



March 2021

Pastor's Reflections

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." John 3:16-21 (NIV)

I was reminded this morning that when we believe upon Jesus as Lord we become light to the world. Like it or not, darkness does not like the light. Light exposes the things that are hidden in the dark and a fallen humanity would rather not be reminded of its true state. The gospel is foolishness to those who are perishing, but for those of us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

As followers we can choose (with God's help) to live by God's truth bringing us into greater light. This is not an easy process because it exposes not only the world's darkness but our own sinful darkness (John 3:20, 21). However, God works in the light and it is here, living in God's truth that He will set us and others free from darkness. Jesus declared that his followers are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-15) and commanded that we do not hide this light or be ashamed of it, but rather to let it shine brightly for all to see thus giving glory to the Father (Matthew 5:16).

All of us once lived in darkness (Ephesians 5:8), but now, through faith in Christ, we have become children of the light. As the day draws near, let us lay aside the deeds and ways of darkness and put on our rightful armor of light (Romans 13:12) so that we might become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation" (Philippians 2:15), then we will shine like stars among them. May it be so. Let's shine on, PC

FUSION YOUTH MINISTRY March

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Hello and welcome to March! This winter has actually felt like a real PA winter with all the snow we have gotten so far. Even with the winter weather we still had a fun month of February! As we continue to move forward in Fusion Youth Ministries, we encourage the students to seek Godly wisdom in all things. While unexpected things come up, rather than getting bummed out or frustrated, ask God to show you His wisdom in that situation. Things around us will continue to change, but our God never changes, and His wisdom is ours if we would only ask Him. Have a great month and we are looking forward to each month that God gives us to grow in Him and to share His love with those around us!

First Things First

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding." Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

God's Word teaches wisdom is the number one thing we should pursue in life - not human wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from God. So how do we get God's wisdom? How can we know the difference between His wisdom and natural wisdom? And why is wisdom so important anyway?

Believe it or not, the Bible has a great deal to say about wisdom. Do you realize wisdom has a real voice that is calling out to you?

Instead of wearing yourself out in the pursuit of success, if you understand the power of prioritizing wisdom you will be empowered to see your way through to a successful and fulfilling life. Rather than trying to get rich, get wisdom! The wisest and richest man in history said it this way:

"Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit." Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

God desires to bless you. It's not a question of that. God can do so much to build your life, but you can tear it down through a lack of wisdom. Even though God is able to restore what has been stolen or lost to you, without wisdom, whatever you may gain will be torn down.

"A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands." Proverbs 14:1 (NLT)

While there's nothing inherently wrong with wanting to get ahead in life, the key is to make sure you have the correct priorities. First things first. Otherwise life has a way of unravelling.

For all the effort you may be spending trying to get what you want or need, the answer is to change your focus and get wisdom. This will mean a paradigm shift, a fundamental change of thinking and living.

So, where does God's wisdom begin? Where do you start? Solomon leaves no doubt.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

The 'fear of the Lord' is not a cowering fear but an awe-filled reverence for Who God is. Basically, if you fear God, you have decided that nothing in life is more important than knowing Who He is.

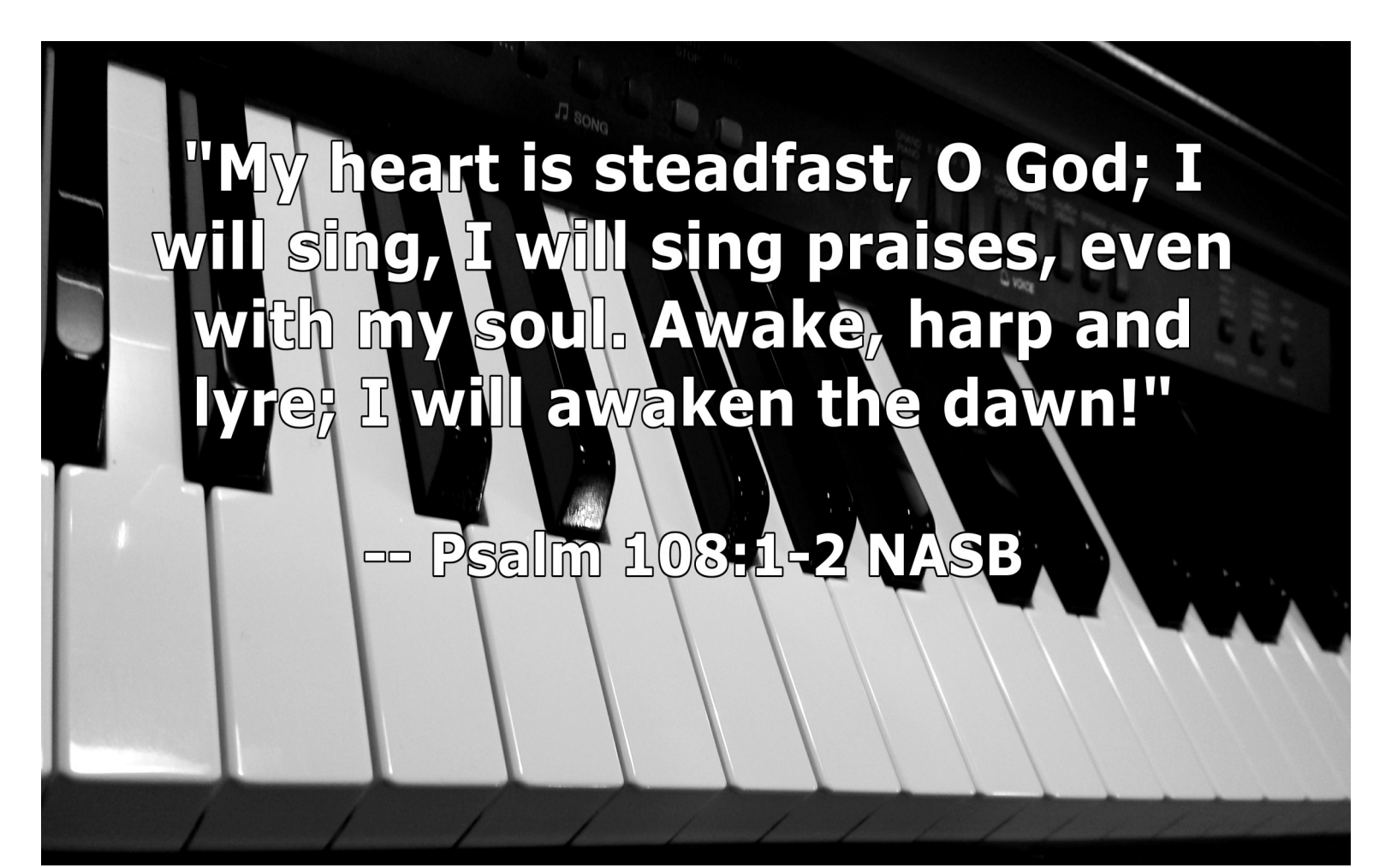
Ultimately, blessing comes to those who build their life on a foundation of obedience to God. Are you prepared to put God first with your time, your commitment, your passion and your call? Are you prepared to say Yes Lord, and apply the wisdom to make a way in life? If you do, you can expect victory over opposition, blessing and prosperity, increasing influence and abiding peace.

PRAYER:

Lord, I recognize the importance of building my life on the foundation of Your wisdom, and that begins with putting You first in everything. I ask for Your grace and the guidance of Your Holy Spirit as I choose to pursue Your wisdom from this day forward.

For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

A close-up photograph of a piano keyboard, showing several white and black keys. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows. The text is overlaid in white with a black outline.

"My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul. Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn!"

-- Psalm 108:1-2 NASB

A photograph of a small bird, possibly a robin, perched on a mossy branch. The bird has a reddish-orange throat and breast, and greyish-brown wings and back. It is looking to the left with its beak slightly open. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!**

Psalm 150:6

A Testimony...

I don't have any special scripture in the Bible They are all special to me. The word of God is my inspiration. I have been through a lot in my 70 years of life. I had a beautiful childhood on the farm, no worries and very strict upbringing. My parents believed in the Lord and I was taught discipline and to obey. My brothers and I went to church and Sunday School.

The last few years have been hard but with God's love I have survived. Without my church family and Christian friends I may not have made it. In the past 10 years I have lost loved ones. My mother and father within 7 weeks apart, 5 years later my husband which I still grieve at times and 2 years later one brother. Yes, it has been hard and I do not take life for granted. I look up at the heavens and talk to my Lord and that comforts me. Without Him I would be nothing. God has helped me with my challenges and I am sure I will have many more. When I am lonely I must remember I am not alone because I have Jesus in my heart. I just miss the hugs.

I must admit I had a hard time during COVID. But now I am not scared at all. I miss my family and do sneak to Virginia once in a while. Pastor Carl and my daughter have helped me a lot dealing with this and I realize that God has a time for me to leave this earth and I am ready.

I assist Jennifer in Sunday School. That is a joy to me. I love children as I have 9 grandchildren myself. I encourage everyone to serve at church if you can. I attend church almost every Sunday as I need to be with my family at church, even if it is just to say hi and I love ya. Also I have been blessed with Jim and Dave who have worked on my house when in need. I am so, so blessed beyond words.

God bless each of you. Mary Wingert



WEDNESDAYS

6:00 -7:15PM

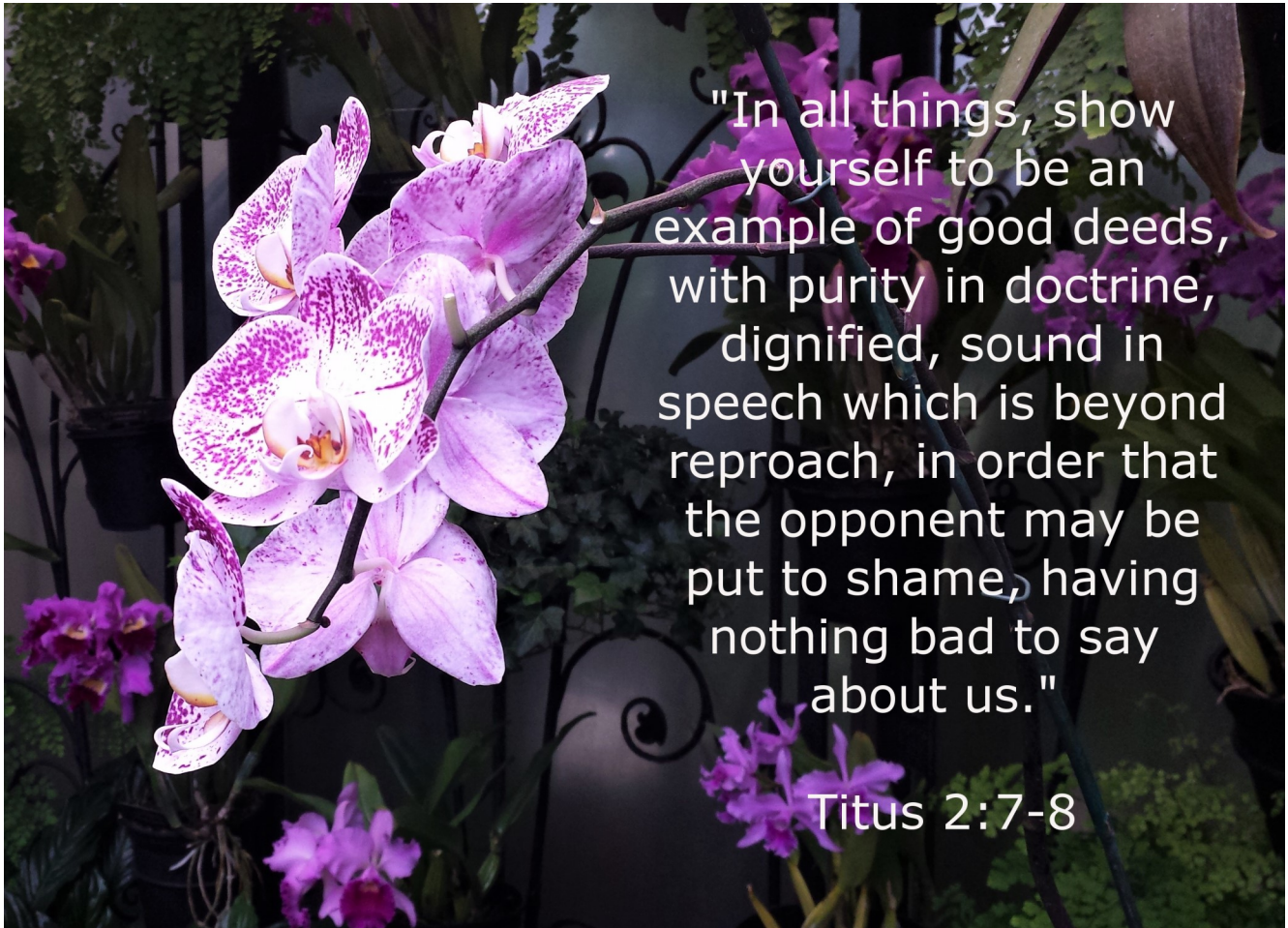
***A GREAT PLACE FOR
YOUR CHILD TO COME
AND LEARN ABOUT
GOD.***

MASKS REQUIRED.

“Biblical Principles of Sound Speech – Be a Good Example”

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Orchid at Longwood Gardens - Titus 2:7-8 - Photo by Whitney V. Myers

"In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us." (Titus 2:7-8)

Today's lesson on "Biblical Principles of Sound Speech" focuses on Paul's instructions to Titus in [Titus 2:7-8](#).

Consider: Why is it important that we as Christians exemplify sound speech? What is the effect on hearers when our speech is "unsound"? How does sound (or unsound) speech (and what we say on social media) affect our witness for Christ?

Who was Titus? Titus was one of the Apostle Paul's converts to the Christian faith. Paul refers to Titus as "my true child in a common faith" ([Titus 1:4](#)). However, Titus was not a new convert. Titus had accompanied Paul to the Council at Jerusalem described in [Galatians 2:1](#). When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said, "As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you" ([2 Corinthians 8:23](#)). Titus was a godly, Christian teacher ([Titus 2:1-8](#)). Paul also commissioned Titus to appoint elders in each city in Crete ([Titus 1:5](#)).

"Considering the assignments given him, he [Titus] obviously was a capable and resourceful leader" ([Ref. 1](#)).

"Show yourself to be an example of good deeds" ([Titus 2:7](#)). Let's unpack the Greek word definitions to better understand what Paul is saying. The Greek for the word, *example*, is *tupos*. *Tupos* means *a proper pattern or model for others to follow* ([Ref. 2](#)). The Greek word for *good* is *kalos*. The short definition of *kalos* is *beautiful* (Strong's Concordance, [Ref. 3](#)). *Helps WORD-Studies* defines *kalos* as *attractively good; good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy)* ([Ref. 3](#)). Thus, Paul instructs Titus to be an example (pattern) of good (beautiful) works that others may follow and embrace what is praiseworthy.

Paul's instructions to Titus also apply to us. As Christians, we are to lead others by being a good example. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" ([Matthew 5:16](#)). Paul wrote to Timothy. "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe" ([1 Timothy 4:12](#)). The Apostle Peter wrote, "Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them,

glorify God in the day of visitation ([1 Peter 2:12](#)).

Keep in mind that as Christians we do not do good works in order to earn or keep our salvation ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). However, we are to be good examples so others will praise (rather than slander) Christ. Our good example should attract others to know and follow the Lord Jesus.

Teach with pure, uncorrupt motives. In [Titus 2:7](#), the English words, "In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds" are followed by "with purity in doctrine." The two key words are *purity* and *doctrine*. The Greek word for purity is *aphtharsia*, which means *incorruptibility, unable to experience deterioration* ([Ref. 4](#)). The Greek word for *doctrine* is *didaskalia*, which means *instruction, teaching* ([Ref. 5](#)). *Didaskalia* refers both to the function of teaching as well as to the information which is taught ([Ref. 5](#)).

Paul instructs Titus not only that the content of his teaching must be incorruptible, but also that his bearing and behavior as a teacher must be incorruptible ([Ref. 6](#)). As Christians, we must be free from corruption ([Ref. 7](#)) and free from lower motives such as seeking popular applause ([Ref. 8](#)).

Exemplify sound speech that is beyond reproach so that the opponent will have nothing bad to say about us. Paul's instruction is clear. As Christians, our speech should be sound and beyond reproach. The Greek word for *sound* is *hugiés*, which means *healthy, well (in body), true (in doctrine)* (Strong's Concordance, [Ref. 9](#)).

Paul uses the Greek word *logos* for *speech* in [Titus 2:8](#). *Logos* means *something said*. *Logos* also can refer to a topic (subject of discourse), the mental faculty of reasoning, and motives (Strong's Concordance, Ref. 10 below).

In summary, as followers of Christ, we are to have healthy reasoning and healthy speech. Our speaking, reasoning, teaching, motives, and doctrine should be healthy, uncorrupt, and true.

Apply. As a Christian, do you exemplify sound speech that is beyond reproach so that others will have nothing bad to say about you? How is your speech helping or hindering your witness for Christ?

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Maunder Thursday

Communion Service

April 1, 7pm

Pastor Carl will discuss the significance of the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, and its relationship to Passover.



Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER

**Take your pick.
How can you serve
the Lord this year?**

Start the year off RIGHT!!

We Need:

Greeters - welcome guests

Sound technicians - rock the house (training provided)

Nursery Helpers - baby duty

Online Prayer Ministry Leader and **Prayer Warriors** - minister from home!

Sign up today:

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BIBLE STUDY



Join one

Men's study of Isaiah – Thursdays @ 6:00am ZOOM

Study of Luke - Thursdays @ 9:30am ZOOM

Let's Dig In together

HELLO

JOIN OUR TEAM OF SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

We are looking for some enthusiastic folks to be GREETERS on Sunday Mornings! This can be done in couples or singles. You would only need to greet folks for the service you attend. If you feel like you would enjoy welcoming people as they enter our church on Sundays, please contact Kathy @ 717-476-5934. We would love to have you join up to be an FBC GREETER!

CHRIST BE WITH ME

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me.

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise.

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me

Christ in every eye that sees me

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Make Us Worthy, Lord

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love give Peace and Joy.

Lord, make a channel of Thy peace,
that where there is hatred I may bring love;
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
that where there is error, I may bring truth;
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand than to be understood;
to love than to be loved; for it is by forgetting self that one finds;
it is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.

Amen.

- Mother Teresa

W2 Group

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service to support and love each other. All are welcome!

Information about future meetings coming soon!

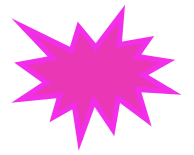
Can You Guess The Hymn?

**This weary world
with all its toil and struggle
may take it's toll of
misery and strife;
The soul of man is like
a waiting falcon;
when it's released
it's destined for the skies.
But until then my heart will
go on singing,
until then with joy I'll carry on--
Until the day my eyes
behold the city, until the day
God calls me home.**



15 Questions

Miracles of Jesus



- 1. How was the woman with the issue of blood healed by Jesus?**
- 2. What woman got up and started doing household chores after Jesus healed her of a fever?**
- 3. What unproductive tree did Jesus wither by cursing it?**
- 4. Where did Jesus do His first miracle?**
- 5. Who appeared with Jesus at His miraculous transfiguration?**
- 6. Which apostle did Jesus enable to walk (briefly) on water?**
- 7. What disciples did Jesus call after blessing them with an enormous catch of fish?**
- 8. Who did Jesus send to catch a fish that had a coin in its mouth?**
- 9. When Jesus healed the blind man of Bethsaida, what did the man say people looked like?**
- 10. What widow had her dead son brought to life by Jesus?**
- 11. Where was Jesus when he healed the son of an official from Capernaum?**
- 12. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed by sending him to the pool of Siloam?**
- 13. Why did the people complain when Jesus healed the woman who had been stooped for eighteen years?**
- 14. Where was Jesus when he miraculously escaped from a crowd who was going to push Him off a cliff?**
- 15. What was the other affliction of the deaf man Jesus healed in the Decapolis?**



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All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

February

Answers to 15 Questions

1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **MARK**
2. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. **PSALMS**
3. There was a man in the land of Uz. **JOB**
4. The former treatise I have made, O Theophilus, of all the Jesus began to do and teach. **ACTS**
5. The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth, **3 JOHN**
6. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem and besieged it. **DANIEL**
7. Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came unto Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. **EXODUS**
8. The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **ECCLESIASTES**
9. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets. **HEBREWS**
10. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life. **1 JOHN**
11. And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation. **LEVITICUS**
12. Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Malahaleel, Jared. **1 CHRONICLES**
13. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. **MATTHEW**
14. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope. **1 TIMOTHY**
15. Now it came to pass in the days Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned over 127 provinces. **ESTHER**