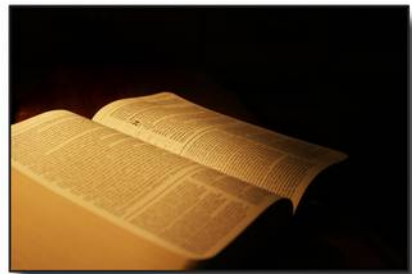


Our Four Essentials—Week by Week

MEMORY VERSES



*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)*



*I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.*

-Psalm 119:11

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...

-Colossians 3:16a

Four Essentials--Memory Verses



These forty-eight memory verses have been chosen and arranged in light of our *Four Essentials*. We believe these *Essentials* (One Lord, One Body, One Truth, One Mission) represent a simple breakdown of those essential truths God has revealed in the Bible and calls us to live in light of.

You may be asking, “Why forty-eight and not fifty-two verses? Isn't this a weekly plan?” Not only does this provide a complete set (four verses) each month, but also gives you four weeks throughout the year for review. So the week following any fifth Sunday in a month is a week when you can review any and all previous verses, or catch up if you've fallen behind.

Also, for those who want to memorize a little more, the text in gray can be included as well. Parents, consider writing or printing out that week's verse and posting it on your refrigerator or on a family bulletin board. Work on the verse as a family throughout the week and consider what questions you might ask about it.

Also be sure to pray over each verse/passage. Use the verse itself as a prayer to God (e.g. “Lord, help me to remember this day that you do 'not faint or grow weary'.”) For each selection always ask, “What should be different in my life because of this truth?”

Praying that you too will grow to be more like Jesus through His word and Spirit!

SEPTEMBER

1. *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.* (Isaiah 40:28) (One Lord: No One Like You)
2. *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* (1 Peter 2:9) (One Body: You Shall Be My People)
3. *But [Jesus] answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”* (Matthew 4:4) (One Truth: Your Word is Truth)
4. *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* (Romans 1:16) (One Mission: I am Not Ashamed)

OCTOBER

5. *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27) (One Lord: What is Man)*
6. *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34, 35) (One Body: Love One Another)*
7. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. [6] In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. [7] Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. (Proverbs 3:5, 6, 7) (One Truth: Walk in Truth)*
8. *More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5) (One Mission: Through Many Tribulations)*

NOVEMBER

9. *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... (I Corinthians 15:1,2,3,4) (One Lord: So Great a Salvation)*
10. *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4, 5) (One Body: Each Part Working Properly)*
11. *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (I Corinthians 10:31) (One Truth: In All Things)*
12. *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (I John 3:2, 3) (One Mission: Until I Come)*

DECEMBER

13. *The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*
(I Timothy 1:15) (One Lord: So Great a Salvation)
14. *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...* (Ephesians 2:19, 20) (One Body: You Shall Be My People)
15. *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.* (II Timothy 3:16, 17) (One Truth: Your Word is Truth)
16. *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28:19, 20) (One Mission: I am Not Ashamed)

JANUARY

17. *There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.*
(Isaiah 40:28) (One Lord: No One Like You)
18. *Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...* (Philippians 2:3, 4-5) (One Body: Love One Another)
19. *Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. [30] And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [31] The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12:29-30, 31) (One Truth: Walk in Truth)
20. *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* (Romans 8:28) (One Mission: Through Many Tribulations)

FEBRUARY

21. *And you were dead in [your] trespasses and sins... [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...* (Ephesians 2:1, 45) (One Lord: What is Man)
22. *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.* (Ephesians 4:15, 16) (One Body: Each Part Working Properly)
23. *...for we walk by faith, not by sight.* (II Corinthians 5:7) (One Truth: In All Things)
24. *Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. [45] “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? [46] Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.* (Matthew 24:44-46) (One Mission: Until I Come)

MARCH

25. *...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* (Romans 10:9) (One Lord: So Great a Salvation)
26. *...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.* (Ephesians 3:10) (One Body: You Shall Be My People)
27. *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you... Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* (Psalm 119:11, 105) (One Truth: Your Word is Truth)
28. *...But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...* (I Peter 3:15) (One Mission: I am Not Ashamed)

APRIL

29. *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.* (Psalm 103:8) (One Lord: No One Like You)

30. *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:31, 32) (One Body: Love One Another)*
31. *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:1, 2) (One Truth: Walk in Truth)*
32. *The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5b-7) (One Mission: Through Many Tribulations)*

MAY

33. *Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." (Mark 8:34, 35) (One Lord: So Great a Salvation)*
34. *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17) (One Body: Each Part Working Properly)*
35. *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15)(One Truth: Your Word is Truth)*
36. *[We are] ...to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, [2] to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (Titus 3:1, 2) (One Mission: I am Not Ashamed)*

JUNE

37. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... [14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1, 14a, 14b) (One Lord: No One Like You)*

38. *I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*
(1 Timothy 3:14-15) (One Body: You Shall Be My People)
39. *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* (Philippians 4:8) (One Truth: In All Things)
40. *["You are the light of the world]...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* (Matthew 5:14a, 16) (One Mission: I am Not Ashamed)

JULY

41. *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9] not by works, so that no one can boast.* (Ephesians 2:8, 9)
(One Lord: So Great a Salvation)
42. *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* (Hebrews 10:24, 25) (One Body: Love One Another)
43. *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:10-11)(One Truth: Your Word is Truth)
44. *Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, [33] just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.* (1 Corinthians 10:32, 33) (One Truth: I am Not Ashamed)

AUGUST

45. *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you...[26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,*

he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:16, 17a, 17b, 26a, 26b) (One Lord: No One Like You)

46. *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1-3) (One Body: Each Part Working Properly)*
47. *For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. [5] We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ... (II Corinthians 10:3-5) (One Truth: Walk in Truth)*
48. *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (I Corinthians 15:22-26) (One Mission: Until I Come)*

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

A Confession of Trust

God, I believe what your word says is true. I believe you should be at the center of my life as the only One worthy of my undivided love and devotion. I recognize I have foolishly tried to stand in your place. I know trusting in my own wisdom and strength has led me away from you and from obedience to your loving commands. I accept that I stand guilty under your just sentence, worthy of eternal punishment. But I thank you, O God, for making a way of grace through Jesus. I believe that He died on the cross in order to accept your verdict for my sin. I believe He rose from the dead in order to give me a new life in which I can follow you in love. By your grace, I turn from that old way, embracing in faith the Lord Jesus and the forgiveness he makes possible. Thank you that I can know fullness of life with you, now and forever, because of Christ.

