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Do you have to know chapter and  
verse when quoting scripture?

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It takes a special anointing of the Holy Spirit to be able to quote scripture and verse like Jack Van Impe or Andrew Wommack and many others.

A lot will say it's because they are in the word continually or they have purposely determined to memorize them.

Unfortunately I believe the main reason people seek to be able to quote scripture and verse, is because of pride. YOU KNOW what I mean,; Oh look at me, I am so righteous and holy that I know exactly where to find the scriptures quoted!! I'm so in tune with God.

TRUE, God will give you wisdom and knowledge if you ask, but not so you can use it to bolster your pride.

This is not saying because you can quote chapter and verse is that your proud, on the contrary, it is a by product. That don't change the fact that the main reason is Pride.

The Bible was not given chapter and verse until man decided, in around the 300's AD. Before that, it was from the book of Isaiah or Jeremiah or Matthew etc.

Jesus said: It Is Written and then he quoted what was written.

Matthew 4:4\* But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

7\* Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

10\* Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Isn't it strange how in especially the last 60 years society has dictated the churches behavior, you have to quote chapter and verse, instead of Reverend it is now Dr, instead of good holy worship it is now rap or rock-n-roll or the latest - screaming

**demons. (in other words a song has to be screamed out instead of just singing) I haven't figured out why, except that Satan will bolster the pride of the ones that scream the loudest or longest.**

**62 times in the new testament it says, IT IS WRITTEN but it don't say where in the old testament. You see if you have read and studied the bible, The Holy Spirit WILL confirm to your spirit, that what is quoted IS the word of God**

**Psalms 119:11\* Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

**2Timothy 2:15\* Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**Now I'm not against nor knocking the people that are able to quote scripture and verse for if nothing else, it shows they have spent time in Gods word and know the scriptures BUT that is all it proves. The main thing is if their able to say: "the bible says" and then quote the scripture. Mind you when you do that, you will be persecuted. (they're so heavenly minded their know earthly good)**

**I was at a service one Sunday afternoon and the fellow preaching had the anointing of the Holy Spirit welling up inside him and everything he said was backed up by scripture. The only difference was he quoted the scripture right but he didn't give the chapter and verse. Now to us that new the word we knew he was right on. But half way through the sermon, a lady jumped up and said: "how do we know what your quoting is the bible, you have no reference". he answered, well ma'am, if you read the bible you would know what I'm quoting is the word of God, further more the Holy Spirit pops these scriptures into my head but he don't give me chapter and verse. I know they are scripture because I have spent much time reading and studying the word of God. When god said it was time for me to go out and preach the gospel that was my very complaint to the Lord. I could not prepare an essay or notes in school let alone a sermon.**

The Lord said I created you that way so you would have to rely on me and not yourself and he gave me Mk 13:11 for a confirmation.

Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, **take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.**

The point is, if Christ just said it's written, who are we to tell God how to do things.

We are all created different, some cannot figure just what I have shared is of God because the Lord has allowed them to learn chapter and verse HOWEVER they do not necessarily know or can quote the scriptures one bit better than the soul that has a hard time with chapter and verse.

Man has made more laws than the Lord has and as we live our lives by these laws we are SELF-RIGHTEOUS. God has called some and taught them himself and they have never darkened the door of a Seminar or bible college. I have heard some boast of that, and that is just as wrong as the seminars or colleges teaching their doctrine instead of the word of God in its entirety.

If you do not believe the bible is the WRITTEN word of the LIVING God, then you are in trouble before you start.

2Timothy 3:16\* **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

2Peter 1:21\* **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Trust this sheds some enlightenment  
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