

STORE: An Eternal Investment Strategy

Lesson for Sunday, April 5, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

⇒ CLOSER: Can you remember what we have discussed?

- C _____
- L _____
- O _____
- S _____

BIBLE STUDY:

1. The _____ to Store God's Word (Psalm 119:11)
 - a. The key word in this familiar verse is "hid." It means "to store, to hide or to treasure."
 - b. "Store" is not mere mental recall but treasuring and internalizing Scripture for ready use.
 - c. Storing the Word is _____, not optional, for disciples.
 - d. What we store in our hearts now yields a return both in this life and in the life to come.
 - e. Most will say that this something they cannot do. But the issue is _____, not ability.

2. The _____ of Storing God's Word
 - a. What are the blessings we can expect when we discipline ourselves for this habit?
 - b. Protection from _____ (Psalm 119:11; Psalm 37:31; Galatians 5:16).
 - c. _____ and fruitfulness (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - d. _____ in God's eyes (Joshua 1:8)
 - e. _____ and discernment (Psalm 119:105)
 - f. _____ and edification (Acts 20:32)
 - g. _____ for ministry and discipleship (1 Peter 3:15)
 - h. _____ (Matthew 4:1-11)

3. The _____ Against Storing
 - a. Since internalizing Scripture is so rare among Christians, it is only natural that there have been many excuses offered to explain the neglect.
 - b. "I have a bad memory."
 - i. You remember what you repeatedly rehearse and what matters to you.
 - ii. Memory is a _____; it grows with use.
 - c. "I don't have time."
 - i. You can redeem idle moments.

- ii. Storing Scripture is not adding one more task but _____ scattered minutes.
- d. "I read my Bible; that's enough."
 - i. Reading exposes you to the Word; storing enables the Word to guide you when the Bible isn't open.
 - ii. Reading is like a meal; memorizing is like stocking the _____.

4. A Simple Process for Storing Scripture

- a. _____ it: Use mental imagery, story or setting to make the verse memorable.
- b. _____ it: Turn the verse over in your mind phrase by phrase. Ask basic questions: Who is speaking? What is promised? What is commanded? What does this reveal about God?
- c. _____ it: Turn the verse into a personal promise, confession or prayer. Insert your name or "I" appropriately, while staying faithful to the text's meaning.
- d. _____ over it: Pray the verse back to God, asking Him to make it true in your life.

APPLICATION:

1. Choose a key verse for the session (e.g., Psalm 119:11 or Joshua 1:8).
2. Walk through:
 - Write it out by hand.
 - Practice "picture it, ponder it, personalize it, pray it."
3. Work on this verse this coming week.