PRACTICAL TIPS FOR MEMORIZING THE HOLY QUR’AN

Memorization of Quran is one of the biggest honors that a Muslim can have. Almighty says in Surah Al-Qamar - Ch 54- verse 17:

وَلَقَدْ يَسْرَى الْقُرْآنُ لِلْذَّكِرِ فَهَلْ مَذْكُورٌ

“And We have indeed made the Qur’an easy to understand and remember: then is there any that will receive admonition?

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, says in this regard:

“The best amongst you is the one who learns the Qur’an and teaches it.”
(Reported by Al-Bukhari).

The Holy Prophet Muhammad saw said:

“Whosoever memorizes the Qur’an and practices on what is lawful and abstains from what is prohibited, Allah will enter him into Jannah and accept his intercession on behalf of ten such relatives who have been destined to enter Hell.”
(Tirmidhi, Fadailu’l-Quran, 13; Ibn Majah, Muqaddima, 17)

May Allah help everyone who is in quest of memorizing and understanding the Holy Quran. (A’meen)

Before embarking on this noblest journey, we need to have purest of intention and a firm resolution, and believing that Quran is the word of Allah

**Tips and practical steps for memorization:**

**Prayers:** Pray to Allah for granting success in this endeavor; our attempt of memorizing it is nothing but an effort to seek blessings of Allah Almighty.

**Familiarity**- Obtain a particular Mushaf (copy of the Quran) to familiarize yourself with the images of Quran. The using of a single Mushaf ensures that the memorization is assisted with pictorial memory,

**Atmosphere**- Specify a place where all your attention is on Quran

**Timings**- Allocating a special time or different times in the day for memorization of Quran. The best time to memorize is right after Fajr.
**Daily Limit** - Adhering to a daily Limit for some verses of *Surahs* (Chapters) of the Qur’an that one wishes to memorize.

**Consistency** - in approach and take new and revise the old lessons regularly.

**Find A Partner** - with whom you can memorize Quran

**Repetition** - keep on repeating your lesson, and once you move to the next lesson, memorize it along with the previous lesson.

**Meanings** - the best way of memorizing Quran is by understand the meaning of words that are being memorized.

**Reciting in a Melodic Tone** - During memorization, one should recite the Qur’an in a melodic tone, beautifying the reading as much as possible.

**Linking the Verses** - As one completes memorizing a full *Surah*, one should perfect it by connecting its verses together, both in meaning and in the flow of his tongue easily through them.

**Recitation in Prayer** - practice by reciting the memorized portions during daily prayers.

**Listening Recitation**: Keep on listening the same verses over and over again, it is quite natural that you will start memorizing it.

**Watching for Analogous Sections of the Qur’an**: Various parts of the Qur’an resemble each other in meaning, wording, or repetition of verses. The Qur’an consists of more than six thousand verses. Of those approximately two thousand carry some sort of resemblance to others. The resemblance varies from total coincidence, to a difference in one letter, a word or two, or more.

**Follow a Technique to Memorize Quran** – When you start memorizing the Quran, you have to follow and plan according to a systematic way. Different people have different methods to memorize. You can start memorization process with small portion of a verse or 1-2 verses a day and move on to more verses. Read the verse you want to memorize 10 to 15 times. After you have read it by looking it on the paper/screen, now try to read it without looking. In this way you will develop a technique to memorize Quran. Sometimes, writing down the verse also helps in remembering it by heart. After you have memorized one verse, move on to the next verse and repeat the same method. At the end of the lesson, repeat the three verses together. You will have more verses to revise each day before you start with memorizing new verses.
Another tip regarding the memorization tip is to start from the last Quranic chapters. As Surahs at the end of Quran are short and are commonly recited among Muslims, it gives greater opportunity to remember the verses easily. It is both helpful and encouraging towards the learning process.

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