

Core F | Rhetoric II | Q3 Memory Assignment | 2023-24

This year we will focus on the fourth and fifth canons of rhetoric: **memory** and **delivery**. To practice the canon of memory, each quarter will have a memory assignment as follows:

Q1: Biblical (Scripture)

Q2: Historical (Gettysburg Address)

Q3: Whimsical (Poetry) Scripture

Q4: Professional (your speech)

In past years, students have memorized a poem for this quarter. However, I can't get away from the idea of the need to reinforce to you the idea of hiding God's Word in your heart. Therefore, we are going to go back to Scripture memory for this quarter.

You are to memorize the assigned passage in its entirety. Not kinda-sorta memorized so you can feel your way along with a few notes, not read through a few times beforehand so you can read it without stumbling over words. You are to know it backwards and forwards, to a degree that you can recite it fluently and with feeling.

This time, the Scripture to be memorized comes from the Q3 and Q4 Scripture recitation verses from the catechism, and we will work on them together in class. In addition, you will begin to put aside your notes for the Scripture recitation portion of our daily catechism that we have already covered. This will give you several "treasures" of God's Word hidden in your heart over the course of your senior year.

Your verses for this quarter are: **James 3:13 – 18**

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

And: **Luke 9:23 - 25**

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

You will recite these plus the other verses of the daily catechism on Thursday, 2/29.