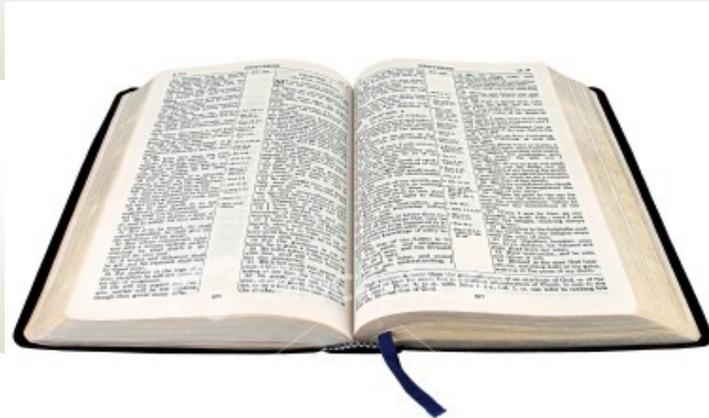


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1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Swordsman Teen Newsletter



Proverbs 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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1. What prophet was able to travel for forty days on the strength from just a cake and some water?
 - A. Ezekiel
 - B. Elijah
 - C. Elisha
 - D. Jeremiah
2. Elijah and Elisha walked across the Jordan river on dry ground after Elijah struck the waters with what?
 - A. Hammer
 - B. Rod
 - C. Staff
 - D. mantle
3. Elijah outran a king's chariot, running all the way from Mount Carmel to Jezreel, almost ten miles. Who was the king?
 - A. Ahab
 - B. David
 - C. Saul
 - D. Arad
4. How was Elijah taken up into heaven?
 - A. In a chariot of fire
 - B. a whirlwind
 - C. horses of fire
 - D. By the hand of God
5. Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry ground and also crossed a river on dry ground. Which river?
 - A. Jordan
 - B. Arnon
 - C. Jabbok
 - D. Euphrates
6. What carried Philip from Gaza to Azotus?
 - A. He Walked
 - B. A Mule
 - C. The Spirit of the Lord
 - D. A chariot
7. What two people walked on water in the midst of a storm?
 - A. Jesus and Thomas
 - B. Jesus and Paul
 - C. Jesus and Simon
 - D. Jesus and Peter
8. Who took Jesus to a pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem?
 - A. The Spirit of God
 - B. The devil
 - C. He walked
 - D. Rode a donkey
9. Ezekiel was lifted up by a spirit, which held him between earth and heaven. What was the spirit holding on to?
 - A. His hand
 - B. His feet
 - C. A lock of mine head
 - D. His arm
10. Who was taken up into heaven in the sight of his followers?
 - A. Elijah
 - B. Elisha
 - C. Enoch
 - D. Jesus
11. What man knew someone who had been caught up to the third heaven?

- A. Paul
- B. Peter
- C. Thomas
- D. John

Moses and Miracles

1. What did Moses mount on a pole as a way for healing the ailing Israelites?
 - A. A Brass cross
 - B. A fiery serpents
 - C. A brass serpent
 - D. Just held the pole up
2. What bird served as miracle food for the Israelites?
 - A. Doves
 - B. Ravens
 - C. Quails
 - D. Pheasants
3. What did Moses do to bring forth water from the rock a Kadesh?
 - A. He struck the rock once.
 - B. He struck the rock twice
 - C. He struck the rock thrice
 - D. He struck the rock four times
4. What animal came forth out of the Nile in droves?
 - A. Snakes
 - B. Fish
 - C. Frogs
 - D. Nothing
5. What miraculous thing happened to Moses' hand?
 - A. It was leprous, then became normal
 - B. He had the power to heal
 - C. He gain power
 - D. He could smash rocks bare handed
6. What was the unique feature of the hailstorm that God sent upon the Egyptians?
 - A. hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast
 - B. the LORD sent thunder and hail
 - C. It killed a lot of people
 - D. It was accompanied by fire that ran along the ground
7. What did Moses' staff turn into?
 - A. A Cross
 - B. A serpent
 - C. A Rod of protection
 - D. Whatever Moses wanted it to
8. What everyday substance was changed into a plague of lice?
 - A. Salt
 - B. Spices
 - C. Water
 - D. Dust
9. What caused the boils on the Egyptians?
 - A. Ashes that were turned into dust
 - B. Their sins
 - C. The Pharos's sin
 - D. All the above
10. What did the Nile waters turn into?
11. What plague was sent upon the Egyptians' cattle?
12. Who appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Jesus?

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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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WHO ARE YOU RUNNING WITH?

July 4th will be here by the time you get this newsletter. I would like you to ask yourself this question. "Am I really free?" How about peer pressure? Hopefully you will read this article.

Proverbs 13:10-22 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom. **11** Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase. **12** Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. **13** Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. **14** The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. **15** Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard. **16** Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly. **17** A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health. **18** Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured. **19** The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil. **20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. **21** Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed. **22** A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. The Christian life is a war against the world, the flesh, and the devil. You can't lose your soul in this war, but you can lose a lot of things, such as your testimony, your joy, your fruitfulness, your soul-winning, your peace of mind, your fellowship with God, and more! One of the keys to success in this war is **THE CHOICE OF FRIENDS**, especially those closer friends whom we would call COMPANIONS. **WHO ARE YOU RUNNING WITH?** In today's world we could say who are we texting or Face Booking. **Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. I think this verse is one of the most important verses in the Bible for **shaping Christian character**. **Let's look at the word COMPANION** (n.) A person with whom one shares close ties of liking and trust: "friend" He that walketh with ...a companion ...**A companion of God walks with God.** Enoch walked with God; he was God's companion. **Genesis 5:22-24** And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: **23** And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: **24** And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. **Malachi 2:14** Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. A companion is one with whom you have intimate friendship. A wife is a husband's companion. Companionship signifies agreement, knit together, having fellowship with, heap up, join (self, together), league. **Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed? **Companionship signifies acceptance.** Lot **first pitched** his tent **towards** Sodom, but he ended up in the gates, sitting with the elders of the land. The very first thing he did was pitch his tent toward Sodom (Read **Genesis 13.12**) **Companionship signifies affection. You cannot** love God and the wrong crowd at the same time. God and the world are going in two different directions.

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Diet Quotes

- 1-I went on a fourteen-day diet, but all I lost was two weeks. Minutes at the table don't put on weight--it's the seconds.
- 2-My doctor has the greatest diet of all: eat all you want, chew--but don't swallow.
- 3-If you cheat on your diet--you gain in the end.
- 4-The second day of a diet is always easier than the first--by the second day you're off it.
- 5-I told the doctor I get very tired when I go on a diet. So he gave me pep pills. You know what happened? I ate faster.
- 6-The one thing harder than sticking to a diet is keeping quiet about it.
- 7-Dieting is a way of starving to death so you can live longer.
- 8- Losing weight is a triumph of mind over platter.
- 9-I'm on a new tranquilizer diet--I haven't lost an ounce, but I don't care.

Missionary Mimicking

A new missionary recruit went to Venezuela for the first time. He was struggling with the language and didn't understand a whole lot of what was going on. Intending to visit one of the local churches, he got lost, but he eventually got back on track and found the place. Having arrived late, the church was already packed. The only pew left was the one on the front row. So as not to make a fool of himself, he decided to pick someone out of the crowd to imitate. He chose to follow the man sitting next to him on the front pew. As they sang, the man clapped his hands, so the missionary recruit clapped too. When the man stood up to pray, the missionary recruit stood up too. When the man sat down, he sat down. When the man held the cup and bread for the Lord's Supper, he held the cup and bread. During the preaching, the recruit didn't understand a thing. He just sat there and tried to look just like that man in the front pew. Then he perceived that the preacher was giving announcements. People clapped, so he looked to see if the man was clapping. He was, and so the recruit clapped too. Then the preacher said some words that he didn't understand and he saw the man next to him stand up. So he stood up too. Suddenly a hush fell over the entire congregation. A few people gasped. He looked around and saw that nobody else was standing. So he sat down. After the service ended, the preacher stood at the door shaking the hands of those who were leaving. When the missionary recruit stretched out his hand to greet the preacher, the preacher said, in English, "I take it you don't speak Spanish." The missionary recruit replied, "No, I don't. It's that obvious?" "Well, yes," said the preacher. "I announced that the Acosta family had a newborn baby boy, and would the proud father please stand up."

Moral of the story watch who you follow.

The Letter

One day a woman named Louise fell asleep in her bed and dreamed a very fitful dream. She dreamed that someone in Hell wrote a letter to her, and it was to be delivered to her by a messenger. The messenger passed between the lakes of burning fire and brimstone that occupies Hell, and found his

way to the door that would lead him to the outside world. Louise dreamed that the messenger walked to her house, came inside, and gently but firmly woke Louise up. He gave her the message, saying only that a friend had written it to her from Hell. Louise, in her dream, with trembling hands took the letter and read:

My Friend,

I stand in Judgment now, and feel that you're to blame somehow. On earth, I walked with you day by day, and never did you point the way. You knew the Lord in truth and glory, but never did you tell the story. My knowledge then was very dim; you could have led me safe to Him. Though we lived together on the earth, you never told me of the second birth, and now I stand this day condemned, because you failed to mention Him. You taught me many things, that's true, I called you "friend" and trusted you. But now I've learned that it's too late, you could have kept me from this awful fate. We walked by day and talked by night, and yet you showed me not the Light. You let me live, and love, and die, you knew I'd never live on high.

Yes, I called you a "friend" in life, and trusted you through joy and strife. And yet on coming to the end, I cannot, now, call you "**My Friend.**"

After reading the letter, Louise awoke. The dream was still so real in her mind, and sweat dropped from her body in pools. She swore she could still smell the smell of brimstone and smoke from her room. As she contemplated the meaning of her dream, she realized that as Christian, she had failed in her duty to "go out to all the world and preach the gospel." As she thought of that, she promised herself that the next day, she would call Marsha and invite her to church with her. The next morning she called Marsha and this was the conversation:

"Hello, Bill, is Marsha there?"

"Louise, you don't know? Marsha was killed last night in car accident. I thought you knew."

Friend, is this your testimony? Are you witnessing to your friends that you are with everyday, or are you a "Louise"? Is there a friend in hell asking you why you did not tell them about the Lord? Are you a Marsha who does not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? As Christians we must be Christ-like. Christ commanded us to go out and preach his word, so that others would come to the saving knowledge of God. It says in the Bible:

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

2 Timothy 1:8 *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

Hebrews 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after **this the judgment:***

We must tell our friends who, if they were to die right now, would spend eternity in a place prepared for the devil and his angels. Let's be witnesses to the world, Christian friend.

Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

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James 4:4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Companionship signifies alignment—The process of adjusting parts so that they are in proper relative position in purpose. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. With whom are you running? That goes for adults too! With whom is your spouse running? With whom are your children running? This is why some Christians separate their children from the world. **Christian children cannot walk with the worldly kids as I did before I was saved. Example:** (Neighbors, relatives, coworkers, fellow students, camps, clubs, sports, television, telephone, Internet chat, etc.) **Are those your companions! Your companions make you or break you** because they help **SHAPE YOU** into what you will **BE**. **Companions influence** the things that make you what you **ARE**. **A believer can be fruitful and leave an inheritance that is not only a financial one, but spiritual one also.** Examine your choice of companions! Be very careful about getting too close: 1. With co-workers 2. With relatives 3. With Christians 4. With television 5. With the Internet 6. With the telephone 7. With neighbors 8. With texting, 9. With chat rooms. **If they are not wise stay away. Even as adults we have to be very careful in these areas.***

**Blonde Joke**

Q: Why couldn't the blonde add 10 + 5 on a calculator?
A: She couldn't find the "10" button.

How Do You Pronounce Natchitoches?

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiiing."

Driving Through The Desert

There are three blondes who are on a road trip. As they are driving through the desert, their car breaks down. They have no phone to call anyone, so they decide to walk to the nearest

city, several miles away. They each decide to take one thing to make the journey better. The first blonde takes the radio and says, "If we get bored, we can put the radio on and listen to music." The second blonde decides to take a wheel, "In case one of us gets really tired, we can go inside the wheel and be rolled." The third blonde takes the car door, "In case it gets too hot, we can roll down the window!"

Going Into Space

A blonde, redhead, and a brunette were thinking about what they would do if they went to space. The redhead said, "I would adopt a Martian." The brunette said, "I would give Pluto some steroids." The Blonde said, "I would go to the sun." The redhead replied, "But you would burn up and die." The blonde responded, "Not if I went at night."

A Blonde Goes Hunting

Three women (a blonde, a redhead, and a brunette) are lost in the forest while hunting. They each have a shotgun with 2 bullets. They make a fire. Then the redhead gets up and goes hunting. She comes back with 2 rabbits. The other two say, "Wow, where did you get that?" She says, "I found tracks. I followed tracks. I saw rabbits. Rabbits ran. I shot. Rabbits stopped." Then the brunette leaves and comes back with a deer. The other two say, "Wow, Where did you get that?" She says, "I found tracks. I followed tracks. I saw deer. Deer ran. I shot. Deer stopped." The blonde leaves and comes crawling back, all bloodied and black and blue. They others say, "Wow, where did you get that?" She says, "I found tracks. I followed tracks. I saw train. Train ran. I shot. Train didn't stop."

THE WORLD NEEDS MEN!!!

Who cannot be bought;
whose word is their bond;
who put character above wealth;
who possess opinions and a will;
who are larger than their vocations;
who do not hesitate to take chances;
who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;
who will be as honest in small things as in great things;
who will make no compromise with wrong;
whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;
who will not say they do it" because everybody else does it";
who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity;
who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success;
who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular;
who are not ashamed of Jesus.

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Romans 10:11 *For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*



Answers to: Supernatural Journeys

1. (B) Elijah (*1 Kings 19:5-9*)
2. (D) His mantle (*2 Kings 2:8*)
3. (A) Ahab (*1 Kings 18:41-46*)
4. (B) In a whirlwind (*2 Kings 2:11*)
5. (A) The Jordan (*Joshua 3*)
6. (C) The Spirit of the Lord (*Acts 8:39-40*)
7. (D) Jesus and Peter (*Matthew 14:22-32*)
8. (B) The devil (*Matthew 4:5-7*)
9. (C) A lock of Ezekiel's hair (*Ezekiel 8:1-3*)
10. (D) Jesus (*Acts 1:9*)
11. (A) Paul (*2 Corinthians 12:1-7*)

Answers to: Moses and Miracles

1. (C) A brass serpent (*Numbers 21:5-9*)
2. (C) Quail (*Exodus 16:11-13*)
3. (B) He struck it twice (*Numbers 20:1-11*)
4. (C) Frogs (*Exodus 8:5-7*)
5. (A) It was leprous, then became normal again (*Exodus 4:7*)
6. (D) It was accompanied by fire that ran along the ground (*Exodus 9:22-26*)
7. (B) A serpent (*Exodus 4:2-4*)
8. (D) Dust (*Exodus 8:16-17*)
9. (A) Ashes that were turned into dust (*Exodus 9:8-12*)

Two Men in a Lunatic Asylum

There were two men in a lunatic asylum. One night they decided they did not like living in an asylum any more, so they decided to escape. They got up onto the roof and there, just across this narrow gap, they see the rooftops of the town, stretching away in the moon light, stretching away to freedom. The first man jumps across with no problem, but his friend didn't dare make the leap, because he was afraid of falling. The first man has an idea, he says 'Hey! I have my torch with me! I'll shine it across the gap between the buildings. You can walk along the beam and join me!'

The second guy just shakes his head and says 'What do you think I am? Crazy? You'd turn it off when I was half way across!'

Highway Patrol

One Sunday the policeman was sitting on the side of the highway and was waiting to catch speeding drivers. The police officer saw a car driving along at 22 MPH. He thought to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over. When he approached the car, he noticed that there were five little old Indian ladies - two of them were in the front seat and three in the back with wide eyes and they were white as ghosts. The driver was obviously confused and said to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly! I always go exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the

problem?" "Madam," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly! Twenty-two miles an hour!" the old Indian woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explained to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Madam, I have to ask. Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right, officer. We just got off Route 119."

Supermarket

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Everywhere he went, she seeming to be staring at him. She was in front of him in the checkout line and turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's OK."

She then said, "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mum' as I leave the shop, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout and as she was on her way out of the shop, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mum." The little old lady waved and smiled back at him.

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the cashier.

"Why so much? I only bought five items."

The cashier replied, "Yes, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

The Diet

George was a little overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least 5 pounds."

When George returned, he shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

George nodded... "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that 3rd day."

"From hunger, you mean?"

"No, from skipping."

