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While fun, this maze can be like life is. Confusing while stuck in the middle of it yet with some guidance, it can be navigated with ease.

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 33:6 "He will be the sure foundation for your times, a right store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."

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I. Introduction

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 "Hear O' Israel, the Lord thy God, The Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, Mind and Strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

A premium is placed on knowing and sharing God's word. In the verse above you can see that throughout the day, God expects us to not only know but to share His Word with those around use. This chapter will look at the importance of knowing God's word.

II. Week 1

Key Concepts: Know God's Expectations

Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

If we desire to obey God, we need to know what He has to say. King David so desired to obey God he would study and memorize the Bible. David knew that God's Word would guide and direct his steps. In Psalm 119:105, David writes "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

If you study the life of King David you can see that the times when David studies and obey's God's Word, he is successful in all that he did. When he refused to obey God's word and was distracted from it, he began to fail.

Read Ezra 7:10. Ezra was a mighty man of God who lead the people of Israel during a time of crisis. Write below why you believe Ezra would have memorized God's word.

So why memorize God's word when you have it written for you in your Bible? Because we must be ready to bring forth God's Word when we are tempted. This is what Jesus did. Read Matthew 4: 1-11. What Bible verses did Jesus Quote? You can just write the references instead of the whole verse.

Next, what are you going to do when someone asks you about your faith? You must be ready to explain what it is that you believe. To be ready, you must have God's word hidden in your heart. Readiness comes from knowing what it is that you believe.

Memory Verse:
Psalm 119:10-11 "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commandments. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

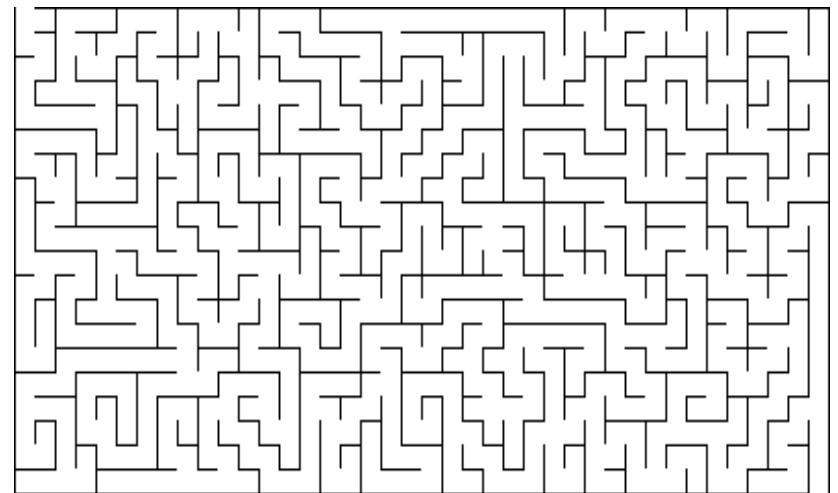
one who claims that Jesus is Lord does not immediately know all of God's Word. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit does not suddenly grant you all knowledge. It takes work.

Look at the verse that begins this week's lesson. What can you do to make known what God has done? To do so, you have to know what He has done first.

Read Ephesians 6:10-17. These are the armor of God verses. Think about what the last element of the armor is – scripture. Briefly write about why the element of the Armor of God representing scripture is different than all of the other elements.

We spend so much time trying to find our way around. Scripture is a guide to lead us. Remember Psalm 119:105. Scripture is a lamp that lights our path. With our learning, studying and memorizing scripture we are lost.

Take some time and work on the maze below.



Take a minute to think about a sport, activity, skill (like playing an instrument) that you have. Write out what it takes to be 1) competent at it and 2) equipped to be able to do it.

Now that you have done that, did it take hard work to become competent at what you have written about?

The same is true with knowing God’s Word. It takes effort to memorize scripture. For some people it is not easy to memorize things. But it is worth the effort! God is prepared to use you in a mighty way but in order to be used by God, you have to understand what He wants you to do.

Memory Verse:

2nd Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be **competent, equipped** for every good work.”

IV. Week 3

Key Concepts:

1 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of Truth.”

Lets take a minute and pretend. Tomorrow you wake up in the morning decided that you want to be a carpenter and build houses. You get up early and walk to your next-door neighbor’s house. Would your next-door neighbor hire you to build a house knowing that you have never built one before. Would he trust you more if you had gone to school and learned how to build a house or got experience helping others build houses first? The neighbor will not find you approved to build his house without being able to prove that you know what you are doing.

Also, if you have an assignment at school and have to present the assignment in front of your class but you don’t do the work, don’t you feel ashamed as everyone stares at you waiting for you to tell about your work that you did not do? Is it not better to do the work and be able to present yourself with confidence?

Knowing God’s Word enables us to not be ashamed. When people ask you what you believe, you are able to tell them. You have a ready answer and the confidence to proclaim it.

In the space below describe a skill you have that you are confident in and what you had to do to become confident in that skill.

Why do you think getting closer to God would be any different? If you have a close friend, you spend time to learn about them. You know what they like and what they dislike. You want to know about them. The same should be true with knowing God. To know Him, we need to spend the time to learn what God like and does not like. We do that by learning God’s Word.

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 2:6 “For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”