

Ten Powerful Small Verses

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There are 7957 verses in the New Testament. Today we shall memorize ten of them. This evening's lesson is Ten Powerful Small Verses from the New Testament. From these verses, we shall make large application to our lives. There are ten things these ten short verses teach us to not forget in our Christianity.

#10) 2 Corinthians 13:13 "All the saints greet you."

Application: Don't forget kindness!

This is the tenth smallest verse from the New Testament. Paul closes the Epistle of 2 Corinthians with a short verse of greeting from the saints with him. There is something to be said in a greeting concerning the church. We are commanded at least four times to greet the saints of God, for that shows that we care for them. The greeting is the sign of acceptance just as the shun is the sign of not accepting. ALL THE SAINTS GREET YOU is telling us "Don't forget kindness". Christians must always remember to show your kindness to the family of God.

#9) Mark 4:14 "The sower sows the word."

Application: Don't forget evangelism!

What does a sower do? They sow seed. What does a sower for God sow? They sow the word of God. We have an obligation to share the word of God with our fellow man, for it is what saved us from all iniquity. The sower sowing the word communicates the message to not forget to evangelize. Jesus did not save us to be quiet in the name of the Lord, but to share the light of the glorious gospel of the blessed God to an entire world. As children of God, we must always remember to evangelize our fellow man.

#8) John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

Application: Don't forget unity!

Jesus was in a heated discussion with the Jews about who He was in relation with the Father. When saying "*I and my Father are one*", He was sending the message of unity. If you have seen the Son; you have seen the Father. Just as Jesus is one with the Father, we are also unified to Christ. He is the head of the body and we are the body of the head. We are in this altogether; therefore be unified. *Romans 8:16-17, The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with {Him} in order that we may also be glorified with Him.* As the saint of God, we must always strive for unity.

#7) John 6:48, "I am the bread of life."

Application: Don't forget dependency!

The people were fed by Jesus, and as a result, wanted more. They desired to make Jesus king as the head of a welfare program. They were begging Him for physical bread,

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but He told them to consume the bread which leads to eternal life. What was this bread? Jesus said that *“I am the bread of life”*.

We must never forget our dependency on Him. *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.* What is this word? *John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* Jesus Christ is the word and we are to believe in Him, for our eternal life hinged on it. This communicates a message of dependency. We must never forget our daily dependency on Jesus!

#6) 1 Thessalonians 5:25, “Brethren, pray for us.”

Application: Don’t forget the church!

Paul requested the Thessalonians to pray for him and the rest of the mission team. This is the sixth shortest verse in the New Testament, it communicates the message *“Don’t forget the church!”* Paul allowed the church to be part of his life. He was not forsaking the assembly, but embracing them and being part of the family. You seniors are about to move on to some new areas in your life. You will be tempted to slack off with the body of Christ, sleeping in and skipping fellowship opportunities. Remember *“Brethren, pray for us”* communicates a message of *“Don’t forget the church!”* It does not matter how new or how old a Christian that we are, we must never forget the church!

#5) 1 Thessalonians 5:19, “Quench not the Spirit”

Application: Don’t forget living godly!

In Paul’s closing remarks to the Thessalonians, he reminds them to *“Quench not the Spirit”*. The Holy Spirit which lives inside us desires for us to live godly, for we are a temple of the Holy Spirit. When we are not walking in the light as Jesus is in the light, we grieve the Spirit. *“Quench not the Spirit”* communicates the message of *“Don’t forget to live godly!”* There are so many distractions out there in the world, like drugs, alcohol, sex, gambling and a thousand others. As the children of God, we must remember to not quench the Spirit; Don’t forget to live godly!

#4) 1 Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.”

Application: Don’t forget prayer!

Though this is the fourth smallest verse in the New Testament, but it says quite a bit. This is communicating the message *“Don’t forget prayer!”* You will be tempted to sever your communication with God, for that will weaken you. Satan does not want you to have a prayerful attitude to the Father, but you must resist. As the children of God, we must never forget prayer in our lives. It is a powerful weapon that will take us far.

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#3) Luke 17:32, "Remember Lot's wife."

Application: Don't forget the future!

Mrs. Lot looked back at Sodom instead of looking forward to the new life she could have had. This became a disaster for her. This is the third smallest verse in the entire Bible, but communicates the message, "Don't forget the future!" Too many times we find ourselves falling into trouble because we dwell in the past. When we were saved by Jesus Christ, we became a people who no longer lives in the past, but dwells of the future! We are to have the attitude of Paul in Philippians 3:14-15, "*Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Don't ever forget the future of heaven.*

#2) 1Thessalonians 5:16 "Rejoice always."

Application: Don't forget positivity!

Paul told the Thessalonians to "Rejoice always" for Christians are the people of joy. These things I write unto you that your joy may be full (1John 1:4). We are to rejoice always, meaning "Don't forget to carry a positive attitude!" Too many times we allow the world to drag us down to its level. We end up with stinking thinking if not careful. God did not call us to grumble, but to rejoice. He does not want us to sport the look of being weaned on a dill pickle, but to be happy. As children of God, don't forget the power of positive thinking.

#1) John 11:35 "Jesus wept"

Application: Don't forget Jesus!

Lazarus was dead and his sisters were weeping. If only Jesus was here, he would not have died! Jesus knew He could and would raise Lazarus from the grave. *John 11:32, Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."* Mary was eaten up with sorrow, and in her moment of weakness, had not fully realized the workings of Jesus. This caused our Savior to weep. Even though this is the shortest verse in the New Testament, it is also one of the most powerful.

Jesus wept communicates the message "Don't forget Jesus!" As the children of God, saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, we must never forget the One Who defines us. "Don't forget Jesus!" Don't forget who He is and what He has done. Don't doubt His power and plans in your life. Don't forget the love and compassion He has for you. Don't forget the deep compassion He has for you soul. Don't make Jesus weep! Make sure to never make Jesus weep by always keeping Him on the forefront of our minds. Don't forget Jesus!