

TESTING YOUR BIBLE TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE

1. Who was the best female financial manager in the Bible?
2. How do angels greet one another?
3. What do we have that Adam never had?
4. Who was the greatest babysitter in the Bible?
5. Who was the greatest tennis player in the Bible?
6. When Daniel was looking for property in Babylon, what did he tell his real estate agent?
7. Which leader of the Jewish people evidently had no parents?



Answers...

1. Pharaoh's daughter – she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
2. Halo, halo, halo!
3. Ancestors.
4. David – he rocked Goliath to sleep.
5. Joseph – he served in Pharaoh's court for years.
6. "I'd prefer a house with no den".
7. Joshua – he was the son of Nun.



A LESSON LEARNED

During Sunday School, a little boy learned about how God created human beings. He became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's rib.

Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side – I think I'm getting a wife."

GETTING MARRIED

After the wedding, a little ringbearer asked his father, "How many brides can the groom marry?"

"One," his father said. "Why do you ask?"

"Because the minister said he could marry sixteen!" the boy explained, quite puzzled.

"How'd you come up with that number" his father asked him.

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up like the minister said – 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



A lighthearted thought to kick off 2026... "May your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions; and may your Wi-Fi always be stronger than your coffee."

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Stroke of Twelve

How the stroke of twelve at night
makes one stop and think!

It is a little more impressive than any
other hour of the day or night.

Yet more impressive is the passing of
a year.

It is the last day of the Old Year.

The clock ticks loud as if by the swinging
of the pendulum of fate.

One waits as for a signal to launch his
boat upon an unknown sea — a New
Year.

He knows not what storm or tide may
catch his craft nor whither it may be
driven.

Yet he may not wait, the hour strikes, he
must embark.

Ah, then he needs a God, bigger than the
storms and winds and rocks,
a God that lives and stays and speaks.

~ George L. Perin

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**"He who was seated on the throne
said, 'I am making everything
new!'" ~ Revelation 21:5**



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Sunday, 11 a.m. Services

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

That: "The calendar may change, but the faithfulness of God remains the same – steady, unshaken, and true."

~ Author Unknown

GETTING EVEN

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"



"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the best way to get even that was still legal."

SHARING

Donna's mother again explained that Donna shouldn't always keep everything for herself. "I've told you before that you should let your little brother play with your toys half of the time."

Donna replied, "I've been doing that. I take the sled going downhill, and he take it going up."

Something to Think About

 "Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected." ~ Philippians 4:8 (NCV).



For those old enough, like me, to remember the old days when classrooms featured chalkboards, you'll recall the times when at the end of the day you might be asked by the teacher to wipe the board clean for a new start the next day. Wouldn't that be a great way to start the New Year?

Although we can't erase the experiences of the previous year, we have God's Word to encourage us as we embrace the New Year filled with hopeful positivity and choose to see ourselves through the lens of our heavenly Father. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" What a wonderful reminder that our past does not define us – God does!

God's Word teaches us that we build a relationship with God from the heart but that doesn't mean that we can rely on our emotions to lead us to living triumphant lives. It also requires a mindset through which we determine to follow Christ, allow God's Holy Spirit reign over our hearts, and believe God's Word. That's where verses such as Philippians 4:8, above, are instructive for us. It's not incidental that the apostle Paul, in the previous verse, emphasizes the peace of God that guards our hearts *and* minds. Both areas of our lives, left unattended lead to worry, regret, resentment and fear, either through wrong feelings (the heart) or wrong thinking (the mind). Through the peace of God, we're lifted up through His blessings.

Warren Wiersbe wrote "that doesn't mean the absence of trials on the outside, but it does mean a quiet confidence within, regardless of circumstances, people or things."

Being uplifted and encouraged by what God has planned for you begins with a positive view in what you allow your mind to dwell upon. With the year ending and a new one beginning, there's no better time than to reflect on God and all His mercies, blessings, and love for us. *"Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise"*. Notice that if you are focused on praise, it's impossible to be downtrodden and miserable – try it – put on a praise tape and sing your heart out and try to remain miserable. It can't be done. When you do, you'll see change in your view of yourself and others. When we *"think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected"*, we're in the midst of God's Word; and the doubts about our worth and acceptance that are ours through our fallen nature common to all humankind are overcome. The root of the problem is sin which has plagued us since Adam in the Garden of Eden. The result is a life of shame which we tackle through a multitude of inappropriate responses. We try in our own strength to overcome but sooner or later we stumble and fall. But here is the Good News that you are invited to carry with you into this New Year – God already loves you! And since you are already loved by God, you can lean on Him through His Son Jesus to demonstrate His love in you through the good deeds you do as His Spirit lives within you.

Josh McDowell wrote, "Trying to perform to get worth from anyone – whether it's ourselves, God or other people, will always end in futility". Those who try to perform well for God under the expectation that they will be rewarded and get their prayers answered, have the wrong God.

The thing to note about the positive attributes God calls for us to pursue in

Philippians 4:8 is that they're attributes of His own character. When we view Him through the lens of anger and shame, we're viewing Him as we see ourselves in our sinful nature. Begin today to give praise and live in the positive image of Christ who has revealed to us the Father. Remember that it's a journey – God often brings healing over time and not through one major event. But He does change us. So, go ahead, step into this New Year with Faith; let God's love light your path, guide your footsteps and step forward, in Christ.

Mark your calendar!

Wednesdays 1:30pm

Weekly Prayer
(FBCS Godwinks' Café)

January 10th – Men's Breakfast

Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Message Series

7 KEYS TO THRIVING IN CHRIST

Come and join us!