

Congratulations on taking a 'Next Step' towards God in response to last Sunday's message (Setting Godly Goals: Financial, Part 1). You have been lifted up in prayer for the strength and desire to follow through with your next step shown below. Read over the practical helps included with this note and feel free to contact a member of our staff for any additional help you may need to be successful.

How to memorize Scripture

Read the verse out loud at least 10 times to yourself.

Write your verse out on something like a 3"x5" index card (it is helpful to write the verse out several times kind of like when the teacher sent you to the chalkboard to write out "I will not _____ a hundred times!"). Be sure to pause and think about each word as you write it. Keep the card with you, take it out and read it several times each day. For longer verses try memorizing the verse in pieces (like the words between punctuations, etc.)

Beginning on the second day you try to memorize a verse; before you take your card out to read it go ahead and give yourself a chance to practice quoting it from memory. Don't be discouraged if you only get parts of it at first; keep trying! As your repetitions increase so will the amount you retain in memory.

Post note cards or sticky notes in several conspicuous places around your home, vehicles, and work place as you are able and let each time you see one of the cards call you to practice your verse.

Pray about your memory and ask God to help you remember. Ask God for opportunities to use your verse or the meaning of your verse in conversation.

Praise God for each scripture that you write upon your heart by being able to recall from memory!

Move on to your next memory verse but remember to bring out every verse you have memorized a few times each week to practice it. This will help burn the verses into your long-term memory.