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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.

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

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1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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Quiz: Who Did It?

- 1) Who married his half-sister?
 - A) Lot
 - B) Nahor
 - C) Terah
 - D) Abraham
- 2) Who dreamed that the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him?
 - A) Abraham
 - B) Isaac
 - C) Jacob
 - D) Joseph
- 3) To whom did God give the covenant of circumcision?
 - A) Adam
 - B) Noah
 - C) Moses
 - D) Abraham
- 4) Who led the Israelites into Canaan?
 - A) Moses
 - B) Caleb
 - C) Jephunneh
 - D) Joshua
- 5) Who wrongly thought that Abraham's and Isaac's wives were their sisters?
 - A) Abimelech
 - B) Ishmael
 - C) Ben-Ammi
 - D) Mamre
- 6) Who sold his birthright for a bowl of stew?
 - A) Jacob
 - B) Esau
 - C) Judah
 - D) Ishmael
- 7) Who tricked Jacob into marrying his daughter?
 - A) Lot
 - B) Nahor
 - C) Terah
 - D) Laban
- 8) Who stole the household gods of her father?
 - A) Rachel
 - B) Leah
 - C) Zilpah
 - D) Bilhah
- 9) Who violated Jacob's daughter, the sister of Simeon and Levi?
 - A) Lamech
 - B) Hamor
 - C) Esau
 - D) Shechem
- 10) Who violated Absalom's sister Tamar?
 - A) Amnon
 - B) Nathan
 - C) Nepheg
 - D) Ibhar

Who Said This?

- 1) Who said, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"
 - A) Judas
 - B) Simon
 - C) Jesus
 - D) Mary
- 2) Who said, "Let me die with the Philistines."
 - A) Moses
 - B) Elijah
 - C) Samson
 - D) Goliath
- 3) Who said, "What is truth?"
 - A) Annas
 - B) Pilate
 - C) Jesus
 - D) Peter
- 4) Who said, "Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God?"
 - A) Paul
 - B) Peter
 - C) Jesus
 - D) Luke
- 5) Who said, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men."
 - A) Peter
 - B) Pilate
 - C) Paul
 - D) Timothy
- 6) Who said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
 - A) Paul
 - B) John the Baptist
 - C) Barnabas
 - D) Stephen
- 7) Who said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
 - A) Jacob
 - B) Joseph
 - C) Cain
 - D) Seth
- 8) Who said, "Speak; for thy servant heareth?"
 - A) David
 - B) Samuel
 - C) Elijah
 - D) Enoch
- 9) Who said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth?"
 - A) Job
 - B) David
 - C) Isaiah
 - D) Daniel
- 10) Who washed his hands before the multitude and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it?"
 - A) Caiaphas
 - B) Herod
 - C) Pontius Pilate
 - 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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I do not wish you merry Christmas, but a heart filled with the warmth of God's love, His peace, His joy, and His comfort which Christ brought when He came from above. May you know him Who was born in a stable in Bethlehem far away. May He reign in your heart not just at Christmas but each year and each month and each day. I wish for you on His birthday the blessings that come from above, the riches of grace and His glory, and the wonders of His abounding great love. GOOD CHEER, He says to His beloved. Behold your sins are all washed away. Lo I am with you now and forever. Fear not, trust, love and obey.

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The Heavy Heart

What do you do when children have heavy hearts? God's Word has a lot to say about the heart. I can only give you a sliver of what is in the Bible about the heart. I would like to just take a small portion of what God says about the heavy heart.

Proverbs 12:25 *Heaviness in the **heart** of man maketh it **stoop**: but a good word maketh it glad.*

So what does the word **stoop** mean? Fall, To sink to a level below one's dignity or rank, To bow.

When a young person has problems, do you sit down and talk with them? Do you give them a kind word, "*but a good word maketh it glad.*"

Proverbs 15:13-15 ***A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance**: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. **14** The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. **15** All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.*

Proverbs 17:22 *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

It has been said that 50% of the people in the hospital are suffering from what is called "E.I.I." "EMOTIONAL INDUCED ILLNESS". I think about all the medicine teens and adults are on. They have a pill for everything today. **Jesus is the best miracle medicine for the breaking heart. So let's take a look at what God's says about the misery of a heavy heart.**

Misery defined: (n.) A sensation of physical or mental pain: suffering, agony, anguish, distress, hurt, pain, torment, sorrow, heartache, tribulation, anxiety

Proverbs 12:18 *There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.*

So, if this is the case, let us get our wisdom from the source of wisdom, our Father in Heaven.

James 1:5 *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

The body, as well as the heart, is bowed down with a load of care. Jesus says in Proverbs 17:22 *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

THE MASTERY OF A HAPPY HEART

Mastery defined: Full command of a subject of study: Possession of consummate skill: The status of master or ruler; control: *mastery of the seas.*

Let Jesus have full control of your heart and your life. I love the song we used to sing many years ago- "**I surrender all**". "All to Jesus, I surrender; All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live."

The best way to help the **heavy heart** is to give all to Jesus.

Proverbs 16:20-24 *He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he. **21** The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. **22** Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly. **23** The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. **24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.***

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Valentine's Day

How can we "demolish" those things that once blew us away? With Christ living out His very life through ours, that's how. By His power we can give ourselves away again and again and again. And we won't fear the outcome. We won't even feel slighted when we don't get the same treatment in return. Servants, remember, don't "keep score." Dale Galloway tells a story in "Dream a New Dream" that beautifully illustrates this point.

Little Chad was a shy, quiet young fella. One day he came home and told his mother he'd like to make a valentine for everyone in his class. Her heart sank. She thought, "I wish he wouldn't do that!" because she had watched the children when they walked home from school. Her Chad was always behind them. They laughed and hung on to each other and talked to each other. But Chad was never included. Nevertheless, she decided she would go along with her son. So she purchased the paper and glue and crayons. For three whole weeks, night after night, Chad painstakingly made thirty-five valentines.

Valentine's Day dawned, and Chad was beside himself with excitement! He carefully stacked them up, put them in a bag, and bolted out the door. His mom decided to bake him his favorite cookies and serve them up warm and nice with a cool glass of milk when he came home from school. She just knew he would be disappointed -- maybe that would ease the pain a little. It hurt her to think that he wouldn't get many valentines -- maybe none at all.

That afternoon she had the cookies and milk on the table. When she heard the children outside, she looked out the window. Sure enough here they came, laughing and having the best time. And, as always, there was Chad in the rear. He walked a little faster than usual. She fully expected him to burst into tears as soon as he got inside. His arms were empty, she noticed, and when the door opened she choked back the tears.

"Mommy has some warm cookies and milk for you."

But he hardly heard her words. He just marched right on by, his face aglow, and all he could say was: "Not a one -- not a one."

Her heart sank.

And then he added, "I didn't forget a one, not a single one!"

So it is when God is in control of the servant's mind. We realize as never before that life's greatest joy is to give His love away -- a thought that brings to mind the saying:

It isn't a song until it's sung.

It isn't a bell until it's rung.

It isn't love until it's given away!

Ephesians 5:1-2 *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,*

and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Bubba Knows Everybody

Bubba was bragging to his boss one day, "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, "OK, Bubba, how about Tom Cruise?"

"Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So Bubba and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door, and sure enough, Tom Cruise shouts, "Bubba! Great to see you! You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch!"

Although impressed, Bubba's boss is still skeptical. After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Bubba that he thinks Bubba's knowing Cruise was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Bubba says.

"President Clinton," his boss quickly retorts.

"Yes," Bubba says, "I know him, let's fly out to Washington." And off they go. At the White House, Clinton spots Bubba on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Bubba, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and catch up."

Well, the boss is very shaken by now, but still not totally convinced. After they leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to Bubba, who again implores him to name anyone else.

"The Pope," his boss replies.

"Sure!" says Bubba.

"My folks are from Poland, and I've known the Pope a long time." So off they fly to Rome. Bubba and his boss are assembled with the masses in Vatican Square when Bubba says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards, so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope." And he disappears into the crowd headed toward the Vatican. Sure enough, half an hour later Bubba emerges with the Pope on the balcony.

But by the time Bubba returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics. Working his way to his boss' side, Bubba asks him, "What happened?"

His boss looks up and says, "I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the man next to me said, 'Who's that man on the balcony with Bubba?'"

One Liners

Q. How do you make a blonde laugh on Saturday?

A. Tell her a joke on Wednesday.

Q. How do you confuse a blonde?

A. You can't, they have always been like that.

Q. Why did the blonde scale the chain-link fence?

A. To see what was on the other side.

Happy Valentine's Day

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A Heavy Heart

The seat of that joy

"Seat" defined: The right to occupy such a place or a ticket indicating this right:

John 10:28-30 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.*

You are sitting right in His palm. Jesus has a hold of you. Why burden yourself?

The source of that joy

Proverbs 16:20 *He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso **trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.***

Reader's Digest said a few years ago, "Everyone needs to know they are loved." It is hard to believe that people just do not feel loved when we have the Creator of Heaven and earth who loves us so much.

Romans 8:38-39 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

As these verses say, nothing can separate us from the love of God. So many times I believe we get our eyes off Jesus and put them on ourselves.

Everyone needs something mindful to do.

1 Corinthians 15:31 *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

If we die to ourselves and give the Lord our lives, then let's get busy and do something for Jesus. The Bible says in **James 1:22** *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Everyone needs some thing to hope for.

Titus 2:13 *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

John 15:11 *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

What are you putting your hope and trust in? Are you looking for that Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, or do you have your attention on all the cares on this world? If you are saved, you are just passing through. This is not our home. I like to say to people, "I got two feet in Heaven just waiting for the body to catch up."

The ministry of a healthy heart

Proverbs 15:13 *A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

A healthy heart is to be seen and shared.

Patrick Henry, who said "Give me liberty or give me death," wrote these words in his will. "There is one thing more I WISH I COULD GIVE them all. It is OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. With it, if you have nothing else, you could be happy. Without it, though you have all things else, you would not be happy."

So the question is this, are you saved?

Have you become a child of God? **John 1:12**

Have you been born into the family of God? **John 3:3**

Have you repented of your sins?

Mark 2:17 *When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

If not, what is stopping you?

Romans 10:9-13 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Get saved today. It will give you joy in your soul and lift a lot of your burdens. Sin is too heavy to carry around.

Heart Attack

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He wakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he would like to pay for his treatment. She asked if he had health insurance.

He replied, in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked if he had money in the bank.

He replied, "No money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?"

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

A Seagull

A blonde, a brunette, and a redhead were walking along the beach. A seagull flies over and poops all over the blonde.

The brunette says in a disgusted voice, "Hang on, the bathroom is just up the hill, I'll go get some toilet paper."

After she leaves, the blonde begins to laugh.

The redhead says, "What's so funny?"

The blonde says, "Well, blondes are supposed to be so dumb and look at her. By the time she gets back with the toilet paper, that seagull will be miles away!"

The Greatest Loss

There are many kinds of sorrow on earth, but the deepest of all sorrows is when the heart loses Christ, and He is no longer seen, and there is no hope of comfort from Him. Only a few are so sorely tempted. All comfort has gone, all joy is ended, there is no help from heaven or sun or moon, from angel or any creature. There is even no help from God. But the world rejoices.

Answers to: Who Did It?

- 1) D - Abraham *Gen. 20:12*
- 2) D - Joseph *Gen. 37:5-9*
- 3) D - Abraham *Gen. 17:1-11*
- 4) D - Joshua *Deut. 31:23*
- 5) A - Abimelech *Gen. 20:2; 26:6-9*
- 6) B - Esau *Gen. 25:29-34*
- 7) D - Laban *Gen. 29:21-26*
- 8) A - Rachel *Gen. 31:19*
- 9) D - Shechem *Gen. 34:1,2*
- 10) A - Amnon *2 Sam. 13:1-22*

Answers to: Who Said It?

- 1) A - Judas *John 12:4-6*
- 2) C - Samson *Judges 16:30*
- 3) B - Pilate *John 18:37-38*
- 4) B - Peter *Acts 5:3-4*
- 5) C - Paul *Acts 20:26*
- 6) D - Stephen *Acts 7:57-60*
- 7) C - Cain *Gen. 4:9*
- 8) B - Samuel *1 Sam. 3:10*
- 9) A - Job *Job 19:25*
- 10) C - Pontius Pilate *Matt. 27:24*

The Heart

"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart..."

"You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted.

The surgeon looked up, annoyed, "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done..." "But when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there," said the boy.

The surgeon looked to the parents who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up, and I'll plan what to do next."

"But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart."

The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well."

"You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there."


The surgeon left.

The surgeon sat in his office after the surgery, recording his notes from the surgery, "damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis:" here he paused, "death within one year."

He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?"

The Lord answered and said, "The boy, My lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is a part of My flock and will forever be. Here, in My flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and My flock will continue to grow."

The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?"

The Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, shall return to My flock, for He has done his duty: I did not put My  lamb with your flock to lose him, but to retrieve another lost

lamb." The surgeon wept.

The surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him.

The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?"

"Yes," said the surgeon.

"What did you find?" asked the boy.

"I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

Romans 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Romans 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

A Blonde Goes to the Doctor

One day, a blonde went to the doctor's office. She went into the examination room and said, "Doctor, I have a bullet hole in my hand and I don't know where it came from!"

The doctor asked, "Have you had any personal experience with a gun recently?"

The blonde replied, "Well, yesterday I was going to commit suicide. At first I was going to hold my breath till I died. I couldn't do it though. Then I was going to shoot myself in the stomach. That was too bloody. So I decided to shoot myself in the head. So I put the gun up to my ear and I put my other hand on my other ear because I knew gunshots were loud, you know?"

The doctor nodded.

"Well, then I pulled the trigger, and the next thing I knew there was a hole in my hand!"

Blonde International Training College

A blonde has been attending Blonde International Training College, a school set up to give blondes a chance to make it in the real world, for 10 years. She keeps failing one class that she needs to graduate: basic math. The administrators need to get her out to make room for new students but can't just give her the grade. So, they instead decide to ask her a simple math question at the graduation ceremony. If she answers correctly, she graduates.

Sure enough, she fails the class again, and shouldn't walk across the stage, but the administrators invite her to the ceremony. They stand her before everyone and say, "Although you lack one class for graduation, we have decided to pass you if you can answer this one question. What is two plus two?"

The blonde thinks about it for a while and finally says, "Four." The crowd stands up in objection and demands, "Give her another chance!!"

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You want to start a race - rush each morning to meet the grace of God.

Galatians 2:21 *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

Are your batteries flat? Contact Jesus for a recharge! Better yet stay plugged into Him.