

Lesson 9

Chapter 6 - *"I Can't Memorize!"* and Chapter 7 - *"Memorize Scripture? I Don't Have Time!"*

Read chapters 6 and 7 and work through the following questions.

1. Why is the assertion "I can't memorize!" a weak excuse and not a valid reason for not memorizing Scripture?

2. Why do you think this is such a popular response when the subject of Scripture Memorization is introduced?

3. Read Matthew 4:1-11 and then compare Jesus' answers to Satan with Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16 and 6:13. What conclusions can you draw that might be helpful for us to note and apply in the warfare we encounter in our lives?

4. a) What kind of an army would it be if no one followed the orders of the commanding general, if each soldier just decided for himself what he could, should or would do? Are we really free to pick and choose for ourselves what we feel like obeying and rejecting whatever doesn't fit our personal agenda?

b) *The Sword* and this workbook focus on a vital command given to us by our Commander-in-chief a command that is important for us to heed as we face the ever raging battle between good and evil. Write out this command regarding Scripture memorization from the New Testament and a similar reference given in the Old Testament.

6. a) An illustration is given of steel grating against steel as when a vehicle has worn through its brake lining. Why is this a picture of someone trying to handle a stressed schedule without an adequate balance of spiritual sustenance in their repertoire?

b) What hurtful results have you seen in the lives of people who focus on schedules driven by this world's agenda.

7. How do you see the memorization of Scripture being used in our struggle against the one we are told "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"?

8. How do you see the illustration of the professor filling his jar as it applies to the life of a Christian desiring to live for the Lord and having a positive influence on his world.

9. Why is it especially important to have a strong spiritual influence in your life to draw from, (such as Scripture memorized and branded on your mind and thinking process), in order to survive a particularly stressed agenda?

10 a) Write out in order of their importance, the three things you consider your top priorities in this life.

b) Spend some time with the Lord evaluating them, your progress and your future.

11. Many people made great sacrifices in order for you and me to have a printed copy of God's Word of our own. Some gave their very lives that we might have this awesome gift.

How many of us have ever given any thought to the price that was paid to make this great gift possible? These veterans could well be among the *great cloud of witnesses* mentioned in Hebrews 12:1. If they are, indeed, watching carefully, cheering us on from the sidelines, what are they seeing in us, in you and in me? A deep regard for Holy Writ? Fruit for their labor?

Spend just a few moments with the Lord acknowledging their sacrifice and thanking Him for these brave men and women who blazed the trail on our behalf. If you haven't started already, perhaps now is a good time for you to tip your hat to them and start your own journey along the memorizing journey. And if you have already started, you may want to give some thought and prayer to whether the Lord would have you help to encourage and challenge others to take this gift of His written Word seriously and start taking it to heart literally.