

# THE BENEFITS OF SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

The great collection of books in the bible paints us a unique picture of God's character. It also provides guidance and wisdom for us as His followers to try to be more like His Son, Jesus. Now, it's one thing to read God's word to understand it, but another to have it etched onto your heart. But why? What's the purpose of scripture memorization?



## 1 THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."  
- *Romans 12:2, NIV*

We are called to be in this world but not of it. As born-again believers, we are on a journey where our minds are always being renewed to the ideations of heavenly things. Memorizing scripture can help guide us to take a more active role in that renewal.

## 3 STRENGTHENS FAITH IN GOD

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."  
- *Hebrews 4:12, NIV*

The word of God is living and active. This has so many implications for our lives—the most important being the word of God holds power in our daily lives. While it may feel like words on a page, the meaning and strength in those words have implications beyond our understanding. Memorizing them will help us begin to understand a fraction of those implications as we see how they affect our daily lives.

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## KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

"Now all has been heard: here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind."  
- *Ecclesiastes 12:13, NIV*

We are called to keep God's commandments. To do so we must know what they are and know them as well as we can. Memorizing scripture is the easiest way to begin to take God's commandments more seriously. As when we know them by heart, our hearts will begin to soften towards them.

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## LIVING WITH THE SPIRIT & OTHERS

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."  
- *Colossians 3:16, NIV*

Finally, the messages that scripture brings to all of us point to the singular message of the Gospel: the great truth that Jesus was sent to the cross for our salvation. We are saved! These books allow us to dwell with the Spirit that provides salvation, and they also help us better dwell with fellow believers.

