

# *the* SCRIBBLERS

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## Update

"If Jesus Lived Today"

Unfortunately, there have been a few hiccups in writing *If Jesus Lived Today*, although it is still very much in the making. It won't be available for reading until further notice. Queens For the Cross decided to take more time writing it, as we will be much happier with the finished product.

We'll keep you posted on how the book is coming, and reading will be available shortly after it is completed.

Stay safe!

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## Isn't Memorizing Useless?

By Erin Short -- (Age 15)

*"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."*

- Proverbs 30:5

The vast majority of Christians have a love-hate relationship with memorizing Scripture. Sure, it's a nice "party trick," but there's really no point in going through the trouble of committing a few verses to memory. Right?

If this is what you previously thought today, think again (note: this is what I have believed for the majority of my life).

Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." We know from 2 Timothy 3:16 that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," so the verse *is* true. Yes, memorizing Bible verses can be tedious -- and even maddening, at times -- but it doesn't have to be.

In fact, it *shouldn't* be.

To start with, memorization shouldn't be where you start. You shouldn't just sit down with your Bible and try *really* hard to memorize it, chanting it monotonously as if you were in a cult. No, memorization should not be the goal, but the reward.

First, seek to understand a passage in Scripture. Once you meditate on it and talk to God about, it will naturally start committing itself to memory. For example, a few years ago I fell in love with Psalm 23, a short passage about God's love and protection. I read it several nights in a row, and a few days later I found that I would recite the whole thing from memory. *And I hadn't even tried.*

But if you try to memorize something you don't understand or don't care about, what's the point? It's just monotony that will erode after a while. But if you work on understanding it, and actually care about it, memorization just comes naturally.

So, if one day, you find yourself without your Bible -- either physical or digital -- you might appreciate having a selection of verses to "listen to" -- in your head.

You won't regret it.

(All Scripture used is the NIV translation.)

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# Humility In a Selfish World

By Isha Michel -- (Age 16)

*"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."*

- C. S. Lewis

In many passages in the Bible, Jesus talks about putting others before ourself (Philippians 2:3-5), and even Jesus Himself demonstrated acts of humility and kindness. Mark 10:45 states that He came to "serve and give his life as a ransom for many."

There are so many times in the Bible where Jesus humbles himself, one of them being the fact that He actually came to the world *for us*; He didn't come here for Himself. He needs nothing we have (Acts 17:25).

But being humble doesn't mean letting everyone trample you. It means putting others first; it means, thinking before acting; it means knowing the world doesn't revolve around you; and it means knowing when to step down and when to stand up. Jesus sets himself as an example. Ephesians 5:1-2 states that we need to be imitators of Christ, walking in love as Christ loved us.

Humility is important because it's the way to truly be able to love. Examples of humility are: being the first to say sorry, going last instead of first, and not praising yourself. Jesus says to do our good works in secret, and not to show them off, but rather let your work be seen by the Father in heaven, and let your reward be there (Matthew 6:1-6).

Another act of humility is forgiveness, and being willing to forgive even though we may not always like it. Ephesians 4:31-32 says, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

We were made to serve, to be like Jesus, and serve like He served us. Luke 7:38 demonstrates an act of humility. In John 13:4-10, Jesus Himself demonstrated humility by kneeling and washing his disciples feet, a *huge* act of humility.

If Jesus can humble himself and serve us, can we not serve others as well?

(Scripture taken from NASB version.)

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## Do You Have a Golden Calf?

By Talia Michel -- (Age 15)

*"Many of us run to idols because we are convinced they will give us what we need."*

- Kelly Minter

Anything can be an idol: video games, books, music, sports, or anything that we focus our life on ultimately becomes an idol. I'm not saying that if you do school for multiple hours in a day that it becomes an idol. No, it becomes an idol when you think about it constantly, go out of your way to do it every day, stay up late doing it or thinking about it, and pour your life over it.

Exodus 20:23 says, "You shall not make other gods besides Me; gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves." The Bible clearly states that we shall not make other gods for ourselves -- gods of silver or gold). Now, I don't think any of us have any silver or gold, but if it is as *valuable* as silver or gold to us, it is an idol -- a *god*. But 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The one true God saves, and if we bring Him our struggles our idols, He will forgive us and cleanse us. The longer we leave it alone and let it control us, the harder it is to get rid of it.

Ephesians 6:12 says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

(All Scripture taken from the NASB version.)

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