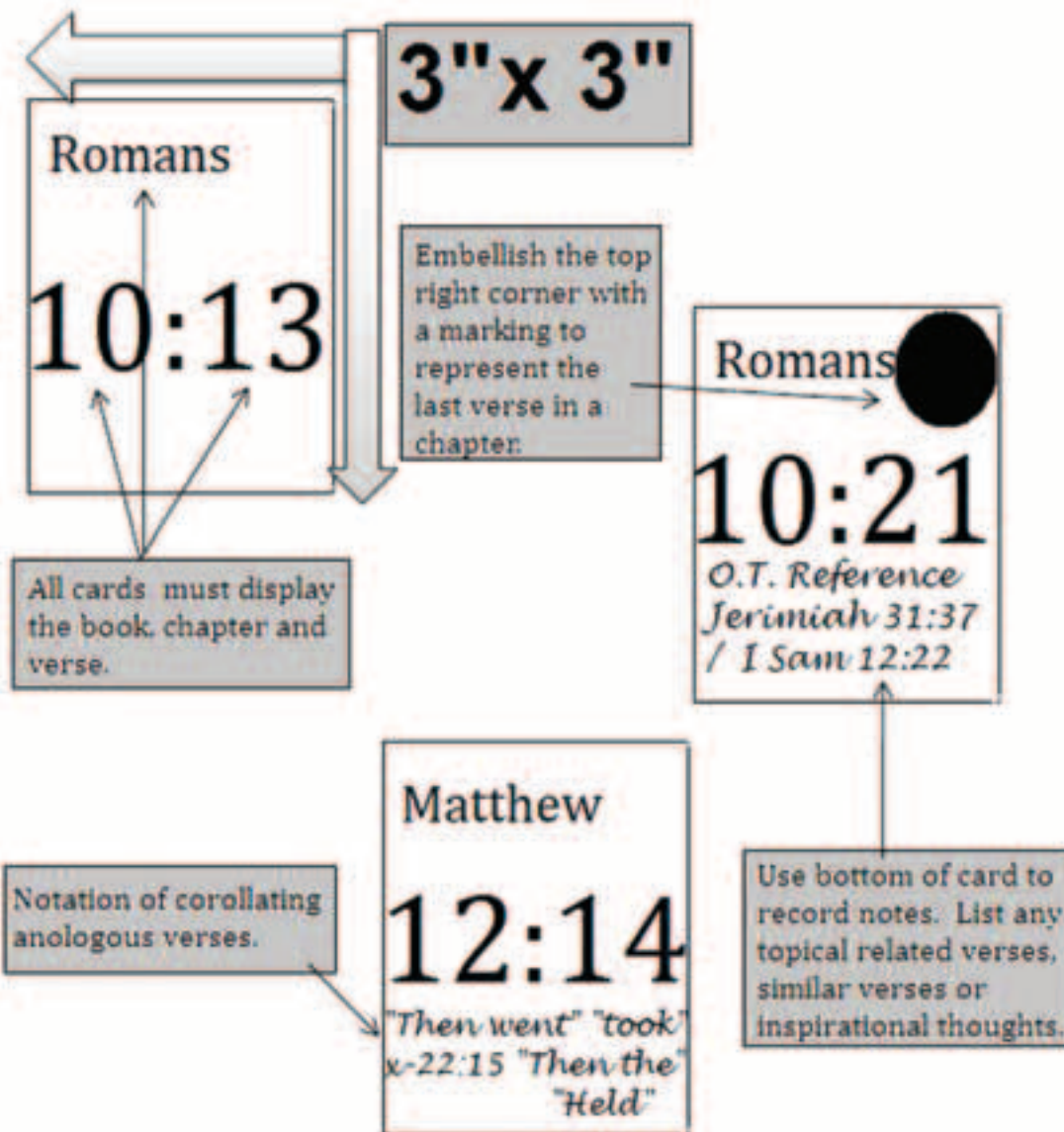
“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things though ye know them and be established in the present truth. Yea I think it meet.... To stir you up by putting you in remembrance.”

I Peter 1:12-13

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God”. Matthew 22:29

Flashcards are widely used as a learning drill to aid memorization by way of spaced repetition. Flash cards should fundamentally be basic in design with only the book, chapter and verse number present on the face of the card. Adding the verse to a card for reference will not be necessary. Flash cards can be graphic, printed, computerized slide show, contain notation, and comments. Flash cards exercise the mental process of active recall by presenting chapter and verse to be recited randomly. Once a chapter is memorized flash cards should be created for each verse and collected in decks or computer files, and should be separated by chapter and book. The quantity of cards in a pack should not exceed what your hand can comfortably cradle. The individual cards of a chapter should be shuffled but remain separate from other chapters. This will allow you to reference your bible with ease in the event of errors, questions or inability to recall. The use of flash cards should be intermittently scheduled based on your reviews. A three inches by three inch flash card is optimal for one handed shuffling (*see diagram*). The top card is recited and returned to the back or middle of the deck.

Primary Flash Card Design



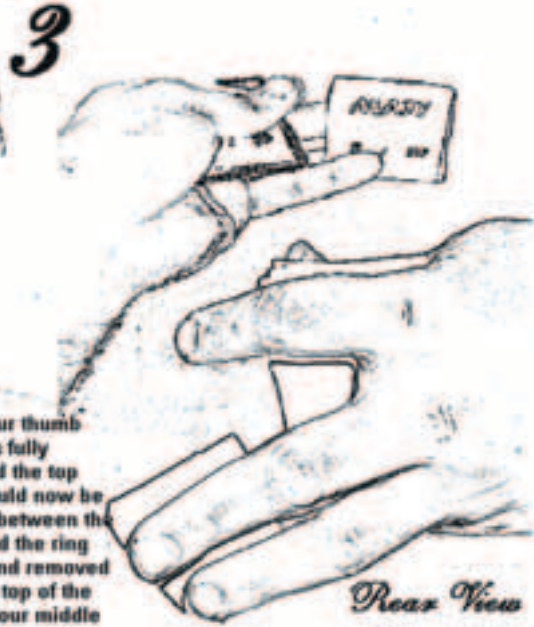
One Handed Flash Card Shuffle



START POSITION - Cradle your flash cards in the palm of your hand with the right edge of the deck resting in the bend of your middle and ring fingers knuckle. The bottom edge of the cards should rest on your pinky finger. While the pointer finger rests on the top edge of the cards. Allow your thumb to cover the face of the deck.



2. Starting with a slight bend in your thumb extend it outward, pushing the top card in the direction of you fingers. Continue to push the top card across the top of the deck and out across your middle and ring finger until your thumb is fully extended.. (It is important to have the moving card move slightly behind the pinky)



3. As your thumb becomes fully extended the top card should now be gripped between the pinky and the ring finger, and removed from the top of the deck. (Your middle finger will run parallel to your ring finger)

Rear View



4. Once the card is separated from the deck then guide the card to the rear using your middle finger and ring finger.



5. Continue to slide the card to the rear, keeping tight control of the rest of the deck with your pinky finger, index finger, and thumb.



6. Allow your ring finger to return to its original position while using your middle finger to push the card all the way over so that it rests squarely behind all of the other cards in the deck. Then return your hand to the start position and repeat.

Rear View

VARIATION: One variation to the card shuffle is to return a card to the middle of the deck instead of to the back. This is done when recall for a particular verse is weak, so that it receives more attention. Depending on your skill level with a particular book or chapter you may want to cycle through a particular deck several times. Don't be discouraged if at first shuffling seems awkward. With a little practice it will become second nature. This shuffling technique is a great form of reflecting upon scripture, and you can do it just about anywhere as long as your hands are free.

Synonymic Numeral Colors - Images have been shown to have a greater recall value than words. One aid to already memorized scripture is to add graphic design to reflect key words in a verse with colors to denote numbers. To do this you will need to correlate specific numbers to color from zero to nine. Once this is done effort should be made to efficiently interchange colors for numbers.



Rebus Flash Cards – The word REBUS is defined as a representation of a word phrase by pictures, symbols, etc., that suggest that word or phrase. This is where the color number association becomes significant. Using creative ways to say something through pictures and transposing color for numbers. Often we see this in advertisings visual metaphors, where associations of formal artistic structure and subject matter conveys an enduring message to your mind though implied comparisons. The rebus card is the pictorial portrayal of “key” words within a verse. Key words are seemingly arrestive words that emphasize the predominant aspects of the verse. There are three parts in the creation of rebus flash cards. First; foreground images of symbols, or pictures denoting verse key words. Second; a distinct graphic background denoting the chapter numeral and theme. Thirdly; book, chapter and verse numbers written in block letters across the top of the card. Associative color value will shade the background according to the chapter number and the key words

will be shaded according to the last number in the verse. Keeping a uniform system will initiate a chain of recollection which will stimulate and reinforce memory. Rebus cards are not a necessity, but they are a great aid. You will find that those verses you have memorized will be recalled easier if there is a graphic illustration accompanying it. It is essential that emphasis be placed primarily on the correct memorization techniques above any graphic image. Without proper memorization your cards will be nothing more than art.



Rebus flash card variations – There are many creative ways to vary the design of your rebus cards. With the volume of bible verses you will memorize, a computer is a great aid when creating rebus cards. Computers will help speed duplication, data storage, printing, access to resources, manipulation of art, and greater ability to share your work. Below are various examples of embellishing your cards to delineate their composition. Your designs will only be limited by your creativity.



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Five
Verse numeral Six
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Hunger, Thirst, Righteousness, Blessed
Verse Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled .

Rebus Interpretation
 5= green Background image delineates chapter
 6=Yellow
 Hilly background "mount"
 "Hunger" and "thirst" represented by a fork and canteen cap on bible which signifies "righteousness"



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Five
Verse numeral Seven
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Mercy, Blessed
Verse Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy

5= green Background image delineates chapter
 7= Purple
 Hilly background "mount"
 Scales represent the balance between "Mercy" and judgement



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Five
Verse numeral Twenty Seven
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Adultery,
Verse Ye have heard that it was said by them of Old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery :

5= green Background image delineates chapter
 7= Purple Emphasis placed on last numerical digit being seven, foreground image.
 Hilly background "mount"
 Purple lettering representing the last digit in twenty seven. Key word "Adultery" with inverted :7 in place of the "L".



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Six
Verse numeral Six
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Prayer, Closet, Father,

Verse But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly

Rebus Interpretation

6=Yellow Background image delineates chapter

6= Yellow Foreground image represents verse number

Hilly background "mount"

"Prayer" depicted by praying hands, "Closet" portrayed by yellow (=6) door, "Father" characterized by God image in top right corner.



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Six
Verse numeral Twenty Six
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Fowls, Reap, Barns,

Verse Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Yellow background 6=Yellow

6= Yellow Background image delineates chapter

Represented by foreground image, last digit in verse number designated by yellow (=6).

Hilly background "mount"

"Fowls"-Birds, "Reap"-scythe "Barns"-Barns



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Six
Verse numeral Eleven
Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount
Verse key words Bread,

Verse Give us this day our daily bread.

6= Yellow Background image delineates chapter

Rather than the foreground image being color coded the bread is depicted in the form the numeral eleven.

Hilly background "mount"

Foreground image of bread delineates numeral eleven.



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Seven

Verse numeral Sixteen

Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount

Verse key words Figs, Thistles,

Verse Ye shall know them by their fruits . Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Rebus Interpretation
 Numeral seven signified by the color purple, mount in background

Yellow figs represents the numeral six in sixteen



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Seven

Verse numeral Seven

Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount

Verse key words Ask, Seek, Knock

Verse Ask , and it shall be given you; seek , and ye shall find ; knock , and it shall be opened unto you:

Notation Notation was added to this verse, displaying inspiration from times of meditation.

Numeral seven signified by the color purple, mount in background



Book Matthew
Chapter numeral Seven

Verse numeral Four

Chapter Theme Sermon on the mount

Verse key words Eye, Mote,

Verse Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold , a beam is in thine own eye?

Purple background represents seven



Book Matthew

Chapter numeral Eleven

Verse numeral Thirty

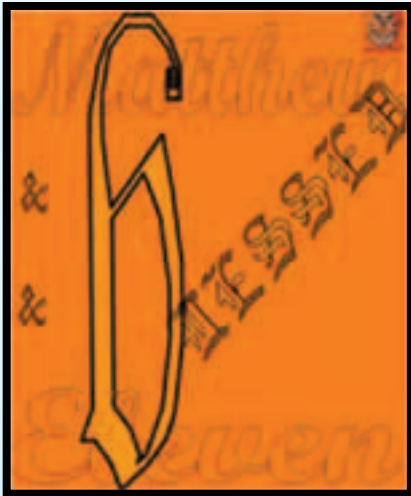
Verse key words Yoke (over easy)

Verse For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Rebus Interpretation

Orange signifies the second numeral in eleven.

Numeral portrayed in "yoke"



Book Matthew

Chapter numeral Eleven

Verse numeral Six

Verse key words Blessed, And,

Verse And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Orange signifies the second numeral in eleven.

Doubles as the letter "b" in the key word "Blessed"



Book Matthew

Chapter numeral Eleven

Verse numeral Nine

Verse key words Prophet

Verse But what went ye out for to see ? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

Orange signifies the second numeral in eleven.

Portrayed by inverted "P" in the key word "Prophet"

Inverted to incorporate the number nine.



Book Galatians
Chapter numeral Two
Verse numeral Fifteen
Verse key words Jew, Nature
Verse We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

Rebus Interpretation
 Two represents black background
 Green image represents the numeral five in fifteen
 Jewish symbol with tree leaves to represent key word "nature"



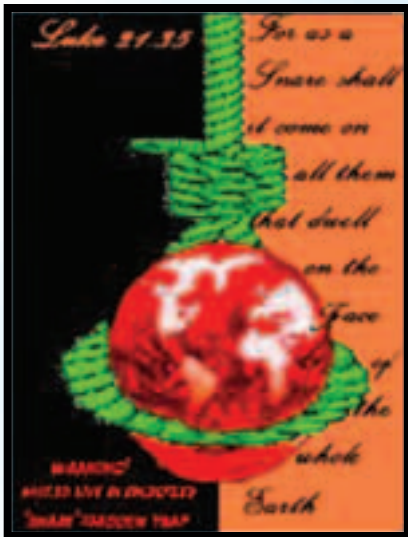
Book I John
Chapter numeral Three
Verse numeral Four
Verse key words Sin, Law,
Verse Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Background red symbolizes the chapter numeral three
 Blue foreground image represents verse number four



Book Galatians
Chapter numeral One
Verse numeral Twenty
Verse key words Lie
Verse Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

Orange represents the numeral one
 Twenty represented by brown symbolic for the numeral zero.
 Face depicts the word "liar"



Book Luke
Chapter numeral Twenty One

Rebus Interpretation
 Background of two colors representing two and one representing the chapter number twenty one

Verse numeral Thirty Five

Verse key words Snare, World, Face, Earth,

Verse For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth



Book Luke
Chapter numeral Twenty One

Background of two colors representing two and one representing the chapter number twenty one

Verse numeral Nineteen

Verse key words Patience

Verse In your patience possess ye your souls



Book Colosians
Chapter numeral One

Represented by the orange background for numeral one

Verse numeral Fifteen

Foreground image green, representing the numeral five in fifteen.

Verse key words Invisible, God,

Verse Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

EXTENDED Initial Memorization Review Form

	Verse	10 Min. time FIRST REVIEW	1 Hour time SECOND REVIEW	24 Hour THIRD REVIEW	ONE WEEK REVIEW one week past last review	30 DAY REVIEW thirty days from the one week review <u>REMEMBER TO REGULARLY</u> <u>REVIEW NEW VERSES</u> <u>MONTHLY</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">LOYAL TO CHRIST</p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">NOTES</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Understanding, Cross reference, Definitions,</p> </div>
1	:						
2	:						
3	:						
4	:						Be ye holy for I am holy I Peter 1:15
5	:						
6	:						
7	:						ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER
8	:						
9	:						Matthew 7:7-8
10	:						Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
11	:						
12	:						
13	:						
14	:						
15	:						Matthew 21:21-22
16	:						Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea: it shall be done. And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing it shall be done.
17	:						
18	:						
19	:						
20	:						
21	:						
22	:						
23	:						Matthew 18: 19
24	:						Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven.
25	:						
26	:						
27	:						
28	:						
29	:						
30	:						

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. Hebrews 2:1

EXTENDED Initial Memorization Review Form

	Verse		10 Min. time FIRST REVIEW	1 Hour time SECOND REVIEW	24 Hour THIRD REVIEW	ONE WEEK REVIEW one week past last review	30 DAY REVIEW thirty days from the one week review <u>REMEMBER TO REGULARLY</u> <u>REVIEW NEW VERSES</u> MONTHLY	
		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
31	:							<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> LOYAL TO CHRIST NOTES Understanding, Cross reference, Definitions, </div> <p>Matthew 17:20</p> <p>And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard see, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.</p> <p>I Jn 5:14-15</p> <p>And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.</p> <p>James 5:16</p> <p>Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.</p>
32	:							
33	:							
34	:							
35	:							
36	:							
37	:							
38	:							
39	:							
40	:							
41	:							
42	:							
43	:							
44	:							
45	:							
46	:							
47	:							
48	:							
49	:							
50	:							
51	:							
52	:							
53	:							
54	:							
55	:							
56	:							
57	:							
58	:							
59	:							
60	:							

