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This package contains everything you will need to aid you in learning this year's quotes: Flash Cards, Study Plans, Checklists, and Helpful Study Techniques.

Learn God's Word for LIFE!



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PACKAGE CONTENTS

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

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

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 whitewashed 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

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

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 corrrectly,
 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 committments 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

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 4-6 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 91 verses this year, use the following plan. (The format is day, followed by number of verses.)

1 (16) 2 (15) 3 (14) 4 (13) 5 (12) 6 (12) 7 (9)

Two-Week Plan

A variation of the One-Week Plan, this plan will take about 2-3 hours each day for two weeks. As before, make sure that you review each day.

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

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 1-2 hours 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 (7)	2 (7)	3 (7)	4 (7)	5 (7)
Week 2:	1 (5)	2(5)	3(5)	4 (5)	5 (5)
Week 3:	1 (4)	2 (4)	3 (3)	4 (3)	5 (3)
Week 4:	1(3)	2 (3)	3(3)	4 (3)	5 (2)

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 80-90 new verses each 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

Below is a complete listing of this year's quotes. 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!

Ch 1 (4)	Ch 5 (6)	Ch 11 (4)	Ch 17 (3)	Ch 24 (2)
□ 1:1-3 □ 1:4-5 □ 1:8	☐ 5:19-20 ☐ 5:29 ☐ 5:32	□ 11:8-9 □ 11:21 □ 11:24	□ 17:11 □ 17:24 □ 17:26-27	□ 24:14 □ 24:25
□ 1:11	□ 5:38-39 □ 5:41	□ 11:25-26	Ch 18 (2)	Ch 25 (1)
Ch 2 (10)	□ 5:42	Ch 12 (2)	□ 18:9-10	□ 25:12
□ 2:1-2 □ 2:2-4	Ch 6 (2)	☐ 12:7	□ 18:24	Ch 26 (5)
□ 2:3-4 □ 2:17	□ 6:7	□ 12:24	Ch 19 (2)	□ 26:8 □ 26:16
□ 2:20-21 □ 2:24	□ 6:8	Ch 13 (4)	□ 19:2-3	□ 26:17-18
□ 2:25	Ch 7 (2)	□ 13:2-3 □ 13:26-27	□ 19:4-6	☐ 26:19-20 ☐ 26:29
□ 2:38 □ 2:42	☐ 7:55-56	☐ 13:38-39	Ch 20 (5)	Cl 27 (1)
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□ 2:40-47	Ch 8 (3)	Ch 14 (3)	□ 20:28	
Ch 3 (3)	□ 8:14	□ 14:9-10	□ 20:32	Ch 28 (2)
	□ 8:14 □ 8:32-33	☐ 14:9-10 ☐ 14:15		□ 28:28
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COMPLETE LISTING OF VERSES

- 1:1-3 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.
- 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
 - 1:8 **<u>But you</u>** will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
 - 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
- 2:1-2 **When** the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 2:3-4 **They saw** what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
- 2:20-21 **The** sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
 - 2:24 **But God** raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.
 - 2:25 **David** said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

- 2:38 **Peter replied**, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 2:42 **They** devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- 2:44-45 <u>All</u> the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
- 2:46-47 **Every** day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.
 - 3:6 **Then Peter** said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
 - 3:16 **By** faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.
- 3:19-20 **Repent**, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.
 - 4:4 **But many** who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.
 - 4:12 **Salvation** is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."
 - 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.
- 4:19-20 <u>But Peter</u> and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."
- 4:29-30 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

- 4:31 **After they** prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
- 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.
- 4:33-35 **With** great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.
- 5:19-20 **But during** the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."
 - 5:29 **Peter and** the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!
 - 5:32 <u>We</u> are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."
- 5:38-39 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."
 - 5:41 **The apostles** left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.
 - 5:42 **Day** after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.
 - 6:7 **So the** word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
 - 6:8 **Now Stephen**, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.
- 7:55-56 **But Stephen**, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

- 7:59-60 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.
 - 8:14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.
- 8:32-33 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."
 - 8:35 **Then Philip** began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.
 - 9:3-5 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.
- 9:15-16 **But the** Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."
 - 9:17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
 - 9:31 <u>Then the</u> church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.
- 10:34-35 **Then Peter** began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.
 - 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
 - 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

- 11:8-9 "Ireplied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'
 - 11:21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.
 - 11:24 <u>He was</u> a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.
- 11:25-26 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.
 - 12:7 **Suddenly** an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.
 - 12:24 **But the** word of God continued to spread and flourish.
 - 13:2-3 **While they were worshiping** the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.
- 13:26-27 "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.
- 13:38-39 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.
- 13:46-47 **Then Paul** and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
- 14:9-10 <u>He</u> listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

- 14:15 "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.
- 14:23 **Paul and** Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.
- 15:8-9 **God**, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.
 - 15:11 **No**! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."
 - 15:19 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.
 - 16:9 **During** the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
- About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.
- 16:31-32 <u>They replied</u>, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.
 - 16:34 <u>The jailer</u> brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.
 - 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.
 - 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands

- 17:26-27 **From** one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.
 - 18:9-10 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."
 - 18:24 <u>Meanwhile</u> a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.
 - 19:2-3 **and** asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied.
 - 19:4-6 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
 - 20:21 <u>I</u> have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.
 - 20:24 <u>However, I consider</u> my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.
 - 20:28 **Keep** watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
 - 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
 - 20:35 <u>In everything</u> I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "
 - 21:13 **Then Paul** answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

- 22:14-16 "Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'
 - 23:1 **Paul looked** straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day."
 - 24:14 **However, I admit** that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,
 - 24:25 As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you."
 - 25:12 After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!"
 - 26:8 **Why** should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?
 - 26:16 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.
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 Lwill rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'
- 26:19-20 "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.
 - 26:29 **Paul replied**, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."
 - 27:25 **So keep** up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.
 - 28:28 "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"
 - 28:31 <u>He proclaimed</u> the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

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