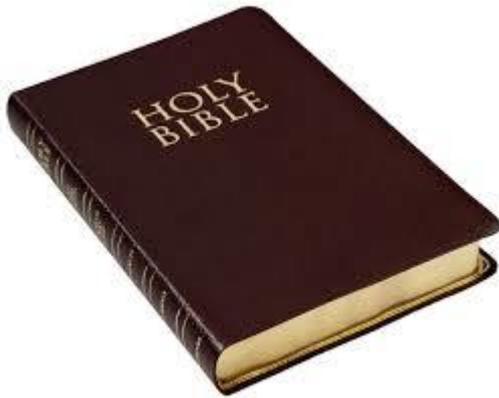


2019-20 Bible Memory Program



Philippians and Ephesians

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Philosophy

We believe that Scripture memorization is a vital Christian discipline and serves a dynamic role in spiritual growth. James promises that implanting God's Word into our hearts can lead to salvation (1:21).

Filling our minds with scripture is important because:

- It is one of the ways God reveals Himself to His people.

- It provides the way to live above sin.

- It leads to victory over Satan.

- It provides counsel for decision making.

- It provides comfort for the hurting.

- It equips God's people to be effective.

- It transforms the mind.

- It nurtures the soul.

- It creates faith in the heart.

Dallas Willard, the late professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California, wrote, "Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth. That's where you need it! How does it get in your mouth? Memorization" ("Spiritual Formation in Christ for the Whole Life and Whole Person" in *Vocatio*, Vol. 12, no. 2, Spring, 2001, p. 7).

Overview

Bible memory is a required class at THMH. To graduate students must earn 1.0 credit of Bible memory. Students earn 0.25 credit each year. And, in order to graduate a passing grade must be achieved.

Bible Memory is a class all by itself and is not a part of Bible Class even though assignments are written during Bible class. At the end of each quarter students will receive a grade on their report card showing their Bible memory grade. The grade is compiled using the following formula:

$$\text{(total points earned + extra credit points)} / \text{(total possible points)} = \text{(final score)}$$

The Bible memory program is designed so that students learn about one verse for every school day. So by the end of the school year students will have learned about 180 verses.

The verses need to be learned word for word.

On the day the assignment is due, the passage needs to be written and graded in the time allotted during Bible Class.

Blank paper will be provided to write the passage and grading partners will be assigned by the teacher.

Students are responsible to learn each assigned passage on their own time. Because students use different versions, it is not practical to review the passage as a class. Study hall is an excellent time to learn Bible memory. If the study hall supervisor permits, students who are memorizing the same version can practice it together.

Students who join quiz team, learn the quiz team passages in place of the regularly schedule Bible memory. As a minimum, students on quiz team must write the same number of verses the other THMH students need to write on each scheduled due date.

2019-20 THMH BIBLE MEMORY SCHEDULE

Theme: Prison Letters & The Christian Life

Quarter	Passage	#	Due Date	Misc.
First	Phil. 1:1-11	11	Sept. 6	v. 11 is extra credit
	Phil. 1:12-20	9	Sept. 20	
	Phil. 1:21-30	10	Oct. 4	
	Phil. 2:1-11	11	Wed., Oct. 16	v. 11 is extra credit
Second	Phil. 2:12-21	10	Nov. 1	
	Phil. 2:22-30	9	Nov. 15	
	Phil. 3:1-11	11	Tues., Nov. 26	
	Phil. 3:12-21	10	Dec. 6	
	Phil. 4:1-11	11	Dec. 20	v. 11 is extra credit
Third	Phil. 4:12-21	10	Jan. 3	
	Eph. 4:1-10	10	Jan. 17	
	Eph. 4:11-20	10	Jan. 31	
	Eph. 4:21-32	12	Feb. 14	v. 11-12 is extra credit
	Eph. 5:1-10	10	Thur., Feb. 27	
Fourth	Eph. 5:11-21	11	Mar. 13	
	Eph. 5:22-31	10	Mar. 27	
	Eph. 5:32-6:9	11	Wed., April 8	
	Eph. 6:10-18	9	April 24	

*Every date is a Friday unless noted otherwise.

Extra Credit Passage: Matthew 13

General Procedures

- 1. Due date/absent:** Bible memory is due on the day listed on the schedule. If you are absent on the day the passage is due, be prepared to write it during one of your study halls upon your return. If you know you are going to be absent, please contact your teacher a few days in advance. In some cases, students may be asked to write the passage prior to their absence.
- 2. Writing Time during class:** Bible memory will be written during class. You will usually be given a few minutes to study. Bible memory needs to be written and graded by the end of the period. If you are not getting finished with writing, the teacher may ask you to trade with a partner and begin grading. In other words, you will never be given the entire period to write. Writing time is usually calculated by figuring two minutes per verse.
- 3. Penmanship: Bible memory must be done in pencil.** Bible memory is expected to be done neatly. Sloppy penmanship will not be accepted. If penmanship is unacceptable, either a student will be asked to rewrite the entire assignment or points will be deducted from the final score.
- 4. Selecting a Translation: THMH does not require Bible memory to be learned in a specific translation.** Many of the students memorize out of the King James Version (KJV). However, if memorizing is something that is extra difficult for you, consider using an easier translation. Other acceptable translations are the NIV1984, New King James Version (NKJV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), or the English Standard Version (ESV). If you would like to use a translation other than what is listed here or if you have questions about what would be best for you, please ask your teacher.
- 5. Extra Credit:** Extra credit verses must be written along with regular Bible memory. Students must write extra credit in consecutive order starting with verse 1 of the extra credit passage. Unlike regular Bible memory, each extra credit verse is worth 5 points.

Grading Procedures

1. Always grade a paper that has been written in the **same version** you memorized.
2. Always use a **red pen** or some other color that contrasts with the writing
3. Each verse is worth **10 points (except for extra credit...each extra credit verse is 5 points)**.
4. Score each verse by itself. You cannot have a **negative score**.
5. It always needs to be graded by someone else and **signed** at the bottom.
6. Subtract 1 point for **Names of God** that are not capitalized. (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning **god**..."). Do not take points off for other proper nouns that are not capitalized. Underscore 3x.
7. Subtract 1 point for a **switched words** (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "In the **God beginning**...")
8. Subtract 1 point for each **wrong word** (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning **Lord**...")
9. Subtract 1 point for each **extra word** (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "**For** in the beginning God...")
10. Subtract 1 point for each **missing word** (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "In beginning God...")
11. Subtract 1 point for each **switched phrase** (i.e. Gen. 1:1 "God created the world, in the beginning")
12. Subtract 1 point for each **verse out of order**

13. Don't subtract points for **misspellings** (As long as the intended word is obvious), **missing grammar** (i.e. periods, commas, apostrophes, etc.) or an **incorrect tense**.

14. Grading Example: Genesis 1:1-2, KJV

Total = $\frac{8}{20}$

-6 1. In the God ^{beginning} ~~made~~ ^{Created} the ~~sky~~ ^{and the earth.} heavens.

-6 2. ^{And} The earth ^{was} without form, and void; ^{and} darkness was upon the face of the deep. ^{and} The spirit of god moved upon the face of the ^{waters} ~~wide~~.

Tips for Memorization

Meditate on the meaning of the scripture. It is easier to remember when it is meaningful.

Emphasize words or phrases the same way every time.

Make cards for review. Index cards work great.

Organize the passage in a way that aids memory.

Rehearse and review...The more you review it the better you get it!

Investigate different memory techniques to see what works for you.

Zoom out to a quiet place where you can be creative and shout it out if necessary.

Eliminate distractions. Distractions=Difficulty memorizing.

-**The key to success is to learn one verse each day.** Don't wait till the night before to learn the passage. You'll find it to be a lot less stressful.

-Find a system that works best for you. People are different. Just because it works for your friend does not mean it will work for you.

-Writing it out with a pen or pencil often helps learn it better.

-Audibly presenting it to a mirror also works for some. Try listening to it on cassette or CD.

-It is best to memorize the passage in the same version that you regularly use.

-The quality of your study time increases when you eliminate distractions. Make sure the room is quiet. Don't try to memorize while listening to your favorite CD.

-Be creative!

Helpful Memorizing Web Sources

- Audio Bible app for android
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jaemin.kbible&hl=en>
- Scripture typer <https://scripturetyper.com/>
- Scripture typer app for Android
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.millennialsolutions.scripturetyper>
- Memorize and Practice <https://www.memverse.com/>