TIPS FOR MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE & TREASURING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

- 1. DAILY HABIT
 - Have a quickly accessible list of scriptures in your phone which you want to memorize.
 - Each morning open your list before you look at your email or messages or Facebook or do anything else.
 - Invite the Holy Spirit to help you choose just one scripture or a series, such as *Proverbs:5-6*.
 - Repeat it preferably out loud and consciously think about what each word means.
 - Think of ways this scripture can help you throughout your day. Put it into action!
 - Keep saying it to yourself or out loud as often as you can throughout the day.
 - If you forget it, quickly open your list and say it again.
 - Once you have it down, go to another one.
 - Try to choose a new one each week/two weeks/month, whatever works best for you.
 - When adding a new scripture, always repeat the previous ones you learned as well.
 - Eventually the ones you learned first will be the easiest for you to remember.
 - Keep adding to the List. Don't stop. Challenge yourself!
 - REPETITION is the key
- 2. FIND SCRIPTURES THAT TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO SAY THEN DO SOMETHING ELSE THAT TAKES THAT AMOUNT OF TIME, WHILE SAYING YOUR SCRIPTURE.
- Example we are told to wash our hand for 20 seconds. Find a scripture or two that takes that amount of time to say. Say it to yourself every time you wash your hands. Try it. It's fun!
 - Example You need to water some of your trees or other garden plants. You know they need a gallon of water. Time how long it takes to fill up a gallon bucket.



- \circ $\;$ Find a scripture or two that takes that long to say.
- As you walk through your garden with your watering hose say your scriptures. You will know when each plant has received a gallon of water when you are done with the scripture(s). This is a great way to keep the scriptures fresh in your heart.
- Example: You like to exercise and are supposed to hold stretches or positions a certain amount of time. This is the same principle as watering your garden you are accomplishing something while saying your scriptures. You are bringing God's Word into your every day life in a new way.
- 3. USE SCRIPTURES TO HELP YOU GO BACK TO SLEEP.
 - If you wake up and can't go back to sleep, start saying your scriptures to yourself in bed. Say as many as you know or whatever parts you remember.
 - Eventually you will have a whole repertoire of scriptures you can say until you fall back to sleep. It's a beautiful way to go back to sleep!



SCRIPTURE SUGGESTIONS

(these are a good place to begin)

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

2nd Timothy 1:7 NKJV For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Deuteronomy 31:6 NKJV Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Galatians 6:9 NKJV And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV You will keep him/her in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he/she trusts in You.

Luke 6:31 MEV Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

Psalm 37:4 NKJV Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Romans 8:28 NKJV And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 12:18 NKJV If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.