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WHAT THE BIBLE TRULY SAYS



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Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red, the way Terrell wrote them.

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NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

VOLUME 1

MYTH

"God helps those who

help themselves."

WHERE DID IT COME FROM? Benjamin Franklin *Poor Richard's Almanack*

1757

X **NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE**

This saying is not found anywhere in the Bible. It comes from a man-made philosophy that emphasizes human effort over God's grace.

WHAT GOD ACTUALLY SAYS

PSALM 121:1-2 (KJV)

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

ISAIAH 41:10 (KJV)

"*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness*.

ROMANS 5:8 (KJV)

*"But God commendeth his love toward **us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

BIG TRUTH

God helps those who trust Him—not because they earned His help, but because of His grace.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF *Read these passages and see what God says.*

• Psalm 121

• Isaiah 41:10

● Romans 5:8

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APPLICATION

This week, stop trying to do everything

in your own strength. Pray first, trust

God's timing, and depend on Him in

every situation. Let Him be your help, and give Him the glory when **He** comes through.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. When have you tried to handle something

on your own instead of trusting God?

2. How does trusting God change the way

you face challenges?

3. What does it mean to you that God helps

those *who* trust Him**?**

WORD CHECK

Ask these four questions:

Is it actually written?

Is it written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

SERMON POINT

The world teaches **self**-reliance, but God's Word teaches dependence on Him. We don't earn His help- we receive it through faith. True strength is not in doing it all yourself, but in trusting the One who **is all**-powerful.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

LAW OF **DOUBLE REFERENCE**

When the text itself indicates **a** future fulfillment, it may have a second reference. Never force a double meaning where the Scripture does not support it.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Don't believe this book because it says it.

Believe God's Word because God said it.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

ACTS 17:11

MYTH

"**Money is the** root of **all evil**."

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

1 Timothy 6:10 Misquoted and taken

out of context.

X NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible does not say, "Money is the root **of** all **evil**." The truth **is,** the love **of** money **is** the root **of** many **evil** things.

WHAT GOD ACTUALLY SAYS

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 (KJV)

"For the love **of** money **is** the **root of**

all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the **faith**,

and pierced themselves through **with** many ***sorrows*.**"

ECCLESIASTES 5:10 (KJV)

"He that loveth **silver** *shall not* be **satisfied** with **silver;** nor **he** that loveth abundance **with** increase: this **is** also vanity."

MATTHEW 6:24 (KJV)

"No man **can** serve two masters: for either he **will hate** the one, and love the other**;** or **else** he **will** hold to the one**,** and despise the other. Ye cannot serve *God* and mammon."

BIG TRUTH

Money is a tool. The love **of** money **is** the problem.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these passages and see what God *says*.

• 1 Timothy 6:6-10

● **Ecclesiastes** 5:10

• Matthew 6:24

• **Proverbs** 23:4-5

APPLICATION

This week, examine your heart. Are you trusting God or trusting money? Use your resources to honor God, help others, and build **His** kingdom.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. What is the difference between money

and the love of money?

2. Can money ever be used for good

according **to** the Bible?

3. What are some dangers of loving

money?

4. Who (or what) **is** in control **of** your heart**?**

WORD CHECK

Ask these four questions:

Is it actually written?

Is **it** written in context**?**

Who is speaking?

Who **is** being spoken to?

SERMON POINT

Money itself is not evil-God created it. But when money becomes more important than God, **it** controls us. Our

hearts must remain focused on God, not wealth.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Read the passage in its immediate context.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 **is** about contentment, warning against the love of money.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE This principle often applies when the text itself connects a past event or promise to

a future fulfillment (such as prophecies).

In this passage, there is no second reference within the text**.**

HOLY BIBLE

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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ACTS 17:11

3 **NOT IN THE BIBLE** | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH "**CLEANLINESS IS**

NEXT TO GODLINESS**.**"

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This saying originated in 1500s England and is often credited to John Wesley.

It was a popular proverb about good hygiene and moral character, but it is not found anywhere in the Bible.

X **NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE**

The Bible never says, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Outward cleanliness is not what makes a person pleasing to God. God looks at the **heart,** not how clean we appear on the outside.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read *these* verses:

● 1 Timothy 4:**7-8**

· Titus 2:11-12

• Matthew 23:25-28

● 1 Samuel 16:7

APPLICATION

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Keep your body clean- **it's a** good steward practice.

But don't let outward cleanliness replace inner righteousness. Ask God to clean your heart through His Word and His Spirit. Live a life that is pleasing **to** God, inside and **out**.

A **clean heart honors God more than clean hands.**

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WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 (KJV)

"But refuse profane and ***old*** *wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather* ***unto*** *godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little:* but *godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the* ***life*** *that now* ***is,*** *and of that which* ***is*** *to come."*

TITUS 2:11-12 (KJV)

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all ***men****, teaching* **us** *that, denying ungodliness* ***and worldly lusts,***

we should live soberly, ***righteously****, and godly,* in *this present world."*

MATTHEW 23:25-28 (KJV)

"*Woe unto* ***you,*** *scribes and Pharisees,* ***hypocrites****! for ye* ***make clean*** *the* ***outside*** *of the* ***cup and*** *of the platter, but* ***within*** *they are full of extortion and* ***excess****."*

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (KJV)

"For the ***LORD*** *seeth not* ***as*** *man seeth;*

for man looketh ***on*** *the outward appearance, but the* ***LORD*** *looketh on the heart."*

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

BIG TRUTH

God is **more** concerned about the condition **of** your heart than the condition **of** your hands. True godliness comes **from** within.

The Bible teaches that true godliness

is about a pure heart, obedience, faith, love, and righteousness— not just outward appearance.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 What does "godliness" really mean

according to the Bible?

2 Does God care more about how we

look or what's **in our** heart?

3 Are you focusing more on outward

appearances or inward character**?**

4 What does a truly godly life look

like to **you?**

WORD **CHECK**

Before **you** believe anything, **ask these** four questions:

Is **it actually written?**

Is it written in context? Who is speaking? Who is being spoken to?

Context Changes **Everything**. Read the whole verse. Don't stop in the middle.

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Late 1500s proverb (John Wesley**)**

Found in **Scripture?** X **No**

Related **Biblical** Principle**?** Yes- The Bible teaches that true godliness comes from the heart **(**1 Samuel 16:7) and Christ, not **outward** appearance.

Final Verdict:

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it **because** God **said** it.

HOLY BIBLE

SERMON POINT

Don't **get** caught up in appearances. God doesn't need religious show- He wants **a real** relationship with

a real heart.

Clean hands are good,

but a **clean heart** is better.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage **explain** itself.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

When **a** text points to a future fulfillment, **it** may have a second reference. Never force a double meaning where the Scripture does not support it.

MYTH "THIS TOO

SHALL PASS."

WHERE DID IT COME **FROM?**

This phrase comes from Persian (Zoroastrian) and Sufi writings dating back hundreds of years. It is often engraved on ancient Persian rings as a reminder that both good and bad times are temporary. It is not found in the Bible.

XNOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

Thie Bible does not say, "This too shall pass." While circumstances on earth change, God's promises never pass away. Placing our hope in temporary feelings can lead to disappointment.

WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS

HEBREWS 13:8 (KJV)

*"**Jesus Christ** the same yesterday, and to day, and for **ever.***"

MALACHI 3:6 (KJV)

*"For I am the **LORD,** I change not**;** therefore*

***ye sons** of Jacob are not **consumed**."*

PSALM 119:89 (KJV)

"For ever, O *LORD**, thy word is settled** in heaven."*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18 (KJV)

*"**For** our light affliction, which **is** but for* a *moment, **worketh** for **us a** far **more** exceeding and **eternal** weight of glory**; While** we look not at the things **which** are **seen,** but at the **things** which are not **seen**: for the things **which** are **seen** are temporal**; but** the things which are not seen are eternal."*

BIG TRUTH

Earthly situations change, but God's Word, His

character, and His promises

never change.

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible calls us to fix our

hope on eternal things, not on the temporary ups and downs of life.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these verses:

Hebrews 13:8

• Malachi 3:6

• **Psalm** 119:89

• 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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• James 1:17

A **APPLICATION**

Write down God's promises today.

Meditate on His Word daily.

When life is hard, speak God's

truth, not temporary feelings.

Keep your hope in Jesus-He is

eternal.

THINK ABOUT IT

1

What does it mean that Jesus

never changes?

2

How does knowing God does not change bring you hope?

3 Why is it easy to trust in what

changes instead of what is true? **4** What eternal things should we

keep our focus **on?**

WORD CHECK

Believing any popular saying, ask:

Is it actually written?

Is it written in context**?**

Who **is** speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

SERMON POINT

When trials come, our feelings may **say,** "This won't last." But God's Word says, "**I** will never leave you, nor forsake you." Build your faith on what God promised-not what **life** is showing today.

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Persian / Sufi wisdom

Found in Scripture? X No

Related Biblical Principle?

Yes-circumstances change,

but God and His Word do not.

Final Verdict**:**

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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GOD'S WORD NEVER CHANGES.

TRUST IT.

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LAW OF REFERENCE

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LAW OF **DOUBLE REFERENCE**

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not support it.

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

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Acts **17:11** (KJV)

"...searched the scriptures daily,

whether those things were so."

5 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"**THE** LION

SHALL LIE DOWN WITH THE LAMB."

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WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This phrase comes from

Isaiah 11:6-7, written by the prophet **Isaiah** around 700 B.C. It describes the future Kingdom of God.

NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible does not say, "The lion shall lie down with the lamb." That exact wording is not in Scripture. It's a popular way of summarizing Isaiah 11:6-7.

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WHAT GOD ACTUALLY SAYS

ISAIAH 11:6-7 (KJV)

*"And the **wolf** shall dwell **with** the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the **calf** and the young lion and the fatling together; and* a little *child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young* ones *shall lie down together: and the **lion** shall* **eat** ***straw*** *like the **ox**.*"

HOSEA 2:18 (KJV)

*"And I **will** make* a *league with them* in *that day, and will betroth thee unto me for ever;*

yea, **I** ***will*** *betroth thee unto me* in *righteousness,* and in

judgment, and in *lovingkindness, and* **in** mercies."

REVELATION 21:4 (KJV)

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no ***more*** *death, neither sorrow,* ***nor*** *crying,* neither *shall* there be any *more pain: for the former things* ***are*** *passed away***."**

BIG TRUTH

Isaiah 11:6-7 is not about animals in a **zoo** living in harmony. It is a powerful picture of the peace and safety that comes when God reigns on earth during His Kingdom.

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SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these passages and see what God says.

• Isaiah 11:6-7

• Hosea 2:18

• Revelation 21:4

• Micah 4:3

APPLICATION

Trust God's promise of peace. Work for peace in your life today. Allow God to change your heart so you can live in His peace and share His peace with others.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

THINK ABOUT IT

1. What is Isaiah 11:6-7 really describing? 2. **What** does it mean that even the lion

will "eat straw like the **ox**"?

3. How does this passage give hope for

the future**?**

4. How does this connect to Jesus being the Prince of Peace?

WORD CHECK Ask these four questions:

Is it actually written**?**

Is it written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it. Search the Scriptures and know the truth.

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SERMON POINT

God's Kingdom brings real peace. **It** is not about animals behaving like humans**.** It is about hearts being changed by God's power and righteousness.

LAW OF REFERENCE

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LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

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SEARCH **THE** SCRIPTURES Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"...searched *the* scriptures *daily*, whether *those* things were so."

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NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH "GOD WON'T

GIVE YOU MORE **THAN YOU CAN HANDLE."**

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WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This saying is a modern motivational quote often used in self-help books, speeches, and memes. It is not found anywhere in the Bible.

NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible does not promise that **life** will be easy or that God limits our trials. Instead, it promises that He will be with us, strengthen us, and give us a way through every trial.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these verses:

● 1 Corinthians 10:13

● 2 Corinthians 12:9

● **Psalm** 46:1

● **Isaiah** 41:10

· James 1:2-4

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THINK ABOUT IT

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WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (KJV)

"*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*."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (KJV)

*"And he said unto me, My **grace** is sufficient for **thee:** for **my strength** is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will **I** rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

PSALM 46:1 (KJV)

"God is our refuge and strength, a *very **present** help **in** trouble."*

ISAIAH 41:10 (KJV)

*"Fear thou not; for I am **with** thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,* I ***will** uphold thee with the right hand of my **righteousness**.*"

BIG TRUTH

God may allow hard things in our lives, but He always gives us His strength, His grace, and a way out. He doesn't promise an easy life-He promises His presence in every **trial**.

1 Why is it dangerous to believe God

won't give you more than you can handle**?**

2 How does God show His strength

in our weakness**?**

3 **What** do the verses teach us about

God's faithfulness?

4 How can you trust God more during

difficult times?

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible focuses on God's

faithfulness, not our own ability. His power **is** made perfect in our weakness so His glory can be seen.

M SERMON POINT

We were not promised an **easy life.** We were promised a faithful God. He will never waste your pain, and He will never leave you alone in your struggle.

A **APPLICATION**

When trials come, don't panic. **Pray** and trust God's strength.

Lean on Him, not your own ability. Remember: **God's** grace is enough.

Let Him use your weakness to show His power.

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WORD CHECK

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Is it actually written**?**

Is it written in context**?**

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

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Source: Modern self-help quote

Found **in Scripture?** X No

Related Biblical Principle? Yes- **God** gives strength, grace, and a way out, but He may allow hard times.

Final Verdict:

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH. TRUST HIM.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE When a text points to a future fulfillment, it may have a second reference. Never force a double meaning where the Scripture does not support it.

Acts 17:11 (KJV)

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"...searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

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NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"EVERYTHING HAPPENS

FOR A REASON."

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WHERE DID IT COME FROM? This phrase comes from the world's philosophy and self-help teachings. It is not found in the Bible.

NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible does not say, "Everything happens for a reason." This idea is based on human thinking, not God's Word. Some things happen because **of** sin in the world, not because God planned them.

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WHAT GOD ACTUALLY SAYS

ECCLESIASTES 7:14 (KJV)

"In *the day* ***of*** *prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set* the one over *against the other,* to the end *that* man *should find nothing* after him."

JOHN 16:33 (KJV)

"These *things* **I** have spoken unto *you,* that *in me* ye *might* have *peace.* In *the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer*; *I have overcome the* ***world****."*

JAMES 1:2-4 (KJV)

"My brethren, count it all joy when *ye fall into manifold temptations; Knowing* ***this***, that the *testing of your faith worketh patience. But let* patience *have* her perfect work, *that ye* may *be perfect and entire,* wanting *nothing*."

ROMANS 8:28 (KJV)

"And we know that all things work *together* ***for*** *good* to them that *love God, to* them *who* are *the called according to* **his** purpose."

BIG TRUTH

Not everything happens for a reason we can see. But God is always in control. He can turn even the bad things into something good for those who love Him.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these passages *and* see *what* God says.

● Ecclesiastes 7:14

• John 16:33

• James 1:2-4

● Romans 8:28

• Psalm 139:1-18

APPLICATION

When something hard happens, don't assume it's God's plan to hurt you. Instead, talk to God. Trust Him. Ask Him to help you learn and grow through it.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. If everything happens for a reason, does that

mean God causes everything?

2. What does Ecclesiastes 7:14 teach us about

good days and bad days?

3. How does James 1:2-4 help us understand

hard times?

4. How can we trust God when we don't

understand why something happened?

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WORD CHECK

Ask these four questions:

Is it actually written?

Is it written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

TRUST GOD. NOT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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SERMON POINT

Life is not always easy. Bad things happen. But God is not surprised.

He is bigger than our problems. He can bring good out of the pain and use it for our good and His glory.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

When a text points to a future fulfillment, it may have a second reference. Never force **a** double meaning where the Scripture does not support it.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Don't believe it because it sounds good. Believe it because God said it.

Open your Bible and

let His Word be your authority. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES DAILY.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"...searched the *scriptures daily, whether those* things were **so**."

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NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"JESUS WAS

DECEMBER 25TH

BORN ON

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WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This date comes from Roman pagan festivals like Saturnalia and the birth of Mithra, the "sun god." In the 300s A.D., the church placed Christmas on December 25th

to mix pagan customs with Christian worship. The Bible does not tell us the date Jesus was born.

XNOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible never gives a date for Jesus' birth. Shepherds were in the fields at the time of His birth,

which suggests it was not during the winter season (when shepherds would have been inside **with** their sheep). The exact day and month are not important to God.

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WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS

LUKE 2:8 (KJV)

"And there were in *the* same country *shepherds abiding* in the *field, keeping* watch *over their flock by night."*

LUKE 2:11-12 (KJV)

*"*For unto you *is* born this *day* in the city *of* David a Saviour, *which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be* a sign *unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped* in *swaddling clothes, lying* in a manger."

LUKE 2:1-7 (KJV)

"*And it came to pass* in *those days, that* there *went out* a *decree* from Caesar Augustus**...** *And Joseph also* went *up* from *Galilee...* to be *taxed* **with Mary his** *espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days* were *accomplished that she should* be *delivered."*

MATTHEW 2:1 (KJV)

"Now when *Jesus* was born in *Bethlehem* of Judaea in *the days of Herod the* king*, behold, there* came wise men **from**

the east to Jerusalem."

BIG TRUTH

We don't know the exact date

Jesus was born. What matters

most is the truth of His birth,

His life, His death, and His

resurrection for our salvation.

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible focuses on who Jesus is

and what He came to do—not the

date of His birthday. He came to save the world, not to give us another holiday to celebrate.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read *these* verses:

Luke 2:1-20

● Matthew 2:1-12

• Micah 5:2

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Galatians 4:4-5

• John 1:14

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APPLICATION

Don't focus on the date-focus on the Savior.

Honor Jesus every day of the year, not just December

25th.

Share the real reason He came:

to save us from **sin**.

Every day **is a** good **day to** remember Jesus!

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THINK ABOUT IT

1 Why do you think God did not give us

a date for Jesus' birth?

2 How does Luke 2:8 help us know it

was not winter?

3 Why do you think the early church

chose December 25th**?**

What is the most important reason Jesus came to earth?

WORD CHECK

Before believing any popular saying, ask:

Is it actually written?

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Is **it** written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

TRUTH LENSTM

SERMON POINT

We celebrate the Person, not the date.

Jesus is the Reason for the season every day, not just one day a year.

Source: Pagan traditions / Church decision

Found in Scripture? X No

Related Biblical Principle**?**

Jesus' birth **is** real, but the **exact** date is not given. God does not require a birthday celebration to honor Him.

Final Verdict**:**

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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TRUTH IS ALWAYS FOUND **IN** GOD'S WORD.

LAW OF **REFERENCE**

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MYTH

"GOD **HELPS**

THOSE WHO

HELP THEMSELVES.

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WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This phrase comes from ancient Greek philosophy, especially Aesop's fables and Benjamin Franklin (Poor Richard's Almanac, 1732). It promotes self-reliance, not faith in God. The Bible teaches dependence on God, not depending on ourselves.

XNOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible never teaches that God only helps those

who help themselves. In fact, Scripture teaches that

we are saved by grace, not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

If we had to help ourselves first, we wouldn't need

a Savior.

WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS

PSALM 121:1-2 (KJV)

"I will lift up *mine eyes unto the hills,*

***from** whence **cometh my** help.*

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven *and earth."*

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (KJV)

"Trust **in** *the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.* In all ***thy ways** acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy **paths**."*

ISAIAH 41:10 (KJV)

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for *I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea,*

*I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand **of my** righteousness."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 (KJV)

"*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

2 CHRONICLES 14:11 (KJV)

*"For the eyes of the **LORD** run to and fro*

throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in

the behalf of them whose heart **is** *perfect toward* him."

BIG TRUTH

We are not saved or helped because of what we do, but

because of who God is.

He is our Helper, our Strength,

and our Provider.

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible calls us to depend on God in every area of life. He is faithful to provide, protect, and guide

those who trust in Him.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read *these* verses:

Psalm 121:1-2

Proverbs 3:5-6

• Isaiah 41:10

● Philippians 4:13

2 Chronicles 14:11

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● Ephesians 2:8-9

APPLICATION

Start each day by asking God for wisdom and strength. Don't rely on your own understanding-trust God. Give Him your worries and let Him carry them.

Remember: God is already working on your behalf!

DEPEND ON GOD, NOT **JUST YOURSELF**.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Why **is** it risky to try and rely on

yourself instead of God?

2 What **are** some areas of your **life** where you need God's help?

3 How does trusting God change your attitude in hard times**?**

4 What does it mean to "acknowledge

Him in all your ways"**?**

WORD CHECK

Before believing any popular saying, ask:

Is it actually written**?**

Is it written in context**?**

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

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SERMON POINT

Self-reliance leads to exhaustion. God-reliance leads to peace. When we stop trying to do it all ourselves, we discover that God is more than enough.

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Greek philosophy/ Benjamin Franklin (1732**)** Found in Scripture**?** X No Related Biblical Principle? We are saved and helped by God's grace, not our own efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9). **Final** Verdict:

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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GOD IS OUR HELP, NOT OUR LAST RESORT.

*** LAW** OF **REFERENCE**

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let

the passage explain itself.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

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"...searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

10 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. **BIBLE** TRUTH

MYTH

"GOD **MOVES**

IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS."

WHERE DID IT COME FROM? This phrase is not in the Bible. It comes from a hymn written by William Cowper in **1779**. While God's ways are beyond our understanding, this phrase can be used to excuse disobedience or stop seeking His will.

X **NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE**

The exact phrase "*God* moves in mysterious ways" is not in the Bible. Scripture teaches that *God* is wise, good, and that His ways are higher than ours- but never mysterious for the sake of mystery.

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ISAIAH 55:8-9 (KJV)

"For my thoughts are not *your thoughts*, *neither are your* ways *my* ways, *saith the* LORD. *For* as the heavens *are higher* than *the* earth, **so** are *my* ways *higher* than *your* ways, *and my thoughts* than your *thoughts*."

DEUTERONOMY 29:29 (KJV)

"The secret things belong unto *the LORD our God:* but *those things which* are *revealed belong* unto us *and to* our *children for* ever, *that we may do all the words* of *this* law**.**"

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (KJV)

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean *not* unto thine own *understanding*. In all *thy* ways *acknowledge* him, *and he shall direct thy paths*."

JOHN 15:15 (KJV)

"Henceforth *I call you* not servants*;* for *the* servant *knoweth* not *what his lord doeth*: *but I* have *called* ***you*** friends*;* for all *things that I have* heard *of my* Father *I* have made *known* unto *you*."

BIG TRUTH

God is not trying to be mysterious. **He** is not confusing you. He reveals His will so you can know it, trust it, and obey it. Walk in His Word and He will make your path clear.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read *these* passages and see what *God says*.

• Isaiah 55:8-9

• Deuteronomy 29:29

• Proverbs 3:5-6

• John 15:15

Romans 11:33

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APPLICATION

Stop saying, "God moves in mysterious ways" when you are confused or unsure. Get into His Word, pray, seek godly counsel, and obey what He has already shown you.

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THINK ABOUT IT

1. What does Isaiah 55:8-9 teach us about

God's thoughts and ways?

2. Why did God reveal some things and keep others secret (Deut. 29:29)?

3. How can we know God's will for our

lives today?

4. How does knowing God's will remove

confusion and fear?

WORD CHECK

Ask these four questions:

Is it actually written?

Is it written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

YOUR WORD

IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH. PSALM 119:105

SERMON POINT

God is not hiding His will from you. He wants you to know, trust, and follow Him. Don't let religion, fear, or excuses keep you from seeking and obeying what He has already revealed.

LAW OF REFERENCE Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

LAW OF **DOUBLE REFERENCE**

When a text points to a future fulfillment, it may have a second reference. Never force a double meaning where the Scripture **does** not support it.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Don't believe it because people say it.

Believe it because God said it.

Open your Bible and

let His Word be your authority.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES DAILY.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"...searched *the* scriptures *daily,*

whether those things were *so*.

11 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"**GOD WORKS**

IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS."

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WE DON'T **KNOW**

WE **DON'T UNDERSTAND**

IT'S A **MYSTERY**

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

The exact phrase "God works in mysterious ways" is not found anywhere in the Bible.

It became well known through the 1773 hymn *"God Moves* in a *Mysterious Way"* written by William Cowper. The phrase is based on biblical truths about God's wisdom, but it is not a quotation from Scripture.

NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible never **says**,

"God works in mysterious ways." Instead, Scripture teaches that God's wisdom is higher than ours, and although we may not understand everything He does, we can always trust His character.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF *Read* *these passages:*

● Isaiah 55:8-9

● Romans 11:33

• Deuteronomy 29:29

• **Psalm** 145:17

• Proverbs 3:5-6

WORD CHECK

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*neither are **your ways my** ways, **saith** the LORD.*

*For **as** the **heavens are** higher than the earth,*

***so** are **my** ways higher than **your** ways, and **my** thoughts than **your** thoughts."*

ROMANS 11:33 (KJV)

"***O** the depth of the riches both of the **wisdom** and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are **his** judgments, and **his** ways past finding **out!"***

DEUTERONOMY 29:29 (KJV)

*"The **secret** things belong unto the LORD **our** God: but those things which are revealed belong unto **us** and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (KJV)

*"**Trust** in the **LORD with** all thine heart; and lean **not** unto thine **own** understanding. In all thy **ways** acknowledge **him,** and he shall **direct** thy paths."*

PSALM 145:17 (KJV)

*"The **LORD** is righteous in all **his** ways, and holy in all his works."*

BIG TRUTH

God is not mysterious because He is confusing. He is infinite, all-wise, and perfect. Even when we cannot understand His plan, we can trust **His** heart.

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible calls us to trust God, not merely explain Him. Faith rests in who God is, even when we don't understand what God is doing.

EP **THINK ABOUT IT**

1 Why don't we always understand

God's plans**?**

2 What does Isaiah 55 teach about

God's ways**?**

3 How does trusting God bring peace?

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When has God been faithful even when you didn't understand?

Before believing any saying, ask*:*

Is it actually written?

Is it written **in** context**?**

Who is speaking**?**

Who **is** being spoken to?

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: William Cowper hymn (1773) **Found** in Scripture? X No

Related **Biblical Principle**? Yes - God's wisdom is beyond our understanding (Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33). **Final** Verdict**:**

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because **you've** heard it. Believe it because God said **it**.

SERMON POINT

God does not ask us to understand everything. He asks us to trust Him. His ways are higher, His wisdom is perfect, and His love never fails.

APPLICATION

Trust God even when **life**

doesn't make sense.

Read His Word before believing

popular sayings.

Pray for wisdom instead of

demanding explanations.

Remember that God's character never changes.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

When a text points to a future fulfillment, it may have a second reference. Never **force** a double meaning where the Scripture does not support it.

MYTH "FOLLOW

YOUR HEART."

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

FOLLOW GOD

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IIII WHERE DID IT **COME FROM?**

This popular phrase comes from modern self-help and motivational culture. It sounds encouraging, but it is not found anywhere in the Bible. The Bible warns us that our hearts can lead us in the wrong direction.

X **NOT FOUND** IN **SCRIPTURE**

The Bible never tells us to "follow your heart." It warns **us** that the heart can be deceitful and

that we should lean on God's wisdom**,** not

our own feelings.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these verses:

Jeremiah 17:9

• Proverbs 3:5-6

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JEREMIAH 17:9 (KJV)

"*The heart is deceitful above* ***all*** *things, and desperately wicked: who can know it*?"

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (KJV)

*"**Trust in** the LORD with all thine heart**;** and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

***In** all thy ways acknowledge **him,** and he shall direct **thy** paths.*"

PROVERBS 4:23 (KJV)

*"**Keep** thy heart with all **diligence**; for out of it are the **issues** of **life.**"*

ROMANS 12:2 (KJV)

*"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of **your** mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect**,** will of **God.**"*

PSALM 119:105 (KJV)

"*Thy word is a lamp unto **my feet,** and a light unto **my path.***"

BIG TRUTH

Our hearts are not always right, but God's Word is always right. We are called to follow God, not our feelings.

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible teaches us to trust God**,** renew our minds, and submit to His will. True freedom comes from following Him**-not our** emotions.

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THINK ABOUT IT

Why can our hearts lead us **in** the wrong direction?

How does Proverbs 3:5-6 show us where to place our

trust?

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• Proverbs 4:23

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Romans 12:2

What does it mean to renew your mind in Romans 12:2**?**

• Psalm 119:105

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SERMON POINT

Feelings change. Circumstances change. But God and His Word never change. Follow God, and He **will** lead you in the right direction every time.

APPLICATION

Don't make big decisions based on feelings alone-seek God's Word first.

Pray and ask God to show you His will. Meditate on Scripture daily **to** renew your mind.

Walk by faith, not by feelings.

God's truth is your compass.

His Word is your guide.

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How can God's Word guide you better than your feelings**?**

WORD CHECK

Before you *believe* **any** saying, ask:

Is it **actually written?**

Is it written in **context? Who is** speaking**?**

Who is being spoken to?

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Modern **self-belp/** motivational culture **Found in Scripture? X No**

Related Bilbical Principle? Yes-The heart is deceitful: trust God and Edlown D Detreat **279**, **Froverbs 35-6).** Final Verticle**:**

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

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"...searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

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13 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH "THE EYE

IS THE WINDOW TO THE SOUL."

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This phrase comes from ancient Greek philosophy and culture, believed to be from the poet Euripides (480-406 BC). It is a popular saying in many languages but is not found in the Bible.

X **NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE**

The Bible never says, "The eye is the window

to the soul." The Bible teaches that the

heart is the source **of** our thoughts, choices,

words, and actions.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these verses:

● Matthew 6:22-23

• Proverbs 4:23

● Luke 11:34

● Jeremiah 17:9

● 1 Samuel 16:7

WORD CHECK

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Before believing any saying, *ask:*

Is it actually written**?**

Is it written **in** context**?**

Who **is** speaking**?**

Who is being spoken to?

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MATTHEW 6:22-23 (KJV)

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The light of the body **is** the eye: **if** therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be **full** of **light**.

23 But **if** thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be

full of darkness. If therefore the light that **is** in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

PROVERBS 4:23 (KJV)

"Keep thy heart **with all** diligence*;* for out **of** it **are** the issues **of life**."

LUKE 11:34 (KJV)

"The *light* of the *body* is the eye: therefore when thine eye **is** single, thy whole *body* also is full of **light***;* but when thine eye **is** evil**, thy** body also **is** full **of** darkness**.**"

JEREMIAH 17:9 (KJV)

*"*The heart is deceitful above all things**,** and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

BIG TRUTH

The Bible does not teach that the eyes reveal the soul. It

teaches that what fills our heart controls our life. Our hearts-not our eyes-determine who we **are**.

The Bible focuses on the heart—our

inner self. God looks at the heart, not outward appearances. (1 Samuel 16:7)

GP **THINK ABOUT IT**

1 What does Jesus say about the eye in

Matthew 6:22-23?

2 Why is the heart so important to God?

3 How can an evil heart affect your life?

4 How can you keep your heart pure

and your focus on God?

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Ancient Greek philosophy (Euripides)

Found in **Scripture?** X No Related **Biblical Principle**?

Yes

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The heart is the real source of a person's life. **(**Proverbs 4:23, Jeremiah 17:9)

Final Verdict:

X NOT IN THE BIBLE

OPEN YOUR BIBLE. SEEK THE TRUTH.

Don't believe it because you've heard it. Believe it because God said it.

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

SERMON POINT

Don't judge by what you see on the outside. God judges the heart. Let God cleanse your heart, and it will change your life.

APPLICATION

Guard your heart daily.

Ask God to search and cleanse your heart.

Focus on what is pure, good, and true. Don't judge others by appearances— love them and pray for them.

LAW OF REFERENCE

Always interpret Scripture in its immediate context. Let the passage explain itself.

LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES BY DAILY. KNOW THE TRUTH.

14 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"GOD **WILL**

NEVER PUT MORE **ON YOU THAN** YOU **CAN BEAR.**'

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

This phrase is often linked to

1 Corinthians 10:13, but that verse

talks about temptation, not every burden **or** trial in life. The idea became popular in Christian books and motivational teaching.

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (KJV)

"*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.***"

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9 (KJV)

"*We **are** troubled on **every** side, yet not **distressed**; we **are** perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*"

PSALM 34:19 (KJV)

"*Many are the afflictions of the righteous:*

but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."

JOHN 16:33 (KJV)

"*These things I have spoken **unto you,***

*that in me **ye** might have peace.*

*In the **world** ye shall have tribulation:*

*but be of good cheer; I have **overcome** the **world**."*

JAMES 1:2-4 (KJV)

"***My** brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."*

BIG TRUTH

God does not promise a life without heavy burdens. He promises His presence, His strength, and His deliverance.

X **NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE**

The Bible never says, "God will never put more on you than you can bear."

1 Corinthians 10:13 is about temptation, not every difficulty, sickness, loss, or responsibility in life.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these verses:

● 1 Corinthians 10:13

● 2 Corinthians 4:**8-9**

● **Psalm** 34:19

• John 16:33

• James 1:2-4

WORD CHECK

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Before believing any *saying, ask:*

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Is it written in context**?**

Who is speaking**?**

Who is being spoken to?

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible teaches that life will

include trials, afflictions, and hardships, but God is with us, gives us strength, and brings us through them.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 What is the difference between

temptation and trials?

2 How has God helped you in

a difficult time?

3 Why does God allow some burdens

in our lives**?**

What **can we** learn while we are **in** the process?

TRUTH LENSTM

Source: Modern Christian teaching/ motivational quotes **Found** in **Scripture?** X No

Related Biblical Principle?

Yes -

God makes a way of escape from temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13), and He strengthens us in every trial (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

Final Verdict:

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

SERMON POINT

God never promised an easy **life**. He promised that He would not leave you, break you**,** or waste your pain. He will be with you every step of the **way**.

APPLICATION

Trust God in your toughest seasons. Lean on Him, not your own strength.

Pray for endurance and wisdom.

Encourage others who **are** struggling.

Keep your eyes on eternity, not just today.

sts **LAW** OF **REFERENCE**

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15 NOT IN THE BIBLE | MYTH vs. BIBLE TRUTH

MYTH

"THE BIBLE MENTIONS A

BOOK OF TESTIMONIES."

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BOOK OF TESTIMONIES

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Many people say the Bible speaks about "a Book of Testimonies." This idea comes from mixing a few verses together and placing them out of context. But there is no book in the Bible with this name.

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EXODUS 25:16 (KJV)

"*And **thou shalt** put **into** the* ark *the testimony*

which** I **shall** give **thee."

This refers to the two stone tablets (the Ten Commandments) that were placed in the Ark of the Covenant.

PSALM 56:8 (KJV)

"***Thou*** tellest ***my** wanderings***:** put *thou **my** tears*

into thy bottle: are *they not **in thy** book**?***"

This speaks of God's knowledge and record **of** our lives-not a book in the Bible called "Book of Testimonies**.**"

REVELATION 20:12 (KJV)

"And I saw the dead, small and ***great****, stand before God; and the books* were opened*: and another book* was *opened,* ***which*** **is** *the book* of ***life****."*

This is the Book of Life, which records the names of those who belong to God-not a book **of** testimonies.

BIG TRUTH

There is no "Book of Testimonies" in the Bible. Testimonies are in the Bible, but they are spread through many books and written by many people under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible never says there is a book

of testimonies. That name does not appear in the Old Testament or the New Testament. It is not a book, a chapter, or a verse in the Bible.

SEARCH IT YOURSELF

Read these passages:

• Revelation 20:12

• Exodus 25:16

• Psalm 56:8

● 1 Corinthians 10:11

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• Psalm 107:1-2

WORD CHECK

Before believing *any saying*, ask:

Is it actually written?

Is it written in context?

Who is speaking?

Who is being spoken to?

THE BIBLE'S FOCUS

The Bible contains many testimonies- **real** people telling what God did in their lives. These are found across different books, not collected into one "Book of Testimonies."

1 Corinthians 10:11. Psalm 78:4-7

EP **THINK ABOUT IT**

1 What is the "testimony" in Exodus 25:16?

2 Does the Bible contain a book called

"Book of Testimonies"?

3 Why do you think people believe

this myth?

Where can we find many testimonies in the Bible?

TRUTH LENSTM

Yes-

Source: Misunderstood Scriptures **Found in** Scripture? X No Related Biblical **Principle?** Many testimonies are recorded throughout the Bible by God's people.

Final Verdict:

X **NOT IN THE BIBLE**

SERMON POINT

God's people have always given testimony of His goodness, mercy, and power. We are called to share what He has

done-not because the Bible has a book

called "Testimonies," but because our stories glorify God.

APPLICATION

Read your Bible for truth, not tradition.

Testify **of** what God has done in your life. Encourage others with Scripture, not myths**.**

Let your life be a testimony that points to Jesus.

LAW OF REFERENCE

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