### **The ABC's of Bible Memorization**

#### **Step 1: Why Memorize?**

There are many great benefits associated with memorizing Scripture: power in prayer (John 15:7), strength for obedience (Psalms 40:8), against temptation (Psalms 119:11), guidance (Isaiah 30:21) and wisdom (Joshua 1:8), effectiveness in witnessing (I Peter 1:23), etc. The most important reason, is simply this: God says to do it!

## **Step 2: A Commitment to Memorizing**

You have to be determined that this is something you want to do, and God is there to enabling you.

#### **Step 3: How to Memorize**

- 1. Make flash cards: write the verse you wish to memorize and its reference on one side of a verse card, and the reference only on the back.
- 2. Put the flash cards in a clear plastic pack. The pack should be small enough to fit in your pocket so you can pull it out for review anytime and anywhere: taking a walk, standing in line...etc.
- 3. Must learn the verse word-perfect.
- 4. When it is memorized, date it, and put it in the daily review file.

#### Daily Review:

- 1. Review a memorized verse daily for 60 days in a row. Don't miss a day.
- 2. When reviewing your verses, always quote the reference before and after the verse, ie. Using the "sandwiches" approach (Reference-Verse-Reference).
- 3. A good way to keep track of how long you have been reviewing a verse is to draw a stroke on the card for each day of review, put 5 strokes in one bundle (正), and when you get 12 bundles, you have your 60 days review.

#### Back Review:

- 1. Once you have completed the 60 days review, then you can put the verse card in a back review file to keep at home. We recommend weekly review at first. File the verse cards evenly among the 7 days of a week. Say if it is Monday, and while you do the daily review, you will also review the verses that are filed under Monday. Next day, you will do the daily review and the Tuesday ones.
- 2. When it gets to a few hundreds verses, you move some of the best-known verses to a section for monthly review. All back review verses need to be continually reviewed at least once a month.

# Step 3: GET a partner or partners to hold you accountable for this worthwhile project and grow together in Christ.

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