

## The Why and How of Memorizing Scripture By Edd Sterchi

In Psalm 119:11 are the wonderful words, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!” One way to preserve God’s word into our hearts is to memorize it. Let’s examine why and how we can go about this.

### Why Memorize Scripture?

- \* It is a good use of your time.
- \* It helps to keep us from sinning.
- \* It can greatly aid and comfort us when we need it.
- \* It prepares us to discuss the Scriptures with others.

### How to Memorize Scripture

- \* Pray about it.
- \* Read it aloud (several times).
- \* Imagine the situation taking place in the Bible.
- \* Understand the verse (context, etc.).
- \* Write it down (also use an index card for quizzing yourself).
- \* Break down the verse into sections (memorizing a portion at a time).
- \* Think of the verse throughout the day and try to quote it to yourself.
- \* Keep after it until you have it memorized. Then go on to the next verse you wish to memorize. But keep trying to recall the memory verses you have learned in the past.

This will take time, practice, and patience – but the benefits are worth it.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (Colossians 3:16)



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## The Brushy Beacon “Staying Humble in Thee in 2023”

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

### The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders	Deacons
Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston Terry Banks
James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan	Caleb Truett

**Preacher:** Kevin Johnston

### A Growing Church by Sam Willcut

The early church grew (Acts 2:41-47, 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21), and Christ desires for His church to grow. In fact, He expects it to grow (cf. Dan. 2:44-45). Nevertheless, the manner by which we grow is a concern in the church today. For the sake of increased attendance, many have resorted to such things as entertainment, pop psychology, overemphasis of social issues and such like, many of which have led to changing that which God has not authorized in the church. Thus, for the congregation, we ought to see what God says in the greatest manual for church growth—the Bible! A growing church is a gathering church: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25). A growing church is a gifted church (Matt. 25:14-30). A growing church is a giving church: “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:2). A growing church is a glad church: “And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:46-47). A growing church is a glorious church: “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” (Eph. 5:27). A growing church is a godly church: “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12). A growing church is a going church: “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). A growing church is a good church: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10). A growing church is a gospel church: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). A growing church is a gracious church: “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col. 4:6). A growing church is a great church: “But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building” (Heb. 9:11). A growing church is a greeting church: “But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. *Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name*” (3 John 1:14). Therefore, let us strive to be a growing church, but to do so according to the pattern that we find in our New Testament!



