

Bible Verses To Hide In Your Heart

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Why Hide His Word Into Your Heart?

1. *Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)
2. *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.* Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)
3. *A man reaps what he sows.* Galatians 6:7 (NIV) (So, what are you sowing in your heart).
4. Jesus said that out of a man's heart come...
 - his words.
...for out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34b (NIV) (if a good heart, he'll speak good words, but if he has evil beliefs, evil words)
 - his thoughts and actions (good or evil)
But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.
Matthew 15:18, 19 (NIV)
5. *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:9, 10 (NIV)

Here are the steps to get a verse from your head to your heart: (These steps are based on Deuteronomy 6)

1. Discover areas of your life needing more reflection of God's character.
2. Memorize Bible verses that seem to be directed to where you need more of God's character.
3. Use Deuteronomy 6 as the bases of moving verses from your head to your heart.
4. Memorize the Bible verse(s) until you can say it without any mistakes. Look up the meaning of each word in a verse(s). Picture yourself living each word in the verse, repeat the verse from morning until night about a 100 times per day. But think of the verse as living inside of you and taking residence within your heart. (Romans 12:2)
5. Keep repeating the verse(s) day after day until it reaches your heart. You'll know it's tattooed or branded in or upon your heart when your behavior starts changing and becoming more consistent with the verse(s).
6. Keep up repeating your key verses even after they reach your heart. Quote the verse(s) in first person, present tense, like: "By His grace within me I am saved through my faith and confidence in Him. It's not by anything I'm doing in my own flesh that saves me, but it's by God's gift of Jesus that I am saved."
Ephesians 2:8 or my very favorite this month... "Because I come to God in faith and solid trust in Him, He is pleased with me. I passionately believe in my heart that He exists, is real and that He is rewarding me because I crave Him diligently day and night." Hebrews 11:6

And then I add, He is my God, my life, my living bread, living water, front shield, rear guard and on and on about what He is to me...

Belief in God

- *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*
- *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9, 10 (NIV)*
- *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)*
- *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 (NIV)*

The high value of trials for your life

- *Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)*
- *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. II Corinthians 12:9, 10 (NIV)*
- *Be joyful always; 17pray continually; 18give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)*
- *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

Jesus is the Son of God and your salvation

- *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9, 10 (NIV)*
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him...Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 2, 10, 12 & 14 (NIV)*
- *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

- *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NIV)*
- *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NIV)*

Jesus sent His Spirit to live within our heart

- *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

12I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

- *16In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." John 16:7-16 (NIV)*

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, Eph. 3:16 – 20 (NIV)

- *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*
- *5Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.^[b] 7You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

12Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and

forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:1-17 (NIV) (results of the Holy Spirit)

Serving is God's highest calling (all of life is serving: look around you and see the trees serving the birds and fruit serving for food, animals serving each other as food, water serving as drink and life for fish, land serving as soil for food, man serving each other for enrichment and welfare, God serving creating everything for service and by sending His Son to die and be raised for man's salvation and eternal life starting now and for ever more)

- *You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 (NIV)*
- *Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7but made himself nothing,

taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to death—

even death on a cross! Philippians 2:2-8 (NIV)

- *This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:38, 39 (NIV)*
- *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10 (NIV)*
- *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 (NIV)*
- *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? I John 3:16, 17 (NIV)*
- *Then Jesus called to the crowds and said, "Listen to what I say and try to understand. 11You are not defiled by what you eat; you are defiled by what you say and do."*

12Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?"

13Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be rooted up... Matthew 15:10-13 (NLT)

The High value of people

- *How precious are your thoughts about me, O God!
They are innumerable!
I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up in the morning,
you are still with me! Psalms 139:17-18 (NLT)*
- *He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young. Isaiah 40:11 (NLT)*
- *For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. John 17:2 (NIV)*

You shall know the Truth

- *Make them pure and holy by teaching them your words of truth. John 17:17 (NLT)*
- *Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)*
- *Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31, 32 (NLT)*

The Word of God

- *Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. John 8:31 (NLT)*
- *I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (NLT)*
- *Make them pure and holy by teaching them your words of truth. John 17:17 (NLT)*
- *In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God...So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. John 1: 1, 14*
- *You have already been pruned for greater fruitfulness by the message I have given you. John 15:3 (NLT)*