Matters of the Heart

a 52-Week Scripture Memorization Challenge for Women

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Introduction

Why *Matters of the Heart*? God has been ministering to me for several years about the tenderness of a woman's heart. He has shown me the importance of balancing our tenderness of heart with strong biblical character. And as we know, Christ-like character can only be found in His Word and by His Spirit.

And so this 52-week memorization challenge was born.

This challenge was created with the modern-day Proverbs 31 woman in mind. In today's world we have to be extremely intentional about carving out time to connect with God. And I believe that rather than rushing our time in His Word, we should practice the habit of meditating on it so He can speak to the depths of our soul. That is why I have created a week-long challenge for each memory verse. It is my experience that the longer we meditate on God's Word, the more clearly we hear His voice.

I encourage you to take as long as you need to for each “weekly” challenge. While this challenge was created with a year-long timeframe in mind, please do not rush the process of memorization and connection with God. Use this challenge as a guideline and not an absolute. I believe that you will find your rhythm within the challenge, and that is what you should follow.

I have created two companion products to help you through your Scripture memory journey:

- **Prayer + Reflection Journal**—This is a great way to keep track of what God is showing you and keep track of answered prayers!
- **52 Printable Scripture Cards**—These cards will help aid memorization with visual memory.

You can purchase both of these in our online store: [store.learningtospeaklife.com](http://store.learningtospeaklife.com)

Let's allow God to work on our hearts and expose things that are not pleasing to Him—and He will fill those desolate places with His love, mercy, and grace!

I cannot wait to hear how God changes your life as you begin to hide His Word in your heart!

xoxo,

Carlie Kercheval
The very first Scripture that we are going to commit to memory is Proverbs 21:2 (KJV):

_Every way of a man [is] right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts._

I remember the first time I laid eyes on these words. I was a newly saved 22-year-old woman. And they hit me. _They hit me hard._

So often I would think I was “right” and would fight hard for those “rights” I thought I had. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying we shouldn’t stand up for what’s right, but I’m talking about the kind of right that is rooted in pride. I’m talking about the _need to always be right._ I’m referring to the type of right that isn’t birthed out of a heart laid before Jesus.

That day, the conviction set in and healing began. God began to show me the importance of submitting that _need to always be right_ to Him. He showed me how what I really longed for was the wisdom and justice that only He can give. He showed me the true intent of my heart—and it was ugly.

And then He began to heal me—to heal me through His Word, and give me hope for changing my heart. But it starts with knowing His Word. And so my quest to memorize Scripture began and has never ended.

I am so thankful that God helped me to see my weakness in this area, especially as it relates to being a mother. It can be tempting at times when raising our children to feel like we always have to be right. It can be tempting as a mother to fall victim to pride when we are tired and are having to discipline our child for the fiftieth time that day.

But despite how challenging it can be, if we submit our hearts to Him, we can walk victoriously in this area! Perfection? No. But a heart bent towards Jesus is the most beautiful heart in the world. And I know that we all desire to give our children God’s best—and it all begins with the condition of our own heart!
Weekly Challenge

Commit this week’s verse to memory.

As you ponder and meditate on this verse, ask yourself these questions:

1. Is the condition of my heart pleasing to the Lord?
2. What heart issues can I work on to make me a better mother (and a better person)?

Pray for the Lord to show you how you can continually submit the need to be right to Him and allow Him to fight your battles.

Write down any thoughts or prayers this week so you can keep track of how God is working in your life and the lives of others!
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