

**Trial:** “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12

**Grace:** “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Trust:** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

**God’s Love:** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

**Guidance:** “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.” Psalms 32:8

**Renewal:** “...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

**Blessing:** “For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.” Psalms 84:11-12

**Reward:** “He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.” Revelation 21:7

### ENTIRE CHAPTERS

If you feel ambitious enough to memorize larger portions or entire chapters, you might try the following:

**The Ten Commandments:** Exodus 20:1-17

**The Beatitudes:** Matthew 5:1-12

**The Love Chapter:** 1 Corinthians 13

**Psalms:** Chapters 1, 23, 90, 100

## Lesson Ten Memorizing God’s Word

God’s word (the Bible) is very important in the life of a Christian. It is an unending source of knowledge, strength, and inspiration. We have already learned about the value of *reading* it daily. However, there is also great value in having selected texts memorized. This is what the writer had in mind when he said, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalms 119:11)

On many occasions memorized Scripture texts will come to your mind when you need them and do not have time to go to the Bible to look them up. For example, a memorized Scripture verse will help:

- When you are tempted, it will help you resist the devil.
- When you are attacked by the enemy, it will help you defend yourself.
- When you are discouraged, a memorized text can bring inspiration.
- When you feel weak, it can give you strength.
- When you are joyful, it will help you express praise.
- In conversation, it will give authority to your words.

### Some Suggestions

Set your own pace, but try to do it regularly. Even one verse per week will soon add up to a significant resource.

Repeat the verse often while learning it. Write it on a card and carry it with you. Refer to it as often as necessary until you have memorized it.

Constantly review the verses you have learned so you will not lose them.

You might find it helpful to find someone to join you and help each other.

The rest of the space in this lesson will be given to suggesting some verses you might find helpful.

### SUGGESTED HELPFUL VERSES TO MEMORIZE

**Forgiveness:** “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:18

**Sin:** "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

**Salvation:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:31

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

**Resources:** "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3

**Temptation:** "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

**Power:** "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," Ephesians 3:20

**Promise:** "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

**Protection:** "The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." Psalms 34:7

**Help:** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1

**Prayer:** "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah. 29:13

**Eternal Life:** "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3:36

**Impossibilities:** "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23

**Mercy:** "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

**Rest:** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

**Holiness:** "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" 1 Peter 1:15-16

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality." 1 Thessalonians 4:3

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8

"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." 2 Peter 1:4

**Peace:** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7