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“So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2:12

Thanksgiving Is Not A One-Day-A-Year Action

In November we celebrated a day of thanksgiving for the founding of America, and thanksgiving for our freedoms. On the Friday following this celebrated day, everyone’s mind was fixed on “Black Friday,” a day of shopping and back to worldly activities. Stores were open early and lines of shoppers encircled the stores, waiting for the doors to open.

We need to remember that thanksgiving to God was established in the beginning!! In Romans 13:4, we are reminded, *For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*

How do we know this? Romans 15:4, records, *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* Thanksgiving is not a one-day-a-year occurrence.

“Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.” Psalm 9:11

The Book of Psalms records scripture pertaining to our responsibility for giving “thanksgiving to God” an all time, any time experience: *That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works,* Psalm 26:7; express great gratitude, a “doing” of telling of His works; *Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High,* Psalm 50:14; declaring His greatness and giving your word, offering songs and praises. We are to make sacrifices by singing, praying, communion, studying, assembling and observing His works, *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name,* Psalm 100:4

True worship was instigated with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, our Christ. Our privilege of living in a free country gives us the capability to worship our Lord by His standards and by our obedience to His requirements.

Why do we want to remember His Words? *For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody,* Isaiah 51:3. *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms,* Psalm 95:2.

Proclaim His name and publish – tell of His goodness – **every day and to everyone you meet!** Paul exhorts us to *[l]et your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God,* Philippians 4:5-6.

Through obedience, prayer and watchfulness – staying clear of evil temptations and false teachers – blessings from God will be received, see 1 Timothy 4:4. As a Christian, be a doer, ready to publish and announce, giving praise and showing submission and respect for the Lord – *And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen,* Revelation 7:11-12.

Put this in your heart. We shouldn’t have to put it in our Day Planner!

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“Hungry” Worshipers **“Hungry” Worshipers**

The French have a proverb that provides insight for worship that states, “A good meal ought to begin with hunger.” It is hard to enjoy a meal when you are not yet hungry. As we approach worship with a hunger to meet God, we will be filled and satiated. When we come to worship filled up with our own self-sufficiency or full of preoccupied thoughts, we won’t give meaningful worship. It’s true . . . good worship begins with a hunger for God.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled, Matthew 5:6.

House to House/Heart to Heart

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BIBLE QUIZ – Verse Match

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1. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
 1 Timothy 5:8-9 2 Timothy 2:15-17
 2 Timothy 3:16-17 1 Timothy 4:1-2
2. "He that rejected me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
 John 12:48 Matthew 7:2
 Matthew 6:33 John 10:10
3. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
 John 19:19 John 12:48
 John 10:10 John 8:24
4. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
 Luke 9:27 John 14:6
 Matthew 10:28 Mark 12:30
5. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."
 Matthew 11:28-29 Matthew 5:23-24
 Matthew 9:12-13 Matthew 7:13-14
6. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."
 Mark 9:1-2 Matthew 22:38-39
 Matthew 7:21-23 Matthew 5:19-20
7. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
 John 8:24 Acts 2:39
 Matthew 28:19-20 Mark 16:15
8. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 Romans 14:11 Romans 10:17
 Romans 6:3 Romans 3:23
9. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
 Romans 14:11 Romans 6:3

YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19 [emphasis added].

Have you been around someone who has had too much alcohol to drink? There is a definite change in their speech and actions – they are quick to get angry and unruly. They drive while intoxicated, jeopardizing the lives of others, as well as their own.

Have you tolerated someone who smokes, with breath and clothing that reek of stale smoke?

Gambling and gaming is addictive and results in financial problems. Some are addicted to surfing pornography on the Internet.

Maybe you've known a family member or friend who has suffered with liver disease and died from the use of alcohol? Or, someone who suffers from lung cancer because of the use of tobacco, smoking or dipping? Many suffer from tongue or gum cancer, or suffer facial surgery.

These are not “righteous” habits!! A definite statement toward “unrighteous” behavior is made by Paul, *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God*, then he names behaviors – *Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God*, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. ***Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*** Romans 1:24 [emphasis added].

Those who spend hours using Internet pornographic sites have been found guilty of sexual abuses and falsifying personal information.

Addiction is hard to overcome whether from smoking, drinking, gambling, gaming, or pornography – all mind-sets on evil things. Aside from physical damage, it results in problems to the home, family, friends and health – even capabilities pertaining to study, sports and employment.

Is it easy to quit? Any addiction is hard to overcome! **A sure way to avoid being addicted to physical damage is to never take the first cigarette, the first drink of alcohol, or dipping.** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*, Romans 12:1.

In a group of people practicing these behaviors, be a Christian example by refusing to participate in their activities. Your stand will speak loudly for Christ. Consider your responsibility to teach, *If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame*, Hebrews 6:6.

BE AS STRONG AS CHRIST!! BE AS STRONG AS CHRIST!!

Often times speaking of religious beliefs will place us in a mode of weakening in our stand for Christ. Some will ridicule Christians because of their commitment to the truth found in the Scriptures, Old and New. Instead of “standing up” we may become silent and withdrawn from conversations. It’s no fun being called a “Jesus freak.”

Here are some things to think about when you are found in such circumstances:

“Christ, the Holy Son of God, rubbed elbows with two thieves. Crucifying Jesus between two criminals was deliberately staged to “rank Him with robbers” and to humiliate Him in front of the crowd.

- He who was purer than angels (Hebrews 1:4) and as holy as God (John 10:30; Mark 1:24; Acts 2:27) put between two judged as unfit to live among fellow humans.
- He who never once sinned (Hebrews 4:15) was joined to men who sinned so often, and to a degree, that their fellow sinners executed them.
- He who never once said a curse or cross word died with His ears full of the profanity of one who prostituted his God-given tongue with both (Luke 23:39).
- He whose saliva had been used to heal (Mark 7:33;

8:23), died with the dried spit of His enemies on His face (Matthew 26:67; 27:30).

- He who gave away everything He ever had died between men who took what did not belong to them (Mark 15:27).
- He who was “such an high priest’ as to be described as ‘holy, harmless, undefiled’ had those who were corrupt, dangerous, and tainted as His closest companions in His most passionate moments.
- He who was ‘separate from sinners’ died beside them. He who was ‘made higher than the heavens’ became associated with those who were of the vilest of the earth (phrases taken from Hebrews 7:26).” House to House/Heart to Heart Tract

Association with unbelievers doesn’t place us with such vindictive actions or fear of being put to death. Why is it so hard to “stand up” for our Savior in our conversations? An interesting stance may be to speak up, ask for an “it is written” proof of their line of reasoning, then “stand up” with a biblical answer. Ask to study together to resolve an issue, using the Bible and other appropriate books for research and discussion. Lay it on the table!

For if I have boasted any thing to him or you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth, 2 Corinthians 7:14

Welcome "2009"!

– TIME FOR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS!

“I resolve to get my homework.” “I resolve to listen and pay more attention to rules of Mom and Dad.” [After all, they got me the things I wanted for Christmas. Right?] “I’ll do the chores assigned to me.” “I’m going to get back in shape.” [Yeah, I’ll watch what I eat, etc.] “I’ll be nicer to my brothers and sisters, and cousins.” This is typically how we think when we think of making resolutions. It’s a good time to “start anew”! All of these things would smooth out interactions between family and friends – and what a blessing that would be.

Let’s look at some things that God requires of us and resolve to be more attentive to the things that will make us more committed and pleasing in God’s eyes. People will notice the change; after all, this is the time of year that everyone’s doing it. Join the crowd!!

What are some things God requires? “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” Micah 6:8

1. **Our attention, our thanks!** Not just one day a year as celebrated recently, but every hour of every day.

¹¹Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

¹²Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

¹³And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

¹⁴Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.” – Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Listen to what He has to say! “But he answered and said, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” – Matthew 4:4

“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” – Matthew 17:5

2. **Our Love! Appreciation!**

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Because of God, we were created to live in a world of beauty, providing sustenance for humans’ existence.

³“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

⁴“What is man, that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?”

⁵“For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.”

– Psalm 8:3-5

3. **Obedience! Keep His Commandments**

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?

and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?” – Matthew 7:21-22

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”

– 1 John 5:3

4. **Life! His pattern!**

¹“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

²Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

⁵Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁶For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

⁷In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

⁸But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

⁹Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

¹⁰And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.” –

Colossians 3:1-10

We become His children after baptism, “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.” – Colossians 2:12 He consoles us with His promise,

“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” – Revelation 2:10.

5. **Loyalty! Faithfulness!**

¹⁰“And the Lord’s anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

¹¹“Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

¹²“Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the Lord.” – Numbers 32:10-12

Paul, who suffered many trials during his missionary travels, was content because he treasured the reward he would receive, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. “Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.” – Philippians 3:7-8

6. **Company! He is anxious for our presence with Him in Heaven!**

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” – Psalm 116:15; and

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” – Revelation 14:12

Paul said it best in Philippians 3:13, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.” This is the attitude we must have if we want to see God in Heaven.

WHY SOME QUIT THE CHURCH

“I missed two Sundays in a row and nobody called to check on me.”
“I had surgery and nobody came to see me or even sent a card.”
“The preacher isn’t interested in me; he only has time for ‘important’ members.”
“The elders don’t pay any attention to my opinions. They just do what they want to do.”
“The Sunday School teacher disagreed with my comment.”



Have you heard these statements? Or yet, have you made a statement like this? It’s a known fact that everyone has been hypocritical at times. “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed,” James 1:25. Being honest with ourselves, how many of us can live perfectly the “perfect law of liberty” as stated by James. We all have our weaknesses. But we continue to strive for perfection.

We can’t make excuses. Jesus doesn’t look lightly toward hypocrisy – speaking one thing and practicing another. James 3:17. In the above statements, the church is presented as the offender, filled with hypocrites who do not really care about the members. Can we let our hurt feelings affect our relationship with God? Who would be the stronger, more mature [perfect] person – one who strengthened his personal relationship with God by faithful attendance and continued involvement, or one who placed blame on others. This is a “faith test.”

Do we go to assembly to worship God or to judge the brethren. Compare: in God’s eyes, what is the better thing to do – continue to worship and work faithfully with other imperfect saints trying to get stronger, or drop out and let the devil have our souls? It was not God that hurt their feelings. Losing our soul is a big price to pay because “feelings have been hurt.” “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you,” Ephesians 4:32.

When we are tempted to give up over hurt feelings, we should ask ourselves these questions:

Did anyone spit on me? They did on Jesus!
Did anyone beat me on the back? They did on Him!
Did anyone hang me on a cross? They did Jesus!
Did anyone force a thorn crown on my brow? They did His!

They did this and more to Jesus. He never lost His focus on honoring His Father’s Will!

And The Books Were Opened . . .

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Ecclesiastes 12:14



In Revelation 20:11-15, John reveals an experience where he saw “a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.” It was the Day of Judgment. The dead, small and great, stood before God, **and the books were opened**. One of the books was the Book of Life, *and anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire*. The Book of Life is called “the Book of God’s Remembrance.”

God lists the names of those *that feared the Lord* and spoke often to one another about God; and *a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name*. Malachi 3:16. It can be looked upon as a “family record” and within it are the names of God’s children. It’s a book written in by God for His remembrance as each name is called on Judgment Day.

Another book opened at the Judgment is the Book of Books – the Bible. God’s Word in man’s hands – a book to guide man in putting his life right and purifying his life. Man’s cleansing comes from the Word of God. *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*, Psalm 119:105. Man has a duty to God and fellow man. Solomon wrote by inspiration of God, *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man*, Ecclesiastes 12:13.

A third book will be opened on the Day of Judgment, a Book of Deeds; a book of man's own making. At the age of accountability, a book with blank pages is assigned to each person, with an equal start in life. On the pages of this personal book are written words, deeds, even the deepest and most-silent thoughts. God knows our every thought. Psalm 94:11 reads: *The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man.* Solomon, inspired by God, wrote *the thought of foolishness is sin....* Proverbs 24:9.

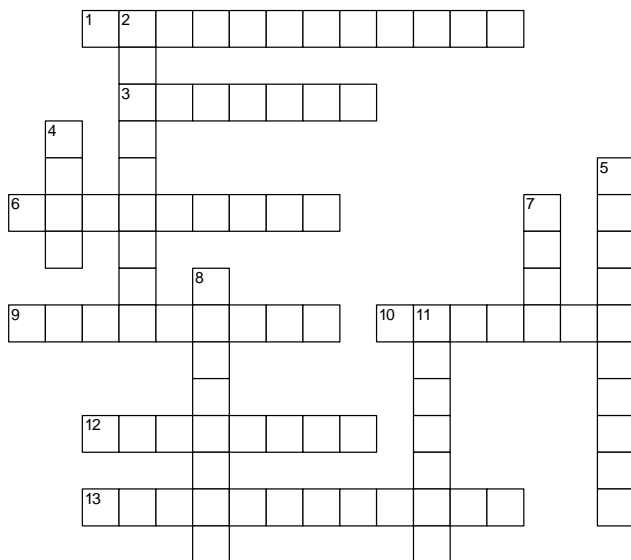
Each individual controls the entries put into the book. The object is not to make the Bible conform to your book, but to make your book conform to the Bible. There will be no changes in the Gospel message, Revelation 22:18-19. Paul admonishes in Romans 12:2, *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

After death, the Book of Deeds will be sealed and there is no changing your eternal outcome. Whether your name will be in the Book of Life will depend on the entries made in your Book of Deeds. As you live, the record will be kept in God's hands. Will your daily life be the record that gives you a passing grade on Judgment Day?

WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND . . . THAT THE ALIEN SINNER'S PRAYER IS BEING HEARD?

The apostle John says, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). This passage plainly expresses the whole principle of God's hearing and answering prayer. No man, in the church or out of it, need expect God to hear and answer his prayer unless he is devoting his heart and life to doing the will of God as revealed in the New Testament. The Bible teaches very plainly that neither alien prayers nor prayers of members will be heard while the one that prays is willingly violating or refusing God's requirements. The first duty of the alien is to hear and obey the gospel of Christ, and thereby become a Christian; and so long as he refuses to do that, his prayers can avail nothing. All the prayers that he and all the preachers on earth might offer could never bring pardon to such a one, for any one in such a situation would be in rebellion against God, while with his lips he might be engaged in prayer. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination" (Prov. 28:9). Jesus says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). It matters not how much a person may pray; unless he has rendered obedience to the gospel of Christ, he has no promise of being heard. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12). The righteous are those who live in obedience to the will of God. The alien sinner has not obeyed the will of God, and therefore, his prayers are an abomination in the sight of God. Even the blind man was able to see this, for he said, "We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he heareth" (John 9:31). To enjoy the blessings of prayer we must obey God's will. [ed. Will the popular "Sinner's' Prayer" fall under this scriptural explanation?]

-Where In The Bible Will I Find..., I. D. Byars, Volume 1, p. 110.



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Word Bank: admired, affection, attendance, attentive, commandments, example, faithful, life, love, obedience; pattern, strength, thankful

Across

- 1 And this is love, that we walk after his _____. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 2 John 6
- 3 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ____ of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12
- 6 Set your ____ on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2
- 9 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women,, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were ____ unto the book of the law. Nehemiah 8:3
- 10 In all things shewing thyself a ____ of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,... Titus 2:7
- 12 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye _____. Colossians 3:15
- 13 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou ____ unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10

professional team, had to give it all up because he failed to give attention to the above headlined characteristics while social networking on the Internet.

His background speaks of decency, kindness and accomplishments earned by working diligently through his public school years, individually and as a team member. He was on one of the Internet social networking sites and entertained dialog with lots of friends.

“BE” SENSIBLE In a moment of chatting among “friends,” he received a statement and proceeded to post it on his personal space. It was deemed a racial statement. He immediately lost his scholarship, he was removed from the networking space, he is branded by some as a racist, even though he has apologized to his teammates and in every one he has contact with. He has dropped out of college for the present time, losing ground as far as his future is concerned. But most importantly, he has lost respect from so many and will have to work extra hard to redeem that respect and opportunity.

“BE” CAUTIOUS! Anything you say on social networking sites can be aired world-wide. It is a fact that slanderous, malicious and insulting statements can be added to a person’s space without their permission. Whether they are personal, racial, discourteous, offensive, abusive, even complimentary – it is circulated to those who are permitted to enter your space and from there it is gossip and is accessible to be circulated beyond measure.

In a recent cyberbullying case where hurtful networking was involved, a mother was convicted of three minor offenses in an Internet hoax that apparently drove a 13-year-girl to suicide. Austin American-Statesman, World & Nation A13, Nov. 27, 2008. Each count is punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Your “space” is vulnerable to hacking and a tool for unfair criticism. Think before you “click”!

“BE” WISE!

<p>This is a story about a little girl who, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, “Mommy, the Preacher’s sermon this morning confused me.” The mother said, “Oh! Why is that?”</p> <p>The girl replied, “Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?” “Yes, that’s true,” the mother replied. “He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?” Again the mother replied, “Yes.”</p> <p>“Well,” said the girl, “If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn’t He show through?”</p>	<p><u>Bible Quiz (1) 2 Timothy</u> 3:16-17; (2) John 12:48; 3) Bible Quiz: (1) 2 Timothy 3:16-17; (2) John 12:48; 3) John 10:10; (4) John 14:6; (5) Matthew 7:13-14; (6) Matthew 7:21-23; (7) Matthew 28:19-20; (8) Romans 10:17; (9) Hebrews 11:6.</p>	<p><u>Double Puzzle</u> 1 Timothy 4:16 heed; doctrine continue save doing</p>
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