

Great Passages of the Bible

Proverbs 3:1-8

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Reread verses 1-2

What does it mean to “not forget” God's teaching?

It says to “let your heart keep my commandments.” How is this more than just knowing God's Word? What is the secret or best way to go from knowing God's Word to “keeping it in your heart”?

What is the result of obeying verse 1? What is the result of obeying verse 2? Is it a longer life? Why or why not?

Reread verses 3-4

“Steadfast” = unwavering. Can you have “steadfast love” without “faithfulness”? Why or why not? Has it been difficult in your life to have these two? Explain.

Does verse 4 mean worldly success or something else? If not, what does it mean and what does that look like in your life?

Reread verses 5-6

Is it difficult to trust the Lord completely? Why? Trust means to expect something to protect you, which is God. How does God protect you?

What does it mean to “make straight your paths”? Is this easy or hard to understand? If easy, why is it difficult to actually “do it”?

How does a person acknowledge God in all their ways?

Reread verses 7-8

How can someone be "wise in your own eyes"?

What is the result?

John 1:1-14

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Reread verses 1-5

Who is the Word and why does John choose to use this (read Hebrews 1:1-2)? How is Jesus the ultimate Word of God to man?

What three truths does John tell us about the Word in verse 1? How do these three truths impact us today?

What does John mean when he says "in him was life" in verse 4?

What do the following verses say about the kind of life Jesus wants for you (John 3:16; 6:35; 10:10; 11:35; 14:6; 14:19)?

Reread verses 6-14

Why is Jesus called the "light"? How does "the light" impact the world? Describe the world if the "light" was removed.

What does "receive him" (verse 11) mean?

How is what is described in verse 14 the most amazing event in all of history?

Galatians 5:16-25

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What is the conflict between our sinful nature and the Holy Spirit?

What sins from verses 19-21 do you think are most frequently tolerated among Christians today? Why?

Discuss the meaning of each of the "fruits of the Spirit" given in verses 22-23. Give an example of each one. Do you exhibit these "fruits" in your life? Why or why not?

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

What does it mean to "walk in the Spirit" (verse 25)? Is this easy or hard? Why?

2 Timothy 3

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Reread verses 1-9

Does this passage describe our world and culture today? How?

Are we close to or are we already in the end times today? Explain your answer.

In verses 8-9, the names of Jannes and Jambres are given. What did they do (read Exodus 7:8-13) and what is the warning for us today?

Reread verses 10-17

What is the theme of the passage? Explain your answer.

Why will everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus be persecuted (see John 3:19-21; 15:18-19)?

Are American Christians facing persecution today? If yes, how?

Why will a deeper understanding of God's Word equip you "for every good work"?