

Transform Your Soul With Scripture

Today, I'm going to share a few thoughts and strategies that I think will be helpful to you as you dive into the Word and memorize Scripture!

Spirit and Life

Jesus said, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63, NKJV). Think about that for a minute.

The words of Jesus were unlike any other words ever spoken. When the Bible says that "...man shall not live by bread alone; every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD" (Deut. 8:3), it likens the Word of God to spirit food. It feeds our spiritual man just like natural food feeds our bodies. This is how we become partakers of the divine nature; this is how we become the Word made flesh in our world (John 1:14).

The apostle James says, "...receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). It's amazing, isn't it? The Word not only rearranges our thinking to align with ultimate reality but it also gives us access to an alternate state of being!

Engraft Scripture into your life so that it becomes a living and active extension of who you are. Memorize and delight in God's Word. You can engraft passages on peace and experience peace in the midst of chaos. Engraft words on faith and fight off despair. Focus on joy or boldness; by doing so, you become a partaker of the divine nature contained in those very words! By engrafting the Word of God into your soul, entwining it into your way of thinking, you begin to interact and become one with the mind of Christ.

Being Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind

The more you practice this process, the more your renewed mind becomes open to words of knowledge, words of wisdom, discerning of spirits or any gift of the Spirit! Life in the Spirit is always supernatural but not always spectacular.

We all love the stories of healings, miracles and dramatic public displays of God's grace. Yet there is another aspect of supernatural living. Continuous peace and joy will fill your soul as you experience divine appointments and ideas that prosper you, bless others and bring heaven to earth. Focus on internal transformation and you'll see results in every area of your life, both subtle and, at times, spectacular.

Here's a quick technique for Bible study that works for me. Try these steps:

1. Highlight or circle important words: A helpful tool that I often suggest to my students (and that I still employ myself after 25 years of experimentation) is to go through and highlight or circle key phrases in Ephesians, Colossians and Philippians. Circle every time the apostle Paul says, "In Him," "In whom" and "in Christ." THEN personalize and breathe into your soul the overcoming spiritual power of the Word of God. Everything you need is available "in Christ" because of what He did for you. You are not the hero in this story – He is! Learn to receive from Him and He will make you the hero in your own story.

2. Personalize key portions of the Bible: Personalize the part of the Bible that you most need in your life. If you are, for instance, experiencing irritation, heartache, grief and patterns that are difficult to overcome, seek out and memorize just one or two verses that speak truth to what you are going through. For instance, John 15:7 says, "If you abide in Me, and My WORDS abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (*emphasis mine*).

Want to know how to personalize Scripture for yourself?

Here is what I prayed today:

Lord, I thank You that You are in me and I am in You! I want Your words to live and speak and transform my mind, my emotions and my imagination. I believe You are penetrating every layer of my life at a conscious and unconscious level. My conscience is keen to hear You – my path is enlightened by Your Word. My body and every cell of my being is quickened by Your indwelling Spirit. You reveal to me what I need to know and You show me things to come.

Your words are my meditation; therefore I believe You are shaping my desires and lining me up 100% with Your will and plan for my life. If in anything I am missing Your will, I thank You for correction and direction as You reveal Your truth and more excellent way. Your desires are shaping my desires and Your thoughts are shaping my thoughts. Therefore I proclaim now that whatever I ask is going to be done because Your words abide strongly in me.

Why not try this with me? Read aloud what I wrote and repeat it with 100% agreement and energy, and watch what happens! {eoa}

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