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# Match'um Bible Quiz

Score yourself 100pts for the first answer, 200 pts for the second answer, 300 pts for the third answer, and so on.

## "Not Same Old, Same Old"

#### Moses

- Saw the angel of God lead the way across the Red Sea.
- b. With God's help, stretched out his hand, and the Red Sea divided.
- With God's help, stretched out his hand, and the Jordan River was divided.

#### John the Baptist

- Saw Jesus' face become "radiant" after His baptism.
- Saw an eagle alight on Jesus' shoulder after His baptism.
- Heard God's voice from heaven speak after Jesus' baptism.

#### The apostles

- Saw Jesus rising in the air up to heaven.
- b. Saw angels accompany Jesus to heaven.
- Saw Jesus walk down the road to Emmaus and 6. vanish.

#### Aaron and the Israelites

- Witnessed Moses' "radiant" face when he descended from Mount Sinai.
- Witnessed the "radiance" of the two tablets Moses brought from God.
- Saw Moses descend with two angels from Mount Sinai.

#### 5. Peter, James, and John

- Witnessed the appearance of Elisha and Moses with Jesus.
- Witnessed the appearance of Elijah and Abraham with Jesus.
- Saw Jesus' face shine like the sun and His clothes become white.

#### 6. Jesus' Crucifixion

- a. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky.
- b. The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom.
- The Nile River was turned to blood.

### King Belshazzar

- Saw three men survive a fiery furnace.
- Saw human fingers, without a body, write words on a wall.
- Saw talons sprout from his fingertips.

### 8. Hezekiah

- Saw the shadow on a sundial go forward ten steps.
- Saw the shadow on a sundial go backward ten steps.
- c. Experienced total darkness at noon.

### 9. Joshua

- a. Saw the sun stop in the middle of the sky.
- b. Saw night last for a full day.
- Saw the sun stop in the middle of the sky for two full days.

### 10. Gideon

- Squeezed a fleece and got two bowlfuls of water.
- b. Saw an angel set fire to an Asherah pole.
- Saw a rock set on fire by an angel.

# Laws

- Law of Mechanical Repair After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to use the bathroom.
- Law of Probability The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- Law of Random Numbers If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
- Law of the Bath When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
- Law of Close Encounters The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
  - Brown's Law of Physical Appearance If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

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 Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

# Bible Relay

Divide teams up, no more than six to a team. On a chalk or dry erase board, write 15-20 scripture references. Have one person chosen to stand at the board as referee. Give each team a Bible. At the starting "go", the first person of each team runs to the board with the team Bible, finds the first scripture and shows it to the referee to prove she has found it.

She then runs back to her next team member and gives her the Bible. The next team member runs to find the next reference, and so on. The first team finished wins!





### Answers from last issue:

1.b.(Matt.9:9); 2.c.(Matt.12:26-27); 3.b.(John 1:42); 4.a.(Num.13:16); 5.a.(Ruth 1:20); 6.c.(Mic.5:2); 7.c.(Esther 2:7); 8.b.(Esther 1:1); 9.c.(Judg.7:1); 10.a.(Acts 13:6,8)

## Mom's Page



# The Value of Remembering Remembering...

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Gives reassurance when we are discouraged. (Psalm 143:5)

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Reminds us that God is God. (Isaiah 46:9)

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Strengthens us for hard times. (Hebrews 10:32)

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Enables us to build on good, old foundations. (Isaiah 58:12)

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Lets us recover long-lost, precious truths. (Jeremiah 6:16)

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Helps us stay humble under God's mighty hand.

(Deuteronomy 5:15)

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Teaches us the lessons of God's great deeds. (Matthew 16:9)

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Warns us against the folly of the foolish. (Luke 17:32)

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Stimulates repentance. (Revelation 3:3)

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Shows what is truly unique and marvelous. (Deuteronomy 4:32)

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Points to a glorious new and unprecedented future.
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Dangling Participles

I wonder if any of you, like myself, have ever had problems with understanding English grammar? So that you will not feel alone, here are some examples of mild misunderstandings.

- The burglar was about 30 years old, white, 5' 10," with wavy hair weighing about 150 pounds.
- The family lawyer will read the will tomorrow at the residence of Mr. Hannon, who died June 19 to accommodate his relatives.
- Mrs. Shirley Baxter, who went deer hunting with her husband, is very proud that she was able to shoot a fine buck as well as her husband.
- Organ donations from the living reached a record high last year, outnumbering donors who are dead for the first time.
- The dog was hungry and made the mistake of nipping a 2-year-old that was trying to force feed it in his ear.
- We spent most of our time sitting on the back porch watching the cows playing Scrabble and reading.
- Hunting can also be dangerous, as in the case of pygmies hunting elephants armed only with spears.

# **Answering the Call**

Beneath the cover of the sod
The lily heard the call of God;
Within its bulb so strangely sweet,
Answering pulse began to beat.
The earth lay darkly damp and cold
And held the smell of grave and mold,
But never did the lily say,
"O, who will roll the stone away?"
It heard the call, the call of God,
And up through prison house of sod
It came from burial place of gloom
To find its perfect life in bloom.
~Author Unknown



## Unknown

For the past few issues I have featured a Christian poet and/or author that has been a help and blessing to others in their day and also in this present time. I would like to introduce you to my one, all-time favorite. Never have I found such deep thought and sweet comfort as I have from this author.

Some may wonder why that they do not want their name known. I think that because the content of the things they write

are so personal and sometimes condemning that they dare not sign their name lest someone they know would read it and know their inmost thoughts and agonies. The sweetest, most lasting lessons in our lives come from tragedy, trials and heartache. These kinds of exchanges with God are the most intimate of times in a person's life and are not easily shared.

So why do they write them down at all? Because they know that they are not the only one who has gone this way before and that there will definitely be someone else who will have the same experience they have had. They realize how helpful it is to someone who is hurting to read of another who has come down the same pathway and made it through with hope. They write with a prayer in their hearts that what they commit to paper will encourage someone not to do the things they have done. Their wish is that others know that there is hope in suffering, there is mercy for sin, there is comfort in sorrow.

So when you find a poem that is signed, "Author Unknown", take more time reading it and see what message you find there. Here is a favorite of mine:

Oh, not for Thee my fading fires,
The ashes of my heart.
But there were only ashes when He came,
Saying, "My daughter, thou hast tried to serve
In thine own way? But now, stretch forth thy hands
That I may lead thee out of self's dark cell
And work my will through thee—
When thou hast ceased to be.

I said, "My youth is gone; my strength is gone; My life-it lies before Thee bare and sere. For very shame I cannot offer Thee These ashes that are left me, gray and drear. Yet, work Thy will in me And teach me not to be."

Then through the ashes of that fading fire
He breathed His breath; and when the ash had fled,
Laid on some smoldering embers a live coal
That was His life, His love, all flaming red.
"Thy will be done to me,
So shall I live in Thee."

Author Unknown

# The Value of Integrity

Everyone seems to know what integrity is, but do you really? If you were asked, "What is integrity?" what would your answer be? To clarify the definition, I always turn to Webster's dictionary. What I found was this: *Integrity: the entire, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness, honesty.* Using a list of thoughts that I found on this subject, I would like to encourage you to think about integrity for a little while and see how valuable it is to you.

\*Integrity serves as a guide in life's moral decisions.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. - Proverbs 11:3

Life is full of important decisions, from the everyday choices of what we are to wear, or eat, or where we are to go, to the life-changing selections of who we are to marry, how we are to live, and whom we will serve. It is the moral issues that should concern us the most. How will you conduct yourself? By what standard will you live? The worldly philosophy is that fornication is not wrong anymore. They try to convince you to treat your purity lightly as a thing that does not matter. Most young people today are so filled with the idea that they cannot live above sin that they feel there is no need to try, therefore with the overwhelming pull of worldly influences (pornography, peer pressure, worldly music and magazines, romance books,...just to name a few), they are drawn into a net of destruction where their integrity is crushed and ruined. You can retain your integrity and you can hold to the decision to do right, no matter what. Keep that which is holy for Holy Matrimony, now and forever.

\*Integrity hates falsehood in every form.

A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner. - Proverbs 13:5-6

You have seen it before, someone starts lying to get out of trouble and pretty soon he has told so many lies he slips up and says something he should not and is caught. And what is the first thing he does? He starts lying again to try to get out of trouble. The thing about a liar is that he does not care to make someone else look bad just so he can make himself look better. Those are the kinds of things that I would think were *loathsome*. Hate lying! Hate it for what it is; sin. Sin always brings death and the one thing that lying can kill is your integrity. No one ever believes a liar. You might get away with it for a little while but lies always come out. Always! Lying is never right under any circumstance. If it means that you will get into trouble, then take the punishment that you deserve but do not lie! The best thought is just do nothing that you would not want everyone to know about, then you do not have to be ashamed and you will have no reason to lie.

\*Integrity keeps its word even when it hurts.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. – Proverbs 15:2,4

Back in my grandfather's day, if a man said that he would do something, it was as binding as if he had signed a contract. The old saying was, "A man's word is as

good as his bond." But honesty and faithfulness is a rarity these days and there are very few that you can trust to keep their word with only a handshake and a promise. A person who is concerned in keeping his integrity will keep their word at all costs. Solomon said, "Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." (Ecc.5:5) If you have any doubt that you cannot fulfill the promise that you start to make, do not make it. I personally know people who will tell you they will do something when they have no intention of doing it. Everyone loses trust in a person like that and when they need someone to really believe them, no one takes them seriously. So keep your word. Do what you say you will do. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." (Pro.15:3)

\*Integrity is not afraid to run when evil comes knocking.

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. - 2Tim. 2:22

The apostle Paul gave very precise instructions about how to handle sin...FLEE! Flee fornication. (1Cor 6:18) Flee from idolatry. (1Cor 10:14) But thou, O man of God, flee these things (foolish and hurtful lusts, the love of money); and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (1Tim 6:11) There is no better way for you to resist the temptations that come your way every day. When you are tempted to do something wrong, flee! When you pick up a magazine and it is full of bad pictures and worldly philosophy, drop it and run! If someone wants you to join them in something that you know is wrong, turn around and leave them in the dust. If you will turn away from evil and put it out of your mind, replacing it with good things as scripture, good songs, or even just to know that the thing you were thinking of is hurting the Lord, it will be of more help to you than you would ever imagine. And you will find that when you do, the devil will leave you alone, also. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7) Moses did it! Joseph did it! Daniel did it! You and I can do it, too!

\*Integrity backs up what it says with how it lives.

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Titus 2:7.8)

One thing that burdens my heart and I believe burdens the Lord, too, is people, young and old, who claim to be Christians and will act good, talk right, dress Godly, while they are in the presence of other Christians but then will act worldly, talk with vulgar slang and dress ungodly when they are anywhere else. This not only hurts the cause of Christ but also destroys their testimony with others who are watching them. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. (2Corinthians 6:17) It is time that we as Christians stand up for what we believe and follow the Lord in holiness and integrity. If you are a Christian and love the Lord Jesus Christ, then look like one, talk like one, and let your light shine in this dark world for others to see. The choice is yours. Will God have preeminence in your life or will you fit in with the world so well they cannot tell you are a Christian?

\*Integrity says both *yes* and *no* and means what it says.

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. - James 5:12

There is never a question about what is right and what is wrong. You have established in your heart and soul the principles by which Christ would have you live and there is no problem of you not knowing what to do or say in any situation. Some think that you can not live that way, that there are too many situations where one thing is right and another time that it is wrong, but that is not true. There is never a time that you need to do wrong to be right! Jesus had the answer to all those problems, namely; "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." Always be honest in all you say and do, with love and tact.

\*Integrity is what God looks for in a person's character.

I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. – 1Chr. 29:17

Being a parent, I know how very much joy and contentment I get from knowing that my children love me enough to do what is right without correction. The peace and fellowship at those times is heavenly. Is it so hard to understand, then, how we make the heart of God feel when we love him enough to walk in integrity and live to please him? We bring joy to our earthly parents with obedience and love and it is just as sure that we bring joy to our heavenly Father with the same thing. He will try your heart (put you through certain tests of endurance and patience) to see what kind of integrity you really have. He wants you to see yourself as you really are, not what you strive to be. If the way of integrity is too hard for you and the temptations of the world are too strong, I beg you to consider the sincerity of your own commitment to Christ. If you are a part of the Bride of Christ, worldly ambitions and temptations to follow after worldly influences do not have the pull that they once had. That does not mean that you will not be tempted, only now sinful pleasures and indulgences are hateful things to you because of the love that you have for Jesus. To please Him and prove your love for Him will become your greatest desire, and in doing so it will fill your life with joy and the sweet peace of God.

As always, if you ever have questions that you would like to ask me, I would be more than happy to receive your letter. I pray for you all, that the Lord will bless your heart and mind with understanding of His Word.

(The list of ideas that were used in this devotion was taken from "Lists to Live By - The Christian Collection", a compilation published by Multnomah Publishers.)

(Below: our house in Missouri.)



## Abandoned

Utterly abandoned to the Holy Ghost! Seeking all His fullness at whatever cost; Cutting all the shore-lines, launching in the deep Of His mighty power–strong to save and keep.

Utterly abandoned to the Holy Ghost!
Oh! The sinking, sinking, until self is lost!
Until the emptied vessel lies broken at His feet;
Waiting till His filling shall make the work complete.

Utterly abandoned to the will of God; Seeking for no other path than my Master trod; Leaving ease and pleasure, making Him my choice, Waiting for His guidance, listening for His voice.

Utterly abandoned! No will of my own; For time and for eternity, His, and His alone; All my plans and purposes lost in His sweet will, Having nothing, yet in Him all things possessing still.

Utterly abandoned! 'Tis so sweet to be Captive in His bonds of love, yet so wondrous free; Free from sin's entanglements, free from doubt and fear, Free from every worry, burden, grief or care.

Utterly abandoned! Oh, the rest is sweet, As I tarry, waiting, at His blessed feet; Waiting for the coming of the Guest divine, Who my inmost being shall perfectly refine.

Lo! He comes and fills me, Holy Spirit sweet!
I, in Him, am satisfied! I, in Him, complete!
And the light within my soul shall nevermore grow dim
While I keep my covenant—abandoned unto Him!

Author Unknown



# Pen Pal Page

My name is Hailey Cockman. I am 13 years old. My favorite color is red and I hate orange. My hobbies are reading, sewing, scrapbooking, and knitting. If you would like to write me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232.

Hi, my name is Jessica Robinson. I am 14. I am homeschooled. I like to read, cook, and spend the night at my friends. My favorite colors are teal, gray, and purple. My address is HC 02 Box 23, McGee, MO 63763.

My name is Elisabeth A. Miller. I am 12 years old and am homeschooled. My favorite colors are blue and brown. I love to ride four-wheelers, bake cookies, and read. If you would like to write to me, my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952

My name is Esther R. Miller. I am 14 years old. My favorite things to do are ride fourwheelers, scrapbooking and taking pictures. I also like to play piano. My favorite colors are blue, black and brown. My favorite hobby is photography. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952

My name is Ashley Truett. I am 13 years old and I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeschool. My favorite colors are bright colors. I love to read and have 2 brothers. My birthday is

One song can spark a moment,

June 9<sup>th</sup>. My address is: 2181 West Hwy.22; Troy, TN 38260.

My name is Shelby Allen and I am 12 years old. I am in 4<sup>th</sup> grade of public school. My favorite colors are pink and red. I like to play soccer. My address is 2181 West Hwy. 22;

Troy, TN 38260



My name is Daniel Miller. I am in 10<sup>th</sup> grade homeschool and my favorite colors are orange, red & blue. I am really interested in aviation and the part it played in history. I am also interested in the study of ancient civilizations. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring,



My name is Seth Cockman. I am in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and I am 10 years old. My favorite color is blue. My hobbies are collecting baseball cards and making wood crafts. When I grow up my mission is to join the Army. What I like to do is tell jokes. If you would like to write to me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232



# Let your friends be the friends of your deliberate choice.

One flower can wake the dream,
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One hand clasp lifts a soul,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights the room,
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer,

One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make the difference,
You see it's up to YOU!

One hope will raise our spirits,

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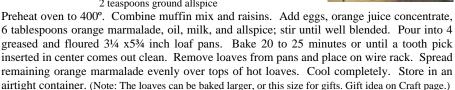


## **Cooking Counter**

## Orange Spice Bread

2 packages (7 ounces each) bran muffin mix
½ cup raisins
2 eggs
½ cup orange juice concentrate, thawed
½ cup orange marmalade, divided
4 tablespoons vegetable oil

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup milk 2 teaspoons ground allspice









2/3 cup milk, scalded
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
6 tablespoons butter, melted
2/3 cup water, lukewarm
2 tablespoons sugar
2 packages active dry yeast
3 eggs
6 cups flour

Scald milk in a saucepan. Add

Filling: 9 apples, peeled and sliced 1 1/2 cups cream 1 1/2 cups sugar butter cinnamon

butter. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water; add sugar and set aside to proof, about 10 minutes. When milk and butter mixture is between 100 and 110 degrees F. (warm to the touch), stir in the yeast mixture. Using a whisk, beat the eggs well and stir in to combine. Gradually add in 3 cups of flour, beating until smooth with electric mixer. Stir in remaining flour, or enough to make a soft dough (about 3 cups). Place in a greased bowl, turning once to cover with oil. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, about 1-2 hours. Turn out onto lightly floured board and divide into three pieces. Roll out each piece and stretch with hands to fit into a 11x11x3 inch pan. Press edges tightly against pan so that it doesn't spring back. If dough is too elastic, place on counter, cover with a bowl so that it doesn't dry out and allow to rest for 30 minutes. This will relax the gluten and the dough will become more manageable. Peel and core apples and slice thinly. Arrange the apples lengthwise in rows across the strudel dough. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm, draft-free place until doubled in bulk. Remove wrap. Into each of the three pans, pour 1/2 cup cream. Cover apples in each pan with a mixture of ½ cup sugar and sprinkle liberally with cinnamon. Starting with the long end, roll up jell-roll style into a log. Form log into a horse-shoe or U-shape. Brush top with milk or cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a preheated 350 degrees F. oven until lightly

1/2 gallon apple cider

golden, about 35 minutes. Puncture bubbles.

HOT SPICED APPLE CIDER

12 cloves

3 cinnamon sticks

1 c. orange juice

1/2 c. lemon juice

Heat apple cider. Add all ingredients. Allow the mixture to simmer for half hour or more. Serve this in mugs on a chilly night. Makes 12 servings.



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triangles. From wide end of triangle, begin rolling paper around skewer. Apply a thin bead of paper glue down center of paper triangle and continue rolling bead. Remove from skewer; let dry. Repeat with all paper beads. Coat all beads with Clear Glaze; let dry. (Designer Tip: To create a "spraying stand" for beads, poke 11 straight pins all the way through a scrap of cardboard and turn cardboard over. Slip beads onto pins, spray with protective coating and let dry. Lift beads off pins when dry.) Position small wooden bead onto center of help twine. Add smallest paper bead by threading twine ends all the way through opposite ends of bead. Add a small wooden bead to each end of twine, then through opposite ends of next larger paper bead. Repeat until five paper beads have been strung to create pendant. Add a large wooden bead to each end of twine. Using photo as guide, string paper beads and large wooden beads to complete necklace. When necklace is long enough to slip over head, tie twine ends together and secure with dot of glue; let dry. Trim excess twine.

center point to far corners of strip. Cut on lines, creating long, narrow

### Memory Shadow Box

It is fun looking through an old picture album or reading about what grandma and grandpa did when they were kids. There are always so many little things that a person collects during their lifetime that you want to keep but they are always shut away in a box in the closet. Seldom to people see and enjoy these special trinkets and photos unless they are displayed in some way. Memory shadow boxes are a great idea! You can even make them for Mom and Dad for Christmas using things (WITH PERMISSION) that Mom saved while they were courting or when they were first





married. Dad may have some memorabilia of when he was in the service. Special vacations make good shadow boxes or special events, such as babies, graduation, weddings, first car,...the ideas are endless! You can either purchase an unfinished shadow box at a craft store or keep your eyes open at rummage sales for a flat, shallow box that would do. It is best to have a way to cover your treasures with glass to protect from dust. Use lace hankies or crocheted items made by the person, personal items such as knives, watches, rings, or jewelry of any kind. Always be sure to have their name printed somewhere, and pictures if possible, so all will know for whom the box was made.