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Joseph Part 2 ~ Circle the right answer:

1. Who gave his favorite son a coat of many colors?
 - A. Abram
 - B. Israel
 - C. Judah
 - D. Benjamin
2. Who had a dream about sheaves of grain bowing down?
 - A. Moses
 - B. Daniel
 - C. Abram
 - D. Joseph
3. Joseph's brothers responded to his dreams by being _____.
 - A. Puzzled
 - B. Generous
 - C. Jealous
 - D. Sleepy
4. When Joseph's brothers saw him coming in the distance, they plotted to _____ him.
 - A. Kill
 - B. Hit
 - C. Anger
 - D. Tickle
5. Joseph's brothers brought his robe back to their father with _____ on it.
 - A. Dirt
 - B. Mustard
 - C. Blood
 - D. Paint
6. When the Midianites brought Joseph to Egypt, they sold him to _____.
 - A. Pharaoh
 - B. Potiphar
 - C. Abimelech
 - D. Ephraim
7. The traders brought Joseph to _____ and sold him to one of Pharaoh's officers.
 - A. Babylon
 - B. Egypt
 - C. Jericho
 - D. Houston
8. Potiphar, an official of the Pharaoh, had a Hebrew slave named _____.
 - A. Rameses
 - B. Moses
 - C. Amram
 - D. Joseph
9. Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife, but left his _____ in her hand.
 - A. Ring
 - B. Cloak
 - C. Hat
 - D. Sword
10. When Joseph was brought from the prison to see the Pharaoh, he shaved and changed his _____.
 - A. Name
 - B. Mind
 - C. Tune
 - D. Clothes
11. What country did everyone come to in order to buy grain from Joseph?
 - A. Judea
 - B. Canaan
 - C. Babylon
 - D. Egypt
12. How many shekels did the brothers sell Joseph for?
 - A. 10
 - B. 20
 - C. 30
 - D. 40
- 13) Who did Joseph get hired as a slave by?
 - A. Laban
 - B. Jacob
 - C. Barnabus
 - D. Potiphar
- 14) While in prison Joseph met two prisoners who had had dreams. What were the occupations of the prisoners before they ended up in prison?
 - A. Butler and Baker
 - B. King and Priest
 - C. Baker and Priest
 - D. King and Butler
- 15) How many thin cows came out of the river in Pharaoh's dream?
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 7
 - D. 20
- 16) What object of Joseph's was placed in Benjamin's sack?
 - A. Silver cup
 - B. Gold cup
 - C. Spoon
 - D. Fork
- 17) What else was found in Benjamin's and all the brother's sacks?
 - A. Sword
 - B. Spoon
 - C. Fork
 - D. Money
- 18) What did Joseph do when he first saw his brothers in Egypt?
 - A. Blessed them
 - B. Cursed them
 - C. Spoke gently to them
 - D. Spoke roughly to them
- 19) Who was Joseph's father?
 - A. Esau
 - B. Jacob
 - C. Abraham
 - D. Isaac
- 20) Who were Joseph's two sons?
 - A. Ephraim and Manasseh
 - B. Jacob and Esau
 - C. Abraham and Isaac
 - D. Peter and James

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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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John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Let Your Light Shine

I want to deal with something that costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. What is it? A smile.

Matthew 5:13-16 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Some songs I like that deal with light are: "Walking in the Light, Sunlight, Heavenly Sunlight, The Light of the World is Jesus, Send the Light." Do you realize that the word "light" is used over 235 times in the Bible? Somebody said light is good, but sore eyes don't like it. Man, is that true in the hour we live in. God is Light, His Word is light, and we are told to be that light. Let's look at the subject of light. What do we do when it's dark or when the light goes out?

1st Let's look at the little word "Ye." In verse 14 above it says "*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill CANNOT BE HID*". "Ye" is a collective pronoun which speaks of all those who are saved by the grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *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.*

Make no mistake about it. Saved folks are something special. You may not have a lot to offer this world, but to God you are special.

1 Peter 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

This light comes from our Wonderful Saviour! Do you know Him?

John 8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Definition of light: That ethereal agent or matter which makes objects perceptible to the sense of seeing, but the particles of which are separately invisible. It is usually united with heat. Light can only come when you are joined to the true Light source. Christians who drink, smoke, swear, do drugs, dress like the world and act like the world are not shining. They are not united with the Light. Without Jesus you are in the dark! He is the Light of the world.

2nd Let's look at how. *Matthew 5:16* tells us how, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" **How?** By your good works. There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. One is by your deeds. I have seen a man get saved by his wife's testimony and her prayers. Her husband saw the change in her life. The second way is by your dialect. A Christian should be different - the way we talk, dress and act.

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A Letter from Satan

I saw you yesterday as you began your daily chores. You awoke without kneeling to pray. As a matter of fact, you didn't even bless your meals or pray before going to bed last night. You are so unthankful. I like that about you. I can not tell you how glad I am that you are mine. Remember, you and I have been going steady for years, and I don't love you yet. As a matter of fact, I hate you. I hate you because I hate God. I'm only using you to get even with God. He kicked me out of Heaven, and I'm going to use you as long as possible to pay Him back. You see, fool, God loves you, and He has great plans in store for you, but you have yielded your life to me, and I'm going to make your life a living hell. That way we'll be together twice. This will really hurt God. Thanks to you, I'm really showing Him who's boss in your life with all the good times we have had watching dirty movies, cussing folks out, partying, stealing, lying, cheating, being a hypocrite, fornicating, over eating, smoking, drinking, playing hooky from church, telling dirty jokes, gossiping, and back-stabbing folks.

Surely you don't want to give all of this up? Come on, fool, let's burn together forever! I've got some hot plans for us. This is just a letter of appreciation from me to you. I'd like to say thanks for letting me use you for most of your life. Fool, you are so gullible. I laugh at you when you are tempted to sin and give in. You even make me sick! Sin is beginning to take a toll on your life, you look 20 years older. I need some new blood. So, go ahead, teach the little kids how to sin, cheat, gamble, gossip, fornicate, cuss, over eat, miss Sunday school and weeknight services, party hearty, and listen and dance to the top ten jams. Do all of this in the presence of children, and they will do it too. Kids are like that. Well, fool, I've gotta go now. I'll be back in a few seconds to tempt you again. If you were smart, you would run somewhere, confess your sins, and live for God with what little bit of life you have left.

It's not my nature to warn anyone, but to be your age and still be sinning is becoming a bit ridiculous. Don't get me wrong, I still hate you. It's just that you'd make a better fool for Christ. If you really love me, you will not share this letter.

Till death brings us together,
Satan

P.S. Tell those so-called "Christians" that they're doing a good job preaching one thing and living something else.

1 Corinthians 10:13 *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Most Boring Book

Once a blonde went to the library to get a book. A few days later, she returns and says to librarian at the counter, "This book was very boring. It had too many characters and too many numbers, so I would like to return it."

The librarian says to the other librarian, "So here is the person who took our phone book!"

The Outhouse

Once, in the 1820's, a little boy called Sam was playing in the yard behind his house. During his pretend fighting game, he knocked over the outhouse. Now Sam was upset and worried that he would get into trouble so he ran into the woods and didn't come out until after got dark. When he arrived back home, his pappy was waiting for him. He asked suspiciously, "Son, did you knock over the outhouse this afternoon?"

"No, Pappy," Sam lied.

"Well, let me tell you a story," said the father. "Once, not that long ago, Mr. Lincoln received a shiny new axe from his father. Excited, he tried it out on a tree, swiftly cutting it down. But as he looked at the tree, with dismay he realized it was his mother's favorite cherry tree," his pappy paused.

"Just like you, he ran into the woods. When he returned, his pappy asked, 'Abraham, did you cut down the cherry tree?' Abraham answered with, 'Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did indeed chop down the tree.' Then his father said, 'Well, since you were honest with me, you are spared from punishment. I hope you have learned your lesson, though.' So," Sam's father asked again, "did you knock down the outhouse?"

"Pappy, I cannot tell a lie any more." said the little boy. "I did indeed knock down the outhouse."

Then his pappy spanked Sam red, white, and blue. The boy whimpered, "Pappy, I told you the truth! Why did you spank me?"

Pappy answered, "That's because Abraham Lincoln's father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down!"



A good memory verse

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

Wait for Mom

Our son had graduated from 8th grade and would soon be entering high school. He was the first of our children to reach this point in life, and I was a novice at giving parental tips concerning the pitfalls lurking in the new environment of higher education. Nevertheless, I sat down with an air of assurance and discussed the experiences and temptations he must be prepared to face in September. I had hoped that our little session had made an impression on him. It had! I overheard him tell his father later, "Well, I'm ready for high school, but I don't think Mom is."

Ephesians 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

Let Your Light Shine

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I believe that more parents would get saved if Christian teens acted different and talked different.

Hebrews 10:24 *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

Be different in the way we dress and act. Show the ol' lost world what a Christian looks like. We need to be disciplined whether we are at school, in public or at work (by your work ethic.) May I forewarn you, sometimes this will get you in trouble. When I was working, I took less breaks and worked harder than most. The people I worked with would harassed me and even get mad at me.

John 10:32 *Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?*

If they did this to our Saviour, what can we expect?

3rd Where Can We Let Our Light Shine?

Matthew 5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

I covered most of this in the paragraph above. Our light should shine wherever we are - home, school, and church- in everything we do, **but why?**

This brings us to the last point.

Verse 16 says it all - to "*glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" We are commanded to go into all the world and be a witness for our Lord and Saviour. Jesus is worthy to be glorified in word and deed. By the way, we are not commanded to make our light shine. **We are told to let our light shine.** It should not be against your nature if you are saved. How is your light doing? Is it dim? If so, go to the altar and ask God to help you.

A Lawyer's Heart

A doctor tells a rich old man that he's going to die if he doesn't get a new heart soon. The old man tells the doctor to search the world for the best heart available, money is no object. A few days later the doctor calls the old man and says he has found three hearts, but they are all expensive. The old man reminds the doctor that he is filthy rich and implores him to tell him about the donors they came from.

"Well, the first one belonged to 22 year-old marathon runner, never smoked, ate only the most healthy foods, was in peak condition when he was hit by a bus. No damage to the heart, of course. But it costs \$100,000!"

The old man, waving off the last part about the cost, asks the doctor to tell him about the second donor.

"This one belonged to a 16 year-old long-distance swimmer, high school kid. Lean and mean. Drowned when he hit his head on the side of the pool. That heart will set you back \$150,000!"

"Okay," said the old man, "what about the third heart?"

"Well this one belonged to a 58 year-old man, smoked three packs of cigarettes a day, weighed over 300 pounds, never exercised, drank like a fish...this heart is going for \$500,000!!!"

"Five-hundred grand?!?!" the old man exclaimed, "why so expensive?"

"Well," said the doctor, "this heart belonged to a lawyer...so it was never used!"

How Big is Your God?

A boy was sitting on a park bench with one hand resting on an open Bible. He was loudly exclaiming his praise to God. "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God is great!" he yelled without worrying whether anyone heard him or not.

Shortly after, along came a man who had recently completed some studies at a local university. Feeling himself very enlightened in the ways of truth and very eager to show this enlightenment, he asked the boy about the source of his joy.

"Hey," asked the boy in return with a bright laugh, "Don't you have any idea what God is able to do? I just read that God opened up the waves of the Red Sea and led the whole nation of Israel right through the middle."

The enlightened man laughed lightly, sat down next to the boy and began to try to open his eyes to the "realities" of the miracles of the Bible. "That can all be very easily explained. Modern scholarship has shown that the Red Sea in that area was only 10 inches deep at that time. It was no problem for the Israelites to wade across."

The boy was stumped. His eyes wandered from the man back to the Bible laying open in his lap. The man, content that he had enlightened a poor, naive young person to the finer points of scientific insight, turned to go. Scarcely had he taken two steps when the boy began to rejoice and praise louder than before. The man turned to ask the reason for this resumed jubilation.

"Wow!" exclaimed the boy happily, "God is greater than I thought! Not only did He lead the whole nation of Israel through the Red Sea, He topped it off by drowning the whole Egyptian army in 10 inches of water!"

Grapes

A blonde walks into a store and says to the store keeper, "Do you have any grapes?"

The store keeper replies, "No, I don't." So the blonde leaves. She comes back the next day and says, "Do you have any grapes?"

The store keeper says, "NO! I don't have any grapes! Stop asking me!" So the blonde leaves.

She comes back the next day and says, "Do you have any grapes?"

I DON'T HAVE ANY GRAPES! If you ask me one more time, I'm going to nail you to the wall!" So the blonde leaves.

She comes back the next day and says, "Do you have any nails?" "No."

"Do you have any grapes?"

NASA Sends Blonde Into Space

NASA sends a space shuttle up with two monkeys and a blonde on board. While the shuttle is taking off, the NASA command center calls the first monkey and asks, "Monkey #1, do you know your mission?"

The monkey replies, "ooh ooh!. Get the shuttle into orbit and launch the trillion dollar satellite. ooh ooh!"

Then NASA Control asks the second monkey, "Monkey #2, do you know your mission?"

The second monkey replies, "ooh ooh! Once Monkey #1 has completed the trillion dollar satellite launch, close hatch, and go back to Earth. Land shuttle. ooh ooh!"

Then NASA asks the blonde, "Blonde woman, do you know your mission?"

The blonde woman replies, "Ummmmmm.... Oh yeah, I remember now. Feed the monkeys - and DON'T TOUCH A THING!"

Answers to Quiz about Joseph

- 1) B - Israel (*Genesis 37:3*)
- 2) D - Joseph (*Genesis 37:3*)
- 3) C - Jealous (*Genesis 37:11*)
- 4) A - Kill (*Genesis 37:18*)
- 5) C - Blood (*Genesis 37:31-32*)
- 6) B - Potiphar (*Genesis 37:36*)
- 7) B - Egypt (*Genesis 37:36*)
- 8) D - Joseph. (*Genesis 39:1*)
- 9) B - Cloak (*Genesis 39:12*)
- 10) D - Clothes (*Genesis 41:14*)
- 11) D - Egypt (*Genesis 41:57*)
- 12) B - 20 (*Genesis 37:28*)
- 13) D - Potiphar (*Genesis 39:1*)
- 14) A - Butler and Baker (*Genesis 40:2*)
- 15) C - 7 (*Genesis 41:3*)
- 16) A - Silver cup (*Genesis 44:2*)
- 17) D - Money (*Genesis 44:1*)
- 18) D - Spoke roughly to them (*Genesis 42:7*)
- 19) B - Jacob (*Genesis 35:22-24*)
- 20) A - Ephraim and Manasseh (*Genesis 48:1*)

The Wolf and the Lion

ROAMING BY the mountainside at sundown, a Wolf saw his own shadow become greatly extended and magnified, and he said to himself, "Why should I, being of such an immense size and extending nearly an acre in length, be afraid of the Lion? Ought I not to be acknowledged as King of all the collected beasts?" While he was indulging in these proud thoughts, a lion fell upon him and killed him. He exclaimed with a too late repentance, "Wretched me! this over-estimation of myself is the cause of my destruction."

Christians should never take pride in their own gifts and talents since they all come from God.

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

Preaching to the Dying

Andrew Meekens, an elder in the International Evangelical Church of Addis Ababa, was one of those who died on November 23, 1996, when a hijacked jet ran out of fuel and crashed near the Comoros Islands.

According to survivors of the crash, after the pilot announced he would attempt an emergency landing, Meekens stood up and spoke, calming passengers on the Ethiopian Airlines flight. Meekens then presented the gospel of Jesus Christ, and invited people to respond.

A surviving flight attendant said that about twenty people accepted salvation, including a flight attendant who did not survive the crash.

We preach as dying people to dying people.

John 4:35 *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Poorest Preacher

After worship one Sunday a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

Remove Your Foot

The weary evangelist knocked on another door, fully expecting to have it slammed in his face. Sure enough, the older woman who answered angrily demanded that he leave once she figured out why he was there and slammed the door.

The door, however, bounced back open, and the woman shouted, "Get your foot out of my door!"

"But ma'am..." the evangelist began, when the woman again slammed the door in his face. Once again it bounced back open.

"I said get your foot out of my door!" the woman yelled again. One more time she slammed the door. One more time it bounced open again.

"But ma'am..." the evangelist said again, only to be cut off.

"Don't talk back to me!" the woman screamed in a rage. "I want you off my property!" She slammed the door a fourth time, only to see it bounce open a fourth time.

"Ma'am," the evangelist yelled as he beat a hasty retreat down the sidewalk, "you'll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!"

One Sunday a Year

Greeting people at the door after Easter services, Pastor Joe was delighted to shake hands with "Seldom-Seen" Steve, and even more delighted when he complimented him on his sermon and said that the service was "amazing." Faced with such evidence of faithfulness, he asked why he didn't come to church more often.

"I'm just following the Lord's example," he said. "If Christ can rise up early only one Sunday a year, that's good enough for me, too!"

