Preface

In the year 1980 I lost all my hopes in all gods and in all my trails because my priest told me that there is no hope for my life and I must suffer according to my Karma means the result of sin

At that time I heard about Christ, the truth that "HE DIED FOR MY SINS" gave me a new hope. The Lord spoke with me though the Scripture.

John 14:6 "I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME."

I surrendered my life to Lord Jesus and confessed that He is the only Lord and died for my sins to deliver me from all my sins (Karma). When I totally surrendered my life to the Lord He has delivered me from evil spirits, which suffered me about 6 years. I became a new person in Christ. I love Bible so much and started memorizing the Scriptures.

By the grace of God I have memorized Four Thousand Scriptures from the Holy Bible.

Billy Graham said, "I am convinced one of the greatest things we can do is to memorize scripture" [Personal Thoughts of a Public Man, p.88].

This small book is written for the people who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. The intention of this book is to inspire people to memorize the Word of God - ***Gali Gangaraju***

If you have not yet received Christ, say this prayer

"Dear Heavenly Father, I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner. I believe that Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross, died for my sins, and rose again on the third day. I am truly sorry for the deeds which I have committed against You, and therefore, I am willing to repent (turn away from my sins). Have mercy on me, a sinner. Cleanse me, and forgive me of my sins as I forgive anyone who has ever sinned against me."

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Importance of the word of God

It is very important to know the word of God for a safe spiritual journey. *Many years ago I was in one of the Asian countries, where I was scheduled to preach in a Church. The pastor told me that he will send a person to my place to help me to find the Church in the city. But one person told me that she knew the place and she would take me to the Church.*

We went in a car and she took hours to find the church. She drove many times around the church, since she didn't know the exact location of the church. We were confused and by the time we reached the Church, the service was almost over. The pastor and the congregation were also worried waiting for us.

The Bible says *"The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city."* Ecclesiastes 10:15

If a Christian does not know the word of God he will suffer and others will also suffer with him.

We can understand the importance of the scriptures from the life and teaching of Christ. Matthew 22:29

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God".

This statement also answers many questions in the world. Why do people commit mistakes? Why the terrorism? Why corruption? And so on. The answer for all these questions is - because people do not know the Word of God and the power of God.

There are many questions and problems in the world to which we can find answers and solutions in the word of God. People don't find time to search and study the word of God, as the Devil never allows people to know the word of God. The Satan asked the first question "Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Since then he wants people to struggle with questions. But thank God for the Bible which has wonderful answers.

The word and the world like two trees in the Garden of Eden

When I studied about two trees in the Garden of Eden, I received a revelation for my spiritual growth. It is my opinion that even now every Christian home has those two trees. One is the tree of news media and the other tree is the Bible. One tree gives the knowledge of good and evil and the other tree gives life to our spiritual life.

In the early days of my spiritual life I had negative feeling about Adam and Eve. I used to think that they would have eaten the fruit of the tree of life instead of the fruit of the tree of good and evil or the tree of knowledge. I was wondering how come they eat the fruit that harms them instead of the fruit that gives life.

I have noticed that I am doing a similar mistake by having giving more time to news media than to read the Bible. I confessed and prayed to God give me more desire for the word of God. God is gracious He

has changed my eating habits and made me to write this book to encourage the people.

The Bible tells about the word: That we live by the word of God and also grow by the word of God. "

Matthew 4:4 - *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."*

1 Peter 2:2 - *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

The Bible also tells about the world:

2 Peter 1:4 **-** *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

1 John 2:15 **-** *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

1 John 2:16 **-** *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

It is so sad that many people have more desire for the world instead of the word of God.

How many times have you read the Holy Bible?

A General survey reveals that most of the Christians never read the whole Bible. Some are interested in some books of the Old Testament and read them again and again but not the entire Bible. It is very important to read the Bible completely. A student can not prepare well unless he studies his text book completely

The Bible is the Book that is given to people to learn the heavenly principles.

Some one said about the text of the Bible:
Basic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth

It is good for you to read the entire Bible at least once in a year. There are **31,102 verses** in the Holy Bible. A person can read about 400 verses in an hour. So it takes only **78 hours** to read the entire Bible. If you read the Bible for just **13 (just thirteen) minutes per day** you can easily read the entire Bible within a year. It is estimated that a person spends more than **31** minutes in a day to know the news of this world which can not help him to escape eternal judgment.

BIBLE

	Books	Chapters	Verses
Old Testament	39	929	23,146
New Testament	27	266	7956
Total	**66**	**1195**	**31,102**

I am not against wanting to know the news. But I beseech the readers of this book to take it as a challenge to give more time to study the Bible than to spend time for news and internet. Don't you love the words of Jesus more than the news of this world?

You should love the word of God more than gold and fine gold.

Psalms 119:127 - *Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.*

If we understand this scripture can we love any thing more than the word of God?

Job has esteemed the word of God more than his necessary food

Job 23:12 - *Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.*

If we digest this scripture can we eat food before reading the Bible?

Job has a great commitment because he understood the important of the words of God. Because of Job's commitment to the word of God, he had this testimony.

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

If we know the importance of the word of God we too can love the word of God more than fine gold and necessary food.

Our Lord Jesus said about his words. Matthew 24:35. *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

We can see that the truth of his words through this example. Matthew 5:36 *Neither shalt thou swear*

by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

We know that our Lord said these words more than 2000 years. Even now no company or no technology can find a chemical which can change one hair white or black.

Even in future also nobody will be able to find a chemical because Jesus said you can not make one hair white or black.

The Word of Christ is true and it has the life. The Bible says in Colossians 3:16 - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom …*

Many people talk about the Scripture "… Be filled with the Spirit;" Ephesians 5:18 but the Word of God also tells that the Word of Christ should dwell in us richly. That means one must be filled with the Word of God also. I believe if believers come to know the blessings of keeping the Word, everyone will let their hearts keep the Word of Christ.

Blessings in knowing and keeping the word of God

If you understand the benefits of memorizing the Word of God, you will definitely use all your capacity to memorize the Word of God.

The word of God is the sword of the Spirit which empowers and brings victory

According to Ephesians 6:17, The word of God is the sword of the Spirit to use against satan in the spiritual battle field. Our Lord Jesus Christ used the word of God when he had spiritual battle with the devil. He said, “It is written”, “It is written”, “It is written”.

Our Lord Jesus Christ defeated satan with the help of the Word of God. The Bible says with the help of the Word of God we can be strong and overcome the devil. 1 John 2:14 … *I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.*

The Word of God enables us to be prosperous and to have good success

Joshua 1:8 *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.*

3 John 1:2 *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

We can understand from this scripture that one’s life depends upon one’s commitment to the word of God.

If we meditate upon the word of God and walk according to the word of God we will have successful spiritual life. If we do not do so, we will fail.

The Word of God enables us to understand the salvation of Christ.

11 Timothy 3:15 *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Timothy heard The Word of God from his childhood, and, by The Word of God, he understood that salvation comes through the faith in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*

1 Peter 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever*.

The Word of God helps us to grow spiritually

1 Peter 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

The Word of God guides us

Psalms 119:105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

The Word of God prevents us from sinning against the Lord

Psalms 119:11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

The Word of God prevents us from making errors

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

The Word of God makes us clean

John 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

Many years ago, when the washing machine was invented, people wondered about its work. But, now, almost everybody knows that the washing machine has the ability to clean clothes. The Bible says The Word of God can clean our dirty thoughts and imaginations.

Psalms 51:2 *Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Ephesians 5:26, 27 *That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

The Word of God works in our soul and spirit and body

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a*

discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Every instrument in this world has a limit for its work. Even a Great Medical Surgeon who can operate the human body, has limits. He can operate on the heart, but, cannot operate the intentions of the heart. And, a surgeon can operate on the brain of a person, but, he cannot operate the thoughts of that person. But, The Word of God can work and operate even the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Jeremiah 32: 27 *Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*

The Word of God sanctifies us

John 17:17 *sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

In this Scripture, The Lord Jesus is praying to the Heavenly Father, asking Him to sanctify disciples through His Word. There is no other way for sanctification, but, only through The Word of God.

The Word of God gives great peace

Psalms 119:165 *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*

God gives great peace to them who love His Word. The peace that comes from God remains in spite of all difficult times. Jesus said in John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Jesus said He gives peace not as the world gives, because, the peace that world gives is temporary and it cannot sustain in times of trouble. But the peace of Christ triumphs even in times of trouble.

Years ago a major art gallery sponsored a competition for painters. They were offering prizes for the best painting on the subject of "Peace." As attenders browsed through the entries, most had decided that a one certain painting was almost sure to win. It portrayed this lush green pasture under a vivid blue

sky, with the cows grazing lazily and a little boy walking through the grass with his fishing pole over his shoulder. It really made you feel peaceful. But it came in second. The painting that won was a real surprise. The scene was the ocean in a violent storm.

The sky was ominous, the lightning was cutting across the sky, and the waves were crashing into the rock walls of the cliffs by the shore. No peace. But you had to look twice to understand what was going on. There, about halfway up the cliff, was a birds' nest, tucked into a tiny hollow in the rock. A mother bird was sitting on that nest - with her little babies, tucked underneath her, sleeping soundly. That was peace!

The Word of God provides fruitful life

Psalms 1:1-3 *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. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 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.

I traveled around both desert places and the sides of river. In the desert, where there is no water, I could not find fruitful trees. But, when I was traveling through a stream by boat, I saw both sides of the stream filled with wonderful, fruitful trees. I never understood about the perfect fruitful tree until I saw those trees planted by the rivers of water.

John 15:7,8 *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

God is expecting us to bear much fruit, and, He has provided plenty of water of the Word of God. But, people are friendlier with the world than the Word of God.

The Bible says in James 4:4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

This is one of the reasons for lack of fruit in Christian life.

The Word of God gives health to body, bones and all flesh.

Proverbs 3:8 *It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.*

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 4:22 *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh*.

We see lot of advertisements about medicines which promise good health. Most of the times, companies gain good money, but, people remain in the same condition.

Many years ago, in India, somebody advertised about a certain oil and the benefits of it. The advertisement explained that one should take three spoons of oil into the mouth and pull back and forth for one hour or more. They promised that the 'oil pulling' works as medicine for all diseases. But, practically, people discovered that, by doing 'oil pulling,' they lost their teeth!

People are more ready to ride on false hopes than to sit and study the Word of God, which gives a healthy Spiritual life.

The Word of God gives long life

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

Ephesians 6:1-3 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with* promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

I discovered that the main reason for the decrease in human life span is - disobedience to parents, and, lack of honor to father and mother. Since Adam disobeyed the Heavenly Father by dishonoring His Word, death entered into human life.

And, we see, generation after generation, people continue to show more and more disobedience to the parents. Hence, the life span is decreasing more and more. But, the Word of God still promises long life to the people who honor their father and mother according to the Word of God.

The Word brings right relationship with God

Psalms 119:105 *The word of God is the light.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

The Word of God makes perfect

11 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 17:23 *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made* ***perfect*** *in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

Don't say "I have no memory"

When someone wants to memorize the Word of God, the next thought is, "Oh! I don't have the memory capacity." You should know that you have memory capacity by birth. The Bible says that God created man in His own image. This Scripture tells about God's memory power. *"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names." (Psalms 147:4)* The first man Adam, by nature, had so much memory capacity. It was proved when he *"gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air. And to every beast of the field"* (Genesis 2:19-20)

We can understand that he has given more than a hundred different names. He has not given the same name to any two animals or birds. He has creative memory and concealed memory.

So you have memory power, and you can use it to store the Word of God. If you let the Word of

God into your heart, you will have more space in your "Heart Disk", because the Word of God scans all your worldly viruses and removes unnecessary files. So, if you start memorizing the word of God and continue it, you will have more memory power. So, start memorizing the Word of God before your "Heart Disk" fails.

God commanded us to keep His word

God instructed His people that they should teach the Word of God to their children.

Deuteronomy 6:3-9 *Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.*
4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
5. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Do you keep the word of God to teach your children?

The worldly property that you give to your children may destroy them. But if you give the ***word property*** *it will protect them. Make sure about your personal salvation and see that your children also accept Christ as their personal Savior.*

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Memory Scriptures about The Heart

Psalms 86:11, 12 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
12. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
22. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
23. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are he issues of life.

Psalm 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies and that seek him with the whole heart.

Psalm 119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Psalm 119:11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Psalm 119:80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

Psalm 119:112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

About Healing

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Long Life

Proverbs 3:5-8
5. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Proverbs 28:16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

Proverbs 9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Proverbs 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

About Eyes

Psalms 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Psalms 119:37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Psalms 25:15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Proverbs 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

Deliverance from Fear

Fear of Death

Hebrews 2:14, 15
Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

All fears

Psalm 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Proverbs 3:25, 26 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. [26] For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Proverbs 14:26,27 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. [27] The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Proverbs 3:4, 5 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. [5] Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Remembering God's Mercy

Ephesians 2:4, 5 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:8, 9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Psalms 136:1-26 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[2] O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[3] O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[4] To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[5] To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[6] To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[7] To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[8] The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

[9] The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[10] To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[11] And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[12] With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[13] To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[14] And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[15] But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[16] To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[17] To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[18] And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

[19] Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[20] And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[21] And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[22] Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[23] Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:
[24] And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[25] Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.
[26] O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Verses that Order The Words of People

Words of God about Words of People. Two parts more effective on person. (Eyes, Tongue) Words of People have effect on their present life and they will direct the destination.

Jesus said in **Matthew 12:36,37** "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. [37] For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

By words, people have Life or death.

Proverbs 18:20-21 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. [21] Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

By words, people will be known as wise or foolish

Proverbs 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

Ecclesiastes 5:2, 3 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. [3] For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

Vain words increase ungodliness

2 Timothy 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

To be as dear children of God, we should avoid foolish talking

Ephesians 5:1-12 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
[2] And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
[3] But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
[4] Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
[5] For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
[6] Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
[7] Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

[8] For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
[9] (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
[10] Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
[11] And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
[12] For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

Problems helped me to memorize the Word

When I was still working at the factory, I used to read the Bible before going to sleep, and it was really encouraging to me, especially the 91st Psalm. Since we used to have shift duties at the factory where I was working, it would be 1:30 or 2:00 AM by the time I reached home. My mother would scold me if I switched the light on at that late hour to read the Bible. She wasn't a Christian back then, and didn't like the Bible.

One day, when I was reading the Bible, my mother got angry at me, took away the Bible, threw it away, and switched off the light. On one hand, I was afraid that the demons would come and frighten me if I didn't read the Bible before going to sleep. On the other hand, I was afraid of my mother to switch on the light and read the Bible. I didn't know what to do. It was at this helpless juncture that I was inspired by the Lord to memorize the Word of God.

I memorized the 91st Psalm during the day time, and at night, after the lights were out at home, I used to recall the Psalm on my knees, before going to sleep. The experience of memorizing the Word of God, starting with this incident, grew constantly, and the Lord has enabled me to memorize Four Thousand (4,000) Scriptures till date 2010.

The experience of memorizing the Word of God has enabled me to correct my Spiritual life, to glorify God, and to be an example to others. Glory

be to God. The Word of God is never-changing and trust-worthy.

Psalms 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Even in my life, it was good for me that I have been afflicted, because it made me memorize the Word of God.

Trials will come in one way or the other in a believer's life. At the same time inspiration also will come to read the Word of God, to become closer to God. At the same time, disappointment will drag you to the world but if you come near to God during trials, you can learn the statutes of God and grow spiritually.

Proverbs 24:10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

May the Lord help us to obey His word.

Tips to memorize the word of God

The Bible says that in **Psalm 1:1-3** that one who meditates on the word of God day and night is blessed.

The interesting thing in these verses is *'whatsoever he does it shall prosper'* The secret to his prosperity is, he does every thing according to the will of God as he meditates upon His word.

A Few methods to memorize the word of God

1. Read it repeatedly. Did you know you can memorize Scripture during your morning devotion? Instead of zipping through your reading for the day, pause and camp on one verse for a long time. You won't regret it.

2. Specific verse from the Bible. In your daily Bible reading some-times one particular verse touches your heart. In my experience to memorize such verses from the Bible is easy.

3. Visualize what you are reading. Take **Psalm 1:1** for example. "Blessed is the man who does not walk with the wicked nor stand in the way of the sinner nor sit in the seat of the mocker." Your first tasks is to see the three actions here: walking, standing and sitting. If you can see the three main actions, then you can start to memorize the surrounding words.

4. Create anchor words. In the above example, your anchor words are "walking," "standing" and "seating." In **Colossians 1:15**, my anchor words are image, invisible and firstborn. Whenever I get lost while reciting a passage I look for my anchor words to orient myself.

5. Recognize patterns. In **Psalm 1:1,** after the first line, the next three sentences follow this pattern: a

verb, a noun and a modifier. Think of each of these as a bucket you drop the appropriate word into.

6. Start with the easy. Now, some passages are easier to remember than others. Psalm 1, easy. A page from Romans, hard. On your first effort at memorizing large chunks of Scriptures, don't tackle Romans. Build some confidence first by memorizing Psalm 1 or the Sermon on the Mount.

7. Select small verses. By selecting small verses you can build your confidence.

Example : 1 Thessalonians 5:16 *Rejoice evermore.*

1 Thessalonians 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.*
1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Quench not the Spirit.*
1 Thessalonians 5:22 *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*
1 Thessalonians 5:25 *Brethren, pray for us*

8. Write the memorized Scriptures. Once you have memorized the Scriptures, write them on a sheet of paper and keep it in your pocket or wallet to read frequently.

9. Narrate. Sometimes it helps to describe in your own words what you are trying to memorize. This will also help you build memorable associations, spot keywords and develop anchor words.

10. Don't give up – take it as a challenge. After few days the devil will try to disturb you by inspiring you that you can not memorize. Remember as you continue to memorize the Word of God you will become stronger and stronger in your spiritual life. Someone said the devil will lose his memory about the people who memorize the Word of God because the devil can not defeat them.

11. Find a person who has similar interest. It is good to have a person to help you, may be a friend or family member. My wife (She has also memorized

1000 verses) and myself helped each other. My son David and his wife Lavanya also memorized 1000 verses from the Bible.

12. Get one – take three free. I have encouraged my children by telling them to get one and take three. The same Scripture is mentioned four times in the same chapter of the Bible.

Psalm 107:8 *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*
Psalm 107:15 *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*
Psalm 107:21 *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

Psalm 107:31 *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

By God's grace five of my children memorized 1,000 verses each from the Holy Bible.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALREADY ESTABLISHED ROUTINES

The easiest way to find time to memorize is to incorporate memorizing into your already established daily routine.

- Use meal times as a time to memorize.
- Memorize while exercising (i.e. while riding a stationary bike, running, walking or reading on a treadmill, etc.).
- While washing dishes, folding clothes, dusting, snow shoveling, mowing the lawn, or

performing various other household chores, you can be memorizing.

- How about memorizing while showering? If people can sing in the shower, why not say verses aloud in the shower?
- If you ride the bus to work, memorize on the bus.
- Memorize each morning while you shave or brush your teeth.
- Use your break times or lunch time to memorize at work.
- Memorize in your small group.
- Care Groups can introduce weekly passages, or review the passage from the previous week.

KEEP THE VERSES HANDY

If your verses "travel with you," you will discover all kinds of opportunities to memorize. One of the easiest ways to memorize is to say the verses repeatedly OUT LOUD.

- Families can use time spent in the car to memorize. Keep a verse set in your car so it is always available.
- Keep your verses with you (in your purse, briefcase, pocket, etc.) so that you can memorise The Word anywhere.
- Take advantage of unexpected moments such as: waiting for an appointment, at a red light, waiting in a store checkout line, pumping gas, waiting for a flight or bus , etc.

POST THE VERSES IN A PROMINENT LOCATION

Part of the battle in memorizing is remembering to memorize. If the verses are displayed where we will frequently see them, we will remember to memorize. It is easy to memorize by simply saying the verses ALOUD a few times during the day.

- Put the verses on your bathroom mirror, on the phone, above the sink, on the computer screen saver, or any place you frequently look during the day. Every time you notice it, say the verses aloud a few times.
- If you are in a profession in which you use a tool box, tape it to the lid or inside the lid and repeat it a few times every time you reach for a tool.
- Tape the verse card to the dashboard of your car. Drive and memorize.

RETAINING VERSES

You will increase your chances of remembering new verses the next day if you review your verses right before you go to bed at night. Then play the review tape as you fall asleep to cement all the verses you have learned in your mind. The key to retaining verses you have memorized is REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW.

SOME TIPS FOR REVIEW

1. Repeat the verses often and out loud.

   We were required to memorize one poem each month. Sometimes we remember something because it "sounds right." Saying verses ALOUD is a key to remembering them.

2. Review newer verses more frequently.

3. Review every day.

   After a verse seems ingrained in your mind, review it on a rotating basis with other verses.

4. Use the verses.

   When you pray, pray through the text of a verse! When you send a card, greet someone with a verse! When you see a friend who is feeling low, encourage them with a verse!

By the year 2010 I have memorized Four Thousand (4,000) verses by His grace. In my list I have more than 300 promises, 60% of Proverbs, 900 praising verses from Psalms and 25% of New Testament.

It is always good to use the Scriptures in our conversations as much as possible; Salvation Scriptures when we speak to non Christians and revival Scriptures with Christians. Then the Lord who hears our conversation will be pleased.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. (Malachi 3:16)

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. [16] Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. (Proverbs 23:15,16)

Gospel verses

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 14: 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
[29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
[30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Acts 16:30,31 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house

Scriptures to encourage believers

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:12-15 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Hebrews 13:20, 21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Scriptures for backsliders

Psalms 145:14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

John 5:14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

1 John 2:1, 2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:6-10 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Scriptures about God's Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Psalms 36:5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Lamentations 3:21-23
21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.
22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

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