

**Digging Deeper**

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# PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Included in this package are the following:

- **Quote Flash Cards.** Each quote is on a flash card, with one side containing the complete quote, and the other side containing the prejump on one end, and the reference on the other.
- **Card Carrying Pouch.** This clear vinyl carrying pouch holds up to 50 flash cards at a time. It will protect your flash cards and help them last a lot longer, and its convenient size will allow you to carry your flash cards everywhere.
- **Study Guide Booklet.** This booklet includes many features that will aid you in successfully learning your quotes. Included are sections on setting study goals, assessing your learning style, study tools and techniques, a complete listing of verses, single- and multi-verse prejump lists, and a progress chart.

# DIGGING DEEPER QUOTE SYSTEM

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Congratulations! You are about to embark on a voyage that, if you let it, can change your life. David tells us in Psalm 119:11 — “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” And we know that David was truly a man after God’s heart. Scripture lets us know God’s heart, and memorizing it allows his Spirit to speak to us in the most amazing ways! You will be surprised how the Spirit, one year from now, or even ten or twenty years, will bring to mind some passage of Scripture that you have committed to memory. Be fertile soil and let the Seed of God’s Word grow deep!

## SETTING YOUR GOALS

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Jesus tells this parable: “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him...”

Now it is unlikely that your friends will ridicule you if you set out to learn the quotes this year and don’t succeed in doing so, but memorizing Scripture—especially memorizing large amounts of it—is not something to be entered into lightly. You want to make sure you take stock of your resources and enter into your plan with the greatest likelihood of success. You will want to count the costs and, with God’s help, set up a plan for success.

### **Why Memorize Scripture?**

If you are going to memorize Scripture, it is important that you know why you are doing it. Of course, learning the quotes will make you a better quizzer, but if that is all it does for you, then you are in danger of being like one of the Pharisees or teachers of the Law who were white-washed tombs full of dead men’s bones. They studied and knew the Scripture inside and out, but did not understand or obey it.

As Christians, we are in a battle of epic proportions, and it is important that we be fully armed—this includes having a sharp sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Strive to “Learn God’s Word for LIFE.”

## Count The Costs

Before you jump into memorization, it is a good idea to take stock of your resources—to come up with a plan. Your success will depend on a number of factors: skill and experience, circumstances, support system, and desire. Let's look at these briefly by asking you some questions.

***Skill and Experience.*** Do you know how to take a study plan and follow through with it? What kind of grades do you get in school? Have you ever memorized before?

***Age, Circumstances and Time.*** Sometimes, but not always, older quizzers know how to make better use of their time. Do you have time in your life to memorize Scripture? Do you have a job after school? Are you home-schooled? Quizzing takes time, and you want to take stock of the time that you have before you commit to any plan of long-term study.

***Support System.*** Think about your support system—your family and friends. Are they usually an encouraging or discouraging force? Will they help you reach your study goals, or will they drag you down? You want to be surrounded by people who will encourage you and are committed to your success.

***Desire and Motivation.*** This is probably the most important factor in achieving success in quizzing. Are you self-motivated, or do you require someone to “push” you? Can you focus on a goal, or do you start things and never finish them? Are you memorizing Scripture because you want to, or because your parents, or friends, want you to do it?

These questions were not meant to discourage you from setting out on this worthy journey, but to help you take a realistic look at your likelihood for success. We can't overcome our limitations unless we first recognize them. But after recognizing them, you can overcome them with determination. So take stock of your resources, and build that tower!

## Develop A Plan

Use this Study Guide to help you develop a plan. Taking into account your particular learning style, your skill, available time, support system, and motivation, read the sections “Overview of Learning Styles” and “Tools and Techniques” to help put together a plan that is right for you.

And don't get discouraged if it seems hard at first. Most ventures of lasting value require effort, but the benefit you reap will be eternal!

# OVERVIEW OF LEARNING STYLES

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When it comes to learning, each person is different, and each has a style of learning that suits him best. Here is a brief overview of some common learning styles:

**Visual Learners.** Visual learners enjoy using pictures, images, colors and maps to help them organize and retain information. They also use them when communicating with others.

Drawing a representative picture of the verse on the back of the flash card may aid this learner in memorizing Scripture. Coming up with mental pictures which contain plenty of action can also help.

**Aural Learners.** Aural learners enjoy sounds and music. They usually have good rhythm and can often sing or play a musical instrument. Making the verse into a song may be this learner's preferred method of study. They will also benefit from quoting the verses aloud.

**Verbal Learners.** These learners find it easy to express themselves, both verbally and in writing. They generally enjoy reading, writing, and public speaking. They may benefit from writing out the verses. (This exercise is also useful for the Physical Learner.) As with the Aural Learner, this learner should practice quoting the verses aloud.

**Physical Learners.** Physical learners enjoy using their body, their hands, and their sense of touch to learn about the world around them. Often they are involved in sports, or enjoy exercise as a way of sorting through problems.

You can recognise this learner because they will physically act out a verse, walking about with great emotion. If this is your style, don't force yourself to sit at a desk. Get up, walk around, and act out God's Word. Be as expressive as you can. The more motion and emotion that you put into your recitation, the easier it will be for your mind to replay later.

**Logical Learners.** A logical learner can easily recognize patterns as well as find connections between seemingly meaningless content. They are great at math and solve problems in a very systematic way.

This learner will benefit by approaching the material systematically, learning first the references (as pegs to hang the verses on), and then sequentially learning each verse.

**Social Learners.** These learners prefer to study in groups or with other people. They listen well to others and often enjoy mentoring or counseling. Anywhere people are, that's where they will be.

This can be a blessing and a curse for someone trying to memorize. It normally takes more time for these learners to learn the verses because they need to be around others, but there isn't a better thing to do with your friends than learn Scripture!

**Solitary Learners.** Solitary learners like to work alone. They are private and independent, and generally like to plan ahead and set goals. This learner, though, needs to actively try to share God's Word with others, and not let it stay bottled up for no one else to hear.

Most people learn using a combination of learning styles, with one style being predominant. Learning can be a frustrating thing if you don't know your learning style. When you start to recognize and understand your own particular styles for learning, you can use techniques better suited to you. This will greatly increase the speed with which you learn new material, and improve your ability to retain that new knowledge.

Memorization is not easy, but it can be easier if you gain a better understanding of your styles for learning and implement some of the techniques associated with those styles.

## TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

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In developing a plan, it is important to take stock of all your resources and know how to best use the tools available to you. This section will give you some tips on using the tools supplied in this package, as well as teach you some study techniques specific to scripture memory.

### Developing Reference Pegs

Before learning any of the verses, it is a good idea to first learn the references. You can get a list of the references by looking at the **Progress Checklist** included in this booklet.

Learning the references, in order, will aid you as you mentally "check off" each verse during review. We call them pegs, because on them you will be able to hang each learned verse.



## Using The Quote Flash Cards

Do you remember when you first learned to add and subtract? It is very likely that you used flash cards to aid you. Or maybe you have seen your friend's quote cards—usually handwritten 3"x5" cards—that took hours to prepare. Your friend carries them everywhere, because they are the easiest way to learn and review quotes.

The flash cards are numbered sequentially to allow you to easily put them back in reference order. Each card includes the verse on one side and the prejump and reference on the other.

Included in the package is a convenient vinyl carrying pouch to carry around 15-20 of the verses that you are currently working on.

Following are some suggestions for using the flash cards:

- **Active and correct stacks.** Create an "active stack" of cards that you want to work on. Then say the verse that is on the top of the stack, using that card to check your quotation. If you said the verse correctly, then place the card in your "correct stack"; otherwise, put the card back in your active stack (either in the middle or on the bottom). You will continue doing this until all cards have been removed from your active stack.
- **Finish this verse (and give the reference) practice.** Turn the flash cards so that the side with the prejump words is up, and rotate the cards so that the prejump words are on top. Then using the active and correct stack method above, read each prejump and attempt to complete the verse. If you get it correct, remove the card from the active stack; otherwise, reinsert the card into the stack.

Since single-verse quotes have different prejumps than multi-verse quotes, we recommend using a highlighter on the prejump words of your multi-verse flash cards to make those stand out and remind you that it is a multi-verse prejump.

- **Quote practice.** Use the same procedure as above for Finish this verse, but this time hold the cards so that the references are on top.

After you have learned the quotes in order, we recommend that you shuffle the cards and study them in random order. This will help your mind learn to retrieve them randomly, something that you will have to do in a quiz.

## Using Your 15-Minutes-es

We all are busy, but living a purpose-driven Christian life requires that we prioritize our commitments and use our time wisely (“for the days are evil”). The truth is, we all waste a lot of our day, and if we were just a little more wise in the use of our time, we could accomplish amazing things.

If we examine our day, we will find that we all have small gaps of unused time (“15-minutes-es”). These 15-minutes-es exist as we wait for our next class, wait in line for lunch, wait for the school bus, and so many other waiting and transition moments. If you can identify just one of these wasted gaps each day, and instead of losing the time forever, review your memory verses, then you will find that you don’t need to set aside much, if any, additional time—these gaps will be more than sufficient to learn and review your verses.

## The Rule of 7

There is a commonly held rule of learning—it is called the “Rule of 7.” That is, it takes seven concentrated retention efforts to move knowledge from short-term memory to long-term/permanent memory. In practice, this means that you must focus on a memory verse at least 7 separate times in order to make the verse a part of your permanent memory.

Applying this rule, spend 10 minutes or so learning the verse word-perfectly. Then review that verse at least 6 times in the following days. Finally, maintain your verses by reviewing them once a week.

# STUDY PLANS

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Now that you have taken stock of your resources and counted the costs, it is time to select a study plan that is right for you. The following is a brief survey of a variety of study plans that will help you reach your goal. You can use one of them, or combine the best of each into your own plan tailored to your needs.

## One-Week Plan

Alternately known as the “I’m Bored With Summer Plan” or “I Love Challenges Plan,” this plan requires seven consecutive days of availability and will take you 1-2 hours each day for success.

You will find that learning verses on the first day is easier than on the last, since on the last you must not only learn the new, but must also maintain the old. As a result, you should use a staggered learning schedule that learns fewer verses each day. With 41 verses this year, use the following plan. (The format is day followed by number of verses.)

1 (8)      2 (8)      3 (6)      4 (6)      5 (5)      6 (4)      7 (4)

## Two-Week Plan

A variation of the One-Week Plan, this plan will take about an hour each day for two weeks. As before, make sure that you review each day.

1 (5)      2 (5)      3 (5)      4 (4)      5 (4)      6 (4)      7 (OFF)  
8 (3)      9 (3)      10 (3)      11 (3)      12 (3)      13 (3)      14 (OFF)

## One-Month Plan

One month is plenty of time to learn your quotes. With a longer time span, we can take two days off each week and still accomplish our goal. You should plan to spend 20-30 minutes each day. Though not necessary, if you have the time, you may use Days 6 and 7 for review. Following is a sample schedule:

Week 1: 1 (3)      2 (3)      3 (3)      4 (3)      5 (3)  
Week 2: 1 (3)      2(3)      3(2)      4 (2)      5 (2)  
Week 3: 1 (2)      2 (2)      3 (2)      4 (2)      5 (1)  
Week 4: 1(1)      2 (1)      3(1)      4 (1)      5 (1)

With each of the three previous plans, daily review is essential to your success. Remember, it takes 7 focused retention efforts to move knowledge from short-term to long-term memory.

The One-Week, Two-Week, and One-Month plans are good plans to follow during summer vacation. The following plans are more appropriately implemented during the school year.

## **Quiz-Season-Long Plan**

This plan might also be called the “Just In Time Plan” since you will want to learn the verses in time for each quiz meet. Though you have a larger amount of time to accomplish this plan, you also have to balance school and other fall and winter commitments. You will want to make sure to balance learning new verses with consistent review.

## **“Bathroom-Time” Plan**

This plan, also called the “Shower Plan,” “Wash Dishes Plan,” or any other “Brain-Not-Engaged Plan” borrows on the 15-minute-es idea that if you can find time when your brain is not otherwise engaged, then you should use it productively. Find a brain-less activity that you do each day and this may be all the time you will need to learn your quotes. This plan is an effective way to implement the “Quiz-Season-Long Plan.”

## **“Learning-For-Life” Plan**

Most quizzers learn their verses for the year and then start fresh the next year, never reviewing previous years’ verses. While it would be overwhelming to try to add about 40-50 new verses every year, and then try to review all of the verses from previous years, it is completely possible to select a small number of “key verses” each year and make them part of a systematic review plan.

We encourage you to select ten verses each year that will become a permanent part of your systematic review. Then by the end of six years of quizzing, you will have hidden 60 verses in your heart!

We are so excited that you are determined to “dig deeper” and hide God’s Word in your heart. Let God’s Word change not only your mind, but your heart as well! And “Learn God’s Word for LIFE!”

# PROGRESS CHECKLIST

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Below is a list of all the quotes for the year and the quiz month that you will be required to know them.

As you learn each verse, mark the box next to it with an ☑. Before long, you will have them all memorized and will have hidden them in your heart!

## Month 1 (7 vs)

- 1:1-2
- 1:4-5
- 1:14
- 1:29
- 3:16
- 3:19
- 3:36

## Month 2 (5 vs)

- 4:42
- 5:21
- 5:39-40
- 6:35
- 6:68-69

## Month 3 (6 vs)

- 7:24
- 7:37-38
- 8:12
- 8:31-32
- 8:35-36
- 9:39

## Month 4 (4 vs)

- 10:10
- 10:14-15
- 10:27-28
- 11:25-26

## Month 5 (7 vs)

- 12:8
- 13:14-15
- 13:20
- 13:34-35
- 14:6
- 14:26
- 14:27

## Month 6 (7 vs)

- 15:12-14
- 16:13
- 16:20
- 16:33
- 17:3
- 17:15
- 17:17

## Month 7 (5 vs)

- 20:18
- 20:21-22
- 20:28
- 20:31
- 21:25

# COMPLETE LISTING OF VERSES

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- 1:1-2 **In the** beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.
- 1:4-5 **In him** was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- 1:14 **The Word** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 1:29 **The next** day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- 3:16 **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.
- 3:19 **This** is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.
- 3:36 **Whoever** believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.
- 4:42 **They** said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."
- 5:21 **For just** as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.
- 5:39-40 **You** study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

- 6:35 **Then** Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
- 6:68-69 **Simon** Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
- 7:24 **Stop** judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."
- 7:37-38 **On** the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."
- 8:12 **When** Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- 8:31-32 **To** the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- 8:35-36 **Now a** slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- 9:39 **Jesus said**, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."
- 10:10 **The thief** comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- 10:14-15 **"I** am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 10:27-28 **My sheep** listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

- 11:25-26 **Jesus** said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- 12:8 **You** will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."
- 13:14-15 **Now that** I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
- 13:20 **Very truly I tell you, whoever** accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."
- 13:34-35 **A** new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- 14:6 **Jesus answered**, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 14:26 **But the** Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
- 14:27 **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.
- 15:12-14 **My command** is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 16:13 **But when** he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.



- 16:20 **Very truly I tell you, you** will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.
- 16:33 **I** have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
- 17:3 **Now** this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- 17:15 **My** prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
- 17:17 **Sanctify** them by the truth; your word is truth.
- 20:18 **Mary** Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.
- 20:21-22 **Again** Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 20:28 **Thomas** said to him, “My Lord and my God!”
- 20:31 **But these** are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- 21:25 **Jesus did** many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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