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Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV) *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

Matthew 22:37 (KJV) *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

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Deuteronomy 30:6 (KJV) *And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

This Fall

Psalm 91:2 (KJV) *I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

1 John 4:19 (KJV) *We love him, because he first loved us.*

Fall in Love with Jesus

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Bible Quiz: Book Of Matthew~ Circle the right answer:

1. James, the disciple of Jesus, had a brother named ____.
   A. Peter
   B. John
   C. Paul
   D. Andrew

2. What were James and John doing when Jesus called them?
   A. Mending their nets
   B. Milking their cows
   C. Selling their goods
   D. Building a house

3. What did Jesus say to do if someone shall compel thee to go a mile, _____ ?
   A. Refuse to go
   B. Give him a drink
   C. Go with him twain.
   D. Hit him

4. The phrase, "Lead us not into temptation", is from _____.
   A. The Lord's prayer
   B. The 10 commandments
   C. The last supper
   D. The 7 last words

5. Jesus said, *But lay up for yourselves treasures _____, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt*"
   A. In church
   B. On earth
   C. Of gold
   D. In heaven

6. Jesus said *"If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of _____."*
   A. Goats
   B. Cows
   C. Dogs
   D. Swine

7. Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were like sheep without _____.
   A. A shepherd
   B. Wool
   C. Goats
   D. Water

8. Jesus said, "*Come unto ____, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*
   A. Jesus
   B. America
   C. Me
   D. The hospital

9. Jesus said, "*For my _____ is easy, and my burden is light.."*
   A. Yoke
   B. Yolk
   C. Yak
   C. Yo-yo

10. Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a _____ seed.
    A. Poppy
    B. Caraway
    C. Ketchup
    D. Mustard

11. Jesus said *"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your _____:"*
    A. Manager
    B. Servant
    C. Politician
    D. Preacher

12. Jesus told a parable of a man who rented his vineyard to some tenants. When they killed his servants, he sent his _____ to them.
    A. Soldiers
    B. Lawyer
    C. Son
    D. Fax number

13. Jesus said "*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy _____ as thyself."*
    A. Neighbor
    B. Dog
    C. Parents
    D. Independence

14. Jesus said that at the end of the age "And ye shall hear of wars and _____ of wars:"
    A. Telecasts
    B. Mothers
    C. Dozens
    D. Rumors

15. According to Jesus' parable, the five foolish virgins took their lamps but did not take any _____.
    A. Food
    B. Oil
    C. Money
    D. Batteries

16. One of the disciples, _____, betrayed Jesus to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver.
    A. Thomas
    B. Judas Iscariot
    C. Simon Peter
    D. Thaddaeus

17. Jesus broke bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, *"Take, eat; this is my _____."*
    A. Blessing
    B. Commandment
    C. Food
    D. Body

18. During the trial of Jesus, _____ denied him three times before the rooster crowed.
    A. Thomas
    B. John
    C. Judas
    D. Peter

19. How did Judas Iscariot die?
    A. With a rope
    B. With a knife
    C. With a lead pipe
    D. With a revolver

20. When Pilate wanted to release Jesus, the crowd asked for _____ in stead.
    A. Herod
    B. Barabbas
    C. Simon
    D. Judas

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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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Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV)

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

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Fall in Love with Jesus

We are entering a beautiful time of year. This time of year brings to mind fall leaves; colors of orange and red speckled across hills and valleys. The Lord is a master painter and shows his gorgeous display each fall. But the natural man, the unsaved man, thinks it is purely scientific. "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him:..."* ***I Corinthians 12:4a.*** To the unsaved, it's a chemical reaction of chlorophyll in the leaf reacting to colder temperatures and a slower flowing sap - cold scientific facts. To the saved child of a loving Heavenly Father, we see a tapestry of beautiful expression of the harvest and blessings at the end of a long summer - a snapshot of what's to come in Heaven. Like the leaves falling off the trees in their delicate manner, Jesus wants you to shed your worldly thoughts and desires. Jesus wants your heart and desires. He wants you to fall in love with Him this fall. What has your affection and your heart? I assure you, it's something cheap and worthless compared to knowing, loving, and walking with Jesus. The light that enters the soul when in fellowship with Christ is indescribable. It changes the countenance and attitude of our heart. It molds the frame of mind to be heavenly and not earthly. Loving Jesus and always placing Him first is the only walk a child of God can have with any amount of joy or prosperity. My wife and I were married during this time of year. Two of our children were born in the fall months. I love the fall. It reminds me of the rich blessings God freely gives me. It reminds me of love. I always need the fall to renew my love towards Him and renew a surrendered heart towards my Savior. "*Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*" ***Revelation 2:4*** *I love Him because He first loved me.* I should not love myself first, but love Him first. He should be my first love. He needs to be the center of my desires, actions, and decisions. I love Him because He first loved me and took my place on a cross on Calvary. I love Him because He gave himself to be my sacrifice for all my sin; past, present and future. Each blessing I live in, each godly Christian friend I have, my church, my pastor, my family - these are all gifts from God.

How will you fall in love with Jesus this season? I like to go for a walk in His creation. Some people like to hunt and enjoy the beauty while walking the deer trails.

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The Alabaster Box

Mark 14:1-9

She did it; she broke it, there was no turning back.
It was all or nothing; now the box was forever cracked.
The ointment was poured forth, diffused throughout the room.
Jesus' body had been anointed, prepared for burial in the tomb.
It was an offering of love and devotion to her Lord,
But He remembered it forever, recorded in His Word.
It wasn't broken for show, only Jesus knew her heart.
But as the spikenard flowed out, the aroma filled every part.
The good work has been done, but there's a lesson to learn:
In all of life's opportunities, now it's my turn.
The alabaster box of my heart was broken one day.
On the altar of service, there the precious ointment lay.
Dedicated to my Lord - fervent and sincere.
I gave it all to Him, and the cost was dear.
The sacrifice was offered, well-pleasing to God.
I presented it with tears, and a soul that was awed.
Thank You, Lord, for Your plan that includes even me.
And in reasonable service, my life is broken for Thee.

New Year's Dinner

As in many homes on New Year's Day, my wife and I faced the annual conflict of which was more important - the football games on television, or the dinner itself. To keep peace, I ate dinner with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-dinner conversation before retiring to the family room to turn on the game.
Several minutes later, my wife came downstairs and graciously even bought a cold tea for me. She smiled, kissed me on the cheek and asked what the score was. I told her it was the end of the third quarter and that the score was still nothing to nothing.
"See?" she said, continuing to smile, "You didn't miss a thing."

The Mistake Test

See if you can do this. Read each line aloud without making any mistakes. If you make a mistake you MUST start over or it won't work.
This is this cat
This is is cat
This is how cat
This is to cat
This is keep cat
This is a cat
This is moron cat
This is busy cat
This is for cat
This is forty cat
This is seconds cat
Now go back and read the THIRD word in each line from the top…



Plane Ride

Passengers on a small commuter plane are waiting for the flight to leave. They're getting a little impatient, but the airport staff has assured them that the pilots will be there soon, and the flight can take off immediately after that. The entrance opens, and two men walk up the aisle, dressed in pilots' uniforms--both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a seeing-eye dog, and the other is tapping his way up the aisle with a cane.
Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin; but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming. The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and people at the windows realize that they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport territory. As it begins to look as though the plane will never take off, that it will plow into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin--but at that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air.
The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon they have all retreated into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands. Up in the cockpit, the copilot turns to the pilot and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're going to scream too late, and we're all gonna die."

The Nail

Some Christians built a new church building and invited everyone to come see it. All admired its beauty. Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the new building. They praised everything but him. No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous. "If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit," he said to himself. So the nail released its hold, slid down off the roof, and fell in the mud.
That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and precious Bibles were ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit! While holding the shingle, the nail was obscure, but it was also useful. Buried in the mud, it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by rust.
You may, like the nail, feel obscure at times. But just like the nail, your absence is felt. When you are not present for worship, the body of Christ is hurt. We are
ALL part of the Lord's ministry.

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Fall in Love with Jesus

Just take time to look and be still and listen for His voice in the breeze, maybe while sitting on a back porch. Some people like to walk at the nature center or go canoeing. Look around and absorb His beauty with every fiber of your heart. Also, think about Heaven. Wonder about its beauty. Think of the constant purity of its citizens. There will be no anger, no hurt, no pain or crying. All sin is past and holiness abounds. Think of how beautiful Heaven must be. And what He asks in return for all this is your first love. Put Him first in this present world. Give Him your whole heart. Why do you hold back? Why hold your life like it's your own? Jesus redeemed you and purchased you with His perfect blood. Everything here is so temporary and passing. Jesus is perfect. He is eternal. He has beauty in holiness. Now, we could never repay His love. The best lived life with perfect obedience and surrender would hardly make a scratch in repayment to what He is worth to you. He loved you while you were yet a sinner. Make a decision today to fall in love with Jesus and renew your first love for Him.

A Kingdom

Destined for a Fall

There was a people long ago
Who had great riches, wealth untold,
They built a city with a wall,
A kingdom they thought would never fall.
How they labored unceasingly
To lay up treasure increasingly,
They gave no thought to what lay beyond,
That their kingdom would someday be gone.
But one by one the stones came down;
The city was leveled to the ground,
No more fortune to be found,
No one left to wear a crown.
The mighty kingdom fell at last—
Its beauty gone; its pleasures past,
All was lost they sought to gain,
Their lives were wasted;
their labor vain.
You can build a kingdom
with a mighty wall,
But like the kingdom long ago,
it is destined for a fall,
Unless Christ the Lord
becomes your king
And ruler of everything.

Luke 18:18-23 *And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? **19** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. **20** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. **21** And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. **22** Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. **23** And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments." **So fall in love with Jesus this fall.**

The End

Ask Jonah

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.
The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.
The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.
Irritated, the teacher: reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.
The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".
The teacher asked, " What if Jonah went to hell?"
The little girl replied, "Then you ask him.

Begin With Faith

Vance Havner, a Baptist evangelist, related the story of an elderly lady who was greatly disturbed by her many troubles both real and imaginary. Finally she was told in a kindly way by her family, "Grandma, we've done all we can do for you. You'll just have to trust God for the rest." A look of utter despair spread over her face as she replied, "Oh, dear, has it come to that?" Havner commented, "It always comes to that, so we might as well begin with that!"

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Short Riddles

Why do people feel stronger on Saturdays and Sundays?
Answer: Because all the other days are week days.

What happened when the pig pen broke?
The pigs had to use a pencil!

Why did the penny jump off the cliff but not the nickel?
Answer: Because the nickel had more cents.

What is the best way to get fat**?**
Go to the butcher shop

Why is a promise like an egg?
They are both easily broken

Why did the jelly roll?
It saw the apple turnover

Car accident

There's a guy from Ireland driving through Europe, and an English guy driving in the opposite direction. In the middle of the night with no other cars on the road they hit each other head on and both cars go flying off in different directions. The Irish fella manages to climb out of his car and survey the damages. He looks at his twisted car and says, "Wow, I am really lucky to be alive!" Likewise, the Englishman scrambles out of his car and looks at his wreckage. He too says to himself, "I can't believe I survived this wreck!" The Englishman walks over to the Irishman and says, "Hey man, I think this is a sign from God that we should put away our petty differences and live as friends instead of such rivals." The Irishman thinks for a moment and says, "You know, you're absolutely right! We should be friends. Now I'm gonna see what else survived the wreck." So, the Irishman pops open his trunk and finds a full-unopened bottle of Irish Whiskey. He says to the English fella, I think this is another sign from God that we toast to our new found understanding and friendship." The Englishman says, "You're right!" and he grabs the bottle and starts sucking down the Irish Whiskey. After putting away nearly half the bottle, the Englishman hands it back to the Irish fella and says, "Your turn!" The Irish fella twists the cap back on the bottle and says, "Nahh, I think I'll wait for the police to show.

The Bible teaches us not to even look at the wine. Look on my web page there are *seventy-five* verse just on alcohol.

Proverbs 23:31 *Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.*

Proverbs 23:29 *Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?*

A Fable

Recently I read a fable about a dog who loved to chase other animals. He bragged about his great running skill and said he could catch anything. Well, it wasn't long until his boastful claims were put to the test by a certain rabbit. With ease the little creature out ran his barking pursuer. The other animals, watching with glee, began to laugh. The dog excused himself, however, by saying, "You forget, I was only running for fun. He was running for his life!"

That does make a difference! Motivation is the most important factor in everything we do.

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.*

Question! Are you in the race? Are you motivated and do you try to motivate other to serve the Lord? The best and most rewarding thing in life is to see people serve the Lord and excited to do so.

Affliction

In the Christian life we may acquire some wisdom in times of prosperity, but oh, the deeper lessons we can learn in the school of tribulation and sorrow! A.B. Simpson declared. "You will have no test of faith that will not fit you to be a blessing if you are obedient to the Lord. I never had a trial but when I got out of the deep river I found some poor pilgrim on the bank that I was able to help by that very experience."

Romans 5:3-5 *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

1 Corinthians 1:3-7 *Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; **5** That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; **6** Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: **7** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Are You Really Sure?

A blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the bartender, "Wanna hear a blonde joke?"

In a hushed voice, the guy next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something."

Our bartender IS blonde, the bouncer is blonde. I'm a 6' tall, 200 lb black belt. The guy sitting next to me is 6'2", weighs 225, and he's a rugby player. The fella to your right is 6'5" pushing 300 and he's a wrestler. Each one of US is blonde. Think about it, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

Answers to Quiz on the book of Matthew

1. B - John - *Matthew 4:21*
2. A - Mending their nets - *Matthew 4:21*
3. C - Go with him twain -*Matthew 5:41*
4. A - The Lord's prayer - *Matthew 6:13*
5. D - In heaven - *Matthew 6:20*
6. D - Swine - *Matthew 8:30-32*
7. A - A shepherd - *Matthew 9:36*
8. C - Me - *Matthew 11:28*
9. B - Yoke - *Matthew 11:30*
10. D - Mustard - *Matthew 13:31*
11. B - Servant - *Matthew 20:26-28*
12. C - Son - *Matthew 21:33-39*
13. A - Neighbor - *Matthew 22:39*
14. D - Rumors - *Matthew 24:6*
15. B - Oil - *Matthew 25:3*
16. B -Judas Iscariot - *Matthew 26:14*
17. D - Body - *Matthew 26:26*
18. D - Peter - *Matthew 26:69-75*
19. A - With a rope - *Matthew 27:5*
20. B - Barabbas - *Matthew 27:17-21*

