

## Discipleship Is . . .

Charlotte Mason's Motto for Parents:

Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life.

### *An Atmosphere*

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: . . ." (Deuteronomy 6:5, 6).*

## *A Discipline*

*"... And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children ..."* (Deuteronomy 6:7).

## *A Life*

*"... and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up"* (Deuteronomy 6:7).

## Resources

### **An Atmosphere**

- *The Mission of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson
- *The Ministry of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson
- *Seasons of a Mother's Heart* by Sally Clarkson
- *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney
- *The Mommy Book* by Karen Hull
- *A Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George

### **A Discipline**

- Scripture Memory System at [www.SimpleCharlotteMason.com](http://www.SimpleCharlotteMason.com)
- *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos
- [www.IntentionalParents.com](http://www.IntentionalParents.com)
- *A Child's Book of Character Building* by Ron and Rebekah Coriell
- *Wisdom and the Millers* by Mildred Martin
- *Proverbs for Parenting* by Barbara Decker
- *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande ([www.peacemaker.net](http://www.peacemaker.net))

# How to Create a Scripture Memory System

The instructions below outline an easy-to-use system to help your family members develop the habit of memorizing and remembering Scripture. By spending just five or ten minutes a day, you and your children can learn and retain hundreds of verses.

## *Recitation*

First, a word about memorizing, or recitation. The Charlotte Mason method of recitation is not cumbersome, yet works amazingly well. The method is simply this: once or twice each day read aloud the verse or passage you are memorizing. As the words become familiar, the family members should join in saying the parts they know. Continue the one or two readings a day until all family members can recite the Scripture together with confidence.

It doesn't matter how long the passage is. In fact, your family should memorize longer passages regularly. Simply one or twice each day read the entire passage through until everyone can recite it together. Don't worry about how many days it takes for everyone to memorize the selected Scripture. Hiding God's Word in your heart is not a race; it's a lifelong habit.

## *The System*

**Step One:** Get an index card box and forty-one tabbed dividers that fit inside it. It doesn't matter if the dividers have letters on them; you can flip them over and use the other side for labeling.

**Step Two:** Label the dividers as follows and place them in the box in this order:

1 divider—Daily

1 divider —Odd

1 divider —Even

7 dividers—Days of the Week (Sunday, Monday, etc.)

31 dividers—Numbered 1–31

**Step Three:** Copy onto index cards (or slips of paper) any verses your family already knows. Record both the reference and the text of the passage. If you don't know any yet, don't worry—you will very soon. Place the verses you already know behind the numbered dividers, distributing them evenly.

Next write cards or papers for verses you want to memorize. Put one verse card or paper behind the Daily divider; this will be the passage you'll work on memorizing first. Then stack the rest of the verses to be learned in front of the Daily divider to learn at a later time. At the beginning, you won't have any verses in the Odd and Even or Days of the Week slots. Don't worry, they'll fill in; see the next two steps.

**Step Four:** Each day you will say together the verses behind four dividers:

Daily

Odd or Even

Day of the Week

Date of the Month

So if today is Tuesday, the 3rd, you will say the verses behind Daily, Odd (because 3 is an odd number), Tuesday, and 3. The next day (Wednesday, the 4th), you will say the verses behind Daily, Even, Wednesday, and 4.

**Step Five:** As you master the verses behind the Daily divider, advance that card and move the replaced verses farther back in the box. So when you have memorized a Daily, move it behind either the Odd or Even divider. Move the verse that was in that Odd or Even slot back to a Day of the Week slot. And move the verse it replaces in the Day of the Week slot back behind a numbered divider. You can then put a new verse or passage to memorize behind the Daily divider and you're ready to go again.

In this way, you will review a new verse every day, then graduate to every other day, once a week, and finally, once a month. Use the system every day of the month and you will review all the verses you know every month of the year! Of course, not all months have thirty-one days; the verses behind 31 will be reviewed seven months out of the year. We recommend putting verses that you know quite well behind that number since it gets reviewed less frequently.

When you have advanced enough verse cards that you have one placed behind each numbered divider, start at 1 again and add another card to each. Soon you'll have several cards behind each numbered divider. And eventually, you'll have memorized so many verses that you'll have enough cards to expand to two boxes! What a wonderful milestone that will be!

## Charlotte Mason's Motto for Students

*"I am, I can, I ought, I will"*

### **I am (Ephesians 2:8–10)**

I am created by God in His image.

If I trust Jesus as my Savior, I am a child of God—His workmanship created to do good works.

### **I can (Philippians 4:13)**

I can do amazing things if I exert my best effort and rely on Jesus' help.

### **I ought (Mark 12:30, 31)**

I ought to love God with all that is within me and love my neighbor as myself.

This love ought to be shown in good character.

### **I will (Psalm 119:30)**

I will choose to do what I know I ought to do—what is right.

## Other Suggested Scripture to Memorize

### **Salvation verses**

Romans 3:10, 11

Romans 3:23

Romans 4:5

Romans 5:6

Romans 5:12

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9, 10

Romans 10:13

John 3:16–18

John 5:24

Acts 4:12

Acts 16:31

### **Psalms**

1, 19, 23, 42, 46, 91, 100, 121, 139

### **Passages**

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2–17)

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12)

1 Corinthians 13

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13)

Romans 12

### **Christian Living**

John 13:34, 35

Ephesians 6:1–3

Hebrews 11:6

John 14:15

1 Corinthians 10:31

Matthew 18:15–17

Romans 8:28, 29

1 Thessalonians 5:11

1 Peter 2:15, 19

1 Corinthians 10:13

Galatians 6:7, 8

Isaiah 59:1, 2

Jeremiah 17:9

Joshua 1:7–9

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

Proverbs 3:21–23

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 27:1