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Who Is at the Controls?

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*If life is a flight through time,
who is in the cockpit?*

*If life is a joyride,
who is behind the steering wheel?*

*If life is a voyage,
who is at the helm?*

Decisions determine direction (Joshua 24:15). Direction determines destiny (Matthew 7:13–14). Will we ascend or descend at the judgment? It all depends on who makes our decisions:

“ME”

“Invictus” is commonly quoted by valedictorians at high school graduations across America. It sums the philosophy of many youth as they begin their adult lives. It was written by William Ernest Henley,¹ an early humanist who was crippled since his childhood in Gloucester, England: His “Master-of-my-fate-cap-

tain-of-my-soul” philosophy was only a little ahead of its time.

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed. . . .
It matters not how strait the gate.
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

Sinatra’s song, “My Way,” is often requested at funerals. So from the beginning of adult life to the end of it, many say, “I make my own choices—nobody tells me what to do.”

Bible examples abound of those who had self on life’s throne. Note the personal pronouns of a certain rich man:

What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops? So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry'" (Luke 12:17-19).

God called him a "fool" (Luke 12:20). Another rich man had the "me" philosophy and awoke in torments (Luke 16:23).

Self-will took Nebuchadnezzar from his throne (Daniel 4:30-37) and kept Moses from Canaan (Numbers 20:8-12). Felix trembled at the thought of giving control to Christ (Acts 24:25); Agrippa came close to handing over the reins, but not close enough (Acts 26:28). The prodigal is not the only young man who has let such thinking take him to the far country and into the pignen of sin (cf. Luke 15).

We will never be able by our own bootstraps to rise out of the mire into which our sins have sunk us. The man who says he is in control of his life is mistaken. The devil allows him to think so, but serving self is sacrificing at Satan's altar. There are no free men in sin's death camp (Romans 6:17, 23).

When we were young, our fathers may have allowed us to "drive" while sitting in their laps. We felt we were in control, but when the car veered from the road, Dad quickly took over. Many are sitting in Satan's lap, "steering" their lives to a lake of

fire. "Me" is not a safe guide for life (Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23).

"MEN"

Others allow public opinion to make their decisions. How many should make Saul's confession? "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice" (1 Samuel 15:24). Adam gave in to Eve and let forbidden fruit get him into a jam (Genesis 3:6); Abraham feared Abimelech enough to tell "a little white lie" (Genesis 20:11); and Aaron made a golden calf at public demand (Exodus 32:21-24).

In the New Testament, Pilate wanted to set Jesus free, but he was too much of a people-pleasing politician to stand by his decision (Matthew 27:2-26). Many rulers believed on Jesus but would not confess Him, "for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42-43; cf. 5:44). Even Barnabas once gave in to peer pressure and disassociated himself from Gentiles (Galatians 2:13).

We must strongly resist the pressure to conform to the world's mold (Romans 12:1-2). Evil companions are bad for good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33), so we should stay away from them as much as possible (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Pitching tents toward Sodom has left behind the smoking ruins of many families (Genesis 13:12; 14:12; 19:16, 24, 26,

31-36). Any who love the opinions of father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters more than Christ, cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:26; cf. 18:29-30). Men do not have safe guideline for crossing the chasm that divides earth and eternity (Matthew 7:13-14).

"MESSIAH"

A third choice is to allow Christ to rule our lives. He stands today knocking at the door of every heart (Revelation 3:20), but He will never force His way in (cf. Luke 24:28-29). He has no draft for His army, no subpoenas for His mediatorship (Matthew 22:37; 2 Corinthians 5:14). One who comes to Jesus must renounce all (cf. Revelation 12:11), take up his cross, and follow as closely as he can in the Master's steps (Luke 14:26-27; 1 Peter 2:21-22).

The choice is difficult, but it is never regretted (2 Corinthians 7:10). His truth sets us free (John 8:32); His life is abundant (John 10:10); His rule is not burdensome (1 John 5:3). Joshua gave God his life (Joshua 24:15) and was never disappointed. Paul gave Christ his heart and never looked back (Acts 9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; cf. Luke 9:62).

The truth is, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other" (Luke 16:13).

Who is at your controls?



The Plain Truth about Money

Tiny children are often fascinated with money because it is shiny and small enough to go into their mouths. Then kids reach the point when they understand that money has the power to buy things. That is a new reason for them to like money. Later, in their teenage years their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money in order to impress others or to buy things that dad and mom won't buy for them. As adults, well, a lot of adults are still fond of money.

Money in and of itself possesses no moral qualities. Money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. Money is an inanimate object, a means or tool to help humans obtain something else. It is one's attitude toward money or riches that counts. In order to help us keep a handle on our attitude, we offer the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and warning to all of us.

(1) Money cannot buy love. Way back in the 1960s the Beatles were singing, "I don't care too much for money, 'cause money can't buy me love." It was true then, and it is still true now. Money may impress folks and attract them to a money-possessing person, but money cannot buy genuine love. Young people, are you listening?

(2) Money doesn't grow on trees. How many times did our parents tell us that when we wanted something that we could not afford? Because it is true that money does not grow on trees and we cannot have it at the snap of our fingers, then we need to be good stewards with the funds that God has placed in our hands (1 Corinthians 4:2). Paul wrote, "Owe no one anything" (Romans 13:8). Christians ought not to use credit cards to the extent that they get themselves into debt that they cannot pay off.

(3) Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Such a love affair with material riches has ruined friendship, marriages, and even congregations. How sad.

(4) Money never has and never will save a soul. Money can be used to help support the preaching of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 11:8-9). It is also an instrument that assists us in edifying the faithful, but still, money cannot save souls.

(5) Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much money one has, the money stays behind—you can't take it with you. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7).

(6) Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help folks, including ourselves at times, to see this point! Some rich people will go to hell. Some poor folks will go to heaven. One's eternal destiny is not determined by his/her financial status. If you want success, listen carefully to what the Lord once told Joshua: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8). THAT is true success.

Let each of us resolve to accept the truth about money, and in the process beware of "the deceitfulness of riches" (Mark 4:19). —Roger D. Campbell

Kids' View of Love:

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." —Manuel, age 8

On what falling in love is like: "Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." —John, age 9

"If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful." —Anita, age 8

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet."

—Brian, age 7



A Merry Heart Doeth Good

A husband, trying to prove to his wife that women talk more than men, showed her a study which indicated that men use about 15,000 words a day, whereas women use 30,000 words a day. She thought about this, and then she told him that women use twice as many words as men because they must repeat everything they say. Stunned at this, he said, "What?"

God's Plan for Saving Man

- Divine Love:** John 3:16
- God's Grace:** Ephesians 2:8
- Christ's Blood:** Romans 5:9
- Holy Spirit's Word:** Romans 10:16
- Sinner's Faith:** Acts 16:31
- Sinner's Repentance:** Luke 13:3
- Sinner's Confession:** Romans 10:10
- Sinner's Baptism:** Acts 22:16
- Christian's Love:** Matthew 22:37
- Christian's Work:** James 2:24
- Christian's Hope:** Romans 8:24
- Christian's Endurance:** Revelation 2:10



Let's Pull Together

At a county fair, the townspeople held a horse-pulling contest. The first-place horse ended up moving a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The second-place finisher pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses decided to see what these horses could pull together. They hitched them up and found that the team could move 12,000 pounds! By working separately, the two horses were good for only 8,500 pounds. When coupled together, their synergism produced an added 3,500 pounds. It's a hard lesson for us, but unity consistently produces greater results than individual endeavors. "Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect."

—Our Daily Bread, Special Edition, Day 15

How About the Grownups?

"Daddy, I want to ask you a question," said little Bobby after his first day in Sunday school. "Yes, Bobby, what is it?" "The teacher was reading the Bible to us, all about the children of Israel building the temple, the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, and the children of Israel making sacrifices. Didn't the grown-ups do anything?"

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God Always has an Answer

It is easy to get discouraged when things go wrong, but we must not lose heart. God is at work in our world, even in the midst of pain and trial. The next time your little hut is burning to the ground, remember that it just may be a smoke signal to summon the grace of God. For any negative thing we say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it:

We say: "It's impossible."

God says: "All things are possible" (Luke 18:27).

We say: "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

We say: "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things" (Philippians 4:13).

We say: "I'm not able."

God says: "I am able" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

We say: "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it" (Romans 8:28).

We say: "Nobody really loves me."

God says: "I really love you" (John 3:16; 3:34).

We say: "I can't go on."

A.S.A.P.

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? It brings to mind hurry and stress—"Get this done as soon as possible." Let's give it a new meaning to better deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet. You've got no time to spare, but as you hurry and scurry—A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer).

In the midst of family chaos, "quality time" is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest—A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer).

God says: "My grace is sufficient" (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 91:15).

We say: "I can't figure things out."

God says: "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5–6).

We say: "I can't forgive myself."

God says: "I forgive you" (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1).

We say: "I can't manage?"

God says: "I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19).

We say: "I'm afraid."

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7).

We say: "I'm always worried and frustrated."

God says: "Cast all your cares on me" (1 Peter 5:7).

We say: "I don't have enough faith."

God says: "My Word will give you faith" (Romans 10:17).

We say: "I'm not smart enough."

God says: "I will give you wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:30; James 1:1–5).

We say: "I feel all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather—A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer).

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our care. He'll respond to all our needs—A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer). —Author Unknown

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication."

EPHESIANS 6:18



The Crucifixion from A to Z

A reminds us of His **arrest** like a common criminal and the legions of **angels** who could have been summoned by Jesus.

B is for the **betrayal** by a "friend," the murderer **Barabbas**, the **blood** that Jesus shed, or the **beating** that He endured.

C makes us think of the **cross** on **Calvary**, the Jewish high priest, **Caiphas**, before whom Jesus was tried, the shameful **crown** of thorns, and the Roman **centurion** who concluded that "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

D is for the **desertion** by His **disciples** and the **darkness** that enveloped the whole earth for three hours just before His death.

E reminds us of the **enmity** of the religious leaders, Christ's **excruciating** pain, or the **eeriness** of the darkness.

F makes us think of the **Father's** agony in heaven that day and the **forgiveness** that Jesus desired even for His killers.

G stands for the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the place of betrayal, and **Golgotha**, the site of the crucifixion.

H is for **Herod** and the **hypocrisy** for those who condemned Him.

I calls to mind the **innocence** of our Lord and His name **Immanuel**, meaning "God with us."

J if for **Judas**, the trusted friend who turned betrayer, and **John** to whom was committed the care of His mother.

K reminds us of the **kiss** of infamy placed upon the **King** of kings.

L brings to mind the **lies** that they told, and the matchless **love** that caused the **Lord** of lords to give His **life** "a ransom for many."

M is for **me** (He died for **me!**), the **mocking**, **howling mob**, and for His **mother, Mary**.

N helps us to think of the **nails** that were driven through His hands and His feet, as well as the **ninth** hour when He died.

O calls to mind His **opponents** who appeared victorious.

P has to remind us of **Pontius Pilate** who released the guilty and killed the innocent, and the purple robe the soldiers placed upon the Lord in an act of derision.

Q is for the **quaking** the earth did as the shameful deed was done.

R has to do with the **rejection** of Jesus by His own disciples and the **release** of the infamous Barabbas.

S stands for **spitting** in the face of the very **Son** of God, the terrible **scourging**, the **spear** that was thrust into His **side**, and the elite **Sanhedrin** who **sanctioned** such an unbelievable crime.

T is for the **tomb** in which His body was placed, the **thorns**, His **thirst**, the false **testimony**, and the **traitor**.

U reminds us of the **unjust** trials and the **unspeakable** shame.

V helps us to remember the **vicious vengeance** of His enemies, the **veil** of the temple that was rent at His death, and the great **victory** over death that Jesus would soon display.

W stand for the **water** Pilate used to try to **wash** the guilt from his hands, and the fact that Jesus died for the **whole world's** sins.

X stands for **examining** ourselves, which we do as we remember His death during the Lord's Supper.

Y reminds us of the **yells** of the riotous mob as they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

Z is for the **zeal** of His executioners.

—Byron Nichols, *The Voice of Truth International*

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Bible Quiz

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Questions are taken from the New King James Version.

Answers to Previous Quizzes

V. 25:6 Marriages and Weddings: 1. Rebekah (Genesis 24:64–65); 2. He turned water into wine (John 2:1–10); 3. He sent his armies to destroy them and burn their city (Matthew 22:2–7); 4. Daughters (Exodus 21:7–9); 5. Hosea (Hosea 1:2); 6. She had children while Hannah had no children (1 Samuel 1:2); 7. Give your daughter (Dinah) to my son (Shechem) as a wife and make marriages with us (Genesis 34:8–9); 8. He married an Ethiopian woman (Numbers 12:1); 9. No (Matthew 22:30); 10. World, please (1 Corinthians 7:33).

V. 25:7 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: 1. The Bible does not give a number (Matthew 2:1–12); 2. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:15); 3. Micah (Micah 5:2); 4. The chief priests and scribes (Matthew 2:4–6); 5. Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1–5); 6. Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9); 7. 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12); 8. John the Immerser (Matthew 3:13); 9. In the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13); 10. The Spirit (Matthew 4:1); 11. Vinegar (Psalm 69:21; Mark 15:36); 12. Zechariah (Zechariah 12:10); 13. Isaiah (Isaiah 53:12); 14. They shall see God (Matthew 5:8); 15. The kingdom of God, and his righteousness (Matthew 6:33); 16. Abraham's (Genesis 12:1–3); 17. Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14); 18. Shepherds living in the fields with their flocks (Luke 2:8–20); 19. No. They came to Him in a house (Matthew 2:11); 20. Herod (Matthew 2:13–16)

Rulers in the Bible

Find answers in the following passages: 1 Samuel 31:4; 1 Kings 2:1–2; 11:42; 2 Kings 20:5–6; 22:1; 23:29–30; 2 Chronicles 22:2–3; Esther 2:16; Matthew 2:19–20; Acts 12:21–23. Questions are taken from the New King James Version.

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| 1. Smote by the angel of the Lord and eaten of worms. _____ | therefore, and show thyself a man." _____ |
| 2. Reigned for 31 years after becoming king at age 8. _____ | 7. King whose death prompted the angel of the Lord to appear in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. _____ |
| 3. King who married Esther. _____ | 8. Reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. _____ |
| 4. Killed himself by falling in his sword. _____ | 9. King whose mother was his counselor to do wickedly. _____ |
| 5. Prayer was heard—15 years added to his days. _____ | 10. King who was killed at Megiddo and taken in a chariot to Jerusalem where he was buried. _____ |
| 6. King who told his son, "I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong _____ | |

Starts with the Letter "R"

Find answers in the following passages: Genesis 8:7; 9:13–14; 22:13; 24:67; 29:16; Exodus 13:18; 14:21–22; Matthew 28:3.

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| 1. The title of a Jewish teacher. _____ | 5. A bird sent out from the ark. _____ |
| 2. The younger daughter of Laban. _____ | 6. The wife of Isaac. _____ |
| 3. The token of God's covenant with Noah. _____ | 7. A sea crossed by the Israelites. _____ |
| 4. What Abraham offered up instead of Issac. _____ | |

CONSIDER THE CHILDREN

Children are precious. They were brought into the world through no desire of their own. Many are abused, used as pawns, neglected, denied, and betrayed. Such is not fair. Dr. R. F., Hertz, a British author and psychologist, engaged in a research project of wide interest. He has asked almost 100,000 children between 8 and 14 and from all walks of life in twenty-four countries to make a list of ten rules of behavior of parents. Here is the list:

- Do not quarrel in front of your children.
- Treat all your children with equal affection.
- Never lie to a child.
- Develop mutual tolerance between parents.
- Maintain comradeship between parents and children.

- Treat your children's friends as welcome visitors in the house.
- Always answer children's questions.
- Don't blame or punish your children in the presence of children from next door.
- Concentrate on your child's good points.
- Do not overemphasize his failings.
- Be constant in your affection and your mood.

This list should cause parents to stop, look, and listen. Read over it carefully, thoughtfully, and with self-inspection and evaluation of your home. How are children treated in YOUR home? They deserve the best. God gives this advice: "... do not provoke your children to wrath: but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

—Carroll Sites



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Are Illnesses Such as Alzheimer's Disease from God?

"Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'" (John 9:1-2). The disciples expressed a common belief of that day, that illness is often, if not always, punishment for sin. The disciples even considered that the man may have caused his own blindness by his sin in the womb! Jesus made it clear that the man's illness had nothing to do with sin or punishment from God. He said, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be made revealed to him" (John 9:3). Jesus then went on to give the man his sight, and he ultimately worshiped Jesus as the Son of God.

Where does illness come from? We all realize that many times our lifestyle has an effect on our health. Smoking, promiscuous sex, poor dietary choices, a sedentary lifestyle—these and many other things have an effect on our health. As time goes by, and we learn more about how we can protect our health, many of us are making choices that we hope will help us avoid illness. We will never know how much a healthy lifestyle has already protected us from many of the diseases that plague mankind.

However, there are many illnesses that medical science has a good explanation as to what the causes are. Certainly, smoking will increase one's chances of getting lung cancer, but non-smokers get lung cancer, also. Other illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease are still being studied. Our doctors may at some point have some suggestions as to what may lower our risk of succumbing to this disease, but there does not seem to be any good scientific explanation yet of what we may do to avoid the disease.

—Bob Prichard

When the patriarch Job lost his possessions, his family, and his health (Job 1-2), his three "friends" all assumed that God was punishing Job for his great sins. Eliphaz told Job, "Remember, now, whoever perished, being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off? Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. By the blast of God, they perish, and by the breath of His anger they are consumed" (Job 4:7-9). His "friend" Zophar thought Job was such a sinner, that he even went so far as to say, "Know therefore that God exacts from you less than your iniquity deserves" (Job 11:6). While it is true that there are consequences for sin, in actuality, Job was suffering precisely because he was a righteous man. "The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one that fears God and shuns evil?'" (Job 1:8).

We live in a world that is under the curse of sin (Genesis 3), and illness is one of the consequences of Adam's choice, a choice we also make (Romans 3:23). Nothing indicates, however, that God punishes anyone with a particular disease today. Job wanted to know why he was suffering, but even when God spoke to him out of the whirlwind, He never told Job why he was suffering. God is a God who will help us cope with the difficulties of disease and suffering if we will turn to Him. Illness is not an indication of God's punishment, and good fortune is not necessarily an indication of God's approval. Those who suffer and those who care for them deserve our prayers and support.

Ten Facts about the Church of Christ

We read of it in the New Testament (Romans 16:16)

It exalts Christ as the only head of the church (Ephesians 1:22).

It has no creed but Christ and binds no name on its members but the divine name, Christian (Acts 11:26).

It speaks where the Bible speaks and is silent where the Bible is silent (1 Peter 4:11)

It pleads for the unity of all believers in Christ (John 17:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 1:10).

It is not a denomination, nor a group of denominations, but simply the body of Christ (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18).

Its founder is Christ Himself (Matthew 16:18).

Its aim is to save souls by Gospel preaching (Romans 1:16).

Its worship is patterned after the New Testament (John 4:24).

It teaches that scriptural unity can be attained on all disputed doctrinal questions (1 Corinthians 1:10).





Every Man's Book

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it correctly is one of the greatest accomplishments 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 the proper relationship and enables one to know life at its best. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian without being a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints."

The Bible is not intended solely for some special group. It is every man's book; it was written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written for scholars. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible enables every reader to look into eternity.

It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing [handling aright] the word of truth," so he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is honest with his virtues and his hopes. To own the 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.

—Franklin Camp



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