

Part 6: Hiding God's Word in Your Heart

Matthew 4:1-11 (a powerful weapon for Christians revealed)

Matthew Basics

Matthew 4: 3-4 (see Hebrews 4:15)

Temptation #1: To act contrary to the will, mission & plan of God the Father

The Word: Life is lived in obedience to the Word of God and in dependence upon God's provision (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Matthew 4: 5-7

Temptation #2: Put God the Father to the test to see if he'll really fulfill His promise to protect His own (Satan now uses God's Word in his temptation)

The Word: God the Father does not need to be tested. He's already proved His Word to be true (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Matthew 4: 8-10

Temptation #3: Achieve power via instant gratification by worship of God's enemy

The Word: God alone is to receive worship and service and all things happen according to His perfect timing (Deuteronomy 6:13)

Result: *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.* Matthew 4:11

Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

40 DITW Memory Verses

1. Colossians 3:16a
2. Psalm 119:18
3. James 1:22
4. Psalm 119: 11
5. Matthew 7:24
6. Psalm 119:105

**PLEASE NOTE: BEFORE you Memorize
Go thru Steps 1-9 on How to Study the Bible
Memory Verse: Psalm 119: 11:**

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Step 1: Pray

Step 2: Review the Basics (Psalms)

Psalm 119: Overall Lesson: Great Blessing Belongs to Those who Learn The Word, Love The Word & Live The Word of God

Step 3: Read the Text & Context over & over

Psalm 119:9-16 (*Beth*): A Blueprint for Purity

Steps 4 & 5: Observations & Research on Psalm 119:11

I have: an experience of the author

Hidden: stored, treasured

Your Word: communication from God (the Bible)

in my heart: the totality of the inner self—the control center comprising: emotions, will, intellect—the place of core beliefs (note: not just the mind)

that I might not sin against you: offence (miss the mark) against God thru behavior, thoughts and actions

Step 6: Original Intended Meaning

The Psalmist kept himself morally pure by: knowing, receiving, believing, memorizing & relying on God's Word. It is a good preventative against offending God

Step 7: Meaning of verse today

Christians today can keep themselves morally pure by: knowing, receiving, believing, memorizing & relying on God's Word. It is a good preventative against offending God by giving in to sin

Step 8: Meditate on This Verse & Findings

Step 9: Discover the personal life application **PARAPHRASE IT!**

When I study, understand, apply then memorize God's Word it has a great benefit in my life—helping me stay focused & live a godly life.

Action Step: I am going to memorize the Scripture memory verses for 40DITW and go over them daily and recall them when "stuff" of life happens

How do I memorize Scripture?

1. Say the verse & address aloud phrase by phrase, then the entire verse
2. Write it down a few times from memory
3. Accentuate each word in the verse
4. Say it out loud by memory to another person or yourself

Learn The Word—Love The Word—Live The Word for a Lifetime!