

## The Bible Says It – Or Does It?

Many sayings and proverbs in common use are taken from the Bible. Can you tell them from those derived from the writings of Shakespeare, Plato, Poor Richard's Almanac, or the Koran?

Choose the quotations you believe to be from the Bible:

1. The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.
2. Open rebuke is better than secret love.
3. A fool and his money are soon parted.
4. Every day is a messenger of God.
5. No man can serve two masters.
6. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.
7. Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days.
8. It is a wise father that knows his own child.
9. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.
10. Fair weather cometh out of the north.
11. The good deed drives away the evil deeds.
12. Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
13. Not life, but a good life, is to be chiefly valued.
14. There's a divinity that shapes our ends, roughhew them how we will.
15. I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
16. Let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.
17. A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.
18. Make haste slowly.
19. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
20. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
21. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
22. Cowards die many times before their death.
23. Wealth maketh many friends.
24. Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.
25. The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.
26. The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.
27. There is no new thing under the sun.
28. Character is much easier kept than recovered.
29. Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
30. Lost time is never found again.
31. The sleep of a labouring man is sweet.
32. Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.
33. A word to the wise is sufficient.
34. No prophet is accepted in his own country.
35. Be not righteous over much.
36. If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.
37. Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.
38. God helps those that help themselves.
39. Pride goeth before destruction.
40. One picture is worth more than a thousand words.

## The Bible Says It – Or Does It? – Answer Sheet

- 1) Shakespeare. As You Like It.
- 2) Proverbs 27:5.
- 3) Current since 16th century.
- 4) Russian proverb.
- 5) Matthew 6:24.
- 6) Proverbs 17:22
- 7) Ecclesiastics 11:1.
- 8) Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice
- 9) Current since 19th century.
- 10) Job 37:22.
- 11) The Koran.
- 12) Amos 3:3.
- 13) Plato.
- 14) Shakespeare, Hamlet.
- 15) Job 19:20.
- 16) Isaiah 22:13.
- 17) Proverbs 27:15.
- 18) From the Latin.
- 19) Book of Common Prayer.
- 20) Psalms 30:5.
- 21) Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanac.
- 22) Shakespeare, Julius Caesar.
- 23) Proverbs 19:4.
- 24) Motto on Thomas Jefferson's seal.
- 25) Ecclesiastics 9:11.
- 26) Jeremiah 31:29 and Ezekiel 18:2.
- 27) Ecclesiastics 1:9.
- 28) Thomas Paine.
- 29) Job 5:7.
- 30) Benjamin Franklin.
- 31) Ecclesiastics 5:12.
- 32) Benjamin Franklin.
- 33) Terence (Roman dramatist, 150 B.C.)
- 34) Luke 4:24.
- 35) Ecclesiastics 7:16.
- 36) John Ray's, English Proverbs, 1670.
- 37) Ecclesiastics 7:8.
- 38) Benjamin Franklin.

- 39) Proverbs 16:18.
- 40) Chinese proverb.

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