

Bread of Life

Devotional Guide

Luke 4:4 "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 119:105 reads, *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* There are 176 verses in Psalm 119, making this psalm the longest chapter in the Bible. Nearly every verse in this entire psalm speaks of God's Word, using words like testimonies, commandments, precepts, and statutes. The psalmist praises the Word of God and puts his trust and hope in God's promises and guidance.

May we, as believers, put our hope in God's Word. May we be guided by His commandments and precepts. *"Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* (Psalm 119:129-130)

In Christ,
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 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery...that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.”
Ephesians 3:3a&6

In 1949, poor Mr. Boddy was killed for the first time. Apparently the victim of foul play, Mr. Boddy was found in one of the rooms of his mansion. Since 1949, Mr. Boddy has been killed millions of times with the circumstances being different each time. Sometimes he is killed in the kitchen with the candlestick by Mrs. White. He has been killed by Colonel Mustard in the library with the rope. More recently he was killed in the carriage house at the hand of Mrs. Peach wielding a knife. Every time Mr. Boddy is killed, it is a mystery that must be figured out.

Much like the board game “Clue,” the Apostle Paul writes about another mystery (only without all the murder). Paul describes to his readers a mystery. His mystery is this: Gentiles are allowed to be part of the body of Christ!

At the end of verse six, Paul emphatically reveals that the mystery is a result of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ when he wrote: “by the gospel.” Because Jesus died on the cross, Gentiles can be: 1. fellow heirs 2. of the same body (the church) 3. partakers of His promise in Christ!

What does that mean to you? Well, if you are not a Jew, that means a lot! You have been given the chance to accept Christ as your Savior and be part of the body of Christ. Jesus Christ died because of my sin on the cross; and

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now I can be a part of the body of Christ. Mystery revealed! ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN: 

“Revelation 19:6 “And I heard as it were the _____ of a great _____, and as the voice of many _____, and as the voice of mighty _____, saying, Alleluia: for the _____ God _____ reigneth.”

 BIBLE QUIZ 

How Many? Fill in the blanks with the correct numeric answer.

1. According to Revelation 11:16, _____ elders will fall on their faces and worship God.
2. When Abram was _____ years old, God changed his name to Abraham. Genesis 17:1-5
3. Samson killed _____ men with a jawbone of an ass. Judges 15:15
4. Elimelech and Naomi had _____ sons. Ruth 1:1-2
5. _____ fruits of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

 QUOTE OF THE DAY: 

“Difficulties are not necessarily obstacles for God’s children, but His appointed way.”
~Charles Ryrie



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“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.”

2 Timothy 2:11-12

The Christian life is worth living. This verse makes reference to the fact that we have died to our sin with Christ. Because of that, we can also now live with Him.

Life is worth living because Christ is living in us. I do not know how people make it through this life without Jesus Christ. Without Christ, everything is vanity. When all is said and done, the unsaved have nothing. There is no hope. On the other hand, the Christian has the hope of eternal life upon Christ’s return.

However, it must be noted that those who live a righteous life will suffer persecution. This world is ruled by the prince of the power of the air, Satan. That puts the Christian in a land where he is not welcomed. The greater your sacrifice and willingness to live for God, the more likely you will suffer.

Here is the good news—the fact that you suffer guarantees that you will reign with Him. Romans 8:18 indicates that our suffering here is not even comparable to the glory we will experience in Heaven.

Sadly, there will be those who deny Christ. His reward for both good and evil is just, and He will deny those who have denied Him.

~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. Jesus turned water into wine. John 2:1-11
- ___ 2. Jesus healed a lame man at the pool of Bethesda. John 5:1-9
- ___ 3. Apostle Peter raised Jairus’ daughter. Matthew 9:18-25
- ___ 4. Jesus called the Pharisees saints in Matthew 15:1-8.
- ___ 5. Jesus healed a blind and dumb demoniac in Matthew 12:22.
- ___ 6. Jesus healed four blind men in Matthew 9:27-31.
- ___ 7. Christ’s followers are likened to salt and light in Matthew 5:13-14.

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“The welcome-mat is always out at the Father’s house.” ~Dave Warren

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“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”
Mark 8:36

It has been said that he who dies with the most toys wins. Wins what? None of the toys go with him. Their usefulness is over. Live long enough and a person will be too old and feeble to even play with them. The time that they were enjoyed, measured against eternity, will be nothing more than a vapor.

Perhaps the value of the toys is more about the hard work they represent, the long hours of overtime and weekend projects required to make the extra money. The sacrifices of family, friends, and church have reaped the tremendous lifestyle now enjoyed late in life. All that work means it is time to eat, drink, and be merry.

Hard work and sacrifice are not wrong. It is the motivation for these things that can be wrong. The Bible calls a person who works to keep getting more and more a fool.

Jesus says that life consists of more than the abundance of things. Will people know you as the owner of the largest yacht at the club, the family who gallivanted across the globe, or the owner of the most expensive house on your street? How sad it will be for these temporal things to be the only legacy that a person leaves behind! Or, will people know you as the person, more than anyone else they knew, that loved and lived for Jesus Christ? Will your legacy have eternal rewards? Will what you leave behind have value only until the moth and rust have destroyed them?

Having nice things is not wrong unless hav-

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ing nice things is the reason you live. If you live for things, then you will die for them as well. If you live to honor Jesus Christ through knowing Him more, working hard, protecting and providing for your family, the result can be both spiritual and physical blessing. ~DJD

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. What were the names of Joseph’s two sons? Genesis 48:1
 - A. Perez and Zrah
 - B. Er and Onan
 - C. Jacob and Esau
 - D. Manasseh and Ephraim
2. Who was David’s great-grandmother? Matthew 1:5-6
 - A. Ruth
 - B. Naomi
 - C. Esther
 - D. Rahab

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The amount of time we spend with Jesus—meditating on His Word and His majesty, seeking His face—establishes our fruitfulness in the kingdom.” ~Charles Stanley



Morning: Psalm 70-72

Evening: Romans 4

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The Gate of Heaven

“And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” Genesis 28:15-17

In the verses above, the phrase *the gate of Heaven* intrigued me enough to want to research it further. The word *gate* appears in the Bible 274 times. This is Webster’s Dictionary (1828) definition: “A gate is a large door which gives entrance into a walled city, a castle, a temple, palace or other large edifice. It differs from a door chiefly in being larger. A gate signifies both the opening or passage, and the frame of boards, planks or timber which closes the passage.”

In Genesis 28, we find Jacob exiled from his home, heading toward Haran. It became night, and he needed to rest. Once he had fallen asleep, he began to dream. God spoke to him through this dream. God reassured Jacob that his seed would be as dust on the earth, and he would be blessed above all. Jacob had a renewed faith in God the Father, and he called upon Him to be with him. This is where he used the phrase *the gate of heaven*, meaning this is where God met me—this place is now a holy sanctuary.

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Have you come to a point in your life where you can say, “This is where God met me. This is now my holy sanctuary”? Friend, I pray you have met with God today and everyday. In Him and in Him alone is strength, comfort, and peace. Call on Him today!
~KAT

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Hidden biblical people. Read the following sentences and find the name of a Bible character hidden among the words.

1. Major Pahn was awarded a medal for his bravery. _____
2. The carpenter set his tools on the shelf. _____
3. Look out for the bottom step, Henry. _____

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“How long you have been a Christian only tells how long you have been on the road, not how far you’ve come.” ~Author Unknown



Morning: Psalm 73, 74

Evening: Romans 5

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Warning the Church Concerning Angel Worship

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Colossians 1:16

Again and again in the Bible we are reminded that no one is to be worshipped but Jesus, not preachers, not angels. Notice in Colossians 1:16, Paul reminds the Colossians that everything was created by Jesus. In verse 17, he reminds us that everything is held together by Jesus. The word *consist* means held together. Notice in verse 19, Jesus is supposed to have the preeminence in the church. All of these verses were written to combat the false teaching of angel worship.

The Colossians were not practical. They were trying to learn some new, spooky, spiritual, deep truth but were not putting into practice the great commission. This is always a danger in the Christian life. We want to learn more and more, but we want to do less and less. Learning more and more is of no value, unless it makes us do more and more. It is a dangerous thing for a church to think they have risen above the simplicity which is in Christ and disobey His great commission. This was the danger of the church at Colosse. Paul wrote to the church to get them, and us, back on track toward obedience rather than constantly searching for other doctrines that oftentimes do not even exist. ~OV

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 BIBLE QUIZ

How Many? Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

1. In Zechariah 6, _____ chariots were seen in the vision.
2. For a trial period of _____ days, Daniel and his friends proved that their diet enabled them to be more healthy than the others who ate meat. (Daniel 1)
3. Before Esther went before the king with her petition, she asked the Jews to fast and pray for _____ days and nights. (Esther 4:16).
4. John wrote to _____ churches in Asia, recorded in Revelation 1:4.
5. Besides the twelve apostles that were chosen by Jesus to be His followers, He also appointed _____ more in Luke 10:1.

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“God’s unseen presence comforts me; I know He’s always near. And when life’s storms besiege my soul, He says, “My child, I’m here.” ~D. DeHaan



Morning: Psalm 75-77

Evening: Romans 6

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Pour Out Your Heart

“Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62:8

Have you ever had to give up something good for something that was supposedly better? Recently, by the Divine providence of God, I had to give up something very important to me. This “thing” had been my focus for years. I poured my energy and labor into it. I dreamed about it. My emotions rose and fell on it. I lived for it. But, through the miraculous multiple shutting of doors, God has shown me that I need to put it aside for the time being. Even though I know “All things work together for good,” the hurt and disappointment have been seemingly unbearable.

So I have been left asking the age old question, “Why?” Why must I give up this good thing and move in a different direction? To be honest with you, I have no idea. I have toyed with reasons and answers, and I have reached no final conclusion. When we arrive at this place, there is only one thing to do – pour out our hearts to God Almighty.

King David understood this state of mind. Through the rebellion of his son Absalom, David poured out his heart to God. In Psalm 62, the word *only* is emphasized. David says, “He **only** is my rock and my salvation,” and “My soul, wait thou **only** upon God.” David knew that the **only** way to turn was to God.

I do not have all the answers to life’s great disappointments, struggles, and trials, but I am

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certain that God does. Pour out your heart to Him today. He loves you. He cares. He understands. ~MFM

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 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. Jesus walked on the sea in Matthew 14:24-33.
- _____ 2. The Holy Spirit gave the believers in Acts 2:1-4 the ability to speak in various languages.
- _____ 3. Paul raised a man with dropsy in Luke 14:1-6.

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We can be tired, weary, and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power, and strength.”

~Charley Stanley



Morning: Psalm 78

Evening: Romans 7

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“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

1 Peter 5:10

I love the title given to God in this passage, “The God of all grace”. What is grace? Someone has said that grace is God’s Righteousness At Christ’s Expense. There is a lot of truth to that. We do receive Christ’s righteousness through His sacrificial death. The fact of the matter is that the grace that we experience at salvation is only the beginning of all the grace that God has for us. You could say that there are two kinds of grace available to us - Saving Grace and Serving Grace. Serving Grace is the supernatural ability that God gives us to accomplish His purpose and to do His will.

One form of serving grace might be the ability to endure a difficult trial. It may be strength to fight temptation. Sometimes grace enables us to do ministry in His power. Grace might give us the capacity to forgive someone who has wronged us. Whatever the need, God’s grace gives us the strength that we need to do His will. In this verse, He is called the God of all grace. His grace is all we will ever need. When the Apostle Paul was facing his thorn in the flesh, God told him that “My grace is sufficient for thee.” God will always have enough grace, and His grace will always be enough. I do not know what you are facing, but I do know that God’s grace is abundant if you will receive it. ~DLW

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. What was the other name given to Jacob? Genesis 32:28
 A. Joseph B. Esau
 C. Israel D. Abram
2. Who was the father of those who played the harp and the flute? Genesis 4:21
 A. Caleb B. Jubal
 C. David D. Tamar
3. Which king ate grass like a cow? Daniel 4:33
 A. Cyrus B. Belshazzar
 C. Darius D. Nebuchadnezzar
4. Which king saw the writing on the wall in Daniel 5.
 A. Darius B. David
 C. Belshazzar D. Cyrus

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Growing old but not retiring, for the battle still is on; going on without relenting till the final victory’s won.” ~Anonymous



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“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20

So, you need to do some office work and begin by printing a spreadsheet on your printer. You carry the sheet over to the copy machine and make a copy for your files. Once the copy has been made, you slide it into the fax machine to send it to your partner and his associates. Thirty minutes later you are back at your desk ready to continue working. Or, you simply press *enter* on your laptop and within seconds your Konica Minolta 751 Printer scans your spreadsheet, makes a copy for your files, and faxes it to your business associates without your ever having to leave your desk.

This amazing, not so little, machine, although quite expensive, is able to do more than you can imagine. Not only does it copy, scan, and fax, it can also fold, staple, hole-punch and even make brochures. (It slices and dices...you get the picture.) What a practical device to have in the office! Not that there is really much of a comparison, the writer of Ephesians reminds us that Jesus Christ is able to do “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” But notice that the work does not come from Jesus, but the power comes from Jesus and is channeled through us. If we allow Him, Jesus Christ can do “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” through us! Will you allow Him to work through you today? Go

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ahead, attempt that “impossible” thing for God; but give glory to Jesus when you accomplish it. ~PMO

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Hidden Biblical People. Read the following sentences and find the name of a Bible character hidden among the words.

1. Lena omitted wearing her red bow with her blue dress. _____
2. Sis erased the blackboard for the teacher. _____
3. Zebra habits were explained by the zoo keeper. _____
4. Inez ran across the lawn. _____

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“The seeking Saviour will never miss a meeting with a seeking sinner.”

~David R. Anderson



Morning: Psalm 82-84

Evening: Romans 8:19-39

The Greatest Helps for the Family

by Jimmy Stallard

There has been a tremendous amount of attention given to the family unit during the last thirty years. We have analyzed and examined the family's demise under a microscope of case studies, reports, and findings. The conclusion? The traditional family unit is in a lot of trouble. It should not take a rocket scientist to figure this out. Anyone with a little common sense could see it coming and notice it when it arrived. The moral fiber of the family has eroded greatly in our lifetime, but it has not come without a response. In the Christian community, we have books, magazines, seminars, political action groups, and all kinds of "reactions" to this problem in our culture. Many of these resources and groups are quite valuable, and I support them in their endeavors. However, in all this attention focused on the family, we can easily lose sight of the greatest benefits any individual or family could receive. Has all the psychobabble around us caused us to miss out on the helps we really need in order to fix our families' problems? At the expense of being accused of being simplistic, I would suggest the following matters to consider:

The first help for the family is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest need of every home is that each family member would receive the Gospel. While all kinds of social programs can do many wonderful things, nothing can transform the life like the Gospel –*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things*

are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17) The Gospel is not a message of "live right and do right." It is not a message of "keep the commandments, do good works, go to church, give money to the needy, and be kind to your neighbor." All these things are good, but they are not good enough for salvation. We are powerless to live right and, this is why we need the Gospel. The Gospel is the glorious truth . . . *"That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."* (1 Cor. 15:3-4) Every man stands guilty before God and therefore needs to believe the Gospel (Jn. 3:18). Only the Gospel can keep the home what it should be before God. Every home needs a dad who has repented of his sin and trusted the blood of Jesus to save him (Rom. 3:21-25). Every home needs a mom who has been changed by the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). And, every home needs the peace that comes when all the children are in the fold.

The second help for the family is the Word of God. The Word of God contains much more than the Gospel message of salvation. God has also seen fit to reveal to us His design for the family. Within its pages, we find out the proper design of marriage (Gen. 2:20-24), how to properly earn money (Prov. 24:30-34), how to find the right life partner (Prov. 18:22), how to define the roles and responsibilities of husbands, wives, and children (Eph. 5:22-6:4), the need for disciplining children (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15) and so much more.

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*“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.”
Psalm 126:5*

Soul winning is the greatest job on earth. God has given to us, His ambassadors, the responsibility of winning the lost. A person must be saved to get to Heaven. He does not have to do anything to go to hell because he is condemned already.

In Timothy, we are told that Christ came to save sinners. In 1 John, we are told that Christ not only died to pay for our sin, but for the sin of the whole world. Christ came to save all people, but many will choose not to trust Christ as Savior.

With such a great importance attached to soul winning, is it any wonder that Satan fights the person desiring to be a soul winner? He uses fear as a deterrent. We have all experienced this type of fear, a fear of not having enough knowledge or not being able to answer questions. We have experienced a fear of being rejected by the one to whom we are witnessing or a fear of talking to a stranger. All of these are real fears, but we must learn to put our faith in Christ and obey His command to give the Gospel message.

We find a great promise in this verse. The person that has tears for souls will win souls to Christ. Intelligence, boldness, and logic may not break a person’s heart, but tears for his soul will often bring him to Jesus.

Sow the Gospel in tears, and you will reap in joy. Many times I have been tired and not tearful while trying to win souls. Often, I have prayed while I am witnessing that God would give me tears for the person to whom I am wit-

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nessing. It works! Souls can be won with honest, heartfelt tears. ~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

1 John 3:23-24 “And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

How Many? Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

1. During the _____ year of his reign, Solomon began to build the house of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 3:1-2)
2. King Ahaz began his reign at the age of _____. (2 Chronicles 28:1)
3. King Hezekiah reigned for _____ years. (2 Chronicles 29:1)
4. One man waited _____ years at the pool of Bethesda to be healed? John 5:5

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“Not ours to know the reason why unanswered is our prayer, but ours to wait for God’s own time to lift the cross we bear.”

~Anonymous

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Your Playing Partner

“Thine own friend, and thy father’s friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother’s house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.” Proverbs 27:10

Golf can be played by yourself, but most of the time, you are paired up with one to three playing partners. They could be your best friends or complete strangers. Some may not utter a word, and some may talk too much. The trip around the links could be a one time experience or a divine appointment never to be repeated. During a round of golf, you are able to notice one’s temperament as he throws his clubs or perhaps you can learn of his beliefs. So, for that short period of time, you may be a witness for the Lord, an encourager, or just a listening ear.

In our Christian walk, being the right kind of friend is of the utmost importance. The following acrostic gives a good description of a friend:

- F—Forgives us
- R—Real person, not a phony
- I—Interested in us
- E—Easy to talk to
- N—Needed in our lives
- D—Desires the best for us

What kind of friends should we be? Proverbs 27:17 says, *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a*

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man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” We should be the kind of friends who care enough to share the Gospel message and should always strive to bring out the best in people. We need to cheer them on in their Christian walk. In the game of life, we have many playing partners. Let’s be a friend that loveth at all times. ~JWL

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 BIBLE QUIZ ♦

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. Jesus healed a crippled woman on the Sabbath. Luke 13:10-17
- _____ 2. Luke raised the widow’s son in Luke 7:11-15
- _____ 3. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

 QUOTE OF THE DAY ♦

“Christian experience is not something going on around the believer, but something which is going on within him.” ~Unknown Author



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“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26

I have experienced great sorrow and trial. Certainly, many of you have as well. This turmoil can be so intense that after a time you collapse, unable to speak another word of grief or desire. You have wept great tears, spoken heart felt prayers, and even begged God until you cannot beg anymore. What then? To the world, there seems to be little hope. We, however, as children of God and believers in Christ, can be reminded of this verse.

Like a parent who sees his child’s needs when he cannot ask for help, so is the Holy Spirit. When we have reached exhaustion and lie crushed by our circumstances, the Spirit goes before us to the Father and requests help according to the will of God.

This is the essence of intercession. The Holy Spirit knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our need before we even realize we have one. When we hurt, He hurts with us and is available to provide strength in the trial. When we are capable of nothing more than groans, He understands. Take rest in this truth. ~DJD

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

- Who became king at the age of eight, and turned to God with all his heart?
2 Kings 22:1
A. Jehoshphat B. Hezekiah
C. Joash D. Josiah
- Who prayed that God would enlarge his coast and would keep him from evil?
1 Chronicles 4:9-10
A. Etam B. Jabez
C. Hur D. Nahor
- Who was called a man after God’s own heart? Acts 13:22
A. Peter B. Elijah
C. David D. Moses

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The Cross is the evidence of God’s redeeming love. It is the fulfillment of God’s promise when men fail. It is the realization of all the visions and prophecies throughout the Old Testament. What is its message? That no man need to be limping or floundering in the old way of sin and weakness for another single day. That there is no sin to which we must surrender. That there is no habit which cannot be shattered. That there is no victory that we cannot win through Jesus Christ.”

~Author Unknown



Morning: Psalm 90-92

Evening: Romans 11:1-21

 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

Obedying the Master

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19-20

The Bible is full of Scriptures telling us that we are to continue the work that Jesus did while on earth. As we know, He has returned to Heaven and His desire for us is to carry out His commission. Basically, this is what we know as the Great Commission. In Mark 16:15, Jesus tells us, “... *Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*” In Matthew 28:19-20, we are told, “*Go ... and teach all nations.*” Then, He says, “*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.*” Notice we are to teach people what He commanded us to teach. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize people. Hence, before He went back to Heaven, He told us that He wants us to do what He did.

When people accept Christ, we should encourage them to follow the Lord as their example. In other words, we are to witness to people, lead them to Christ, and teach them obedience in baptism, and how to grow in Christ. We should teach them how to lead someone else to Christ, repeating this process over and over until the Lord returns for His bride.

We are representatives of Jesus. Each of us is to follow Christ on earth, doing what He

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would do if He were here. We should be teaching what He would teach, preaching what He would preach, and repeating the process over and over as we faithfully serve Him. ~OV

 SCRIPTURE FILL-INS: 

1 John 3:23-24 “And this is _____ commandment, That we should _____ on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

 BIBLE QUIZ: 

Hidden Biblical People. Read the following sentences and find the name of a Bible character hidden among the words.

1. The rodeo featured trick riders.

2. We lived in a house not too far from town. _____
3. Only diamonds were put on display by the jeweler. _____

 QUOTE OF THE DAY: 

“A man should be so under the control of God that it affects the way he lives.”

~David Arnold



Morning: Psalm 93-95

Evening: Romans 11:22-36

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Sacrifice of Righteousness

“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.” Psalm 4:5

About a year and a half ago, I received a job offer to perform at a dinner theater. The hours were good, and the pay was competitive. The staff was very friendly, and the venue was fun and exciting. It was a great place for me to advance in my career and gain more professional experience. However, when I looked at the script, my countenance fell. The entire piece was filled with expletives and morally compromising staging. At that point, I had to make a decision. I could choose to perform and try to work my way around the language and staging, or I could take a stand for righteousness. With the Lord’s help, I chose the latter. I explained that because of my faith I could not in good conscience accept the acting job. Although small in comparison to other decisions and situations, the Lord enabled me to make a sacrifice for righteousness. Not taking the job meant that I had to move and change the direction of my life.

As Christians, we are called to be living sacrifices. The Bible says in Romans 12:1 that this is our “reasonable service,” meaning this is the least that we can do. Isaiah 64:6 says, *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.”* The small sacrifices made in life are not to be compared to the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross.

What sacrifice of righteousness do you need to make today? Remember, giving our

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lives in sacrifice to Christ is the least we can do. ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the Blanks. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

1. Jesus sat by a _____ when He talked with the Samaritan woman. John 4:6
2. The _____ market was near the pool of Bethesda. John 5:2
3. The pool of Bethesda had _____ porches. John 5:2
4. When Jesus talked with the woman in Samaria, he told her it was _____ months before harvest. John 4:35

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The church is on the stretch for new methods, new plans, new buildings, new organizations. God is looking for better men. The Holy Ghost does not come upon methods, but upon men.” ~Samuel Chadwick

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Gentlemen and Ladies Only

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.” Romans 12:10

To be kind and considerate is normal etiquette for the golfer who understands the game. It is rude to walk in the putter’s line, to hit into the group ahead, to make distracting noise when one is concentrating on his shot, and to fail to replace a divot or leave marks on the green.

It is also our responsibility, as Christians, to make sure the world sees us as kind and considerate. Ephesians 4:32 says, ***“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*** Being kind for Christians should be a normal way of life not an occasional gesture. Proper etiquette for the child of God is to be preferring one another. Thinking of others is what Christ did when he gave His life for us. Let us think of others as we maintain our heritage. Hebrews 10:24 says, ***“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.”***

Anybody can be rude and crude, but real gentlemen and ladies are hard to find. Won’t you be one? ~JWL

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

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of his Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one another, as he gave us _____. And he that _____ his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ____ 1. Jesus said his yoke is heavy but his burden is light. Mathew 11:30
- ____ 2. The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day. Matthew 12:8
- ____ 3. For every idle word that speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment. Matthew 12:36
- ____ 4. Jesus said, “Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” Matthew 12:50

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The world is not made up of strong people who need to be skinned alive. The world is made up of weak people who need to be forgiven, saved, and redeemed. We are among them.” ~W. A. Criswell



 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.” Ephesians 4:1

What do you do for a living? What is your job, your career, your vocation? What is it that you do that gives you the money to pay the bills? Whatever it is, most likely, your boss wants you to do your best. Right? Of course, right! When you were hired at McDonald’s, the shift manager fully expected you to drop the fries into the big grease pit and pull them out when the beeping noise started. The Big Macs were to have just so much sauce on them and the double cheeseburger must have two slices of cheese. You were expected to “walk worthy” of your vocation. Now that you have moved past the fast food chain, your new boss at the factory, the office, the warehouse or wherever you may be employed still expects a certain level of competence. You are still expected to do your job correctly and in an efficient manner. You are still expected to “walk worthy.”

For the Christian, despite one’s physical job, the Apostle Paul gives a reminder to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.” No, he was not referring to the office, the tent making or even McDonald’s; he was referring to our “vocation” as children of God. He even refers to himself as the “prisoner of the Lord.” As Christians, we should strive to do our best for Christ on a daily basis. To give one’s all at the work place is important, but no matter your employer, your vocation is in Christ. Be lowly, meek, and longsuffering. Put

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up with your fellow Christians and endeavour to keep the unity with others. Walk worthy!
~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

- Which king died in battle by falling on his own sword? 1 Samuel 31:4
A. Solomon B. Saul
C. David D. Jehoshaphat
- Who went into a cave to go to the bathroom and was spared from certain death by the kindness of David? 1 Sam. 24
A. Abner B. Joash
C. Ahithophel D. Saul

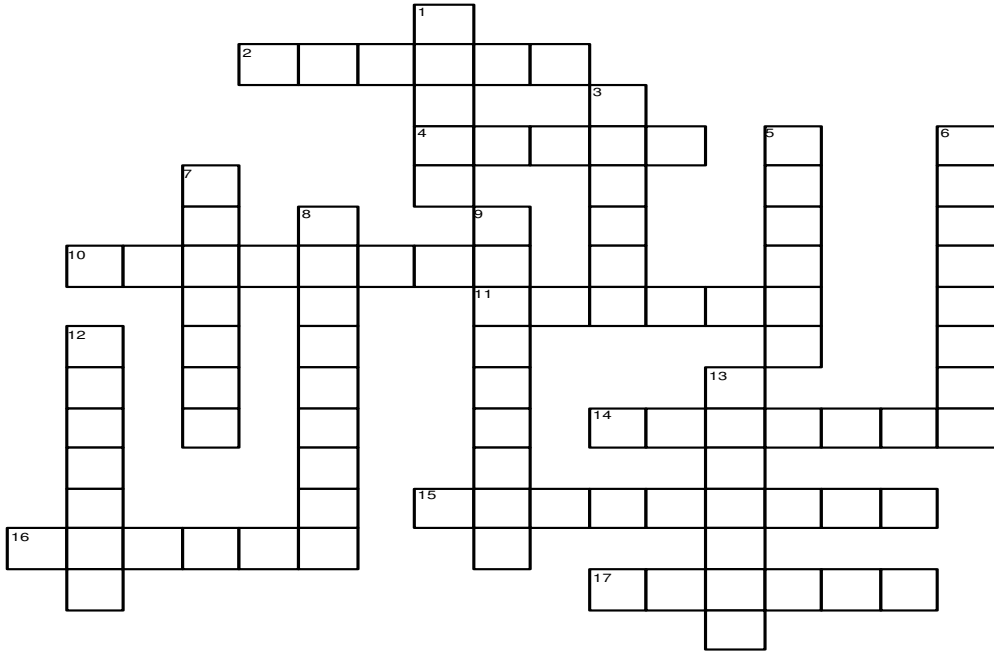
 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“What had become a cross of death for Him, has become a tree of life for us.”
~Philip De Courcy



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ACROSS

- 2 The third person of the Trinity (Mt. 3:16)
- 4 The one who fights against the children of God (1 Cor. 5:5)
- 10 The place where Christ was crucified (Mark 15:22)
- 11 The chief corner stone of the church (Eph. 2:20)
- 14 Servants to the people of the church (1 Tim. 3:13)
- 15 Used to guide the church in faith and practice (John 5:39)
- 16 Where Jesus is today (Acts 1:11)
- 17 Earthly leaders of congregations (another name for pastor) (1 Tim. 3:1-7)

DOWN

- 1 Jesus was placed on this (Col 2:14)
- 3 The first person of the Trinity (1 Cor. 8:6)
- 5 People who make up the church (1 Cor. 1:2)
- 6 Leaders of the first earthly church (Luke 6:13)
- 7 We must place our faith in Christ and do this. (John 20:31)
- 8 An ordinance of the church (1 Cor. 10:16)
- 9 Jesus gave Himself for the world and the church as this. (John 10:15)
- 12 The opposite of those who are saved/born-again. (Romans 10:9)
- 13 Second ordinance of the church (Acts 10:48)

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.” Genesis 18:22

The men or angels here are headed for Sodom, first to rescue Lot and his family, and second to prepare the city for God’s judgment.

It is interesting that Abraham did not go, but instead, he went to his place of prayer to meet with God. Apparently, he felt he could be more effective through prayer than in going to Sodom himself.

It is important to have that special place where you meet with God on a regular basis. It may be a closet or another room of your home, but it is vital to your personal relationship with God.

Abraham had a place of prayer, but we must question whether or not Lot had a place to pray. Lot’s testimony was so weak; he had not even won some of his family to Christ. Any father walking with the Lord should have a burden for his own children’s souls.

There will come a day when every parent will realize that the decisions their children make will determine their eternity. Our own families can be lost for eternity even if we ourselves are saved.

We should all have a place of prayer as Abraham did. The results will be eternal. Now is the time to pray! Now is the time to win souls! Now is the time to seek the things of God and Heaven! ~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Scrambled. The following Biblical cities have been scrambled. Unscramble them to find a well known Biblical city.

- 1. COINHAT _____
- 2. MUDSASAC _____
- 3. LEASEMUJR _____
- 4. EVENHIN _____
- 5. PACERAMNU _____
- 6. LYOBNBA _____
- 7. HAGMRORO _____
- 8. THINCRO _____

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The dying Jesus is the evidence of God’s anger toward sin, but the living Jesus is the proof of God’s love and forgiveness.”
~Lorenz Eifert



 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

Who's Cheating Whom?

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

Playing by the rules in golf is a personal challenge to be honest when no one is watching. A golfer is called upon to penalize himself if he grounds his club in a sand trap, plays the wrong ball, or goes out of bounds. Then, he needs to report an accurate score. It is one thing to play for fun, take a mulligan, or just try that putt one more time, but to play by all the rules allows a golfer to assess his real ability to play the game of golf. Cheating in golf is self-deception, and we end up just cheating ourselves.

In our Christian walk, we must be careful of self-deception. We end up cheating ourselves in four different ways. The first is thinking God is not watching (Galatians 6:7). God who sees every sparrow and has numbered the hairs of our head is watching and keeping score. The second is carelessly hearing the message of God. James 1:22 says, *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”* To hear and know and not to do is like not knowing at all.

The third area is to have an exalted opinion of ourselves (Galatians 6:3). The real measure or standard of our Christian walk is not what we proclaim but what others know to be true. We need to make honest evaluations. The fourth is to cover our sins (1 John 1:8). To be sure not to cheat ourselves, we should confess the real score.

 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

Cheating is self-deception. So, who's cheating who? ~JWL

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN: 

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 BIBLE QUIZ 

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the correct **verse number** in the following references that corresponds with the key phrase given.

1. “Behold, I stand at the door....”
Rev. 3: _____
2. “...Without shedding of blood is no remission.” Heb. 9: _____
3. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man....” James 5: _____
4. “Be ready always to give an answer....” 1 Peter 3: _____
5. “Not by works of righteousness....”
Titus 3: _____

 QUOTE OF THE DAY: 

“Everybody finds out sooner or later that all success worth having is founded on Christian rules of conduct.” ~Henry Martyn Field

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Peace

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7

Chapter four of Philippians describes peace with others, peace with self, and peace with circumstances. Paul is stressing how important it is to be at peace.

Being at peace with others means that we are not gossiping, backbiting, slandering, murdering, or hurting others in any way. Paul states in verse two that we should be of one mind in the Lord, striving toward a common cause, the cause of Jesus Christ.

In order to be at peace with one’s self, verses 4-9 tell us to rejoice in the Lord always, be moderate in our doings, be in prayer with thanksgiving, and to think on things true, honest, just, pure, and lovely.

Having peace with our circumstances is where most of us have problems. In verses 10-23, we learn that no matter what happens in our lives we need to be content and have peace. Paul states, *“For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”* That means no whining or complaining. Paul says, “Listen, I have been through it all: I made it, and so can you. All this is so you may have fruit abound to your account—not my account, but your account.”

Oh, that we may find the peace that Christ offers. I challenge you today to learn to be content! ~KAT

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 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls. Matthew 13:45-46
- _____ 2. When a pearl of great price was found, he sold all to buy it. Matthew 13:46
- _____ 3. Jesus had brothers named James, Joses, Simon, and Judas. Matthew 13:55
- _____ 4. Jesus did many mighty works in his hometown because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:58
- _____ 5. John the Baptist was beheaded in prison as a birthday present. Matthew 14:6-11

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Love is not one of the attributes of God, but the sum of them all.” ~Rev. J. M. Gibbon



 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Elisha Refuses to Leave the Man of God

“And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.”

2 Kings 2:2

In 2 Kings 2:1-6, notice the repetition. In verse 2, Elijah suggested that Elisha tarry in Gilgal. Elisha said he would not leave him! In verses 3-4, the sons of the prophets in Bethel told Elisha that Elijah would be leaving him. Again, Elisha said he would not leave Elijah. A third time, in verses 5-6, the sons of the prophets at Jericho told Elisha that the Lord would take Elijah away, but still Elisha would not leave the man of God. All of this makes a wonderful point. Everyone should stay close to a man of God. Every family needs to be around a man of God, a man of God who lifts them up, encourages them, and brings them closer to God. There are several reasons for this:

1. **Safety:** God watches over this man, and if we are going to be as safe and secure as we ought to be, we should spend time under his teaching.
2. **The will of God:** We ought to be in God’s will and use our lives to the fullest. We can do this more effectively when we are under the influence of a man of God.
3. **Wise counsel:** God gives to his man a particular wisdom, and the entire family will benefit.
4. **Use of talents:** One may use his talents to the fullest as a result of the encouragement

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of a man of God.

In 2 Kings, Elisha was under the mentoring leadership of Elijah. Let us emphasize the importance of God’s man, the importance of young preachers, the importance of being under the preaching of God’s man, respecting him as a man of God. ~OV

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am _____, that neither _____, nor life, nor angels, nor _____, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of David’s sons was killed by Joab when his head got stuck in a tree?
2 Samuel 18:9-15
A. Absalom B. Amnon
C. Solomon D. Adonijah
2. Who asked God for a discerning heart and had his request granted by God?
1 Kings 3:9-13
A. David B. Solomon
C. Moses D. Saul

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“The reason why sinners perish is because they do not harken to the sound of the trumpet; and the reason why they do not is because they will not.” ~Matthew Henry



 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

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Simple Childlike Faith

“By faith ye stand.” 2 Corinthians 1:24

Growing up in a pastor’s home, finances were sometimes very tight. As a soon to be fifth grader, I remember wanting some new clothes for school. However, my family could not afford any new clothes that year. I recall kneeling beside my bed and asking God for some new school clothes. Within days, someone showed up at our house with bags of hand-me-downs with my name written all over them. I remember tears flooding my eyes as I ran to kneel beside my bed and thank God for answering my prayer.

So many times since then, I have chided myself for not having the unwavering faith in God like I did as a child. Why do we, as adults, find it hard to believe that God will actually hear and answer our prayers? When unbelief starts to creep into your soul, remember the following principles:

1. Regardless of changes in your life, God does not change. (Heb. 13:8)
2. Regardless of your sins and mistakes, God’s love for you is unconditional. (Rev. 1:5)
3. Regardless of your disappointments and trials, God works everything out for the good. (Rom. 8:28)

The basis for our belief in Christ is faith. We stand by it. We live by it. Let’s not let past disappointments and trials crowd out our

faith in Jesus Christ. He is always the same; His love is unconditional, and He does what is in our best interest. We need to come to Him in simple childlike faith. ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN: 

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 BIBLE QUIZ 

Matching. Match the last half of the Bible verse in Column 2 with the correct beginning in Column 1.

Column 1

- ___ 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
Psalm 23:1
- ___ 2. Remember the sabbath day,
Exodus 20:8
- ___ 3. If God be for us,
Romans 8:31

Column 2

- A. who can be against us?
- B. I shall not want.
- C. to keep it holy.

 QUOTE OF THE DAY: 

“This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth.”

~Keith Green



Morning: Psalm 116-118

Evening: 1 Corinthians 2

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21

In this passage Jesus is called The Great Shepherd. A Shepherd is someone who cares for the needs of sheep. As our Shepherd, Jesus plays two important roles in this verse. First, He did a great work for us as He died for us, His sheep. In John 10, Jesus said I am the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. He is such a good shepherd that he was willing to give his life to save us. This verse tells us that His shed blood gives us eternal life because of his everlasting covenant.

The first work he did **for** us. The second work he did **in** us. Verse 21 states that He is striving to make us perfect in every good work to do His will. He is working in us to enable us for service. Why is He working in us? He is working in us, so we can do that which is well pleasing to him, and as a result, He will receive glory.

If you are saved, Jesus, your Shepherd, did a great work for you on Calvary when He was crucified on the cross. Now, He is working in you. Now, you must choose to crucify yourself so that He can accomplish His will and receive glory through your life. ~DLW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the correct **chapter number** in the following references that correspond with the key phrase given.

1. “Study to show thyself approved....”
2 Timothy. ____:15
2. “For the love of money.....”
1 Timothy ____:10
3. “That if any would not work....”
2 Thessalonians ____:10
4. “Pray without ceasing.”
1 Thessalonians ____:17
5. “Rejoice in the Lord always....”
Philippians ____:4

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I prayed for faith, and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God'. I had closed my Bible, and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since." ~D.L. Moody

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3

While driving down the highway, one is bound to eventually see a bumper sticker that is becoming increasingly popular. The sticker displays only one word, but yet it is filled with gigantic implication. The sticker simply reads, “Coexist.” To the average person, it sounds like quite a positive message. “Can’t we all just get along?” “Can’t we just unify? After all, is that not what the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4, ‘Endeavouring to keep the unity’?” Well, look closer at that sticker. The “C” is the crescent moon used in ancient history for the worship of the sun, moon and stars and in more recent history as a symbol of Islam. The “O” is a peace sign used in the 1960’s by those who opposed nuclear war. The “E” carries the symbols of male and female. The “X” is the Star of David symbolizing the Jewish faith. The “I” is dotted with a pentagram which represents Satan worship. The “S” is filled with the “Taijitu” symbol of “yin” and “yang” from the Taoist/Neo-Confucian philosophy. Finally, the “T” is a cross which represents Christ.

Is this the type of unity that Paul was requesting in Ephesians 4:3? In verses 4-6, Paul describes unity as **“One body, and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.”** True unity can only be found in Jesus Christ. Islam cannot coexist with Christ. There is no peace without Christ. Men and women cannot be unified nor will the Jews find peace without Christ. “What concord has Christ with Belial,”

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Satanists? “What fellowship hath light with darkness,” Confucius? Coexist sounds nice; come to Christ and it is possible. Without the Prince of Peace, there will be no peace. How do we coexist? Come to Christ! ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the Blank. Fill in each blank in the following statements. All of the answers are found in Philippians 1:1-11.

1. Paul wrote the book of Philippians to the believers in _____.
2. Paul wrote this letter while he was in _____.
3. According to verses 9-11, Paul prayed that the believer’s _____ would abound, and that they would approve things that are _____. He also prayed that they would be sincere and without _____, being filled with the fruits of _____.

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Losing to Win

*“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”
Matthew 10:39*

Who hasn't heard the following quotes? “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” “Before honor is humility.” “Give and it shall be given unto you.” These are more than just tired sayings. They are the proven scalpel that trims added weight from our spiritual lives.

Too many of us are out of balance by being overweight. I am not talking about pounds and inches. The weights that I am speaking about are not necessarily wrong in themselves, but they spoil us from having the victory. What are these weights? Well, they could be a hobby, something we own that requires a lot of attention, or just about anything that deprives us of a balanced life.

Life is like a race. We cannot take everything with us (Hebrews 12:1). We need to lay aside every weight and sin that sets us back. If we do not trim down, we will be robbed of the rewards that belong to those in the winners circle.

We are called to sacrifice. Trade self-sufficiency for faith in God, self-will for submission to God, self-seeking for honoring God, and self-righteousness for humility before God. It makes good sense to give up what you cannot keep to gain what you cannot lose. The more we lose, the more we win. ~JWL

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false. All the answers are found in Philippians 1:12-20.

- _____ 1. Paul stated that the reason for his trials was for the furtherance of the Gospel.
- _____ 2. Because Paul was in prison, the believers were more scared to preach Christ.
- _____ 3. Paul rejoiced that Christ was being preached.
- _____ 4. Paul was not ashamed.
- _____ 5. Christ would only be magnified in Paul's death.

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is a tendency to compromise in order to gain opportunities, whereas in truth it is our responsibility to be right and God's responsibility to open the doors of opportunity.” ~Tim LaHaye



 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

*“For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”
1 Corinthians 3:9*

We are God's building. What a great illustration! All of God's saints are a part of God's plan. We all are pieces of His puzzle. We all come together to make a building for God. We all play a different role in God's blueprint. One person may be a door; another may be a window, yet another may be a brick. We are all different in our history, talents, and abilities. A brick does not have the ability to be a door, and a door does not serve the same role as a window. But, all are important to complete the building. We have different roles and functions, but we are all part of the blueprint.

What is my responsibility as part of God's building? First, I have the responsibility to be myself. Accept the fact that if God has called you to be a window, then you should be the best window that you can be for God's glory. There is no need for you to try to be a door or a brick if God has designed you to be a window. His job is to make you, and your job is to do your best to fulfill what he made you to be.

Our second responsibility is to accept others for who they are, and for how they were designed by God. We do not have a choice about how God made us and neither do others. We need to accept others and encourage them to accomplish His plan. As we all do our part, God's plan is fulfilled, and His building is complete and functional. ~DLW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Short Answer: Answer each of the following questions in the spaces provided. All answers are found in Philippians 1:21-26.

- How did Paul view death?

- What was Paul torn between in verses 22-24? _____

- What did Paul say his purpose was for living life? _____

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“If the translators go much farther in revising and modernizing the Scriptures, they'll be having the 5,000 fed on a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken.” ~Red O'Donnell

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” Romans 11:5

If you have ever looked for carpet, you are likely familiar with remnants (carpet that has been ordered and not used). It is left over. In most cases, it is discarded and cheaper as a result. It has been set aside, replaced by something “better.”

This verse in Romans takes a God’s eye-view of the word *remnants*. Instead of seeing the remnant as a thing to be discarded, God sees it as a particularly valuable piece. He calls it a remnant because, although it has been set aside, it has been set aside to fulfill His divine purpose.

He has removed those who have trusted Christ from the curse of death under the law. They are a remnant, yes, but a remnant for His plan and glory. They have been set aside because they are precious and of great value in the sight of the Lord.

They are a remnant to the grace of God. Israel fell into sin. God promised that there would be a remnant. We are part of that promise as spiritual Jews.

Though the world around us spins helplessly consumed by sin, we, the redeemed by the blood of Christ, are the remnant, set aside to be His precious spotless bride. He will keep us to the end. ~DJJ

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great _____ above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blanks with the correct words that state the instructions given by Paul to the believers. All answers found in Philippians 1:27-30

1. “Let your _____ be as it becometh the _____ of Christ.”
2. “_____ fast in one spirit, with one _____ striving together for the _____ of the Gospel.”
3. “Do not be “terrified by your _____.”
4. “Not only to _____ on him, but also to _____ for his sake.”

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule for God, and to do that, thou must be ruled by Him. Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.”

~William Penn (1644-1718)



Morning: Psalm 124-127

Evening: 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Right” Things “Wrongly” Done in Our Generation

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Romans 12:2

It is so good to be a Christian. As Christians, our lifestyles should reflect Christ. Unfortunately, sometimes it is easy to become conformed to the world. How sad that some people want something good, but want to do it in a wrong way!

First, it is a good thing to sing songs with spiritual words; it is not good to put Scriptural words to a melody that is sinful or has a sensual beat. Secondly, it is a popular fad for Christians, having the desire to serve the Lord, to dress like the world. Many fine people, who are converted and sincere, are misguided. They dress like the world in an effort to win the world. It is good that they want to win the world, but it must be done in the right way.

Also, many students do right at school. They don’t dance, participate in sinful activities, hang around with worldly crowds. They are good separated Christians. However, their life is offensive because of their pious attitude. It is a good thing for a Christian not to participate in the things of the world, but it is bad to brag about “goodness” or have a wrong attitude.

Soul winning is a good thing and must be done with a good spirit. It is wrong to get into a heated debate while witnessing. This method

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will lead to frustration and possible failure. We must seek to do the “right thing” in the proper way, using the proper methods, having the proper behavior, and in the proper spirit, so that our efforts to win souls for Christ are not hindered. ~OV

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great _____ above all gods. In his _____ are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. In John 15:1, Jesus said He was the true vine, and His father was the husbandman.
- ___ 2. Jesus baptized people. John 4:2
- ___ 3. Peter had a brother named Andrew. John 1:40
- ___ 4. It took 40 years to build the temple in Jerusalem. John 2:20

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Those who go to Heaven ride on a pass and enter into blessings that they never earned, but all who go to hell pay their own way.”

~John R. Rice



Morning: Psalm 128-131

Evening: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

A True Glimpse of Mankind

“Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” Luke 5:8

After fishing all night, Simon Peter and others had caught nothing, but when Jesus told them to lower their nets, an influx of fish were readily caught. In Peter’s humble response in verse eight, he acknowledges his sinfulness and unworthiness. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a stripping of everything in our lives for us to get to this point, the point where we realize that we are nothing without Christ.

Getting a true glimpse of the frailty of mankind is humbling. Genesis 3:19 says, **“For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”** We came from nothing, and we will return to nothing. In addition, there is no goodness in us outside of Christ. Jeremiah 17:9 says, **“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it.”**

Having this knowledge leads to complete dependence on Christ and His strength alone. He gives talents. He gives opportunities. He gives jobs and income. He gives intelligence. Everything we have and will ever have is given in God’s great mercy.

So how should we respond? First, we should never give way to the “I deserve this” attitude. In complete honesty, we deserve NOTHING. Secondly, when God does bless us, we should respond in gratefulness, acknowledging our unworthiness, as Peter did.

God is so good. Although we deserve nothing, He still gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ. What a Savior! ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great _____ above all gods. In his _____ are the deep places of the _____: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

- Which judge defeated an army of 135,000 men with just 300 men? Judges 7:7-8:10
A. Eli B. Deborah
C. Samson D. Gideon
- Which judge ate honey from the carcass of a lion? Judges 14:5-8
A. Jephthah B. Gideon
C. Deborah D. Samson
- Who will be the judge in the last day? John 5:22
A. Apostles B. God
C. Saints D. Jesus

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions."

~Adrian Rogers, Pastor



Morning: Psalm 132-135

Evening: 1 Corinthians 8

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Jesus, the Lawyer

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1

Webster’s Dictionary (1828) defines an advocate as, “One who pleads the cause of another in a court of law.” I can picture Jesus Christ at the throne of the Father, pleading, saying, “But Father I don’t see his sin. It was all forgiven at the cross; my blood covered his sin, once and for all.”

The Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary states that the Greek word for *advocate* is *paraclete*. This same term is applied to the Holy Ghost as the other Comforter, showing the unity of the Trinity. Christ is the Intercessor for us above; in His absence here below, the Holy Ghost is the other Intercessor in us. Christ’s advocacy is inseparable from the Holy Spirit’s comfort and working in us as the spirit of intercessory prayer.

Can you imagine how many times the Lord has been at the Father’s throne on behalf of each of us. It is scary to think about. Praise the Lord we have Jesus to defend us!

In 1 John 1:9, John tells us that in order to have forgiveness we need to confess our sin, and God will be faithful and just to forgive our sin. Not only are we forgiven, but then we are washed, made clean from all our unrighteousness. God is so good!

Charles Wesley penned these words: “Jesus, my Advocate above, My Friend before the throne of love. If now for me prevails Thy

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prayer, if now I find Thee pleading there, if Thou the secret wish convey, and sweetly prompt my heart to pray, Hear, and my weak petitions join, Almighty Advocate, to Thine.”

May we strive to sin less and less! ~KAT

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great _____ above all gods. In his _____ are the deep places of the _____: the strength of the hills is his also. The _____ is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Who was it? Choose the correct name and underline it to make the following statements true.

1. (Jacob, Jesse, Esau) was his mother’s favorite son. (Genesis 25:28)
2. (David, Abraham, Job) was the first Hebrew mentioned in the Bible. Gen. 14:13
3. (Ishmael, Issachar, Moses) was the first to be named before birth. Gen. 16:11

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The world’s greatest need is preaching preachers. The Gospel is our emancipation proclamation: let’s take it to the slaves of sin.” ~Lester Roloff



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

Have you ever been sick of your sin and spiritual failures? Have you ever wondered if you will ever stop messing up? If so, this verse has three awesome words for you; mercy, compassion, and faithfulness.

The first word we see is mercy. We are sinners and deserve God’s wrath to be poured out upon us. God sheds his abundant mercy upon us continually. We do not need justice, for justice is not our friend. We are all guilty before a holy God. What we need is God to be merciful to us. Without His amazing mercy, we would be in hell right now, being consumed in eternal flames, but praise to His name, He is merciful toward us!

The next word is compassion. He expresses His care, sympathy, and kindness toward us. He has every right to be angry, but He chooses to be compassionate toward us. The verse tells us that His compassions fail not.

The final word is faithfulness. He is faithful. As a matter of fact, His mercies and compassion are new every morning because He is so faithful. 1 John 1:9 tells us that if we will confess our sins that He is faithful and just to forgive us.

Have you been faithful to thank Him for His mercy, His compassion, and His faithfulness?
~DLW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Psalm 95:3-5 “For the LORD is a great _____, and a great _____ above all gods. In his _____ are the deep places of the _____: the strength of the hills is his also. The _____ is his, and he made it: and his hands _____ the dry land.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the correct Bible book in the following references that corresponds with the key phrase given. Your choices are the following: 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians.

1. “For we wrestle not against....” _____ 6:12
2. “As we have therefore opportunity....” _____ 6:10
3. “But the fruit of the Spirit....” _____ 5:22
4. “Be ye not unequally yoked....” _____ 6:14
5. “O death, where is thy sting?” _____ 15:55

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Christ always identified Himself with the least, the last, and the lost. The achievements of the Savior through His incarnation are so astounding and so numerous that anyone wishing to describe them in detail would be like one who gazes at the expanse of the sea and attempts to count its waves. Christ is the hinge of history. ~Charles H. Spurgeon



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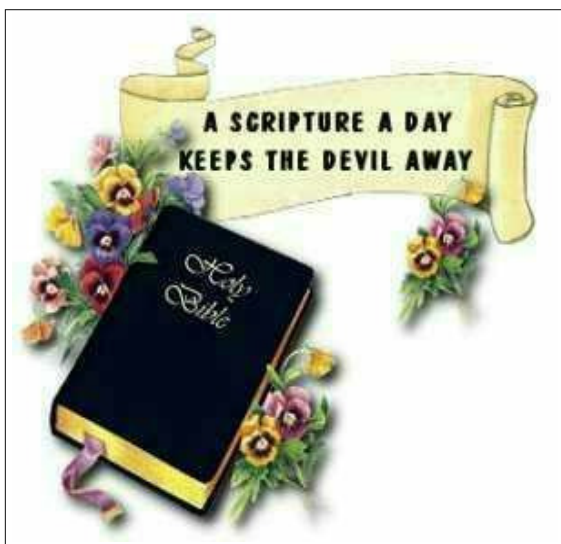
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Every family should, after receiving the Gospel, dedicate their lives by His power to live according to the principles of the One who designed the home. If the Bible were believed and followed, every problem in our culture would be resolved.

The final help we consider for the family is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church has also been a major help to the family. It is in the church that families can learn to grow in the Lord.

Through the ministry of a Bible believing church, a person not only can become a Christian, but can build his or her life upon the eternal values which really matter (Eph. 1:15-23). All of us need help to live the way we need to live. That is why God has placed us in the body, to be of benefit to other members and their families. When I was studying for the ministry in seminary, I often heard this statement: "Every Bible believing family should be an active part of a Bible believing church, and there give their time, treasure, and talent for the Lord."

When life is almost over, the amount of money we had in the bank will not matter. What kind of car we drove will not help us. The positions of prestige and power we held will seem so unimportant. Only a life built on the Gospel, the Word of God, and the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be one truly worth emulating.♦



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 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born...neither wast thou washed...nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee...but thou wast cast out in the open field...And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee...live, yea... Live.”
Ezekiel 16:4-6

People can say that Christ does not care about abortion, but He does. In this passage, He is speaking to a child that has been aborted. With the compassion that no one else has shown, He looks upon the child. In the child's desperate state of abandonment, God Himself looks down and calls the lost child to live.

The child in these verses is a picture of Israel. Given the record of Israel in modern history, it is not difficult to see the comparison. Although the world has looked upon them as unwanted and worthy of death, God the Father has pity and loves them. As part of the spiritual nation of Israel, He sees us, the believers, the same way.

This passage refers several times to the child being polluted in its own blood. This is true of us as well. Relying on the blood of our good works leaves us nothing more than a polluted sinner bound for hell. Our blood falls short. We need to be lifted out of the mire of death and decay. Being lifted means that we must look outside ourselves for help.

Knowing our polluted blood would never cover our sin, Christ willingly gave His blood instead. He paid our penalty. Retrieving us from the wasteland, He removes the stains of

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sin and wraps us in the covering of His purity. Then, without hesitation, He calls us, who were abandoned, His child. ~DJJ

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 14:11-12 “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. When Lazarus died, Mary and Martha waited patiently in their home for Jesus to arrive.
John 11:30
- ___ 2. A shepherd calls his own sheep by their name. John 10:3
- ___ 3. Mary used myrrh to anoint the feet of Jesus. John 12:3
- ___ 4. The Jews took Jesus' life from him. John 10:18

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“To obtain God's best, we must give our best—to win, we must surrender—to live, we must die—to receive, we must give.”

~Oswald J. Smith



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Call Unto Me

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Jeremiah 33:3

This is one of my favorite verses, perhaps because it always comforts and reminds me that I must call upon the Lord for all things, not just the big things, but also the insignificant, small things. In today’s times, it is essential to call upon the Lord. Our world is filled with violence, vandalism, murder, sexual crime, and so much more. Our world is in need of fervent prayer.

To **call** is to direct or summon. To **answer** is to comply with, fulfill or satisfy. To **show** is to exhibit or present to the view of others. So it is evident that if we summon the Lord, He will be faithful to comply and fulfill our requests, exhibiting to us great (more magnitude) and mighty (powerful) things.

Here are other verses where the Lord was called upon: Isaiah 58:9, *“Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.”* Psalm 86:5-7, *“For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.”*

I can’t stress enough how important it is to call upon the Lord. Renowned men and women of old times did, and so should we. ~KAT

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Romans 14:11-12 “For it is _____, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. Which judge had his eyes gouged out?
Judges 16:20-21
A. Ibzan B. Samson
C. Jephthah D. Samuel
2. Which judge killed more people in his death than in his life? Judges 16:30
A. Samson B. Shamgar
C. Samuel D. Deborah
3. What was the name of Samuel’s mother?
1 Samuel 1:20
A. Rebekah B. Hannah
C. Deborah D. Sarah
4. Who was described as being a head taller than anyone else, and yet did not fight Goliath? 1 Samuel 9:2
A. King Saul B. Jesse
C. Abner D. Eliab

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.” ~Charles Stanley



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*“Study to show
thyself approved unto
God....”
2Timothy 2:15*