

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Luke 3.

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (ESV)

Yesterday I was sitting with my grandson Liam, and he started singing a song he had heard his sister, Ellie, sing about the states of the United States. He started off singing about the eastern states of the United States, and the first state he mentioned was California. Trying to convince him that California is not one of the eastern states was impossible. He just knew Ellie named California as an eastern state and not a western state.

Naming all 50 states and getting their locations right can be difficult, especially for a four year old. Also, trying to remember all that is in scripture is extremely difficult for anyone, no matter the age. I am not sure many could recite the whole Bible, word for word.

But putting the word to memory while difficult is a great tool when sharing the gospel with others. It is also helpful in edification and building one another up. It is also a way to meditate as one works through a stressful day. It keeps us focused on truth.

Jesus memorized scripture and used it to fight off temptation and the attacks of the devil. Memorizing scripture keeps our mind focused on God and His will for our lives.

While most will not memorize all of scripture, are there verses you might put to memory and be ready and armed to fight off the schemes of the devil? When you discover a great verse or passage, could you copy it down and place it somewhere for easy access? Could you begin to underline verses and write notes in the margins of your Bible?

Knowing scripture is an invaluable tool, and we are called to bind the word of God on our hearts and minds.

Happy Friday. I hope you are in church this Sunday.