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2 PETER 1:20–21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

ROMANS 3:1-2

What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with **the very words of God.**

PROVERBS 30:5-6

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

PSALM 138:2

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for **you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

LUKE 16:17

It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

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2. God's Word is authoritative.

ISAIAH 8:20

To the law and to the testimony! **If they do not speak according to this word**, they have no light of dawn.

JEREMIAH 23:29

“Is not my word like **fire**,” declares the LORD, “and like a **hammer** that breaks a rock in pieces?”

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1. God's Word is true.
2. God's Word is authoritative.
3. God's Word is life-giving.

1 PETER 1:23

For **you have been born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, **through the living and enduring word of God.**

1 PETER 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, **so that by it you may grow up** in your salvation,

MATTHEW 4:4

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on **every word that comes from the mouth of God.**’”

JOHN 6:63

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. **The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.**

PSALM 19:7–11

The law of the LORD is perfect,

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,

The precepts of the LORD are right,

The commands of the LORD are radiant,

The fear of the LORD is pure,

The ordinances of the LORD are

reviving the soul.

making wise the simple.

giving joy to the heart.

giving light to the eyes.

enduring forever.

sure and altogether

righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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2. Study God's Word

MARTIN LUTHER

“For some years now, I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, **I have shaken every one of these branches** because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.”

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2. Study God's Word
3. Meditate on God's Word

JOSHUA 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

PSALM 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law **he meditates day and night.**

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Let 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.

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1. Read God's Word
2. Study God's Word
3. Meditate on God's Word
4. Memorize God's Word

CHARLES SWINDOLL

“I know of **no other single practice** in the Christian life **more rewarding**, practically speaking, **than memorizing Scripture**...No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends! Your prayer life will be strengthened. Your witnessing will be sharper and much more effective. Your attitudes and outlook will begin to change. Your mind will become alert and observant. Your confidence and assurance will be enhanced. Your faith will be solidified.”

JOHN PIPER

“How is your faith? Is it strong or weak? I have never known a strong Christian who did not have much Scripture memorized.

There is a reason for this. God designed faith to feed on the promises of Scripture all day long. Faith depends for its life on steady access to precious Biblical truth.”

DALLAS WILLARD

“Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. **If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization,** because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs.”

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1. Read God's Word
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3. Meditate on God's Word
4. Memorize God's Word
5. Love God's Word

PSALM 40:8

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law
is within my heart.

PSALM 119:103–105

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain
understanding from your precepts; therefore
I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a light for my path.

PSALM 119:148

My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises.

PSALM 119:167

I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly.

LUKE 11:27-28

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.” He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”