

Survival Kit!

FAST Survival Kit #3 - Tackling Temptation

Memo:

How are you doing so far? Have you been giving this program your best? Are you memorizing your verses?



Completing your Bible

Searches? Learning your "Keys to Scripture Memory"? More important, are you putting what you learn into practice? These booklets cover some vitally important topics. Get everything out of them you can.

Jesus once used an interesting parable to explain the importance of hiding God's Word in the heart. "The kingdom of heaven," He said, "is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matthew 13:33). You see, once you start hiding the Word in your heart it begins to work—little by little—until the whole life is transformed. It doesn't all happen at once, but it does start at once! So get into the Word. Press forward in your memorization of the Bible. Get all the spiritual leaven you can!

**The Editor,
Hid in Christ**


Bible Secrets to Memorizing Scripture


Objectives


Week 3

Name: _____ Initialed by: _____

Date: _____

 Hope you are enjoying your Bible Searches. This week's study is called **Tackling Temptation**, and looks at the problem of sin. Temptations come to each of us—how important then, that we learn to deal with them correctly! "Tackle" this study with prayer.

 This week's memory verse is a favorite to many:
I John 1:9. Take some time to think it through. What two blessings does it promise? What are the conditions? What do the words "faithful and just" imply? Use your meditation skills to gain all the insights into this verse you can. Review your other verses daily until you can quote all three *word-perfect*.

 Your next **Keys to Scripture Memory** discuss how to move a verse from your short term memory to your long term memory. Imagine—not only being able to memorize a verse, but being able to retain it! You will also discover how to remember references. It's not hard: just read and follow the suggestions exactly. Continue reviewing all six keys daily. (You may wish to write them out on verse cards and keep them in your verse pack). Four more keys to go!

Through thy precepts I get understanding:

Therefore I hate every false way.

Psalms 119:104

Tackling Temptation

Bible Search 3

Though God has a great plan for our life (Bible Search One), and all the riches of heaven are available to us through Christ (Bible Search Two), sometimes we stumble. Sin creeps in subtly, temptation overwhelms us, guilt weighs us down. Fortunately, God has made provision for just such occasions, and understanding that provision is vital—to our survival.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

1. What is one problem the Bible describes as common to all?
I Corinthians 10:13

Note: Our greatest temptation is to allow the things of this world to divert our focus from Christ.

2. What is the source of this problem? James 1:13-15

Note: From the point of birth, we are locked in mortal combat with the sin nature inside us, pressuring us to yield to the appeal of temptation. That struggle does not vanish on becoming a Christian.

3. Is victory possible, and from where? I Corinthians 15:57

Note: Praise the Lord! Though temptation may rage, victory can be won—through Christ! Strive to keep your focus on Him.

4. What is the first step to take when we stumble into and fail some temptation?
Proverbs 28:13

I John 1:9

Note: All too often our natural response is to deny, excuse, justify, or otherwise minimize our behavior. But freedom comes only in facing the truth about ourselves head on. As Jesus once said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

5. How did Paul describe genuine repentance?
II Corinthians 7:10-11

Note: Repentance is more than just acknowledging sin; it is a deep sorrow for sin, and a resolute desire to turn away from it. This kind of repentance comes only from God—so ask Him for the gift of repentance if you find yourself struggling with some cherished sin.

6. How does God respond to true confession and repentance?
Psalms 103:10-14

Note: God is clearly willing to forgive—and treat us as if we had never sinned. The tougher question, often, is whether we are willing to forgive our self and accept God's free offer to begin afresh.

7. What else should we pray for after stumbling into sin?
Psalms 51:10

Ezekiel 36:27

II Corinthians 5:17

Note: God's Word is full of wonderful promises for victory over sin. Lay hold of these verses and claim them for yourself!

8. According to Peter, what are the promises in God's Word able to do? II Peter 1:4. See also Psalms 119:11

Note: The promises of Scripture are the key to escaping temptation! When hid in the heart, and mixed with faith—sin's power is broken.

9. How many times do you think God is willing to forgive you? Matthew 18:21-22

*Note: While God is holy and expects obedience, He is also patient and remembers our frame, that we are dust. Even if you have stumbled repeatedly—put your hope in God. Seek Him with all your heart, and victory will come.
Jeremiah 29:12-13.*

10. What will God ultimately empower you to do? Jude 1:24

Friend, is there some sin in your life causing guilt? frustration? despair? Don't give up! Victory is possible through Christ, and in God's perfect timing and in His own gentle way, He will reveal to you what you need to know to overcome. For now, be honest, confess your sin to God, and repent. Then lay hold on God's Word—both His promise to forgive and His promise to cleanse. Both are crucial if you want to survive! Are you willing to press forward with undimmed courage in your personal battle with temptation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Keys to Scripture Memory

Practical Suggestions

Ready for more keys to Bible memorization? This week we will look at two very important principles: how to get a verse from your short term memory banks into your permanent ones, and then how to remember references—where the verse is found. Follow these suggestions carefully, and you will soon have solutions to what are two of the most common problems in Scripture memory.

Key #5. Focus on Retention

He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Proverbs 4:4-5

God wants us to not only memorize His Word, but to "engrave" it in our mind. He wants us to retain it, keep it, hold it fast, and never forget it. We are to give "earnest heed" to our verses, "lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1). After all, why invest time memorizing a verse you will just go on to forget a day or two later? The secret, of course, is an effective review system that includes both the daily review of new verses and the periodic review of old verses. Here is what we suggest:

Once you have memorized a verse, date it, and put it together with other recently memorized verses in one of the inside pockets of your verse pack. (The other pocket is for blank cards). Review this group of verses every day—preferably during your morning study time. Don't miss a day! Look at the side of the card with only the reference, quote the verse, and then turn the card over to check your accuracy. After a couple of weeks a verse will become easy to quote—but don't stop there! It will take a full two months to get the verse permanently engraved in your brain.

Once the date indicates a verse has been in your daily review for two months, move it to a permanent back review file that you keep at home. Work through these verses as often as you can—at least once a week, at first. Later, after you have accumulated several hundred verses, you may wish to move your better-known verses to a section for monthly review. As a general rule, all back review verses need to be reviewed at least once a month—to keep them fresh and on the tip of your tongue. If a verse does get a little rusty, give it some extra attention: simply slip it in with your daily or weekly review verses for a while. It will quickly spring back to life—fresh as ever!

Just think: if you merely memorized two verses a week, and used an effective review system, you would have over one hundred verses in less than a year. In ten years you would have over a thousand! Imagine—a thousand verses all perfectly engraved in your mind, and right on the tip of your tongue! It can happen.

Key #6. Know your References

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

You should not only know what a verse says—but also where it is found. It's not enough to be able to quote it, you must be able to turn to it in your Bible and show it to a friend. Many people struggle with remembering references. The secret is simple: always quote the reference before and after the verse every time you review it. Think of it like a sandwich: reference, verse, reference. This process cements the verse to the reference and the reference to the verse.

Knowing the references of key verses is one of the fastest ways to get to know your Bible. Learn where one verse is found, and you will soon discover yourself able to quickly turn to other verses located near it. Remember: reference, verse, reference. It works.