

## Okay! Where Do I Start?

1. Pray . . . Ask the Lord to guide you to the chapter or book He would have you memorize. A short Psalm or a meaningful chapter He has already impressed on your heart might be a good beginning.
2. Some people look for quick and easy ways to memorize. Sorry, we don't have any, nor do we recommend them. It is rote repetition, meditation and constant review that enables the Holy Spirit to brand His Word on your heart and mind as you build little by little, verse by verse. And as you do His truths will thrill your heart and enrich your life.
3. Always remember, *it isn't just getting to know the words that is important, it is getting to know the Author.*

### Suggestions:

1. Don't look at a chapter and say, "I'm going to memorize this *chapter*." Look at *the first verse*, and say "I'm going to memorize this *verse*."
2. Say the first verse over and over until you can say it without fumbling or stumbling. When you know it as well as you know your own name proceed on to the next verse. When you are confident with it, add it to the first verse and say the two together. Continue building slowly and carefully, always being sure you know prior verses well before going on.
3. Write your passage out on a piece of paper or card or copy it from your Bible on a copier. Tape it up where you work, where you do your routine chores and/or by your bed.
4. OR - Write your first verse out on a 3X5 card (and add subsequent verses as you progress). Or, use a copier to copy your chapter and then cut it up into verses to tape on your 3X5 cards. Tuck your card(s) into your pocket or purse to take with you to use when you're waiting for an appointment or in other idle moments. Keep them by your bed.
4. Speak your Scripture out loud as often as possible.
5. Learn to recite as you walk.
6. Visualize the words.
7. Write out, from memory, what you have learned.
8. Frequently read the rest of the chapter or book to help familiarize yourself with the context and what is ahead.
9. Keep reviewing chapters, books or passages you have learned, preferably, once a week for retention.
10. Ask your friends or family to listen as you speak the Scripture you have learned. This will be a blessing both to them and to you. (And it could be a testimony to some who may not yet know the Lord as their Savior and Friend.
11. Be an encourager. Be contagious. Invite others to join you. Memorize with a friend. Start a small group. (See: *A Joy to Share*, a booklet that can be downloaded free of charge in the "Tools" section of this web site.)
12. Above all . . . **ENJOY**