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# *Swordsman Teen*

# *Newsletter*



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Parables ~ Circle the right answer:

- 1) In the parable of the sower, how many different types of ground were there?  
A - 3  
B - 4  
C - 5  
D - 6
- 2) What happened to the seeds that fell by the wayside?  
A - Birds ate them.  
B - They were trampled.  
C - They were scorched.  
D - They flourished.
- 3) What is it that turns away those who have "received the seed in stony places"?  
A - The riches of this world  
B - Television  
C - False doctrine  
D - Persecution
- 4) The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of what small seed?  
A - Coriander  
B - Fig  
C - Mustard  
D - Tomato
- 5) According to Matthew, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in \_\_\_\_\_ measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."  
A - 3  
B - 7  
C - 12  
D - 40
- 6) What did the merchant man do when he found the 'pearl of great price'?  
A - Mortgaged his house  
B - Scorned it  
C - Sold all that he had  
D - Stole it
- 7) A certain king was taking account of his servants, and one was brought which owed him ten thousand talents. What was the king going to do about it?  
A - Forgive him the debt  
B - Re-finance the debt  
C - Throw him in prison  
D - Sell him and his wife into slavery
- 8) How many times did the householder go out to hire laborers?  
A - 3  
B - 4  
C - 5  
D - 6
- 9) What time was it when he went out the last time?  
A - The ninth hour  
B - The eleventh hour  
C - The sixth hour  
D - The third hour
- 10) What wage did those hired on the first hour get?  
A - One penny  
B - Two pennies  
C - Three pennies  
D - Four pennies
- 11) What wage did those hired at the third hour get?  
A - One penny  
B - Two pennies  
C - Three pennies  
D - Four pennies
- 12) A householder lent out his vineyard to husbandmen. The husbandmen killed the householder's son because:  
A - He used to whip them.  
B - He was a thief.  
C - He was the heir.  
D - He was demanding taxes.
- 13) What was the ratio of wise to foolish virgins?  
A - 9/1  
B - 7/3  
C - 6/4  
D - 5/5
- 14) What distinguished the wise virgins from the foolish?  
A - They read their Bibles more.  
B - They had more oil for their lamps.  
C - They had food for the journey.  
D - They didn't sleep.
- 15) At what time did the bridegroom come?  
A - At midnight  
B - At noon  
C - At 6 a.m.  
D - At 6 p.m.
- 16) What did the bridegroom say to the foolish virgins?  
A - You should have been better people.  
B - Where were you?  
C - I don't know you.  
D - You should have read the Bible more.
- 17) In the parable of the talents, each person was given a varying number of talents based on what?  
A - Their good works  
B - Their ability  
C - Their lineage  
D - Their knowledge
- 18) He that received the one talent hid it because he knew his lord was:  
A - A forgiving man  
B - Not interested in small capital  
C - Forgetful  
D - A hard man
- 19) He that received five talents returned how many to his lord?  
A - 10  
B - 7  
C - 5  
D - 1
- 20) He that received two talents returned how many to his lord?  
A - 10  
B - 6  
C - 4  
D - 2

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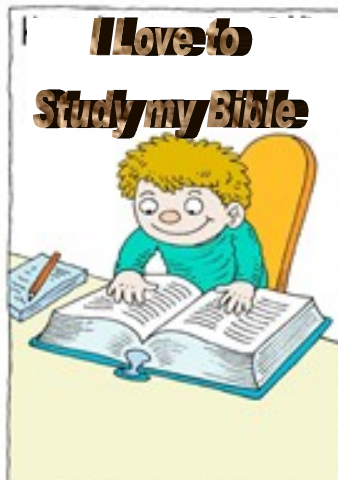
*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

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*2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

## Read and Study the Bible

### You Can Trust It

The Bible has sixty-six books: thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New Testament. The Old Testament covers the period of time from the creation of heaven and earth **Genesis 1:1** until about four hundred years before Christ, B.C., while the New Testament begins with the birth of Jesus Christ and projects into the future - the new heaven and the new earth **Revelation 21, 22**. The Bible is God's Book. God is the author although God used men to write down the words. We read in **2 Peter 1:21** *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* Also, we read in **2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* God has both preserved His Word and kept it pure so that you can be assured that it is trustworthy without reservation. **Psalms 12:6-7** *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

If you have just been saved, and you were not raised in a good Bible-believing church where you received some basic knowledge of the Bible, then the following brief discussion will help you to get started in God's wonderful Book and understand what you are reading. Let's begin by reviewing the following basic commandments from the Word of God:

### Desire the Word

**1 Peter 2:1-3** *Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.* Certainly, if you have been saved by God's grace **Ephesians 2:8-9**, then you have "tasted that the Lord is gracious," so there is no doubt that this verse is referring to a "newborn babe" in Christ Jesus who has been *"born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* **1 Peter 1:23** The commandment, then, is for YOU *"to desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye [YOU] may grow thereby."* A natural baby must have milk or he will get sick and die. A spiritual baby must also feed on the "milk of the word" or he will get sick and die spiritually. The Lord Jesus said **John 6:63**, *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* **Romans 8:11** *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.* The Lord said in **John 10:10**, *"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."* If you have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, then you have everlasting life (this means that you will live eternally with the Lord in a new and glorified body after He comes); but the Lord wants your present life on this earth to be abundant.

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## The Phone Call

A married couple were asleep when the phone rang at 2 in the morning. The wife (a blonde), picked up the phone, listened a moment and said, "How should I know, that's 200 miles from here!" and hung up. Curious, the husband said, "Who was that?" And his lovely wife replies, "I don't have any idea who it was. It was some stupid woman wanting to know "if the coast is clear."

## Does What

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me.." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says 'HEBREWS'.



## You Shouldn't Skip Church

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside. Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move. "Oh Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish.... please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!" That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet. "Dear Lord, bless this food I am about to receive... in Jesus' name... Amen."

## Where's My Sunday Paper?

"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!" The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. "Madam," said the newspaper employee, "Today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until **tomorrow**, on **SUNDAY**." There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "So that's why no one was at church today."

## ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK.

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
3. Don't listen to critics -- do what has to be done.
4. Build on high ground.
5. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
6. Two heads are better than one.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
8. If you can't fight or flee -- float!
9. Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
10. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
11. Stay below deck during the storm.
12. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
13. If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.

## A BLONDE IN A PICKUP

A blonde, a redhead, and a brunette are driving in a truck. The brunette and redhead are in the cab and the blonde is in the back. They accidentally drive off a bridge into water. The brunette and redhead get out and swim to the surface and wait for the blonde. After a few minutes the blonde surfaces and the other two ask, "What took so long?" The blonde replies, "I couldn't get the tailgate down."

## I want that TV

A blonde walks into a store and says "I would like to buy this TV."

The shop owner replies, "I'm sorry but we don't sell to blondes."

So, that night the blonde dyes her hair brown. The next day she goes back into the same store and says, "I would like to buy this TV."

The store owner says, "I'm sorry but we don't sell to blondes."

The blonde asks, "How do you know I'm a blonde?"

The store owner replies, "That's a microwave, not a TV!!"

## Life is like a stormy sea

That tosses to and fro,  
But God's Word will ever be  
A ballast for my soul.  
By its truth I'll be held fast  
Till I reach heaven's shore  
Where I will be home at last  
And sail life's sea no more!  
Perry Boardman

## In the Bleak Mid-Winter

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man,  
I would do my part,--  
Yet what can I give Him?  
Give my heart.

**Read and Study the Bible**

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* God has something for you to do in THIS LIFE. A successful man will find out what God's will is for him and then do it.

**Study The Word**

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* The Bible says in **Ecclesiastes 12:12** *"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh."* But *"wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."* **Proverbs 8:11**

Men spend long hours studying for various reasons: to learn a trade, to become a professional doctor, lawyer, scientist, or engineer— and there is nothing wrong with that; however, God's wisdom is far above the wisdom of this world, and should never be neglected and pushed aside to be replaced with the wisdom of this world. **1 Corinthians 3:19** *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.* **Proverbs 3:13** *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.* This wisdom is from the Lord: **Proverbs 2:6-7** *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.* This wisdom is to be found nowhere else but in the Bible. The Bible is a gold mine of wisdom and understanding, and the child of God is instructed to *get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.* **Proverbs 4:5-7**

**Continue in the Word**

The Lord Jesus Christ told the Jews which had believed on Him, *"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* **John 8:31,32** **If** is a big word which depends on your obedience and faithfulness to do what God has commanded you to do. The Lord Jesus clearly stated how your life for Him is measured when He said, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."* **John 14:15** *There is only one way to keep His commandments, and that is to know what His commandments are! This means that you must desire, study, and meditate on God's Word.* **James 1:22** *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.* His

promise to you who will continue in His Word is that you will know the truth, and that the truth will make you free. The Lord has abundantly kept this promise to many, in that He has made many free from drugs, alcohol, lusts of the flesh, fear of man, false doctrines, fear of death, and many other things. All the glory is to God. God's Word is a great treasure: continue in it. David wrote in **Psalm 119:128** *"Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."* David wrote of the blessed man in **Psalm 1:1-2**, that *"his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."* He also wrote in **Psalm 119:48**, *"My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes."* The apostle Paul, writing in **1 Timothy 4:15**, instructed Timothy concerning the Scriptures, *"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."* There is no doubt in my mind of the truth of these statements, for I have profited greatly in spirit from the precious Word of God. Finally, listen to what the Lord told Joshua concerning His Word in **Joshua 1:8**, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

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**Road Rage**

A blonde had just gotten a new sports car and was out for a drive when she cut off a truck driver. He motioned for her to pull over to the side of the road. When she did, he got out of his truck and pulled a piece of chalk from his pocket. He drew a circle on the road and told the blonde "Stand in the circle and DON'T MOVE!". He then went to her car and cut up her leather seats. When he turned around, she had a slight grin on her face, so he said "Oh, you think that's funny? Watch this." He got a baseball bat out of his truck and broke every window in her car. When he turned and looked at her, she had a smile on her face. So he was really starting to get mad. He went and got his knife back out and sliced up all her tires. The blonde started laughing and the truck driver was really starting to lose it. He went back to his truck and got a can of gas, poured it on her car and set it on fire. He turned around and she was laughing so hard, she was about to fall down. "What's so funny?" the truck driver asked the blonde. She replied, "When you weren't looking I stepped outside the circle 4 times!"

**Quote:** "Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can."  
- Dwight L. Moody

"We must not limit the mighty grace of God."  
- Dwight L. Moody

**Answers to Parables Quiz**

- 1) B - 4 (*Matthew 13:4-8*)
- 2) A - Birds ate them. (*Matthew 13:4*)
- 3) D - Persecution (*Matthew 13:20-21*)
- 4) C - Mustard (*Matthew 13:31*)
- 5) A - 3 (*Matthew 13:33*)
- 6) C - Sold all that he had (*Matthew 13:46*)
- 7) D - Sell him and his wife into slavery (*Matthew 18:25*)
- 8) C - 5 (*Matthew 20:1-6*)
- 9) B - The eleventh hour (*Matthew 20:6*)
- 10) A - One penny (*Matthew 20:10*)
- 11) A - One penny (*Matthew 20:10*)
- 12) C - He was the heir. (*Matthew 21:38*)
- 13) D - 5/5 (*Matthew 25:2*)
- 14) B - They had more oil for their lamps. (*Matthew 25:4*)
- 15) A - At midnight (*Matthew 25:6*)
- 16) C - I don't know you. (*Matthew 25:12*)
- 17) B - Their ability (*Matthew 25:15*)
- 18) D - A hard man (*Matthew 25:24*)
- 19) A - 10 (*Matthew 25:20*)
- 20) C - 4 (*Matthew 25:22*)

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**BATTLE OF THE DOGS**

The Americans and Russians, at the height of the arms race, realized that if they continued in the usual manner, they were going to blow up the whole world. One day they sat down and decided to settle the whole dispute with one dogfight. They would have five years to breed the best fighting dog in the world and which ever side's dog won would be entitled to dominate the world.

The Russians found the biggest, meanest Doberman and Rottweiler female dogs in the world and bred them with the biggest, meanest Siberian wolves. They selected only the biggest and strongest puppy from each litter and removed his siblings, which gave him all the milk. After five years, the Russians came up with the biggest, meanest dog the world had ever seen. Its cage needed steel bars that were five inches thick and nobody could get near it.

When the day came for the dogfight, the Americans showed up with a strange animal. It was a nine foot long Dachshund. Everyone felt sorry for the Americans because they knew there was no way that this dog could possibly last ten seconds with the Russian dog.

When the cages were opened up, the Dachshund came out of its cage and slowly waddled over towards the Russian dog. The Russian dog snarled and leaped out of its cage and charged the American dachshund. But, when it got close enough to bite the Dachshund's neck, the Dachshund opened its mouth and consumed the Russian dog in one bite. There was nothing left at all of the Russian dog.

The Russians came up to the Americans shaking their heads in disbelief. "We don't understand how this could have happened. We had our best people working for five years with the meanest Doberman and Rottweiler female

dogs in the world and the biggest, meanest Siberian wolves."

"That's nothing," an American replied. "We had our best plastic surgeons working for five years to make an alligator look like a Dachshund."

**BIBLE BRAIN TEASER #1**

(Find 22 Names of Bible Books)

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**Walking Out**

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

***That's all Folks***