

Testimony of a man with a life changed by memorizing God's Word:

"Fifteen years ago, my roommate in flight school suggested I use the Navigators' Scripture memory system to memorize Scripture. While it seemed like a good idea, never mind the fact that it's what our Father and Creator commands, it was just not going to happen.

But God is faithful. My relationships and family were falling apart and God allowed for me to be brought to my knees where I not only needed His Word but also hungered for it. I was so desperate for answers that making Scripture memory a priority was, for the first time in my life, easy. The morning commute allowed me to have silence with God and the first verse on my flashcards was Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." That verse now, set the tone for my day. I saw other drivers through different lenses and animosity was gone. One week passed and one verse down. Then, the next verse over the next week. Then, another. When I had memorized the entire sheet of 12 verses, I felt an accomplishment but also disappointment that there were no more verses to memorize. Of course, there was more from where that came from and like a junkie, I couldn't wait to get my fix again from the second sheet of verses.

Aside from the movie's rating and because of beginning to memorize the Bible, one of Darin's favorite movies is "The Book of Eli." I never dreamed that I would actually be the type to memorize Scripture and as I shared with him my excitement for it, he shared how many books he had actually memorized. He inspired me to set a goal to learn the book of Romans. I believe God has a purpose for every man, like Eli from the movie. I believe that His word is instrumental for the guidance of men of God like Darin. I believe God has spurred a desire in my heart for His word that I might start living to fulfill His greater purpose for me.

Reading the Word is helpful and good and the least we should do. However, memorizing it truly hides it in your heart. You repeat it, you wrestle with it, you try to make sense of it. Then, one day, you understand it and it becomes a part of your arsenal to wield as a sword in spiritual warfare. I am a changed man as evidenced by it and because of it."

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