

How we remember—TEXAS

How do we remember? Each of us uses a different method for different things. Sometimes we use memorization or repetition. Memorization is the way I am able to remember the Lord's Prayer and other Bible verses

When I became a Fire Fighter I was required to learn how the streets in my area ran and at which intersections the fire hydrants were. I did this with repetition. On the way to and from work I would ride the streets, to be able better remember where they were. If I was having a problem with remembering a hydrant, I would get out of my truck and walk up to the hydrant and touch it.

I wish I could stand here and tell you I know all the books in the Bible, but I cannot. I know some but not all. The more I study the Bible the more learn and the more I understand what was written.

You know it's easier to count from 100 to 1 than it is to say the alphabet from Z to A. Why is that, I think it's because the number system has some form, were the alphabet is free

standing. People that learn music can name of the lines and spaces on a sheet of music. By reciting the verse were the first letter of each word stands for one of the notes, Every Good Boy Does Find. We learned the values of the alphabet A, E, I, O, U by memory. With a way to help me remember people in the Bible other than Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and others that we hear about all the time. I started my thinking about away to remember them my using something that I could always remember. I think most of ya'll know that I was born and raised in Texas. So I started trying to tie names to the letters in Texas. Some were easier than others.

T- was the easiest at first but the more I worked on it more names popped up. The first name that came to mind was, Thomas as in doubting Thomas. The 2nd was Timothy. I didn't know much about him. So I did some research and found out that he was a traveling companion of Paul's. A native of Lystra in the province of Galatia. Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and a Gentile father. His mother Eunice, and grandmother, Lois were believers in Jesus.

Paul took Timothy on his trips, and Timothy represented Paul at various times in Thessalonica, Corinth, Ephesus, and Macedonia. Timothy is named as co-author of seven of Paul's letters. In the two letters sent to Timothy by Paul, Timothy appears as timid, perhaps because of the relative youth. It is believed that Timothy became the first bishop of Ephesus, and that he was martyred there in 97 AD.

1 Timothy was written by Paul to instruct Timothy on problems that had arisen in the early church, concerning doctrine, church practice and government. The 2nd letter is more of a personal letter that expresses Paul's deepest feelings, and though his life would soon end, God had eternal life waiting for him in heaven. He tells Timothy to stand firm in the face of the coming persecution.

E-Exodus--The book tells how the children of Israel leave slavery in Egypt through the strength of Yahweh the god who has chosen Israel as his people. Led by their prophet Moses they journey through the wilderness to Mount Sinai, where Yahweh promises them the land of Canaan in return for their faithfulness.

X--This was the hardest letter to come up with. Finally Pastor Laura gave me a hint. X in Xmas. Most people think it is Sacrilegious, some think it is used to take Christ out of Christmas, but this isn't really justifies. It said that when the Emperor Constantine had his great vision that caused him to convert to Christianity, he saw the Greek letters Chi and Rho intertwined, Chi is written as an 'X' and Rho is writer as a 'P'. But they are the first two letters of the Greek word Christ 'savior'. 'XP' is sometimes used to stand for Christ. Sometimes X is used alone. This is the case in the Chi (X) abbreviation for Christ in Xmas. Thus, Xmas is not directly a way of secularizing the holiday, but since 'X" is not Chi in English; we read the word as X-mas and see no connection with Christ.

A-Alleluia-Adam-Adam was the first man on earth, and for a short time he lived alone. He arrived on the planet with no childhood, no parents, no family and no friends. Perhaps Adam's loneliness moved God to quickly present him with a companion, Eve. Before God created Eve, he had given Adam the Garden of Eden. It was his to enjoy, but he also had the

full responsibility of taking care of it. Adam knew that one tree was off-limits, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam would have taught Eve the rules of the garden. Even though she knew it was forbidden to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, when Satan tempted her, Eve was deceived. When she offered the fruit to Adam, the fate of the world was on his shoulders. As they ate the fruit in that one act of rebellion, man's independence and disobedience separated him from God.

But God already had a plan in place to deal with man's sin. The Bible is the story of God's plan for man. Adam is "our" beginning, and we are all his descendants.

S-Service- A Sanctuary, in its original meaning, is a sacred place, such as a shrine. By the use of such places as a safe haven, by extension the term has come to be used for any place of safety. This secondary use can be categorized into human sanctuary, a safe place for humans, such as a political sanctuary; and non-human sanctuary, such as an animal or plant.

Well that's my TEXAS, and how I have come to use it to help me in my reading and remember the Bible and the people places in it.

Your challenge is to pick your word and the parts of the Bible that coincide with the letters and have fun with it.

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