

## Quotations about the Bible

*"To the BIBLE men will return; and why? Because they cannot do without it" - Matthew Arnold -*

*"The BIBLE -- banned, burned, beloved. More widely read, more frequently attacked than any other book in history. Generations of intellectuals have attempted to discredit it, dictators of every age have outlawed it and executed those who read it. Yet soldiers carry it into battle believing it more powerful than their weapons. Fragments of it smuggled into solitary prison cells have transformed ruthless killers into gentle saints" - Charles Colson -*

### March Birthdays

2 Gonzalo Medina    15 David Lomeli    27 Marisa Perezchica  
8 Drina Zamarripa    18 Buddy Cashion    30 Barrett Hoffman  
9 Jessica Aguiar    24 Gabriela Marin

### March Anniversaries

2 David & Angeles Lomeli  
6 Harold & Dortha Gentry  
24 Chuck & Pat Limburg

(Note: if anyone is "missed" here, let Jim know)

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## The Bible and Bible Study...

### A Tribute to the Bible

By Franklin Camp

This Bible is no ordinary book. It may affect us in one of two ways: properly studied and applied, it will affect us for good in time and eternity; improperly handled, it will cause one to lose one's soul.

The Bible is every man's book. It is not intended for a special group (clergy or scholars). It is written for the average person. Scholars may study it and marvel at its depth, but common folks may study and joy in its simplicity.

No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is the one book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence for the Bible's inspiration is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian unless he knows the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints. "It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "*rightly dividing*," or handling aright, the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15). There is no higher ambition on earth. The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is severe with man's sins; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own a Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best. One seeking to know the Bible

will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its characters as they unfold through its pages, study its types, its doctrine, its topics, paragraphs, sentences, and words. This is the work of a lifetime.

The Bible can save many a heartache. The following was found on the fly-leaf of a Bible placed by the Gideons in a motel in Birmingham, Alabama: "May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find it the comfort that I did".

There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the sacrifice necessary. One can never be truly great who does not know the word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion and without misrepresentation. The one who knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves as we really are. It is food which supplies the strength we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, a seed to plant and grow, and a goal to own and to attain. There are no experiences in life for which the Bible does not furnish a passage. May these thoughts lend encouragement to all of us to become diligent students that we may know the way of life and find the life that is life indeed.

## **Bible Study "Tools": Bible Concordance**

This is a most basic tool for Bible study; it enables you to find any verse in the Bible if you know just one keyword in the verse.

### **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance**

The Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is the most complete, easy-to-use, and understandable concordance for studying the original languages of the Bible. Combining the text of the King James Bible with the power of the Greek and Hebrew Lexicons, any student or teacher can gain a clearer understanding of the Word to enrich their study.

The Strong's concordance is a very useful tool for studying the scriptures. It takes every single word of the King James Version and lists where each word can be found in the scriptures. It is useful for locating scripture verses that you know the words to, but don't know the book, chapter and verse.

For example, let's say that you know of a verse that says our hairs are numbered. You could look up the word "*numbered*" in a Strong's Concordance and it would give you a listing of all the verses that contain the word "*numbered*". You would then find Matthew 10:30, where Yahushua said that "the very hairs of your head are all *numbered*". You can find the Strong's Concordance in most any Bible bookstore

Also beside each verse reference there is a number. That number represents a **Hebrew** word (if in the Old Testament) or **Greek** word (if in the New Testament). In the back of the book it lists Hebrew and Greek words used to translate the bible into English. Each has a number beside it so that we may only need to know the number to locate a Greek or Hebrew word. Then we can do a word study by reading the meaning of the original word. Whenever I refer to a number in the Strong's concordance, you can look up the number for yourself in the Strong's Lexicon or other lexicons that use Strong's numbers to verify everything.

### **Differences with the Online Concordance**

With the online concordance, you have a tool even better than a normal Strong's Concordance. You can search multiple words and find all the verses with those words in it. For instance, you could search using the two words "*beginning created*" and find 4 verses that contain both of these words. This is something that a normal Strong's Concordance cannot do. Also, you can search the concordance by Strong's number. For instance, if you wanted to find all the occurrences of the Hebrew word #07723 (Shav), you put 7723 in the search box and it would list the scripture verses that contain this word. This makes it possible to get a fuller meaning of the word when you see how it is used in the context of other verses.