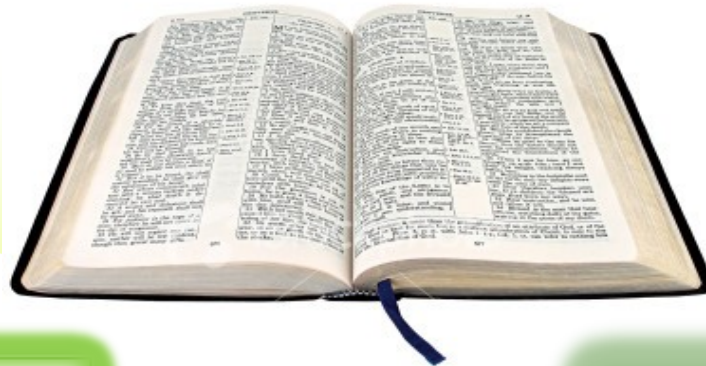


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Start the new year with Je-
sus.
Read Your Bible everyday.
Pray everyday.
**YOU CAN DO WITH A LITTLE
HELP**

*Philippians 4:13 I can do all
things through Christ which*

Wishing you a new beginning
- with a new joy and a new
hope in 2026.

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if
any man be in Christ, he is a new
creature: old things are passed
away; behold, all things are be-
come new.*

Swordsman Teen Newsletter



Don't be lukewarm in 2026.

*"God is pleased continually
to vary His mode of dealing
with us, in order that we
may not be tempted to
trust in donors, or in cir-
cumstances, but in Him
alone, and to keep our eye
fixed upon Him." - George
Muller*



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1. Christ ascended into Heaven how many days after His "passion"? *Acts 1:3*
A) 1
B) 2
C) 7
D) 40
2. Where are these verses found (Book/Chapter)?
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."
A) 2 Thessalonians 4:16
B) 1 Timothy 3:16
C) 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
D) Revelation 4:16
3. What was the name of Naomi's grandson? *Ruth 4*
A) Elimelech
B) Obed
C) Jesse
D) David
4. What was the name of his grandson? *Ruth 4*
A) Paul
B) David
C) John
D) Jesse
5. Who is speaking?
"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
A) Matthew
B) Mark
C) Luke
D) John the Baptist
6. *"And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as _____, and so we were in their sight."*
A) Worms
B) Dragonflies
C) Frogs
D) Grasshoppers
7. In *Acts 28*, Paul shipwrecked, they built a fire, and what came out of fire? Use the actual term(s) as found in the Bible.
A) Venomous beast
B) Poisonous Snake
C) Viper
D) Flames from the fire
8. Who is speaking?
"Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:"
A) Daniel
B) Nebuchadnezzar
C) Jeremiah
D) Joseph
9. In *Numbers 5*, the "spirit of jealousy" could come upon a husband that suspected his wife to be guilty of adultery. He was to take her to the priest (with an offering), and she would drink the "*bitter water that causeth the curse.*" This drink was made of "holy water" and one other element. What was mixed into the holy water to make this mysterious drink?
A) Dust
B) Barley
C) Wheat
D) Bitter spices
10. Who is the prophet Matthew is quoting in *Matthew 1:21-23*?
"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
A) Daniel
B) Ezekiel
C) Isaiah
D) Nehemiah
11. Who is speaking?
"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."
A) Daniel
B) Zechariah
C) David
D) Job
12. What people were "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"?
A) People in Berea
B) Jewish people
C) People of Galatia
D) Bishops and deacons
13. *Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up _____ .*
A) Strife
B) Anger
C) Fury
D) Rage
14. Jesus Christ is called the "Lion of the tribe of _____."
15. What did Enoch name his firstborn son?
A) Enoch
B) Methusael
C) Irad
D) Lamech
16. *"And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the _____ did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it."*
A) Axe head
B) Copper
C) Anchor
D) Iron
17. Where is this verse found?
"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
A) Galatians 6:1
B) Ephesians 6:1
C) 1 Timothy 4:5
D) Colossians 4:1
- 18-19. In *Proverbs*, The fear of the LORD is the beginning of what two things?
1) _____
2) _____
20. Which New Testament writer repeatedly refers to his recipients as "little children"?
A) Matthew
B) Mark
C) John
D) 1 John

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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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Genesis 4:6-7 *And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

Happy New Year

Are You Prepared For The New Year?

Have you ever wanted a brand new start? You say to yourself, if things were just different. Well, this is a new year and 2026 is here. So let's look at something we can do to have a fresh start. **Let's get prepared for this new year.**

Isaiah 43:18-19 *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

How to have a fresh S.T.A.R.T in 2026. The first thing you and I can start doing is quit making excuses. **Do you know what it means to me when I hear someone say I can't? It means I won't. We need to Stop making excuses for sin.** **Proverbs 28:13** *He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 15:19* *The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain. Proverbs 26:13* *The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. The slothful:* A man who uses any pretext, however improbable, to indulge his love of ease and indolence— **a good example of excuses.** **Numbers 13:32-33** *And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*

The children of Israel looked at the land which the Lord had given them and said, "we cannot do this." This is an excuse; I have seen people use it for not getting saved. It is an excuse for not soul-winning. There are also excuses for not reading the Bible. A Christian cannot have sin that he knows about in his life and prosper. When we look at sin, we think of the things we do and not the things we do not do. Both are sin and sin needs to be confessed. **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is a Common Cause for Failure! WE DON'T plan ahead. Proverbs 27:12* ***A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.***

Prudent defined: 1. Wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense. 2. Careful in regard to one's own interests; provident. 3. Careful about one's conduct;

Another reason for failure is we do not listen to others. Proverbs 15:22 *Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.* Most teens do not ask for help in making decisions. Ask the preacher for counsel then follow it. **Proverbs 24:6** ***For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.***

Another reason for failure is we give up too easy! We say I can't. Proverbs 24:10 *If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. Isaiah 40:28* *Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*

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Riddle Page

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#1

I am soft as a cloud, Yet, at the touch, I am firm. I assist athletes in their accomplishments, And I add comfort to the traveler. I can be any of the colors of the rainbow, And I come in any shape or size. What am I? _ _ _ _ _

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#2

I am loved by many, disliked as well. Needed by all, by some more than others. I never perish, merely change forms. Sometimes I am falling, sometimes I just sit. At times I'm invisible, at times I am all you see. I can be as vast as the sky, but still fit through a ring. I can be clear as day, or block all sight. What am I? _ _ _ _ _

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#3

I make homes for little things, or give comfort to you. My morning tears cry life and I grow very fast. I love to cascade over hills.

What am I ? _ _ _ _ _ sgras

#4

I am very long and branch out all over. Hollow in the center, I am like the veins of the earth. I am built from many to form one. Through me comes rushing and gushing into the homes of many what they need to survive day by day.

What am I ? _ _ _ _ _ pbumngil

#5

Pictures. Words. Images flash through your mind. I am responsible for those images; I give them to you every day. Although not always completely aware, your mind absorbs my thoughts and sometimes it picks up on my message.

I give many messages, some good, some bad, and everything is heard -- possibly not consciously heard, but heard nonetheless.

I am colorful, and millions love to stare at me. They find my words and images very addicting.

What am I ? _ _ _ _ _ eeiinlotvs

#6

My home is dark and deep I am alive but I cannot move I have eyes but I cannot see

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ ttoap

#7

I am orange like the sun. Even though I go up, people think of down when they think of me. I am light like the day, yet I usually come out at night.

What am I ? _ _ _ _ _ refi

#8

Its long, straight and narrow body reaches for the sky. Lined up with its contemporaries, they encompass the earth, Hoisting into the air the essential ingredient of the city.

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ eeeclpriot

Heaven Census

I was shocked, confused bewildered As I entered Heaven's door, Not by the beauty of it all, By the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven Who made me sputter and gasp-- The thieves, the liars, the sinners, The alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade Who swiped my lunch money twice. Next to him was my old neighbor Who never said anything nice.

She, who I always thought Was rotting away in hell, Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear your take. How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet, So somber? Give me a clue." "Hush child," said He. "They're all in shock. No one thought they'd see you!"

Joke Section

Timothy: Knock Knock!

Benjamin: Who's there?

Timothy: Box.

Benjamin: Box who?

Timothy: Box you!!

Dan: Hey does your dog smell?

Fred : No!! I just bathed him. I don't think he smells.

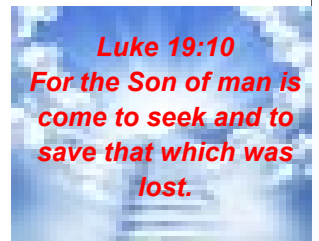
Dan: Then, what's his nose for?

Once upon a time, there were two brothers named Quiet and Trouble.

One day, Trouble was missing. Quiet went to look for him. Later, a policeman saw him and asked him what his name was.

He said, "Quiet!". The policeman asked again, "Boy, what is your name?"

He said angrily, "Quiet!". The policeman said, "Are you looking for TROUBLE?" Quiet said, "Yes!". Policeman,"???".



Have a great Year

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Are You Prepared For The New Year?

The Second thing we need to do is take stock. So what does the word stock mean? Glad you asked; One of the definitions for stock is; A person's relatives collectively, family, ancestry, kin. You are a child of the King of kings and Lord of lords. You are a child of God if your saved. **John 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Romans 8:17* *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Galatians 3:29* *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Now that we got that settled, lets look at the third way to have a fresh start this new year. Once we know the direction God wants us to go.

We need to learn how to act on faith. Hebrews 11:16 *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Matthew 9:29* *Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. Proverbs 16:9* *A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.*

The fourth thing we need to do is REFOCUS our thoughts. Proverbs 4:23 *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. So then what should our thoughts be? Philippians 4:8* *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. I challenge you to read Psalms chapter one and see how to get blessed by God. This is my life chapter.*

The last thing I would like to share with you on how to get a fresh start is TRUST God to help you succeed.

Zechariah 4:6 *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. One of the verses that helps me is:*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* Let me share with you why. The old (me) (you) does not want to read the Bible or pray, or go to church. The old self does not want to give tithes and offerings. In other words, our flesh does not want to serve the Lord and our new flesh does. **SO WHAT DO WE DO?**

Proverbs 3:5-7 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. Trust is an action on which one is responsible. That means that you are responsible. Job said in 13:15* *"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."*

Psalms 115:9 *O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.*

Israel is a picture of the Christian-so trust in the LORD: He is your **help** and **shield**. The Lord is your shield and protector also. The scaly hide of the crocodile does what? It protects. The Lord is our shield. What does a shield do? It protects. **Psalms 62:8** *Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.* Trust in him at all times. When you are going through problems **trust the Lord**. It is easy when things are going great. But! how about when they are not? Pour out your heart before him. **TRUST**; A CONDITION IN WHICH ONE IS FREE FROM DOUBT, CERTAINTY, ASSURANCE (LIKE SALVATION- **JOHN 3:16**) SURETY, BELIEF, FAITH. LET'S GET A FRESH **START IN 2026.**

S.T.A.R.T

S=Stop making excuses

T=Take stock

A=Act in faith

R=Refocus my thoughts

T=Trust God to help me succeed.

Excuses

Listed below are a number of excuses found in the Bible. Please put an "X" opposite those excuses which God accepted.

- () "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." (**Genesis 3:12**)
- () "Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" (**Genesis 4:9**)
- () "Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake." (**Genesis 20:11**)
- () "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (**Exodus 3:11**)
- () "But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee." (**Exodus 4:1**)
- () "O my Lord, I am not eloquent,." (**Exodus 4:10**)
- () "Thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief." (**Exodus 32:22**)
- () "And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf." (**Exodus 32:24**)
- () "But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." (**Luke 9:59**)
- () "And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." (**Luke 9:61**)
- () "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused." (**Luke 14:18**)
- () "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused." (**Luke 14:19**)
- () "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." (**Luke 14:20**)
- () "Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man," (**Matthew 25:24-25**)

Editor's Note: This was a fun quiz to help us realize that all through history man has been making excuses for not serving God. In realization our flesh is strong and our spirit is weak. *I (you) can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Answers to New Year's quiz

1. D) 40
2. C) 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
3. B) Obed
4. D) Jesse
5. D) John the Baptist *John 1:29*
6. D) Grasshoppers *Numbers 13:33*
7. A) Venomous beast *Acts 28:4*
8. B) Nebuchadnezzar *Daniel 4:1-10*
9. A) Dust *Numbers 5:15*
10. C) Isaiah *Isaiah 7:14*
11. D) Job *Job 42:5-6*
12. A) People in Berea *Acts 17:10-11*
13. B) Anger
14. Judah *Revelation 5:5*
15. C) Irad *Genesis 4:18*
16. D) Iron *2 Kings 6:6-8*
17. A) *Galatians 6:1*
18. 1) Knowledge *Proverbs 1:7*
19. 2) Wisdom *Proverbs 9:10*
20. C) John

Answers to Riddles

1. Tennis shoes
2. Water
3. Grass
4. Plumbing
5. Television
6. Potato
7. Fire
8. Electric pole

Horrific Accident

A blonde had just totaled her car in a horrific accident. Miraculously, she managed to pry herself from the wreckage without a scratch and was applying fresh lipstick when the state trooper arrived.

"What happened!" the trooper gasped. "Your car looks like an accordion that was stomped on by an elephant. Are you OK, ma'am?"

"Yes, officer, I'm just fine." the blonde chirped.

"Well, how in the world did this happen?" the officer asked as he surveyed the wrecked car.

"Officer, it was the strangest thing!" the blonde began. "I was driving along this road when from out of nowhere this TREE pops up in front of me. So I swerved to the right, and there was another tree! I swerved to the left and there was ANOTHER tree! I served to the right and there was another tree! I swerved to the left and there was"

"Uh, ma'am," the officer said, cutting her off, "There isn't a tree on this road for 30 miles. That was your air freshener swinging back and forth."

Just Died

Sally goes to work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss, concerned about his employee, walks over to her and asks sympathetically, "What's the matter?"

The blonde replies, "Early this morning I got a phone call that my mother had passed away."

The boss, feeling very sorry at this point, suggests to the young girl, "Why don't you go home for the day...we aren't terribly busy. Just take the day off and go relax."

Sally very calmly states, "No, I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind busy, and I have the best chance of doing that here."

The boss agrees and allows her to work as usual. "If you need anything, just let me know," says the boss.

A few hours pass, and the boss decides to check on Sally. He looks out his office and sees her crying hysterically.

He rushes over and asks, "What's the matter now? Are you going to be ok?"

Sally breaks down in tears. "I just received a horrible call from my sister. She said that her mom died too!!"

Flying School

A blonde went to a flight school insisting she wanted to learn to fly.

As all the planes were currently in use, the owner agreed to instruct her by radio on how to pilot the solo helicopter.

He took her out, showed her how to start it and gave her the basics, and sent her on her way.

After she climbed 1000 feet, she radioed in. "I'm doing great! I love it!"

The view is so beautiful, and I'm starting to get the hang of this."

After 2000 feet, she radioed again, saying how easy it was to fly. The instructor watched her climb over 3000 feet, and was beginning to worry that she hadn't radioed in.

A few minutes later, he watched in horror as she crashed about half a mile away.

He ran over and pulled her from the wreckage. When he asked what happened, she said, "I don't know! Everything was going fine, but as I got higher, I was starting to get cold. I can barely remember anything after I turned off the big fan!"

Bible Facts You May Not Know

The wisest man in the Bible was Solomon.

The oldest man in the Bible was Methuselah who died at age 969.

The strongest man in the Bible was Samson.

The tallest man in the Bible was Goliath.

Abraham was the first person in the Bible to be called a Hebrew.

Solomon had 300 concubines and 700 wives.

The line 'Do not be afraid' appears 365 time in the Bible.

Noah built the ark when he was 600 years old

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew

The New Testament was written in Greek

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament, it only has 1 chapter and 21 verses.

The shortest book in the New Testament is 2 John which has 13 verses

The longest book in the New Testament is Acts with 28 chapters although Mathew also has 28 chapters it is not as long.

The longest book in the Bible is Psalms.

THE END

