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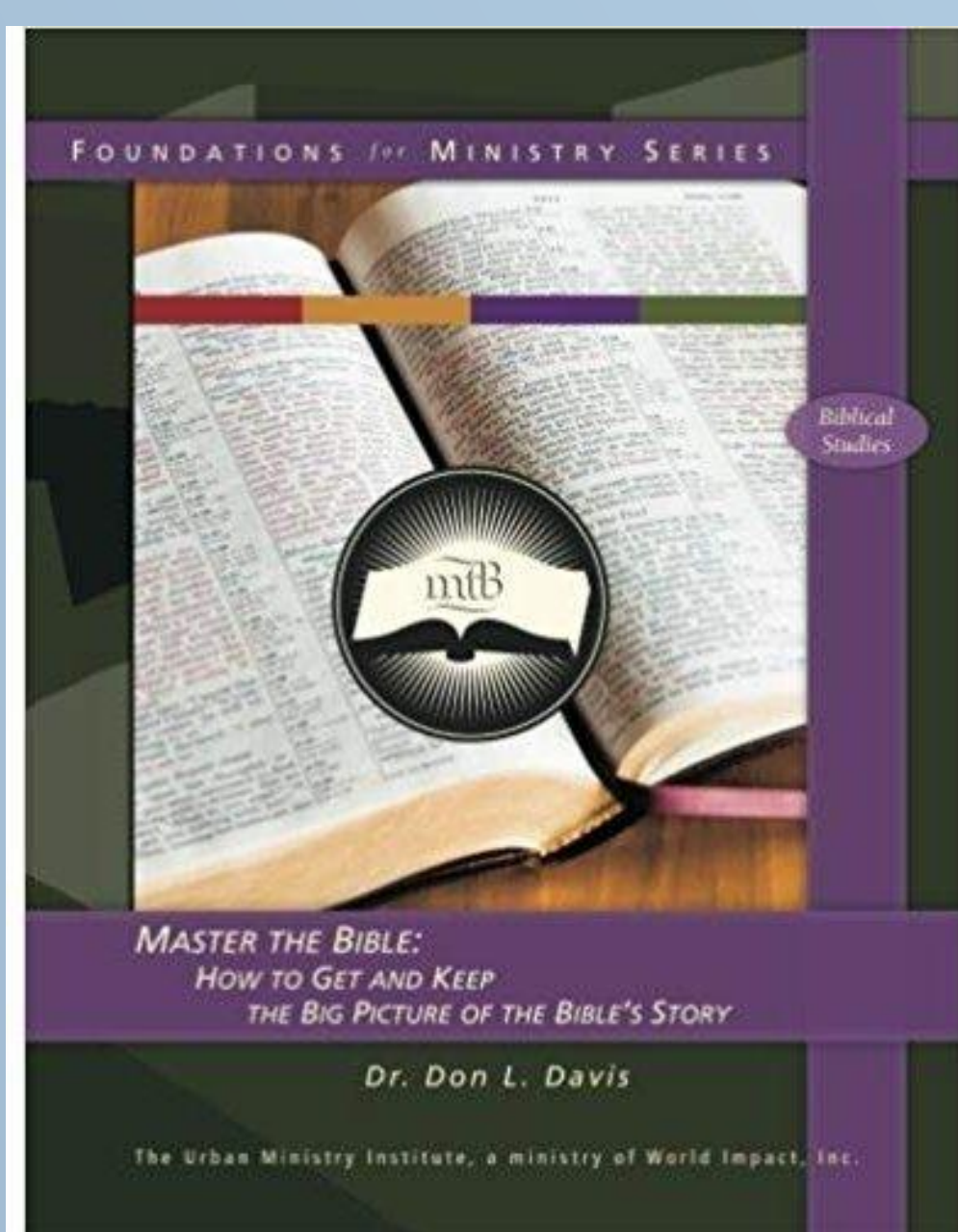
## SQ5R Method of Scripture Memorization

1. Survey the Memorized Text
2. Question the text
3. Read the memorized text
4. Recite the text out loud
5. Schedule Review
6. Reflect and Pray
7. Rehearse the Memorized text

## 3 Pitfalls of an Undisciplined Mind

1. Worldliness – worldly hearts and minds will keep us from God ( 1 John 2:15–17, James 4:4, Romans 12:2).
2. Laziness – lazy spirits makes excuses for its failure to engage in the word of God seriously (James 1:22–25).
3. Selfishness – selfish hearts are preoccupied with petty, small things instead of the Word of God (Colossians 3:1–4).

Rev. Dr. Don Davis



## Key Ideas and Verses

The Bible in the Old Testament and New Testament clearly declares and reveals both the power and importance of Scripture memorization.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Acts 2:14–36

- The memorized word of God's hidden treasure provides us with a ready resource for life, counseling, and ministry
  - The Bible must be sought after and to be sought for
  - Psalms 119:127 (gold) and Proverbs 3:15–16 (jewels)
  - Focus on Excellence when memorizing Scripture

## Dr. Don Davis and the *Master the Bible* System

The *Master the Bible* System includes four sections: New Beginnings (Series 1); From Before to Beyond Time (Series 2); Living the Christ Life (Series 3); and Growing to Maturity (Series 4). Each of these series contains ten topics, and each topic includes ten different passages of Scripture to memorize. In total these passages include more than four hundred verses of Scripture.

## Work Cited

Davis, Don. *Master the Bible Guidebook: Charting Your Course through Scripture Memorization*. Wichita, KS: The Urban Ministry Institute, 2008.

## Benefits of Scripture Memorization

- Victory over temptation and sin (Ephesians 6:10–18, Matthew 4:1–11).
- Produces depth in your spiritual walk with God.
- Produces a sure readiness and fitness for ministry (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

