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A Soul Winning Program Including 150
Scripture Memory Cards Designed To Bring
Children To Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ

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I REJOICE AT THY WORD, AS ONE
THAT FINDETH GREAT SPOIL.
PSALM 119:162

As a Pastor, and father of four, I have a burden not only for the salvation of my own children, but also for the salvation of the children of others. Sadly, many parents leave the most important decision their children will ever make more to random *chance* than responsible *concern*.¹ The devil already has a plan to destroy our children,² the question is, do we have a plan so that he does not succeed?

Wise parents, grandparents, and teachers will work with God plotting a careful, deliberate course, and using a definite Biblical strategy in evangelizing their children, grandchildren, and students. Notice the work of Lois and Eunice in the salvation and spiritual growth of young Timothy:

And that *from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
2 Timothy 3:15

This book had its beginnings with great desire for the salvation of our fourth child, Rachel. This in turn produced genuine concern for parents of young children as they seek to be used of God to see sincere, Holy Ghost conversion in their children. Our youngest child Rachel had made several professions, yet she still seemed to lack real assurance and we felt she was not truly saved. After praying about this, a pertinent Scripture blazed across my mind:

The *entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*
Psalm 119:130

Of course, she heard the Word at church four times per week, at home, and in school. In spite of this, I began a program of memorizing salvation Scriptures with her, and rewarding her for her efforts. In less than one month, with numbers of these same Scriptures at work in her heart, she fell under deep conviction of sin.³ She approached me in tears, and after further questioning, she stated she was afraid of dying without Christ, and going to Hell. She then readily trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and shows good evidence of it now.⁴

My heart aches for parents as they pray for “wayward, backslidden children,” who had prayed a prayer of profession at a very young age, and yet these same children are dishonoring God at every turn now, and seemingly without chastisement.⁵ Although my heart would like to believe these who profess Christianity as they mouth all the right words, my mind will not allow me to ignore all the very *blunt* statements of Scripture about those who continually sin.⁶ May the dear Lord give them light.

It is my prayer that through the experience of our youngest child, who came to Christ through the light of the glorious Gospel,⁷ that many other young children will be brought to Christ through the efforts of concerned parents, grandparents, teachers, and other care-givers. Remember, Christian, you are not taking anything to Heaven other than yourself.

For we brought *nothing* into this world, and it is certain we can carry *nothing* out.

1 Timothy 6:7

Are your efforts and teaching going to insure that your children, grandchildren, or students follow you to Heaven?⁸ Will we be used of the Lord to see second and even third generation Christianity? I trust we will, and may God help us.

Kerry James Allen, Pastor

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- ¹ If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?
Proverbs 24:11-12
- ² The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
John 10:10
- ³ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart...
Acts 2:37
- ⁴ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17
- ⁵ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Hebrews 12:7-8
- ⁶ Whosoever is born of God doth not (continually, lit. Greek) commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot (continually, lit. Greek) sin, because he is born of God.
1 John 3:9
- ⁷ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts... 2 Corinthians 4:6
- ⁸ A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children.
Proverbs 13:22

1

The Earlier, The Better!

COME, YE CHILDREN, HEARKEN UNTO ME: I WILL
TEACH YOU THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

PSALM 34:11

Rescue Missions are great places to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ. A better place to reach sinners, however, is the maternity ward. In addition to trying to get older sinners off the bottle and to Christ, we should be trying to get younger sinners while *on* the bottle and *to* Christ, and I mean *the milk bottle!* Again, please note this foundational passage:

**And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures
which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through
faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

2 Timothy 3:15

Please don't misunderstand, I'm not against personal evangelism. I do it, and our church does it, but the best place to begin in soul winning is with those under *your own roof*.¹ The Word of God issues a very stinging rebuke to those who ignore the spiritual and physical needs of those under their care, by referring to them as being *worse* than an infidel.²

Having been saved in my late teens, I can testify that the salvation experience was a more dramatic change from darkness to light than that of a child, but not without its *liabilities*. An adult accepting Christ, though their experience may be more clear cut, will no doubt carry more of sin's scars throughout his or her life.

**His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which
shall lie down with him in the dust.**

Job 20:11

To be sure, the best case scenario would be getting saved at a very young age, and living wholeheartedly for God one's entire life, as did Samuel, the Old Testament prophet. Samuel was saved as a very young child, became one of Israel's greatest prophets, and served God faithfully his entire life.

And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD, and also with men.

1 Samuel 2:26

Unfortunately, it also seems that Samuel neglected to rear his own children using the same principles that had been applied to him.³ Great men are *not always wise*, so when they fail, may the Lord help us to learn from their mistakes.

The goal of this book is simply using God's Word, committed to a child's memory, and to pray that it will be used to generate a profound and assuring conversion that will carry the child *confidently and continuously* on in their Christian experience.⁴

The parent's goal should be to use all of the tools God has placed at their disposal with a desire that God would give heart-felt conversion, and then godly living. This book is not a theological discourse on the doctrine of salvation, nor is this chapter meant to be an exhaustive treatise on child rearing. The purpose of this chapter is to suggest several components with the hope of bringing children to Christ, then to develop godliness, obedience, and respect in children. By the way, you will need to discipline them and teach them obedience *years* before they accept Christ as Saviour, so don't hesitate, and *begin at once*.

Salvation

Timothy had a wonderful heritage passed from his grandmother to his mother, and then to him. The Greek word translated "child" in 2 Timothy 3:15 refers to a very young child, probably an *infant*. Wise parents begin reading the Scriptures to their children from

birth. Don't wait until they are teens, you will have *lost* them by then! If you desire early conversions, start memorizing with them as soon as they are *able to speak*, surely not later than three to four years old.

**So then faith cometh by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17**

You will probably want to begin reading the verses from the memory cards to your child as soon as they are born. They will hear each verse dozens of times before you even begin memorizing, and that is a great way to begin the process from the very earliest days. Sow the Seed of the Word of God faithfully and consistently every day, and *wondrous* things will occur!

**In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening
withhold not thine hand.
Ecclesiastes 11:6**

What if your child has already made a profession, is older (perhaps six years old to teenage), yet doesn't seem to show very good evidence of salvation? (Read chapter nine, **Who Are The "Many?"** carefully.) You may still want to use the program with them, adjusting your reward system accordingly. Again, the watchword is, the earlier, the better.

Faithfulness to Church

The wise parent also realizes that faithfulness to church is always *required*, but is especially vital in the child's younger, most formative years. Again, the earlier, the better. Many a parent, lamenting an older child who is unfaithful to church need look no farther than their own lack of faithful attendance as the child grew.⁵ Don't expect to put your business, career, vacations, and everything else before the church of God, and then expect to rear spiritual giants.⁶ Wrong priorities will produce stunted, spiritual pygmies.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Next, notice two more Scriptures that give wonderful insight into four more vital ingredients of successful child rearing:

My son, *give me thine heart*, and let thine eyes *observe my ways*.

Proverbs 23:26

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the *nurture and admonition* of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

Unconditional Love and Acceptance

The first two principles, from Proverbs 23:26, are **love** and **example**. The love that God extends to the believer makes us accepted in the Beloved.⁷ We are loved by God and accepted by God. What a shame that many times we do not extend that same love and acceptance to those who have issued forth from our own bodies. Parents, win your children's hearts as you *model* God's love for them by your love for them. This should surely include vocal expressions of love as well as physical contact and hugs.⁸ Don't be ashamed, dads, *your boys need this!* Your daughters need male affection also, and they will either get it from you or from *someone else*.

Consistent Example

Their eyes are observing our ways, whether we like it or not, and *what do they see?* Many a child has seen the truth contradicted in the life of a parent, Pastor, teacher, or youth leader. I'm not saying that inconsistency on the part of leadership negates the child's responsibility to do right, and the necessity of the child keeping his eyes on Jesus Christ,⁹ but *woe*

unto us if we become a stumbling block to one of these little ones that believe in Him. Remember, we teach what we know, but *we reproduce what we are*.

Teaching

The next two principles are teaching and discipline. The words “nurture” and “admonition” in Ephesians 6:4 encompass training, teaching, and discipline. Let us be very blunt here. With the current media-controlled moral climate in America, my home and children are *doomed* and so are yours apart from the power of God’s Word, God’s Spirit, and God’s grace sustaining us and assuring us victory.¹⁰ We must surround our homes with the protective canopy of the Word of God, and be watchful in prayer.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...

Hebrews 4:12

God’s plan is homes and churches that are saturated with the Scriptures.¹¹ There must be systematic teaching and memorization of the Scriptures if families are going to *survive* and even *thrive* in this new millennium which is certain to be worse than the last.

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:
for it is the power of God...**

Romans 1:16

On the subject of teaching, the question arises, what about the formal education of our children? Will it be the public school or the Christian school? Well, there are three sources of spiritual input that our children will be influenced by, and they are (in order of importance) the home, the church, and the school. The stronger these three are, the stronger our children will be. The home will always be the strongest link in the chain. The public school, unfortunately, can *undermine* much of what the home and church are teaching. But “what saith the Lord” about the decision, for that is all

that really matters. The issue isn't about money, driving time, sports programs, friends, facilities, or any one of a dozen other things that weak parents foolishly allow to influence their decision making about where their children go to school. Let us notice a few Scriptures and their teachings:

Pagan Standards

**Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...
Jeremiah 10:2**

Will children in public school learn the way of the heathen? Most certainly, by way of the lifestyles of the teachers and other students, evolution, ridicule of Christianity and values, open promotion of sex and alternative lifestyles, godless textbooks, and a myriad of other anti-God philosophies. How can we obey Jeremiah 10:2 if we send our children there? The essence of Biblical separation is avoiding *contact* with sources of *pollution*.

Pagan Studies

**Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth
thee to err from the words of knowledge.
Proverbs 19:27**

Does any thinking Christian believe that the public school is going to wonderfully supplement the Bible teaching their children are receiving at home and at church? *Surely not!* The public school and teachers are for the most part, going to *at best*, ignore the Word of God, and *at worst*, openly attack it. Christian schooled children almost always test one to two years ahead of public school averages, so why settle for *second best* academically? Not only that, but the *foundation* of all education should begin with God.¹²

The radical, politically-correct emphasis on learning today has also resulted in textbooks historically revised, gender confused, and “dumbed down” to allow

students to meet greatly *lowered expectations* rather than challenging them to excel.

Pagan Subversion

**Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen...
1 Samuel 13:19-20**

Children are arrows to be sharpened and shot at our enemy, the devil.¹³ Are we foolish enough to believe that if we give our arrows to the enemy, he is going to sharpen them for us? No, rather he will see to it that they are *dull and useless* against him. Wise warriors will never allow the enemy to tamper with their weapons of warfare.

These passages (there are *many* more) give strong counsel to parents to school their children in a Christian environment. If you don't have a strong Christian school near you, consider home schooling, with either a parent teaching, or qualified teachers by video, as our family did.

Chastening

The Greek word translated "nurture" in Ephesians 6:4 is also used in Luke 23:16 and 23:22 (translated "chasten") and refers there to *physical punishment*. I know I'm really speaking a foreign language here, and I understand that parents need to be extremely cautious in this area, however, spanking is *still* in the Bible despite the attempts of society to remove it, and weak Christians who don't *practice* it.

***Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.
Proverbs 23:13-14***

Social engineers who are engineering the destruction of America's youth say otherwise, but several decades of permissiveness have caught up with us. There were 5,000 parents *murdered by their children last year!* Ignore the fools, and spank your child.¹⁴ Don't be an Eli whose sons were wicked, unruly, and undisciplined, and who lived to see those same sons murdered.

For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

1 Samuel 3:13

Read the following Scripture passages and apply them accordingly. Spanking should be...

Administered, not in anger, but rather, in control

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Colossians 3:21

When we discuss spanking, we are not talking about child abuse. We are talking about parents in *control* of their temper and emotions, administering corporal punishment as directed by God, with a goal of breaking the child's stubborn will. By bringing children into compliance and obedience to authority, we are preparing them to exercise the *ultimate act of obedience*, which is submitting to God's command to repent and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Spanking must also be...

Achieved with a neutral object, not the hand

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but *the rod of correction* shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

Sorry, but "*time outs*" aren't mentioned in the Bible. What is mentioned is the use of an *object* for spanking, or as one put it, "Applying the board of education to the seat of understanding!" The word "*rod*" is used nine

times in Proverbs, and not the use of “bare hands,” “loud voices,” or “empty threats.” Again, we must exercise wisdom and caution in the age of “children’s rights,” but, of course, this is the Biblical approach.¹⁵ Obviously, the world will tell us that corporal punishment only teaches children *more* violence as a solution to problems, but, may I ask, has our society become the utopia John Dewey and the liberals said it would become after *eliminating* spanking from their schools and homes? Case closed! Spanking must also be...

Accomplished quickly, so the offense is not forgotten

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 13:24

I’m always amazed at the outbursts that embarrassed parents tolerate as their children go ballistic in public places. Our children, as I recollect, only got away with that about once each. I would simply bend down, and gently whisper in their ear, “If you continue that, when we get home, you will be screaming at twice the current volume, and with good reason!” That was it. Chastening “betimes” in Proverbs 13:24 means “seeking early” or *chastening quickly*, not “if you do that one more time,” or “wait until your father gets home,” or “I’m going to count to ten.” It simply means that the child understands that every offense will be met with quick and instructive punishment. Remember, a child’s attention span is *very short*. If you don’t discipline immediately, they won’t even *remember* what it was about later. Parents must also be in agreement that if only *one* of them is present when the infraction occurs, that parent will discipline without *delay*. Always remember—there will never be a good time to administer discipline, but it must be done, in a timely manner, but never in fury. And finally, spanking should be...

Applied consistently, whenever necessary

Chasten thy son while there is hope. and *let not thy soul spare for his crying.*

Proverbs 19:18

The biggest mistake parents make is not disciplining *consistently*. The child can get away with twenty wrongs, and then the frustrated parents finally *erupt*, and angry punishment takes place. It's a shame that they don't realize that you could probably *avoid* the other nineteen by doing it right *once*. Proper discipline is a great time saver. If children speak insultingly, discipline them. (By the way, you won't have to do this forever. They will quickly surmise that you mean business, and that they have more than met their match.) If they disobey, spank them. If they fight, discipline them. In short, if you have a *monster* in your home, remember that Frankenstein was *made*, not born!

Lest parents think this approach to be too hard and cruel on children, *read again what God stated* in Proverbs 13:24, quoted previously. I remember discussing spanking with a man who told me that he loved his son too much to spank him,¹⁶ and if I ever saw a delinquent who needed it, it was that boy. But what saith the Scripture? If you don't discipline, you *don't love your child*, you actually *hate them*. If children don't respect parent's authority, who stand as God ordained police in the home, how will they ever respect the God whom the parents represent?

During three years in law enforcement, I observed many broken-hearted parents watch their children go to jail because those parents disobeyed God in this matter. Unfortunately, neither are Christian parents immune to the pain wayward children can generate. A number of years ago, my wife drove in a car pool to a Christian school which included four boys who were, at that time, our neighbors. The oldest (still in his teens), went to prison charged with first degree murder. Those

who knew them said that those boys were rarely, if ever, properly disciplined.

King David should have been enjoying his sunset years in serenity, but was enduring the *consequences of his failed parenting to his dying breath*.¹⁷ David's son Amnon raped his sister,¹⁸ then later was murdered by another son.¹⁹ That murderous son, Absalom, then stole David's throne,²⁰ and subsequently was brutally executed.²¹ His brother Adonijah then attempted another takeover while David lay on his deathbed,²² and finally was killed by his brother Solomon.²³ Oh, the tragedy resulting from a father's failure!

Parents, win your children to Christ, discipline them, love them, teach them, pray for them, be a good example to them, and then you can enjoy the promises of the following Scriptures as you grow older:

**A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son
is the heaviness of his mother.**

Proverbs 10:1

**The just man walketh in his integrity: his
children are blessed after him.**

Proverbs 20:7

**Even a child is known by his doings, whether his
work be pure, and whether it be right.**

Proverbs 20:11

**Train up a child in the way he should go: and
when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

Proverbs 22:6

**The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he
that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.**

Proverbs 23:24

**The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to
himself bringeth his mother to shame.**

Proverbs 29:15

**Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea,
he shall give delight unto thy soul.**

Proverbs 29:17

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- 2 But if any provide not...specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. 5:8
- 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. 1 Samuel 8:3
- 4 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6
- 5 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7
- 6 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33
- 7 ...he hath made us accepted in the beloved. Ephesians 1:6
- 8 Be kindly affectioned one to another... Romans 12:10
- 9 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2
- 10 When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19
- 11 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. Proverbs 6:22
- 12 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9:10
- 13 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Psalm 127:4
- 14 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1
- 15 We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29
- 16 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool. Proverbs 17:10
- 17 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? 1 Kings 1:6
- 18 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. 2 Samuel 13:14
- 19 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? 2 Samuel 13:28
- 20 So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 2 Samuel 15:6
- 21 And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom... 2 Samuel 18:14
- 22 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king. 1 Kings 1:5
- 23 ...Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 1 Kings 2:24

2

Is There Not A Cause?

AND I SOUGHT FOR A MAN AMONG THEM...
EZEKIEL 22:30

We currently live in a spiritual climate that has been best described as “anti-Christian America.” Without a major revival,¹ America will undoubtedly accelerate even faster downward as we plunge to our doom. Sins such as adultery, murder, abortion, homosexuality, drunkenness, rape, and other destructive vices are destroying us from within. No nation in history has been able to survive the crushing hand of God’s judgment once that nation sees sin as *fashionable* and not *shameful*,² and once God’s patience finally runs out.

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.
Isaiah 1:4

Our nation has thrown off all restraint, fear of God and judgment, and pagan America seeks liberation from the concepts of sin, guilt, and consequence. Unfortunately, we are the “land of the free” only in anthem, not in actuality. As all nations that have preceded us, our liberty has become our license, and then our license, licentiousness.

Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.
Job 4:8

Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.
Jeremiah 28:13

Beloved, we are not awaiting the judgment of God, we are under God's judgment even now, and are awaiting an increase in the severity of that judgment. Only the most naive of people, ignorant of both Scripture and history, would see this era as a period of great progress and enlightenment.³ America, like Israel of old, has forsaken the God of her fathers,⁴ and will be crushed, even as Israel was.

**For they have sown the wind, and they shall
reap the whirlwind.**

Hosea 8:7

Liberal preachers, more concerned about the social than the spiritual, and the misguided people who follow them, are groping about in darkness,⁵ devoid of spiritual sanity and direction. Corrupt politicians, who care more about their re-election than the best interests of the people they are elected to serve, give whatever is necessary to assure their office. Homosexuals are demanding and getting the right to marry and adopt children. Satan seems to have the upper hand as he wars against God and man. It is a dismal picture indeed, but we who know Jesus Christ as Saviour, in spite of all the darkness, are the children of light, with a bright future.

**Ye are all the children of light, and the children of
the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.**

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Is all lost? Shall we throw up our hands, give in to the forces of darkness, and surrender?⁶ No, for why should we who are promised victory fear a *defeated enemy*?⁷ As Winston Churchill said, "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival," and also, "Never, never, never, never, never give up!" It may sound trite, but it is true, the future is as bright as the promises of God.

**For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour
is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy
cometh in the morning.**

Psalm 30:5

**But the path of the just is as the shining light, that
shineth more and more unto the perfect day.**

Proverbs 4:18

In spite of the prevailing darkness of our day, we, as well as our children, can still be salt and light in a sinful nation, just as Joseph was in Egypt, and Daniel was in Babylon. The Word of God can be our guide, as we seek to influence our children about their salvation, then godly living.

**According as his divine power hath given unto us all
things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the
knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious
promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped the corruption that is
in the world through lust.**

2 Peter 1:3-4

We are currently engaged in a spiritual battle with the forces of darkness over the souls and minds of the next generation, if indeed, there will be one. Perhaps one of the reasons it seems to be so difficult to pass the faith to the second generation is a lack of clear cut conversion among some of the second generation. We can't pass the faith once delivered to those who have nothing with which to carry it.

**If the foundations be destroyed, what can
the righteous do?**

Psalm 11:3

This battle, for the most part, will be decided by Bible believing churches full of Christian parents and grandparents who are not willing to simply acqui-

esce and hand young people over to Satan, but rather to stand and fight. The battle must be fought in the strength of the Lord and the power of His might, and while wielding the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. As the song states, "Rise up, O men of God, have done with lesser things!"⁸

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of his might.**

Ephesians 6:10

**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword
of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

Ephesians 6:17

We dare not abandon our post in the heat of this battle, while Satan, like Herod of old, seeks to destroy our young people. God has given Christian parents abundant instructions and tools to pass their faith on to their children. Will you rise to the challenge? Notice what God said of Abraham, the man who was called "the friend of God":⁹

**For I know him, that he will command his children and
his household after him, and they shall keep the way
of the LORD, to do justice and judgment.**

Genesis 18:19

You may not preach to great crowds, or father a Charles Spurgeon who did. You may not be a Susannah Wesley who bore one son who wrote thousands of hymns, and another son who founded a denomination and led thousands to Christ, but you can be a faithful Noah,¹⁰ who labored for God and lived righteously his entire life, and was a good enough example that his children followed him into the ark.¹¹

The storms of God's judgment on this generation are forming even now.¹² The black clouds are gathering, the winds are howling, a rain of fire, not water, is about to fall. Soon, the trumpet of God will sound at Christ's return, and God's redeemed of this generation

will be gathered unto Him. He will then pour out His fury upon a cursed, sin-saturated world. Where will our children and grandchildren be, safe with us in the presence of the Lord, or left behind, outside the safety of the Son of God? We dare not fail, especially with so much at stake! Will you answer the call?

**...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.
2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

Scripture References

- ¹ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ² For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. Isaiah 66:15
- ³ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness. Isaiah 5:20
- ⁴ We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. Ps. 44:1
- ⁵ Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? Luke 6:39
- ⁶ Whom resist steadfast in the faith... 1 Peter 5:9
- ⁷ And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. Romans 16:20
- ⁸ Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13
- ⁹ And he was called the Friend of God. James 2:23
- ¹⁰ Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2
- ¹¹ And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Genesis 7:1.
- ¹² All these are the beginnings of sorrows. Matthew 24:8

3

The Soul Winner's Covenant

AND HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS.
JOHN 1:42

The winning of souls never occurs accidentally, but rather through definiteness of purpose. If you have a child, grandchild, or student you are attempting to win to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, let me challenge you to read the covenant below along with the Scriptures on the following page, and make a holy vow to God about this matter before you even begin.

"I hereby covenant,¹ with God as my helper,² to pray fervently³ for the child I am attempting to win to faith in Jesus Christ.⁴ Dear God, may I love them,⁵ and as their eyes observe my ways,⁶ may I not disappoint them.⁷ May I be faithful to, by love, serve them,⁸ be gentle with them,⁹ and assist them in knowing the Scriptures¹⁰ which will make them wise unto salvation.¹¹ May I be patient with the child,¹² persistent at the task,¹³ and press on to completion.¹⁴ Please use me as your vessel¹⁵ to carry the Water of Life¹⁶ to a never dying soul.¹⁷ Lord, may Thy Spirit convict,¹⁸ and may Thy Word convert,¹⁹ and may I rejoice as I am used of Thee.²⁰ In the name of Jesus Christ I ask,²¹ through His shed blood I pray for this soul,²² and by His strength I make this vow."²³

Name _____

Date _____

(The Scriptures referred to above appear on the next two pages.)

Scripture References

- 1 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Ecclesiastes 5:4
- 2 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper. Psalm 30:10
- 3 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16
- 4 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. 2 Corinthians 5:11
- 5 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 18:10
- 6 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1
- 7 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Matthew 18:6
- 8 ...by love serve one another. Galatians 5:13
- 9 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children. 1 Thessalonians 2:7
- 10 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deuteronomy 6:7
- 11 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15
- 12 For ye have need of patience... Hebrews 10:36
- 13 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9
- 14 No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62
- 15 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 2 Timothy 2:21
- 16 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14
- 17 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20
- 18 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. John 16:8

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- ¹⁹ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7
- ²⁰ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6
- ²¹ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:14
- ²² If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7
- ²³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13

4

What Constitutes Conversion?

SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?
ACTS 16:30

There are many things about which the Scriptures are silent, and God has not revealed any more to us than He has deemed necessary. However, in the area of the salvation of a soul, He has not left us with an uncertain sound. The Scriptures are abundantly clear about what man has done, why he is separated from God, and how the two can be reconciled through the Lord Jesus Christ.¹

In the narrative of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, located in the eighth chapter of the book of Acts, we find what is one of the most detailed descriptions in the Bible of what occurs in the salvation of a soul.

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.

Acts 8:26-37

Notice closely from the sequence of events in this passage that are interwoven with the three personalities in the story, what must occur in the salvation of any soul, beginning with...

The Sending

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south...

Acts 8:26

On the human side, the process begins when one heeds the call to witness to lost sinners. Of course, the command to go and share the Gospel has already been given, the question is, *will we obey it?*

No one will ever be much of a winner of souls who does not grasp the urgency and mission of being sent to sinners to warn them of the error of their ways.² We have a battle plan conceived in Heaven, and expected to be carried out on earth. We are called to preach the Gospel to every creature,³ and let us surely begin with those in our charge. After Philip's call, we see...

The Submission

And he arose and went...

Acts 8:27

Philip was already busy back in Samaria, but the Lord had other plans for him. In this day and age,

everyone is busy, but if we have no time for this vital task, could we possibly be *too busy*?⁴ God has already issued marching orders, shall we not yield to Him?

Jesus said we were totally helpless apart from Him,⁵ however, with Him, He said we could do even greater works than He.⁶ He promised us power as we witness,⁷ and for reasons known only to Him, He allows us to labor together with him.⁸ A witness is necessary to communicate God's truth to lost sinners, and that is where we enter into God's plan.⁹ May the Word of God motivate us to share our faith as Philip did, when he carried the Gospel to...

The Sinner

Behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship.

Acts 8:27

This was no blue collar broom pusher, but rather a powerful executive, a personal representative of a queen, and in charge of her finances. He was religious, also, and evidently had an interest in the Jewish faith.

However, in spite of his position, he, like every son or daughter of Adam, was a sinner. Every child born into this world since Cain was born with a sinful nature, and is bent toward sin and rebellion against God. The sinner is...

Darkened

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...

2 Corinthians 4:4

No, there is no "spark of divinity" in every human, but rather spiritual darkness. Every human being is born spiritually blind, and remains that way until conversion to Christ. Man in his unregenerate state is

an overflowing cauldron of foolish philosophy, empty opinions, and ridiculous theories about God and spiritual truth.

Just as a physically blind person is incapable of restoring his own sight, so also is the spiritually blind sinner. He must have the healing touch of *another*. You and I are the sighted walking among the blind, hopefully leading them to healing.

**Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise
from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
Ephesians 5:14**

Depraved

**For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.
Romans 7:18**

Every child left to himself will naturally choose sin, shame, and self-will. No child needs to be taught to lie, steal, fight, exhibit envy, jealousy, rage, etc. These are all inbred, and necessitate the new birth to ever enter heaven's perfection.

Dead

**Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did
my mother conceive me.
Psalm 51:5**

**And you hath he quickened, who were dead
in trespasses and sins.
Ephesians 2:1**

Physical life may be present at the birth of a child, but spiritual life certainly is not. This is why Jesus proclaimed the necessity of the New Birth.¹⁰ Being born again is not an option, but a mandate, if people are to be able to spiritually interact with God. Man is born estranged from God, and nothing can change that until the spirit of the sinner is regenerated by God Himself.

Doomed

**He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he
that believeth not is condemned already...**

John 3:18

The sinner has no spiritual insight, is not seeking God, has no faith, is dead spiritually, cannot merit salvation, and is completely without hope apart from God. He or she is already condemned and awaiting God's judgment. The only thing separating the sinner from a devil's hell is the grace of God and their beating heart. A dismal picture indeed!

There is, however, a message of hope found in...

The Scriptures

**(He) Was returning, and sitting in his chariot
read Esaias the prophet.**

Acts 8:28

As they were sitting at a rest stop, the eunuch was pondering a portion of Scripture that he had in his possession. Where did he get it? Tract distribution! Evidently another believer was used of God to get the Word into his hands. The Ethiopian was reading from what is probably the most instructive and most predictive chapter of the entire Old Testament regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ. The Word was doing its mighty work!

God moved men to convey His Word from heaven¹¹ to earth,¹² and now uses men to spread this life giving Seed to the fields of men's hearts the world over.¹³ This is the agent that God uses to generate faith and belief in the hearts of those who hear this Word and respond to the drawing of...

The Spirit

**Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near,
and join thyself to this chariot.**

Acts 8:29

Just as the Spirit of God brooded upon the waters and brought forth life,¹⁴ even so He begins His life giving work in this Ethiopian's heart. Salvation is of the Lord,¹⁵ and has it's source in God, not man.¹⁶ The Holy Spirit of God uses His Word to convict men of sin, magnifies Christ, and gently woos sinners to Him.¹⁷ *All* spiritual life begins with God, and it cannot be otherwise. Only the life giving Spirit can quicken spiritually dead sinners, Who then uses another vital agent in His plan...

The Soul Winner

**And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
Acts 8:30**

Here is an unsaved man leisurely reading the Scriptures in plain view of people, and reading out loud of all things. What a sight, but what an opportunity! Philip wasn't about to waste it, either. God's plan is to use people to reach people, and especially parents to reach children. Don't expect your pastor or your child's Sunday School teacher to do it. *Why miss the blessing that God has for you?* God can and will make us fishers of men, if we avail ourselves of all opportunities. The Lord's Scriptures, Spirit, and servant produce...

The Searching

***And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?
Acts 8:31***

My, what a piercing question that should move our hearts and our feet. Don't despair, witnessing Christian, not everyone says no to Christ. There are many seeking peace, and anyone with a heart opened by God will receive additional light. As the Word of God works it's wonders in the human heart, conversion will

be forthcoming.

But for the intervention of God in this man's life, it would be a dismal picture indeed. The man is powerful but lost, religious but confused, and seeking answers, but yet without a guide. However, there is hope! Glorious hope! The only hope!

**For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead
their cause with thee.**

Proverbs 23:11

God has intervened for man, and especially this man's hopeless condition, and provided...

The Saviour

**Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same
scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.**

Acts 8:35

The Son of God, the mighty Christ, came to earth,¹⁸ took upon himself the form of a servant,¹⁹ and became conformable unto death. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself,²⁰ and declared the sin debt paid in full²¹ on the Cross of Calvary, as He shed His blood, laid down His life, and satisfied the wrath of God on sin for those who trust Him.²² What condescension!

**For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the
unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in
the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.**

1 Peter 3:18

This is the Gospel, or "good news" that we are able to share with others. God could have instructed angels to communicate this message to man, but instead, He uses people. Again, what further condescension!

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:20

For we are laborers together with God...

1 Corinthians 3:9

This great soul winner took the Ethiopian eunuch from where he was, to where he needed to be. Philip used the Scriptures and presented the person and work of Jesus Christ to the Ethiopian. We then see...

The Saving

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son on God.

Acts 8:37

We don't have the entire record of their conversation in these few short verses, but Philip evidently took his time, showed the Ethiopian his lost condition, what Christ accomplished, and what the Ethiopian needed to do. (These can all be found in Isaiah 53.) He believed in and received the Lord Jesus Christ and was instantly saved.

And finally, although not necessary to salvation, but very necessary to obedience, we see baptism by immersion, which leads us to...

The Soaking

And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 8:38

The eunuch was baptized *immediately*,²³ which is the wisest course of action for any believer, whether child or adult. Parents, as soon as your child trusts Christ, don't rob them of the blessing of being baptized immediately because Grandma wants to come in from California to see it. Send her a video! It is impossible to progress in growth in the Christian life without fulfilling Christ's first command to a new believer.²⁴

In closing, hear the Words of Jesus Christ in this vital area:

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

Will you allow the Lord Jesus Christ to equip you and mold you into a fisher of men, but especially a fisher of the souls of young men and women that are in your charge? I trust you will.

For Further Thought:

- ➡ **All children are born lost, depraved, and in need of a Saviour to redeem them.**
- ➡ **God wants to include me in His plan of reaching others for Christ, especially those children in my care.**
- ➡ **All the Lord Jesus Christ needs to produce a soul winner is a willing heart and obedience to Him.**

Scripture References

- 1 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Ephesians 2:14
- 2 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20
- 3 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19
- 4 ...woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 1 Corinthians 9:16
- 5 ...without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5
- 6 He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12
- 7 ...tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49
- 8 For we are laborers together with God... 1 Corinthians 3:9
- 9 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14
- 10 Ye must be born again. John 3:7
- 11 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89
- 12 ...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:21
- 13 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters... Isaiah 32:20
- 14 And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2
- 15 Salvation is of the LORD. Jonah 2:9
- 16 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. Ecclesiastes 3:14
- 17 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. John 6:44
- 18 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... John 1:14
- 19 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:7
- 20 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them... 2 Corinthians 5:19
- 21 It is finished. John 19:30
- 22 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

²³ And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Acts 16:33

²⁴ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Acts 10:48

5

The Passages Chosen

OPEN THOU MINE EYES, THAT I MAY BEHOLD
WONDROUS THINGS OUT OF THY LAW.
PSALM 119:18

To be sure, all Scripture has its source in God,¹ but for the purpose of this book, we have chosen 150 particular Scripture verses for an exact sequence and direction. The passages are in selected topics and order, and all the cards are numbered sequentially.

These Scriptures rotate through seven topics, one per topic, and then back through again. Some topics have a few less verses than others, and will be exhausted faster, but it will be most beneficial to follow the sequence as closely as possible. The Scripture passages are divided as follows:

Doctrine

**For I give you *good doctrine*, forsake ye not my law.
Proverbs 4:2**

Doctrine is simply *teaching*, and this section includes Scriptures that explain God and Jesus Christ. For example, such doctrines as creation, the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, the blood atonement, His bodily resurrection, His second coming, and the inspiration of Scripture are included. The child's understanding of basic doctrine about God will lay a solid foundation for rock solid belief and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.²

Defilement

**But we are all as an *unclean thing*, and all our
righteousnesses are as *filthy rags*...
Isaiah 64:6**

This section of verses stresses the sin nature and sinfulness of the child. There is also strong emphasis on the Ten Commandments, many of which the child will undoubtedly already be breaking by the time you begin memory work.³

Detection

**Thou God seest me.
Genesis 16:13**

This category of Scripture teaches God's omniscience and omnipresence, and these Scripture passages reveal to children that God is everywhere, and hears all that they say and hear, sees all that they see, notes their every thought, and observes their every deed. Our sins and theirs are not *unnoticed*, nor *unnoted* by God.

Destination

**Sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
James 1:15**

Death and hell are the final consequences of sin, as emphasized in these Scripture passages. The child will understand that there is a twofold penalty that must be paid due to his sin, that being his physical death, and eventually his spiritual death which is torment in Hell if he does not trust and receive Jesus Christ as his own Saviour.

Deliverer

**Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver:
in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.
2 Corinthians 1:10**

Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and man, and the Saviour of the world. These Scriptures reveal why Christ came, and what He accomplished on Calvary to put away our sin, as well as the great heart of love that motivated such a horrible death for us.

Delay

And now *why tarriest thou?*

Acts 22:16

Although we do not want the child to be rushed into a hasty and unreliable decision, the Bible has much to say about the danger of *procrastination*. These verses convey the urgency of immediate belief in Christ.

Duty

God...*now commandeth* all men every where to repent.

Acts 17:30

We are not saved by so called “good works,” and the Scriptures are clear that we must repent of our sins, and believe on and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, who is seeking to save us. Dozens of salvation verses explaining repentance, belief and trusting Christ are presented in this section.

As you can see, the Scriptures are presented with a clear direction in mind. In groupings of seven until each topic is exhausted, the child is given a balanced overview of salvation in cycles, rather than just memorizing all verses on one topic consecutively. On the next page you will see a chart which illustrates your path at one verse per week for the first fourteen weeks.

Unlike the childproof caps on bottles that I seem to have a hard time with, this is easy! Just stick with the numerical sequence without deviating, have them memorize at least *one verse per week*, and in three short years your children will have more Scripture memorized than the majority of Christians in any age group. Not only that, it will be 150 Scriptures that are all geared toward the hope that the end result will be *the salvation of their souls*.

Week Number	Card Number	Topic	Scripture
Week #1	Card #1	Doctrine	Genesis 1:1
Week #2	Card #2	Defilement	Jeremiah 17:9
Week #3	Card #3	Detection	Proverbs 15:3
Week #4	Card #4	Destination	John 3:3
Week #5	Card #5	Deliverer	John 3:16
Week #6	Card #6	Delay	Proverbs 27:1
Week #7	Card #7	Duty	John 1:12
Week #8	Card #8	Doctrine	John 1:1
Week #9	Card #9	Defilement	Romans 3:23
Week #10	Card #10	Detection	Jeremiah 23:24
Week #11	Card #11	Destination	Hebrews 12:29
Week #12	Card #12	Deliverer	Acts 4:12
Week #13	Card #13	Delay	Isaiah 55:6
Week #14	Card #14	Duty	Acts 16:31

Scripture References

- ¹ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16
- ² God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24
- ³ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24

6

The Memory Maze

...KEEP IN MEMORY...
I CORINTHIANS 15:2

Someone once said, “My mind is like a tape recorder with only one button—*erase!*” To be sure, Scripture memorization is not easy, but it pays great dividends.

**The law of thy mouth is better unto me than
thousands of gold and silver.
Psalm 119:72**

The main concept behind this book is to help children store the Scriptures in long term memory, and then patiently wait for the Holy Spirit to use it to convict and draw the child to a point of genuine conversion.

First, we will look at a short overview of the three stages of memory and how they work. Next, we will examine four common memorization techniques, and then, finally, we will apply some of these techniques specifically to this Scripture memorization program.

The Three Stages of Memory

Information flows through three stages of memory, and it is important to understand how if one is going to memorize effectively. Anyone (especially young children because of the reduced mental clutter) can memorize if they follow a few simple techniques and guidelines.

Sensory Memory

Sensory memory is the *first stage* of memory, which is the very brief recognition the mind gives to the continual input of the five senses. Most of this is discarded because there is no need to record it. When, however, the sensory impression is given attention, it can then enter the *second stage*, or short term memory.

Short Term Memory

Short term memory can be equated with *conscious thought*, which is the very small amount of memory the mind can hold at any one time. Memory experts believe that short term memory can consist of no more than a few items, and hold them for only five to ten seconds, unless they are transferred to long term memory. This would explain the phone numbers we look up and then forget within minutes of making the call.

Long Term Memory

Long term memory is the *unlimited* storage capacity of our minds where items are *coded* and then able to be retrieved many years later. Not all information that registers in short term is stored in long term. Long term is the massive storage system where memories are no longer in conscious thought, but stored for potential recollection. This is our goal for Scripture memorization. The Holy Spirit can only use that which we have stored in our minds long term to motivate, shape, and change us. Scripture and Biblical principles in short term memory will, unfortunately, do us *little good* unless they are coded and stored.¹

Memories must be encoded for later retrieval from long term memory, in order to be brought up to short term memory, or conscious thought. A *cue*, as it is called, will bring a memory out of long term. This cue could be a thought, picture, word, sound, or event, and so forth. However, in the spiritual realm, our goal is to place enough Scripture in the child's memory that the cue will be the Holy Spirit bringing Scripture from long term memory to conscious thought, thereby bringing conviction, convincing, and conversion.² This will provide greater insurance that the salvation decision has its origins in a *moving of God* in the heart, rather than simply a *persuasion by man*.

Memorization Techniques

There are four basic techniques for memorization, with the *final three listed here being the most useful*:

Association, which is associating what you want to remember with what you already know. This technique, however, will *not* be very helpful for a young child with a limited storehouse of memory.

Visualization, or making pictures in your mind of what you want to remember. This is an excellent way for a child to memorize. For example, Jesus compared Himself to a door, a lamb, water, bread, and so forth.

Active observation, or watching and thinking about what you want to remember. Rehearsal and repetition of Scripture would fit in this category.

Elaboration, which is looking at all the details of what you want to remember. The parent could break verses down to words, phrases, and meanings for the child.

This may all sound rather technical and complicated, and it is to a degree, but what a marvelous computer the Lord has placed between our ears!³ How sad that many people have theirs turned off!⁴ The bottom line is that God has given us the ability and minds to accomplish what He requires of us. What are some *specific techniques* that we can use with children to help them memorize?

Memory Building Blocks

Positive Reinforcement

Assure the child that he *can memorize* by first helping him memorize Philippians 4:13:

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:13

I can, I can, I can, **I CAN, I CAN, I CAN!** Positive Biblical reinforcement is the place to begin with any difficult task. Tell your children that they can memorize, God will help them,⁵ and you will be at their side every step of the way. That is an unbeatable team!

Audio Reinforcement

**So then faith cometh by *hearing*, and
hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17**

Using a digital recorder record one Scripture verse on it. Perhaps better yet, record all 150 verses on one CD or MP3 file for continuous play. The child can hear the verses hundreds of times while they play or while they simply sit and listen. And yes, I understand that many unsaved young people have much Scripture memorized without apparent change. Who can argue, though, that the entrance of the Word giveth light?

Visual Reinforcement

**And thou shalt *write them* upon the posts
of thy house, and on thy gates.
Deuteronomy 6:9**

If you like, print your selected Scripture verse out as large as possible from a computer printer, or just write it out on paper using Magic Marker, and post it where the child will see it continually. What better way to learn words, than to learn the Words of God?

Prayer Reinforcement

**Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Pray regularly for the children you are attempting to win. Pray for your own consistency in pursuing their souls and in helping them memorize. Pray that the Holy Spirit would illuminate His Word in their darkened minds. Fervent prayer avails much!

Identification

Remember to put yourself in the learners place. See through their eyes, hear through their ears, and attempt to experience what they are experiencing. If they have trouble memorizing entire verses, use the part-whole method to help them. For example, “In the beginning—God created—the heaven—and the earth.” And above all, remember...

**...ye have need of patience...
Hebrews 10:36**

Take your time. Don't become frustrated or impatient. An eternal, never-dying soul is at stake here, and their destiny is well worth your very best effort. If you start early, say age three, you have plenty of time. Even at one verse per week you will have it completed by the time they reach six. Continue reviewing, and allow the Word to work, *and it will!*

**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:
it shall not return unto me void, but it *shall*
accomplish that which I please, and it *shall*
prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
Isaiah 55:11**

Action Steps

- ➡ **Memorize Philippians 4:13.**
- ➡ **Purchase a digital recorder.**
- ➡ **Decide on a method for large verse printouts.**
- ➡ **Pray that God will help you to be positive, patient, and persistent.**
- ➡ **Don't stop until all of the verses have been memorized, or until the child is converted, whichever comes first.**

Scripture References

- ¹ But his delight is in the law of the **LORD**; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:2
- ² ...while I was musing the fire burned... Psalm 39:3
- ³ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14
- ⁴ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:3
- ⁵ For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37

EVERY PURPOSE IS ESTABLISHED BY COUNSEL:
AND WITH GOOD ADVICE MAKE WAR.
PROVERBS 20:18

Someone said the will to succeed is important, but what is more important is the *will to prepare*.¹ Well intentioned parents without a systematic plan to bring their children to Christ could be on the road to failure. Beloved, *don't risk it!*

Master, I have brought unto thee my son...

Mark 9:17

This chapter will give a detailed plan of action, along with a check list to make it easy to track your progress.

A Plan of Action

Read this Entire Book

**Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.
Ecclesiastes 9:10**

Before you do anything, familiarize yourself with the complete contents of this book, then you will be ready to begin. Read the action steps in the chapters, and check them off as you complete them. Don't procrastinate!

Read and Sign the Soul Winner's Covenant

**So will I sing praise unto thy name forever, that I
may daily perform my vows.
Psalm 61:8**

Carefully read the **Soul Winner's Covenant** and then *sign it*. Make a holy vow to God that you will do your part as the Word of God and the Spirit of God do

theirs. Remember to keep your vow!² Your vow will help you press on when you don't feel like going any farther and the work becomes tedious.

✓ *Examine the Verses*

Let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:40

Print and cut out the Scripture memory cards, and leave them in numerical order. They will fit nicely into an inexpensive card box, which can then be used as needed. Familiarize yourself with the verses before you begin memorization work.

✓ *Acquire the Needed Tools*

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost...

Luke 14:28

You will probably want to secure a digital recorder and a way to print verses out in a large format for easy viewing. Don't forget a card box to store the verse cards, and decide on a reward system.

✓ *Memorize Word Perfect!*

Every word of God is pure...

Proverbs 30:5

Every Word of God is truly pure and valuable, so help the children memorize the perfect Word *word perfect*. If a verse seems too hard, just have them memorize the underlined portion of the card. If nothing on the card is underlined, shoot for all of it. If they simply cannot accomplish a verse, move to the next, and come back later to the one they missed.

✓ *Reward, Reward, Reward!*

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13

Keep your word and give whatever daily and weekly rewards you promised your children, to keep them motivated. You will *destroy* their motivation if you are inconsistent in this area. *Nothing* is more destructive and painful to a child than a parent who deceives them, so don't forget to pay up!³

☑ *Use the King James Version*

**Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
Psalm 119:140**

This program is only offered in the King James Version. As you will see, the verses are not difficult at all. God has blessed the trusty King James Version with millions saved through its use in the last four centuries, and God can save your child through it if you will use it. All Scripture references are from the current 1769 King James version, since the 1611 version would prove a little difficult to read!

☑ *Begin Immediately!*

**But this I say, brethren, the time is short.
1 Corinthians 7:29**

Don't wait for a better time, it simply will not come. The battle for our children's souls *begins at birth*. These precious children will be grown and gone before we know it, so begin at once! If they are newborns, you can read one verse several times per day until they are old enough to begin memorizing. If your child is old enough to begin memorizing and repeating the verses, start memorizing immediately. The devil would love nothing more than to stop you before you even start.⁴

☑ *Have a Set Time to Memorize*

**...they received the word with all readiness of mind,
and searched the scriptures daily...
Acts 17:11**

This plan will fail, just as all good intentions, without a definite time to work on it. Set aside time (preferably the same time) every day and use it wisely. If you have to, turn off the TV, the phone, and anything else that will intrude. Don't let *anything* interfere!

Track Your Progress

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks...
Proverbs 27:23

There is a chart to follow for each verse memorized in the chapter on **Keeping Kids Motivated**. Be sure to check the verse as they memorize it, and after each correct review.

Note the Date of Their Conversion

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.
Psalms 30:11

A spiritual birthday is no small milestone! Do yourself and your child a great service by *writing it down* somewhere else in the form of a permanent record. It will be a cause for celebration for many years to come if their salvation is a reality evidenced by spiritual fruit.

Some Suggestions as You Progress

You will notice that some of the verses have portions underlined, while others do not. This is provided in the event the child has a problem with the entire verse. If they are having difficulty, have them at least memorize the easier underlined portion. Some verses are slightly more difficult than others, and this should eliminate the problem. Do, however, attempt the whole verse, even if it takes a little longer.

Never tell your children they are saved, even after they make a decision. You don't know that for a fact. Many a well meaning parent has told a child what the child did, when the child *doesn't even know* what the child did! Be patient! Many a young person has been convinced of their conversion by a well meaning parent, when the young person themselves is not totally convinced. Allow the Holy Spirit to give assurance, that is one of His promises.

Never try to lead them in prayer if they do not understand, are not under conviction, and are just not ready. You can't beg, arm wrestle, or shove someone into the Kingdom of God. Give God and His Word a chance, and allow Him to work. He promised He will!

As they progress, do question them from time to time. "What does this verse say?" "What does it mean to you?" "Are you concerned about what this verse says?" "What is this verse telling you to do?" After they have memorized several dozen verses, you will want to *gently probe* from time to time to see if they are ready to trust and accept Christ. We must be sensitive to our children's spiritual need.

If you have several children, ask the older to help tutor the younger. Make the salvation of each child a family concern, a prayer project, and a team effort. Faithful Noah's children all followed him into the ark, and may the Lord help us do accomplish the same!

Action Steps

- ➡ **Read the whole book including the Scripture endnotes.**
- ➡ **Read and sign the Soul Winner's Covenant.**

- ➔ **Carefully separate the memory cards, and store them in a card box.**
- ➔ **Decide on a reward system.**
- ➔ **Choose a set time each day to work on the memory verses, and begin immediately.**
- ➔ **Do not push them into a decision until they are ready and show understanding.**

Scripture References

- ¹ And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD. 2 Chronicles 12:14
- ² When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. Deuteronomy 23:21
- ³ A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin. Proverb 26:28
- ⁴ ...Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. Luke 22:31

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Keeping Kids Motivated

THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS REWARD.
I TIMOTHY 5:18

What parent hasn't enjoyed the broad smile and beaming face of a thankful child, after presenting that child with a gift or reward? Perhaps this is why our heavenly Father will one day reward us, His beloved children. In this program, the reward will be great, both for the giver and the recipient.

***Two are better than one; because they have
a good reward for their labour.***
Ecclesiastes 4:9

When I took my daughter through this program, I gave her 25 cents (1994 money!) for every Scripture verse she memorized. In view of the fact that one soul is worth more than the entire world, I daresay it was the greatest investment I have ever made.

**For the redemption of their soul is precious,
and it ceaseth forever.**
Psalms 49:8

I would suggest that you motivate through rewarding your children *three different ways*. One is short term, one medium term, and the other is long term. By that, I simply mean give them something immediately, such as one dollar for each Scripture verse memorized, something bigger when they finish five Scripture verses, such as a trip to their favorite fast food restaurant, and then something larger yet which would be a long term reward. You may want to do this big reward at the half way point and at the end.

One thing to remember is that a child's attention span is *short*, so keep most of your reward system

based on that fact. You may even want to reward them each time they review the Scripture verse and say it correctly. For example, a dollar when they first learn it, and a quarter for each of five reviews. My daughter, Rachel, was so motivated by this that she memorized one Scripture verse per day. I don't suggest this unless you are sure your child is capable, and when my daughter did it, she was six years old, so use discernment in the matter. Remember, your enthusiasm will rub off on them. Keep them excited!

***But it is good to be zealously affected
always in a good thing...***
Galatians 4:18

You will want to keep it light and enjoyable for your children, so that they do not lose heart. *Make it fun!* Mark Twain stated, "Work is not a concrete thing; it is a mental attitude. Nothing is either work or play, but thinking makes it so." If they see memorizing as *fun*, you have won the battle.

Again, remember that on the Scripture memory cards some cards only contain selected portions of longer verses, and some cards have portions underlined, with the remainder in standard type. The most important thought for that topic will be underlined, so if the child has difficulty with the entire verse, just use the underlined portion which should alleviate the problem.

On the next several pages you will see a chart listing each Scripture memory card number, the reference, the date it was first memorized, and places to check off five reviews. Before beginning, decide what your system of rewards will be, and then when the initial memorization is done, date it, reward it, and move on. As they do successful reviews, reward those. There are gaps at every five Scripture memory cards for you to adapt your reward system. Let us know what you did, and how it progressed, and if you have any suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

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AND THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM,
I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME,
YE THAT WORK INIQUITY.
MATTHEW 7:23

Charles Spurgeon once said that the devil is such a master of deception that he can make men dance upon the brink of Hell as though they were on the verge of Heaven. So it is. Jesus utters a most sobering statement in Matthew chapter seven about a multitude of religious people who express incredible surprise at being consigned to Hell. Why? How could a person *not know* they were not saved? Notice the passage:

**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
Matthew 7:21-23**

The goal of this book is to help parents avoid the tragedy of a child's empty profession, which will eventually lead them to the horror spoken of above. God forbid that any of our children would be lost, and consigned to the fires of Hell! We must exercise all the precision and care that a brain or heart surgeon would, and a thousand times more, for we are dealing not with finite bodies, but with never dying souls! God help us, and may God grant them repentance unto life.

Undoubtedly, many of the “many” will be religious and somewhat moral, but lost people, nonetheless.

Many of these people will be relying on a profession of faith while very young, howbeit a faulty one. We have no desire to sound mean-spirited by casting doubt on the sincerity of some childhood professions, but there could be many in the “many” trusting a false profession for the following reasons:

Parental Pressure

What well meaning Christian parent doesn't want their child saved at an early age? In their zeal, however, to bring this about, many a sincere parent has encouraged a decision that was neither understood nor remembered by the child. Pushing a child into simply praying a prayer before the Holy Spirit has given light and conviction is an exercise in futility, and gives the child a false sense of security. Parents must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and His moving in the heart. A child will say *anything* to satisfy a parent they love.

Peer Pressure

Undoubtedly many a child goes forward and makes a profession at an invitation at church or at a Christian camp because “it is the thing to do,” and who wants to be the odd ball? If they were not truly saved, they are then pressured to live a lie, because, after all, who wants to admit later that they are really lost, and swallow their pride before their friends?

Desire For Reward

A multitude of young people have been truly saved in Sunday Schools and Bible clubs through the sincere efforts of well-meaning laborers. But what about the young people who came simply to get whatever rewards and enticing promotions that were offered, and then equated that decision with salvation? At one point, Jesus rebuked those who followed Him just for the “fringe benefits.”¹

Over Zealous Soul Winners

In my early days of soul winning, I’m afraid I produced a number of “my converts” rather than His converts. Many times in our desire to bring others to Christ, we may find ourselves pressing too hard for a decision, when the person just isn’t ready. Please don’t misunderstand, I pastor a church that practices confrontational evangelism, but we must allow people to say “no” if they mean “no.” Persuasive salesmanship can generate the *intended outward response*, but not necessarily the *required inward response*. Being pricked by God is different than being pushed by man.

Lack of Understanding

In Matthew thirteen, Jesus emphatically stated that a person could not be saved without understanding,² and proceeded to illustrate that fact with a parable showing that only one fourth of those who heard the Word in the story were actually saved, as *evidenced* by fruit bearing. We must not push before understanding and light break through to the soul. The failure was not with the Seed, but rather the soil. We must be patient with people, who are all at different levels intellectually, socially, morally, and in their understanding of God, so that we might bring them to...

Genuine Conversion

Salvation is both a process and an event. But, you say, aren’t people saved instantly, in a moment of time? Yes, that is what the Bible teaches. However, if you read the following Scriptures, you will see a sequence of events before the decision for Christ is made involving sowing, watering, and then reaping.

And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

John 4:37-38

So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Corinthians 3:7-8

If these passages teach anything, it would seem that most people are not saved the first time they hear the Gospel. One veteran evangelist surveyed several thousand of his hearers, and found that the average person heard the Gospel nine times before they trusted Christ! It is your job and mine to sow, water, and pray. Remember, you are only part of a process that takes time. You can't force things in the spiritual realm to ripen more quickly than God will allow! Of course, the benefit of this program is working with one person, hopefully right down to repentance and belief on Jesus Christ as Saviour. This involves the complete cycle of sowing, watering, and reaping.

The goal of the winner of children should be to begin early, saturating their young minds with Scripture, allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate His Word in their hearts and to draw them to a solid conversion. Anything else may be based on sincerity, but *sincerity doesn't always result in salvation.*

Dear reader, you have a young person you are concerned about, a plan in your hands to assist you as you seek to win them, and hopefully, a burning heart to accomplish this task. There is only one thing left to do: *Pursue!*³

Think About It

My friend, what about you? Before you attempt to bring someone else to the feet of Christ, have you been there yourself? Why did you come? Parent or peer pressure? Rewards without repentance? Or, a genuine moving of the Holy Spirit upon your darkened mind by the application of God's Word? Will your profession

stand up under the examination of the all-seeing and all-knowing God?

**Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith...
2 Corinthians 13:5**

Up until this point, we have been assuming that the reader is a born again believer in Jesus Christ, with full assurance that he or she is a child of God. We are not saved by our works, but when we are saved, our life will certainly reflect that decision by our good works.⁴ My friend, do you have total 100% assurance that you possess eternal life, and if someone asked you to prove it to them from a Bible, *could you do it?*

Do You Show Evidences Of Spiritual Life?

Dear friend, on the next four pages you will find ten evidences the true believer in Jesus Christ should possess, all from the epistle of First John. These are what Jonathan Edwards called “holy affections.” Please read these pages, and ask yourself how many, if any of these are manifested in your life. If you don’t have that kind of evidence and assurance, *please seek someone out who can help you*, or give us a call.

Scripture References

- ¹ Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. John 6:26
- ² When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. Matthew 13:19
- ³ And he answered him, Pursue. 1 Samuel 30:8
- ⁴ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. James 2:17

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you...

Submissive Respect

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.**

1 John 1:8

Do you respect God? Do you accept the fact that your thoughts, actions, and opinions are flawed and sinful? Are God's pronouncements authoritative in your life? Do you feel God's Word is a reliable guide for your life? Is Jesus Christ your Lord? Are you submissive to Him?

Scripture Obedience

**But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love
of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.**

1 John 2:5

Do you read the Bible daily? Do you read the Scriptures seeking to obey what you find? Are you in rebellion against God's Word or in submission to it? Do you love the Bible? Are you glad when you read it and hear it preached, or is it a book you cannot understand?

Societal Rejection

**Love not the world, neither the things that are in
the world. If any man love the world, the love of
the Father is not in him.**

1 John 2:15

Do you love the world, your money, and your possessions? Is your life a constant pursuit of money and things? Do material goods mean more to you than Jesus Christ and His approval? Do you always wish you had more? Does future treasure in Heaven interest you? Would you be willing to give up all for Christ?

...and things that *accompany salvation*... Hebrews 6:9

Steadfast Faithfulness

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1 John 2:19

Are you faithful in regular attendance with God's people in a local church? Are you able to neglect church attendance for weeks at a time without any real guilt? Do you enjoy fellowship with other Christians?

Second Coming Anticipation

...when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

Are you living in the daily awareness that Jesus Christ will return for His own? Are you eagerly looking forward to His Second Coming for you? Does your daily life reflect the fact that He may come today? Are you ready to meet Him at any time?

Sin Sensitivity

Whosoever is born of God doth not (continually) commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 3:9

Does your sin bother you? Do you wish you sinned less than you do? Are you sinning less now than when you first made a profession of faith in Christ? Do you enjoy your sin, or does it affect your happiness? Do you realize God sees all sin?

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you...

Sibling Love

**We know that we have passed from death unto life,
because we love the brethren. He that loveth not
his brother abideth in death.**

1 John 3:14

Do you love other believers in Jesus Christ? Do you enjoy being in their company, or would you rather be with the people of the world? Are Christians your dearest friends? Is there anyone in this world that you hate? Who are your regular companions?

Supplications Answered

**And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because
we keep his commandments, and do those things
that are pleasing in his sight.**

1 John 3:22

Do you pray? Can you point to specific answers that could have come from no one but God? Do you find yourself conversing with God regularly as a trusted friend, or do you only pray in emergencies?

Sharp Discernment

**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits
whether they are of God: because many false
prophets are gone out into the world.**

1 John 4:1

Do you find it easy to sort out all of the claims of the various religions, or do you see all religions as the same? Do you understand the doctrine of Christ? Do you believe Jesus Christ is God? In your opinion, is sincerity all that is required to go to Heaven?

...and things that *accompany salvation*... Hebrews 6:9

Spirit Awareness

**Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us,
because he hath given us of his Spirit.**

1 John 4:13

Do you have a conscious awareness that the Holy Spirit of God lives in your body? Does He teach you things from the Scriptures on a regular basis? Does the Holy Spirit convict you when you sin, or can you sin with abandon?

This list is certainly not exhaustive, for there are dozens of other evidences of true belief and salvation. We are not saying that perfection is the hallmark of the Christian, but there are Divine imprints that occur on the life of one who has been born of God. Think on these things!

**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have
eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

John 5:39

THE JUST MAN WALKETH IN HIS INTEGRITY:
HIS CHILDREN ARE BLESSED AFTER HIM.
PROVERBS 20:7

After our own soul's salvation,¹ as well as the good mates that the Lord gives us,² our children are our greatest treasures.³ In just a few short years, we who are saved will have arrived at our eternal destination.⁴ Faithfulness in this life⁵ will enable us to obtain rewards from our service,⁶ our soul winning,⁷ and our giving.⁸ However, we will take nothing else with us⁹ on our journey to Heaven to meet our Saviour.

The gains we have made in this life¹⁰ will mean nothing in the next life if our children are lost,¹¹ and not with us. We will shed bitter tears in this life,¹² if our children live rejecting Christ, and die without Him.¹³ It will be too late at that point to do anything, but it isn't too late now.¹⁴

Whatever we have attained in this life apart from the salvation of our children will be relatively worthless.¹⁵ Conversely, parents who do their best to see to it that their children safely reach Heaven could never be called failures in God's eyes, and in the light of eternity.¹⁶

Mom, Dad, Grandmother, Grandfather, teacher, friend, or loved one of a precious lamb whom Jesus seeks,¹⁷ will you be the one who will make an eternal difference in the destiny¹⁸ of one soul which is worth more than the entire world and all of its contents?¹⁹ I trust you will, and may God help you to do it.

May the Word of God be your guide,²⁰ the Spirit of God your power,²¹ and compassion your motivation.²²

(The Scriptures referred to above appear on the next page.)

Scripture References

- ¹ My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. Psalm 13:5
- ² Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Proverbs 5:18
- ³ Lo, children are an heritage of the **LORD**: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Psalm 127:3
- ⁴ The days of our years are threescore years and ten...for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Psalm 90:10
- ⁵ A faithful man shall abound with blessings. Proverbs 28:20
- ⁶ Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matthew 25:21
- ⁷ And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3
- ⁸ Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. Philippians 4:17
- ⁹ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:7
- ¹⁰ Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2
- ¹¹ ...I have lost my children, and am desolate...Behold, I was left alone. Isaiah 49:21
- ¹² I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Psalm 6:6
- ¹³ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15
- ¹⁴ Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the **LORD**, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12
- ¹⁵ O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son! 2 Samuel 18:33
- ¹⁶ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Hebrews 11:7
- ¹⁷ Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matthew 18:14
- ¹⁸ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20
- ¹⁹ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36
- ²⁰ Order my steps in thy word. Psalm 119:133
- ²¹ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Acts 1:8
- ²² And of some have compassion, making a difference. Jude 22

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME,
AND FORBID THEM NOT: FOR OF SUCH IS
THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
LUKE 18:16

When the child is clearly disturbed about his condition and sinfulness, and expresses a desire to believe on and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, you can use the model prayer below, and have him repeat this after you, explaining that he must mean it from his heart.

We are not saved simply by praying, but rather believing and receiving, which are actions of the heart, not the lips. However, this will help the child to vocalize his heart's desire, and cement his decision.

You will also want to *read him the Scriptures* that appear on the next page, that are footnoted below, before he vocalizes his prayer of acceptance and belief.

“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner,¹ and I understand that sinners die² and go to hell³ to pay for their sins.⁴ I have no goodness of my own to offer,⁵ but dear God, be merciful to me a sinner,⁶ I now believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that I may be saved.⁷ Lord Jesus, I open my heart to you,⁸ and accept you as my Saviour and Lord. I come to you through the Cross,⁹ and I know that I may have forgiveness through your shed blood.¹⁰ I now confess you with my mouth, and believe in my heart that you arose from the dead,¹¹ that I might be saved, and I now call upon you.¹² I now receive the Son¹³ that I might have life.¹⁴ In Jesus name I ask, Amen.”

(The Scriptures referred to above appear on the next page.)

Scripture References

- 1 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23
- 2 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:22
- 3 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
Revelation 21:8
- 4 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23
- 5 Therefore by the deeds of the law shall there no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:20
- 6 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:13
- 7 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16
- 8 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness...
Romans 10:10
- 9 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:20
- 10 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7
- 11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9
- 12 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13
- 13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
John 1:12
- 14 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:12

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2 TIMOTHY 3:15

How very remarkably the times repeat themselves! As I said just now, in the reading of the chapter, the warning which Paul gave concerning his own times is quite as needful for this present age. Again darkness thickens, and the mists hang heavily around our footsteps. Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, and very many have turned away their ears from the truth to hearken to fables. Nor do we wonder that it is so. History must repeat itself so long as we have the same human nature to deal with, the same sins to ensnare mankind, the same truth to be trifled with, and the same devil to stir men up to the same mischief.

But, brethren, when the same evils come, we must apply to them the same remedies. When a disease appears which has done deadly mischief in past times, physicians enquire for medicines which on a former occasion curbed the enemy. We are bound to do the same in spiritual matters. We must see what Paul did in his day when the malaria of false doctrine was in the air. It is remarkable how very simple, as a rule, everything is that is really effective. If a discovery is made in science or machinery, it is complicated at first, and that for the very reason that it is imperfect; but all improvements are in the direction of simplicity. It is just the same with spiritual teachings. When we get at reality we cut off superfluity. Let us not talk of inventing wise measures for the present distress in the spiritual world, but let us use the great remedy which

was so effectual in Paul's day. Paul taught young Timothy the gospel himself: he made him not only hear his doctrine, but see his practice. We cannot force truth upon men, but we can make our own teaching clear and decided, and make our lives consistent therewith. Truth and holiness are the surest antidotes to error and unrighteousness. The apostle said to Timothy, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them."

He then dwelt upon another potent remedy which had been of great service to the young preacher, namely, the knowing of the holy scriptures from his earliest childhood. This was to young Timothy one of his best safeguards. His early training held him like an anchor, and saved him from the dreadful drift of the age. Happy young man, of whom the apostle could say, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus!"

Brethren, to be prepared for the coming conflict, we have only to preach the gospel, and to live the gospel; and also to take care that we teach the children the Word of the Lord. This last is specially to be attended to, for it is by the mouth of babes and sucklings that God will still the enemy. It is idle to dream that human learning must be met by human learning, or that Satan must cast out Satan. No. Lift up the brazen serpent wherever the fiery serpents are biting the people, and men shall look to it and live. Bring the children out, and hold them up, and turn their little eyes towards the divinely ordained remedy; for still there is life in a look—life as against the varied venoms of the serpent which are now poisoning the blood of men. There is no cure after all for midnight but the rising sun; no hope remains for a dark world but in that light which lighteneth every man. Shine forth, O Sun of Righteousness, and mist, and cloud, and darkness must disappear. Brethren, keep to the

apostolic plans, and rest assured of apostolic success. Preach Christ; preach the Word in season and out of season; and teach the children. One of God's chief methods for preserving his fields from tares, is to sow them early with wheat. Upon that I am going to speak this morning as the Holy Spirit shall help me.

In tracing the gracious work of God upon the heart of Timothy, and upon others who are favoured as he was, I shall notice that this work *commenced with early instruction*-“From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures”; and secondly, it was *quickenened and made effectual by saving faith*-“The holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” Then we shall notice that the effect of this early teaching upon Timothy was that it *created a solid character*, and, furthermore, that it *produced great usefulness*.

I. The work of God's grace in Timothy COMMENCED WITH EARLY INSTRUCTION-“From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures.”

Note the time for instruction. The expression, “from a child,” might be better understood if we read it, “from a very child;” or, as the Revised Version has it, “from a babe.” It does not mean a well-grown child, or youth, but a child just rising out of infancy. From a very child Timothy had known the sacred writings. This expression is, no doubt, used to show that we cannot begin too early to imbue the minds of our children with scriptural knowledge. Babes receive impressions long before we are aware of the fact. During the first months of a child's life it learns more than we imagine. It soon learns the love of its mother, and its own dependence; and if the mother be wise, it learns the meaning of obedience and the necessity of yielding its will to a higher will. This may be the key-note of its whole future life. If it learn obedience and submission early, it may save a thousand tears from the child's eyes, and as many from the mother's heart. A special vantage-ground is lost when even babyhood is left

uncultured.

The holy scripture may be learned by children as soon as they are capable of understanding anything. It is a very remarkable fact, which I have heard asserted by many teachers, that children will learn to read out of the Bible better than from any other book. I scarcely know why: it may, perhaps, be on account of the simplicity of the language; but I believe it is so. A Biblical fact will often be grasped when an incident of common history is forgotten. There is an adaptation in the Bible for human beings of all ages, and therefore it has a fitness for children. We make a mistake when we think that we must begin with something else and lead up to the Scriptures. The Bible is the book for the peep of day. Parts of it are above a child's mind, for they are above the comprehension of the most advanced among us. There are depths in it wherein leviathan may swim; but there are also brooks in which a lamb may wade. Wise teachers know how to lead their little ones into the green pastures beside the still waters.

I was noticing, in the life of that man of God whose loss presses very heavily upon many of our hearts, namely, the Earl of Shaftesbury, that his first religious impressions were produced by a humble woman. The impressions which made him Shaftesbury—the man of God, and the friend of man—were received in the nursery. Little Lord Ashley had a godly nurse who spoke to him of the things of God. He tells us that she died before he was seven years of age; clear proof that early in life his heart had been able to receive the seal of the Spirit of God, and to receive it by humble instrumentality. Blessed among women was she whose name we know not, but who wrought incalculable service for God and man by her holy teaching of the chosen child. Young nurses, note this.

Give us the first seven years of a child, with God's grace, and we may defy the world, the flesh, and the devil to ruin that immortal soul. Those first years, while yet the clay is soft and plastic, go far to decide

the form of the vessel. Do not say that your office, ye who teach the young, is in the least degree inferior to ours, whose main business is the older folks. No, you have the first of them, and your impressions, as they come first, will endure last: oh that they may be good, and only good! Among the thoughts that come to an old man before he enters heaven, the most plentiful are those that aforetime visited him when he sat upon his mother's knee. That which made Dr. Guthrie ask for a "bairn's hymn" when he was dying is but an instinct of our nature, which leads us to complete the circle by folding together the ends of life. Childlike things are dearest to old age. We shuffle off a portion of the coil that doth surround and hamper us, and go back again to our more natural selves; and therefore the old songs are on our lips, and the old thoughts are in our minds. The teachings of our childhood leave clean cut and sharp impressions upon the mind, which remain after seventy years have passed. Let us see that such impressions are made for the highest ends.

It is well to *note the admirable selection of instructors*. We are not at a loss to tell who instructed youthful Timothy. In the first chapter of this epistle Paul says, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." No doubt grandmother Lois and mother Eunice united in teaching the little one. Who should teach the children but the parents? Timothy's father was a Greek, and probably a heathen, but his child was happy in having a venerable grandmother, so often the dearest of all relatives to a little child. He had also a gracious mother, once a devout Jewess and afterwards also a firmly believing Christian, who made it her daily pleasure to teach her own dear child the Word of the Lord. O dear mothers you have a very sacred trust reposed in you by God! He hath in effect said to you, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I give thee thy wages." You are called to

equip the future man of God, that he may be thoroughly furnished unto every good work. If God spares you, you may live to hear that pretty boy speak to thousands, and you will have the sweet reflection in your heart that the quiet teachings of the nursery led the man to love his God, and serve him. Those who think that a woman detained at home by her little family is doing nothing, think the reverse of what is true. Scarcely can the godly mother quit her home for a place of worship; but dream not that she is lost to the work of the church; far from it, she is doing the best possible service for her Lord. Mothers, the godly training of your offspring is your first and most pressing duty. Christian women, by teaching children the holy scriptures, are as much fulfilling their part for the Lord, as Moses in judging Israel, or Solomon in building the temple.

Nowadays, since the world has in it, alas! so few of Christian mothers and grandmothers, the church has thought it wise to supplement the instruction of home by teaching held under her fostering wing. Those children who have no such parents the church takes under her maternal care. I regard this as a very blessed institution. I am thankful for the many of our brothers and sisters who give their Sabbath-days, and many of them a considerable part of their week evenings also, to the teaching of other people's children, who somehow grow to be very much their own. They endeavour to perform the duties of fathers and mothers, for God's sake, to those children who are neglected by their own parents; and therein they do well. Let no Christian parent fall into the delusion that the Sunday-school is intended to ease them of their personal duties. The first and most natural condition of things is for Christian parents to train up their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let holy grandmothers and gracious mothers, with their husbands, see to it that their own boys and girls are well taught in the book of the Lord.

Where there are no such Christian parents, it is well and wisely done for godly people to intervene. It is a Christly work when others undertake the duty which the natural doers of it have left undone. The Lord Jesus looks with pleasure upon those who feed his lambs, and nurse his babes; for it is not his will that any of these little ones should perish. Timothy had the great privilege of being taught by those whose natural duty it is; but where that great privilege cannot be enjoyed, let us all, as God shall help us, try to make up to the children the terrible loss which they endure. Come forward, earnest men and women, and sanctify yourselves for this joyful service.

Note the subject of the instruction. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures": he was led to *treat the book of God with great reverence*. I lay stress upon that word "*holy scriptures*." One of the first objects of the Sabbath-school should be to teach the children great reverence for these holy writings, these inspired Scriptures. The Jews esteemed the Old Testament beyond all price; and though unfortunately many of them fell into a superstitious reverence for the letter and lost the spirit of it, yet were they much to be commended for their profound regard to the holy oracles. Especially is this feeling of reverence needed nowadays. I meet with men who hold strange views, but I do not care one-half so much about their views, nor about the strangeness of them, as I do about a certain something which I spy out at the back of this novel thinking. When I find that, if I prove their views to be unscriptural, I have nevertheless proved nothing to them, for they do not care about Scripture, then I have found out a principle far more dangerous than mere doctrinal blundering. This indifference to Scripture is the great curse of the church at this hour. We can be tolerant of divergent opinions, so long as we perceive an honest intent to follow the Statute-book. But if it comes to this, that the Book itself is of small authority to you, then we have no need of further

parley: we are in different camps, and the sooner we recognize this, the better for all parties concerned. If we are to have a church of God at all in the land, Scripture must be regarded as holy, and to be had in reverence. This Scripture was given by holy inspiration, and is not the result of dim myths and dubious traditions; neither has it drifted down to us by survival of the fittest as one of the best of human books. It must be given to our children, and accepted by ourselves, as the infallible revelation of the Most Holy God. Lay much stress upon this; tell your children that the Word of the Lord is a pure Word, as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Let their esteem for the Book of God be carried to the highest point.

Observe that Timothy was taught, not only to reverence holy things in general, but especially to *know the Scriptures*. The teaching of his mother and his grandmother was the teaching of holy scripture. Suppose we get the children together on Sabbath days, and then amuse them and make the hours to pass away pleasantly; or instruct them, as we do in the week-days, in the elements of a moral education, what have we done? We have done nothing worthy of the day, or of the church of God. Suppose that we are particularly careful to teach the children the rules and regulations of our own church, and do not take them to the Scriptures; suppose that we bring before them a book which is set up as the standard of our church, but do not dwell upon the Bible—what have we done? The aforesaid standard may or may not be correct, and we may, therefore, have taught our children truth or have taught them error; but if we keep to holy scripture we cannot go aside. With such a standard we know that we are right. This Book is the Word of God, and if we teach it, we teach that which the Lord will accept and bless. O dear teachers—and I speak here to myself also—let our teaching be more and more scriptural! Fret not if our classes forget what *we* say, but pray

them to remember what the Lord says. May divine truths about sin, and righteousness, and judgment to come, be written on their hearts! May revealed truths concerning the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Ghost never be forgotten by them. May they know the virtue and necessity of the atoning blood of our Lord, the power of his resurrection, and the glory of his second coming! May the doctrines of grace be graven as with a pen of iron upon their minds, and written as with the point of a diamond upon their hearts, never to be erased! Brethren, if we can secure this, we have not lived in vain. The generation now ruling seems bent on departing from the eternal truth of God: but we shall not despair if the gospel be impressed upon the memory of the rising race.

Once more upon this point it: it appears that young Timothy was so taught as a child that *the teaching was effectual*. "Thou hast *known* the holy scriptures," says Paul. It is a good deal to say of a child that he has "known the holy scriptures." You may say, "I have taught the children the Scriptures," but that they have known them is quite another thing. Do all of you who are grown up know the Scriptures? I fear that although knowledge in general increases, knowledge of the Scriptures is far too rare. If we were now to hold an examination, I am afraid that some of you would hardly shine in the lists at the end. But here was a little child who knew the holy scriptures: that is to say, he had a remarkable acquaintance with them. Children can get that: it is by no means an impossible attainment. God blessing your efforts, dear friends, your children may know all of Scripture that is necessary to their salvation. They may have as true an idea of sin as their mother has: they may have as clear a view of the atonement as their grandmother can have; they may have as distinct a faith in Jesus as any of us can have. The things that make for our peace require no length of experience to prepare us for

receiving them; they are among the simplicities of thought. He may run that readeth them; and a child may read them as soon as he can run. The opinion that children cannot receive the whole truth of the gospel is a great mistake; for their child-condition is a help rather than a hindrance: older folk must become as little children before they can enter the kingdom. Do lay a good groundwork with the children. Let not Sunday-school work be slurred, nor done in a slovenly manner. Let the children know the holy scripture. Let the Scriptures be consulted rather than any human book.

II. Our second head was to be that this work was QUICKENED BY A SAVING FAITH. The Scriptures do not save, but they are able to make a man wise unto salvation. Children may know the Scriptures, and yet not be children of God. *Faith in Jesus Christ is that grace which brings immediate salvation.* Many dear children are called of God so early, that they cannot precisely tell when they were converted; but they were converted: they must at some time or other have passed from death to life. You could not have told this morning, by observation, the moment when the sun rose, but it did rise; and there was a time when it was below the horizon, and another time when it had risen above it. The moment, whether we see it or not, in which a child is really saved, is when he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps for years Lois and Eunice had been teaching the Old Testament to Timothy, while they themselves did not know the Lord Jesus; and, if so, they were teaching him the type without the antitype—the riddles without the answers: but it was good teaching for all that, since it was all the truth which they then knew. How much happier, however, is our task, since we are able to teach concerning the Lord Jesus so plainly, having the New Testament to explain the Old. May we not hope that even earlier in life than Timothy, our dear children may catch the thought that Christ Jesus is the sum and substance of holy

scripture, and so by faith in him may receive power to become the sons of God? I mention this, simple as it is, because I want all teachers to feel that if their children do not as yet know all the doctrines of the Bible, and if there be certain higher or deeper truths which their minds have not yet grasped, still children are saved as soon as they are wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Faith in the Lord Jesus, as he is set forth in Scripture, will surely save. "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest," said Philip to the eunuch; and we say the same to every child: thou mayest confess thy faith if thou hast any true faith in Jesus to confess. If thou believest that Jesus is the Christ, and so dost put thy trust in him, thou art as truly saved as though grey hairs adorned thy brow.

Notice, that *by this faith in Christ Jesus we continue and advance in salvation*. The moment we believe in Christ we are saved; but we are not at once as wise as we may be, and hope to be. We may be, as it were, saved unintelligently; I mean, of course, comparatively so; but it is desirable that we should be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and so be wise unto salvation. By faith children become little disciples, and by faith they go on to become more proficient. How are we to go on to wisdom? Not by quitting the way of faith, but by keeping to that same faith in Christ Jesus by which we began to learn. In the school of grace faith is the great faculty by which we make advances in wisdom. If by faith thou hast been able to say A and B and C, it must be by faith that thou shalt go on to say D and E and F, until thou shalt come to the end of the alphabet, and be an expert in the Book of Wisdom. If by faith thou canst read in the spelling-book of simple faith, by the same faith in Christ Jesus thou must go on to read in the classics of full assurance, and become a scribe well instructed in the things of the kingdom. Keep therefore close to the practice of faith, from which so many are turning aside. In these times men look to make progress by what they call *thought*, by which

they mean vain imagination and speculation. We cannot advance a step by doubt; our only progress is by faith. There are no such things as “stepping-stones of our dead selves”; unless, indeed, they be stepping-stones down to death and destruction; the only stepping-stones to life and heaven are to be found in the truth of God revealed to our faith. Believe God, and thou hast made progress. So let us pray for our children, that constantly they may know and believe more and more; for the Scripture is able to make them wise unto salvation, but only through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Faith is the result to aim at; faith in the appointed, anointed, and exalted Saviour. This is the anchorage to which we would bring these little ships, for here they will abide in perfect safety.

Observe, that the text gives us a plain intimation that *by faith knowledge is turned into wisdom*. Exceedingly practical is the difference between knowledge and wisdom. See it in the text, “From a child thou hast known”; but it is faith, faith alone, that turns that knowledge into wisdom; and thus the holy scriptures are “able to make wise unto salvation.” “Knowledge is power,” but wisdom is the application of that power to practical ends. Knowledge may be bullion, but wisdom is the minted gold, fit for circulation among men. You can give your children knowledge without their having faith; but they must have faith given them of the Holy Ghost before that knowledge can become wisdom. Scriptural knowledge is wisdom when it influences the heart, when it rules the mind, when it affects the daily life, when it sanctifies the spirit, when it renews the will. O teachers, pray for your dear children, that God would give them faith in Christ Jesus, that so the knowledge which you have given them may turn to wisdom! Go as far as you can go with the teaching; but ever cry mightily unto the Lord, that his Holy Spirit may work regeneration, create faith, impart wisdom, and give salvation.

Learn yet again, that *faith finds her wisdom in the use of knowledge conferred by the Scriptures*. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith." Faith never finds her wisdom in the thoughts of men, nor in pretended revelations; but she resorts to the inspired writings for her guidance. This is the well from which she drinks, the manna on which she feeds. Faith takes the Lord Jesus to be her wisdom. The knowledge of Christ is to her the most excellent of the sciences. She asks only—What is written? and when that question is answered, her difficulties are ended. I know it is not so with this unbelieving age; and this it is which causes me to go mourning and lamenting. Alas for a church which rejects the testimony of the Lord! As for us, we abide by the Word of the Lord, and from it we will not stir an inch.

See then, my hearers, what is wanted for all of you who are converted. The holy scriptures must be made the means of your salvation through faith. Know the Bible, read the Bible, search the Bible; and yet that alone will not save you. What did our Lord himself say? "Ye search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me; and ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." If you come not to Jesus, you will miss eternal life. Searching the Scriptures is able to make you wise unto salvation "through faith which is in Christ Jesus"; but not without that faith. Pray, ye Sunday-school teachers, that ye may see this faith wrought in the children whom you teach. What a blessed ground-work for faith your teaching of the holy scriptures will be; but never mistake it for the building itself, which is of faith alone.

III. Time fails me; I cannot dwell as I would upon other points; but I beg you to notice, in the third place, that sound instruction in holy scripture, when quickened by a living faith, **CREATES A SOLID CHARACTER**. The man who from a child has known the

holy scriptures, when he obtains faith in Christ will be grounded and settled upon the abiding principles of the unchanging word of God. I wish it were so with the bulk of those who profess and call themselves Christians. In these days we are surrounded by unsettled minds, "ever learning, but never coming to a knowledge of the truth." These are carried about by every wind of doctrine. What numbers of professors I have known who go into one place of worship and hear one form of doctrine and apparently approve it because the preacher is "a clever man!" They hear an opposite teaching, and they are equally at home, because again it is "a clever man!" They join with a church, and you ask them, "Do you agree with the views of that community?" They neither know nor care what those views may be; one doctrine is as good as another to them. Their spiritual appetite can enjoy soap as well as butter; they can digest bricks as well as bread. These religious ostriches have a marvellous power of swallowing everything; they have no spiritual discernment, no appreciation of truth. They follow any "clever" person, and in this prove that they are not the sheep of our Lord's pasture, of whom it is written, "A stranger will they not follow; for they know not the voice of strangers." We desire to build up a church with those who know what they do know, and can give a reason for what they believe. The true believer's great reason for his faith is, "It is written." Christ our Master met the tempter in the wilderness with, "It is Written." Though he was himself inspired, yet his teaching was full of the Old Testament; he was always quoting the words of the inspired Book, and therein setting us an example. If you and I would contend with Satan, and with an evil world, so as to overcome in the conflict, we must take care to take our stand squarely and firmly upon the scriptures. Let us treat our opponents to volleys of Scripture. Let us fire point-blank with sacred texts. These are arguments which wound and kill. Our own reasonings are mere paper

pellets; but scriptural proofs are bullets of steel. Our opponents will find it useless to try to lead us away from the old faith when they perceive that we will not budge an inch from holy scripture. We are bomb-proof when we shelter beneath the Word of the Lord. The cunning craftiness of deceivers is foiled by the clear simplicity of "Thus saith the Lord."

Those who know the Scriptures, and so believe in Jesus, are pillared on a personal acquaintance with the foundations of their faith. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures": they were not treated with an ignorant reverence, but with an intelligent homage. How much I desire that each one of you may be a personal student of the holy scriptures! We need to know them for ourselves. Personally grasping them as a revelation to himself, the godly man loves them, studies them, feels them, lives upon them, and so knows them. By this means he becomes independent of other men. Paul is to die. Poor Timothy! Yes, it will be "poor Timothy!" if he carries his faith in Paul's bosom, and has none in his own heart. But Timothy's Bible is not going to die. Timothy's knowledge of Scripture is not going to be taken from him; nor is the Holy Spirit about to depart from him. Look at some of our churches: while a well-instructed gospel minister leads the way, the brethren abide in their steadfastness. The good man dies, and where is the church? No doubt, those who are instructed in the Scriptures remain in their places, but the more ignorant are scattered like chaff. There are numbers now in this part of London wandering about, who were once zealous for the faith, but are now almost indifferent to it. I will not mention names, but I could do so readily enough—I mean the names of esteemed brethren who gathered an earnest following about them; but they are gone, and with their going, numbers of their followers have gone, too. I fear there could not have been a sound knowledge of the Word, or these people would have survived the great loss of their teacher. Oh, to have a good personal

building up upon the solid Word of God! then you will know what you do know, and you will hold fast to it, and there will be no driving you away from the standards of the faith. I labour for this among you, and I pray that I may not labour in vain.

The man that has been taught the Scripture from his youth is anchored by the divine influences of that Scripture. It has so operated upon him that he knows for himself its divine power. He knows the difference between truth and error by the effect produced on his heart and life. Without any boasting, he is able to discern between things that differ; because about scriptural truth there is a strange, mysterious unction, which does not attend the teachings of the most learned of men. I cannot explain to you what this unction is, but every child of God knows it. When I read a text of Scripture, even if I do not know it to be a text of Scripture by memory, I perceive its divine origin at once by a mystic influence which it exerts over my heart. The most striking passages of any sermon are texts well placed. A sentence from the mouth of God will have more permanent power over a Christian man, than the best composed of human statements. God's word is living, and powerful, and has a power to enter the heart beyond that of any other word. The words of the Bible strike and stick. They enter and abide. He that has been taught in Scripture, steeped in Scripture, saturated with Scripture, is conscious of its permeating influence, and it gives him permanence of conviction. Like the crimson dye in cloth, the tint of Scripture is not to be got out of the soul when once fixed there; it is dyed ingrain, it enters into the very nature of the man. Bible truth influences his thoughts, words, and deeds: it is all-pervading; he begins to eat, and drink, and sleep holy scripture. The man's heart is fixed on God, fixed in the truth, fixed in holy living. He will stand fast, however evil the days. Though all the rest should apostatize, this man cannot; for the divine Word through faith has bound him to the altar of the Lord,

and in the truth he must and will both live and die, come what weathers there may.

Besides, a man that has once been taught in the Scripture, and to whose soul the Spirit has blessed that teaching, has come to yield himself to the supremacy of Scripture, and this must operate to the shaping of his character. I confess that sometimes I come across a text which does not at the first blush agree with other teachings of Scripture which I have already received, and this startles me for the moment. But one thing is settled in my heart, namely, that I will follow the Scripture wherever it leads me, and that I will renounce the most cherished opinion rather than shape a text or alter a syllable of the inspired Book. It is not mine to make God's Word consistent, but to believe that it is so. When a text stands in the middle of the road I drive no further. The Romans had a god they called "Terminus," who was a god of landmarks. Holy scripture is my sacred landmark, and I hear a voice which threatens me with a curse if I remove it. Sometimes I say to myself, "I did not think to find this truth to be just so; but as it is so, I must bow. It is rather awkward for my theory, but I must alter my system, for the Scripture cannot be broken." "Let God be true, but every man a liar." We want our children to have this deep reverence for Scripture, even as we have it ourselves. There it stands: the eternal pen has written it: we accept it. If God has said it, we have no desire to question it, lest the Scripture should say to us, "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?" We must bow before the infallibility of the Holy Ghost, and say, "Lord, teach me what this means. What I know not, teach thou me." He who goes through the world with an intense reverence for Scripture will be a man indeed. The Lord will make good in him that word—"Them that honour me I will honour." Angels and men ere long reverence the man who reverences the word of God. Feed your mind on the pulse of Scripture, and, like Daniel and his comrades, your

countenance shall appear fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who eat the portion of the king's meat from the philosophic tables of the world.

While on this point I would also say, that this kind of instruction will hold a man fast against the differing seductions of the age. Here I go into one place of worship, and I see a pretty little dolls'-house at the further end, and people are bowing down before some paper flowers and candlesticks. Around the building I see pictures of virgins and saints; but he who has read his Bible enters not into this modern idolatry. A priest once said to a poor Irishman, "There will be no good come of your reading the Bible." "Why," replied the man, "it is written, 'Search the Scriptures.' Please, your Reverence, I was just reading 'Ye shall read it to your children,' and the priests have no children: how can you account for that?" "Ah!" replied the priest, "the likes of you cannot understand the book." "Well," said the man, "If I cannot understand it, it will do me no harm; and if I can understand it, it will do me great good." Just so: the Bible is a very dangerous book to superstition, but to nothing else. Spread it, then, to the winds of heaven; and read it, every one of you. To the law and to the testimony; if we speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in us. He that holds to the Bible will be equally free from the dangers of rationalism which are now so abundant; and he will keep himself clean from the ravings of anarchy which now sound like the cries of dragons from the dark places of the earth. People are beginning to forget the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," and they are planning various methods of political thievery, by which the foundations of society will be shaken. Love of holy scripture will be the sheet-anchor of the State as well as of the Church. If men are thoroughly grounded in holy scripture, we shall undergo political changes with great advantage; but if not, there is mischief brewing. That book is the cornerstone of our future hope.

IV. Now, lastly. As this early teaching creates a fine solid character, so will it PRODUCE GREAT USEFULNESS. I will say nothing more than just this. Thus Timothy became above all others a choice companion for Paul, one upon whom Paul looked with love, and remembered with joy. Companions for apostles are only to be produced in the school of holy scripture. Those who have communed with Moses, and David, and the prophets, are fit to associate with an apostle. It is something to produce out of a child a comrade for a veteran servant of the living God. Let a man of God get side by side with a youth who knows the Scriptures, and he feels, "This is fit company for me." Paul, worn with years of persecution, strokes his grey beard, and his eyes light up with joy as he looks on that young Timothy. What is there about him more than any other? Why, only that he knows the Scriptures, and they have made him wise unto salvation. There were, no doubt, fine young fellows to be found who gloried in preferring the advanced thought of philosophers to the stereotyped teachings of holy scripture; but had they begun to talk to the apostle upon their new theories, Paul would have dismissed them with words of warning. He knew nothing of them or of their "other gospel," except that they troubled him and the churches. Without a scriptural training a convert has no grit, no backbone, and no soul in him. But when Paul looked on a gracious youth who knew the Scriptures, and held fast to them, he thanked God, and took courage.

This young man became a minister and an evangelist. He was a preacher of such a sort that we should have been glad to have heard him. God send us many such! Perhaps we might have said, "The young man's opinions were rather crude, and his expressions were somewhat rough; but we can put up with that from so young a man. On the other hand, what a richness of Scripture there was in him! What depth of thought! Did you not notice he had not got through a

dozen sentences before he had quoted a Scripture? and when he came to prove his point he did not give half-a-dozen rationalistic arguments, but he brought out a single word from the Lord, and the point was settled." You must agree with a man who is at home with his Bible. This is the kind of preacher that we need more of. Instruct your children well, beloved teachers, that they also may become scriptural teachers in due time.

Timothy became, also, a great champion for the faith. He came forward, and in the midst of all those who were preaching false doctrine he stood firm to the end; steadfast, unmovable, courageous, because as a child he had known the Scriptures. O teachers, see what you may do! In your schools sit our future Evangelists. In that infant class sits an apostle to some distant land. There may come under your training hand, my sister, a future father in Israel. There shall come under your teaching, my brother, those that are to bear the banners of the Lord in the thick of the fray. The ages look to you each time your class assembles. Oh, that God may help you to do your part well! We pray with one heart and one soul that the Lord Jesus Christ may be with our Sunday-schools from this day and till he cometh. Amen and Amen.

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HIS WAY? BY TAKING HEED THERETO
ACCORDING TO THY WORD.
PSALM 119:9

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**Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of
the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
Luke 15:10**

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

1

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Psalms 89:48

76

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9

2

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalms 34:8

77

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:3

3

Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

Romans 6:9

78

Jesus answered and said unto him,
Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

4

For I know that in me (that is, in
my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:
for to will is present with me; but
how to perform that which is good I
find not.

Romans 7:18

79

For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

5

The thoughts of the wicked are
an abomination to the LORD: but
the words of the pure are pleasant
words.

Proverbs 15:26

80

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for
thou knowest not what a day may
bring forth.

Proverbs 27:1

6

Then when lust hath conceived, it
bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it
is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 1:15

81

But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become
the sons of God, even to them that
believe on his name.

John 1:12

7

I am the door: by me if any man
enter in, he shall be saved, and
shall go in and out, and find
pasture.

John 10:9

82

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.

John 1:1

8

And as it is appointed unto men
once to die, but after this the
judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

83

For all have sinned, and come short
of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

9

He that believeth on him is not
condemned: but he that believeth
not is condemned already, because
he hath not believed in the name of
the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:18

84

Can any hide himself in secret
places that I shall not see him?
said the LORD. Do not I fill heaven
and earth? saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:24

10

For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

85

For our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:29

11

There is none that understandeth,
there is none that seeketh after
God.

Romans 3:11

86

Neither is there salvation in any
other: for there is none other name
under heaven given among men,
whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

12

O LORD, thou hast searched me,
and known me.

Psalms 139:1

87

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6

13

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Isaiah 57:21

88

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:31

14

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

John 11:25

89

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Acts 15:18

15

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 6:37

90

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:19

16

For I will declare my iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.

Psalm 38:18

91

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

Job 34:22

17

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

92

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

18

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

93

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way,
the truth, and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

19

Shall not God search this out? for he
knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Psalms 44:21

94

Whereas ye know not what shall
be on the morrow. For what is
your life? It is even a vapour, that
appeareth for a little time, and
then vanisheth away.

James 4:14

20

And fear not them which kill the
body, but are not able to kill the
soul: but rather fear him which is
able to destroy both soul and body
in hell.

Matthew 10:28

95

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me hath
everlasting life.

John 6:47

21

For when we were yet without
strength, in due time Christ died
for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

96

All things were made by him;
and without him was not any
thing made that was made.

John 1:3

22

But Jesus said, Suffer little
children, and forbid them not, to
come unto me: for of such is the
kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

97

Children, obey your parents in the
Lord: for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

23

Therefore being justified by faith,
we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

98

For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth
all his goings.

Proverbs 5:21

24

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and to day, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

99

The wicked shall be turned
into hell, and all the nations
that forget God.

Psalm 9:17

25

Wherefore, as by one man sin
entered into the world, and death by
sin; and so death passed upon
all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 5:12

100

And this is the record, that God
hath given to us eternal life, and
this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:11

26

The wicked, through the pride of his
countenance, will not seek after
God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:4

101

...behold, now is the accepted time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

27

Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth, that
shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

102

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

28

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

103

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

29

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

Psalms 102:11

104

Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalms 53:3

30

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Titus 3:5

105

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

Psalm 90:8

31

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:89

106

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:36

32

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 2:10

107

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10

33

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

108

Come now, and let us reason
together, saith the LORD: though
your sins be as scarlet, they shall
be as white as snow; though they
be red like crimson, they shall be
as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

34

His own iniquities shall take the
wicked himself, and he shall be
holden with the cords of his sins.

Proverbs 5:22

109

Behold, I stand at the door, and
knock: if any man hear my voice,
and open the door, I will come in to
him, and will sup with him, and he
with me.

Revelation 3:20

35

The thief cometh not, but for to
steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I
am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more
abundantly.

John 10:10

110

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for
I am holy.

1 Peter 1:16

36

All go unto one place; all are of the
dust, and all turn to dust again.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

111

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

37

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

112

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Psalms 139:12

38

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 17:3

113

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

39

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:37

114

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:14

40

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Hebrews 4:13

115

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Hebrews 4:7

41

The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

Proverbs 15:24

116

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

42

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

117

Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God
with us.

Matthew 1:23

43

So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts unto
wisdom.

Psalms 90:12

118

Thou shalt not steal.

Exodus 20:15

44

And the Spirit and the bride say,
Come. And let him that heareth
say, Come. And let him that is
athirst come. And whosoever will,
let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

119

He that covereth his sins shall not
prosper: but whoso confesseth and
forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

45

Now unto the King eternal,
immortal, invisible, the only wise
God, be honour and glory for ever
and ever.

1 Timothy 1:17

120

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31

46

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.

2 Corinthians 1:9

121

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

47

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 2:16

122

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 22:16

48

Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

Job 4:8

123

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall
not come into condemnation; but
is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

49

Herein is love, not that we loved
God, but that he loved us, and sent
his Son to be the propitiation for our
sins.

1 John 4:10

124

He that loveth not knoweth not
God; for God is love.

1 John 4:8

50

For we must needs die, and are
as water spilt on the ground, which
cannot be gathered up again.

2 Samuel 14:14

125

As it is written, There is none
righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:10

51

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw
nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye
sinners; and purify your hearts, ye
double minded.

James 4:8

126

For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

Job 34:21

52

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 1:18

127

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:20

53

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Job 14:4

128

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

54

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37

129

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

55

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:8

130

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.

1 John 3:23

56

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

131

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Colossians 2:9

57

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:28

132

But we are all as an unclean thing,
and all our righteousnesses are as
filthy rags; and we all do fade as a
leaf; and our iniquities, like the
wind, have taken us away.

Isaiah 64:6

58

But whosoever drinketh of the
water that I shall give him shall
never thirst; but the water that I
shall give him shall be in him a
well of water springing up into
everlasting life.

John 4:14

133

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of
man, that they are vanity.

Psalms 94:11

59

And we believe and are sure that
thou art that Christ, the Son of the
living God.

John 6:69

134

But your iniquities have separated
between you and your God, and
your sins have hid his face from
you, that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2

60

...let God be true, but every man a
liar.

Romans 3:4

135

And ye shall know the truth, and
the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

61

For the eyes of the LORD run to and
fro throughout the whole earth, to
shew himself strong in the behalf of
them whose heart is perfect toward
him.

2 Chronicles 16:9

136

But this I say, brethren, the time
is short.

1 Corinthians 7:29

62

Then shall he say also unto them
on the left hand, Depart from me,
ye cursed, into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his
angels.

Matthew 25:41

137

Let not your heart be troubled: ye
believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:1

63

We love him, because he first loved
us.

1 John 4:19

138

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:14

64

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

139

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Galatians 3:22

65

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...

Acts 3:19

140

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Proverbs 21:2

66

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

Psalms 93:2

141

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

67

How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

Job 15:16

142

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

68

For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Luke 8:17

143

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

Hebrews 2:3

69

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:12

144

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9

70

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

145

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

71

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

146

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Proverbs 12:22

72

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

147

Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

Job 21:27

73

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

1 John 5:12

148

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16

74

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:17

149

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16

75

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:9

150