

Bible Quiz Newsletter

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ONLY ONE LIFE

Two little lines I heard one day, traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, and from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, and stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, and to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years, each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;

Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore, when Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep, in joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn, and from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say "twas worth it all";

Attributed to CT Studd

CHRISTMAS LOVE

"Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas-- Star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus-- what should be our sacred sign?
Love shall be our token love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor love for prayer and gift and sign." – Christina Rossetti,

And all people will see God's salvation. Luke 3:6 NIV

But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved. Acts 2:21 NLT

CHRISTMAS HUMOR

A kindly 90-year-old grandmother found buying presents for family and friends a bit much one Christmas, so she wrote out checks for all of them to put in their Christmas cards. In each card she wrote, "Buy your own present" and then sent them off.

After the Christmas festivities were over, she found the checks in her desk! Everyone had gotten a Christmas card from her with "Buy your own present" written inside, but without the checks!

QUESTION WRITER TIPS ACTS: CONTENDER DIVISION & XP5: JON GALLIERS

General style:

I like to prepare quizzers for common question styles used in higher levels of quiz but demanding shorter answers. Acts is similar to a gospel in the storytelling aspect, so many questions will focus on: (1) words (answers, replies, conversations), (2) time periods (what happened when/before/during/after events), (3) addresses (how a speaker addresses their audience, or (4) actions (what did God/the apostles/the people do). I will also ask for chapter analysis frequently at all point levels. The best tool for understanding what to expect will be the Contender Study Questions. Scripture Text Questions and "According to" questions should be interrupted cautiously. Due to the simpler language of the NLT translation, "According to the nth verse" is used to avoid collisions where similar phrasing appears in multiple verses of the same section or chapter.

League Competition:

10-point questions will remain consistent in difficulty from the League level through Regional Finals. I write with a general rule of seven words or fewer for 10s, but most will be shorter (1-5 words), although rare exceptions may occur. Some reference knowledge will be required for all point values. 20-point answers generally range from 5 words up to an entire verse (if short). Most 30-point questions will require close to an entire verse in length. League 1 through League Finals will be consistent in difficulty and will only change the material being covered. Please be aware of the following requirements for the league level questions for the Contender and XP5 divisions:

- All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion.
- 2 Application questions will appear in each set for League 1 through League 4
 - For XP5 rounds, these will appear between questions 13-18
 - For Contender rounds, these will appear after question 10
- Contender Study Questions will appear:
 - As 10 of the first 12 questions for all XP5 matches
 - As 10 questions per set for Contender League 1
 - As 5 questions per set for Contender Leagues 2 through 4

District Finals:

Expect the difficulty of 20- and 30-point questions to increase. 30-point questions may span up to two verses. Understanding connections between portions of the text will become increasingly important, as will the ability to quote the material and recall verses by reference. Some single-verse concordance may be asked.

Regional Finals:

Expect Regional 20-point questions to be similar to 30-point questions at District Finals (1-2 verses in length). 30-point questions will span up to 2-3 consecutive verses may require medium chapter analysis lists, and some smaller concordance answers (up to 2 separate verses).

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION: DANIELLE MORI

General points:

- Most types of 10s will be of similar difficulty throughout the season.
- A few select types of 10s will ramp up in difficulty at the District, Regional, and National levels (i.e. the chapter required as the answer early in the season and the verse reference later in the season).
- The locator in the introductory remarks—whether blind (no location given), from a chapter, or from a section—will typically correlate to the interruption point and the length of the question.
- Most types of questions have a predictably anticipated interruption point; Scripture text questions, however, are less predictable and may have a much later interruption point.

Leagues:

- League questions start to reveal the pattern of types of questions and interruption points for the year.
- Quizzers would do well to focus on quoting the material perfectly, especially bulleted (black dot) verses, and learning the verse references for all verses. All point values of questions will use verse references in some of the question types.
- With the exception of lists, most 20-point questions will require part of a long verse or an entire short verse, and most 30-point questions will require all or most of a long verse.
- There will be two Application Questions per set in Leagues 1-4. Only the Application Questions covering the current material for that meet will be asked.

- A small number of questions will ask for an answer or answers coming from more than one verse, but the answers and difficulty will be comparable to questions asking for only one verse.

Districts:

- Difficulty will start to increase at Districts, with some multi-verse, 20 and 30-point questions and some concordance questions (i.e. Essence question. 2-part answer. From separate verses of Acts chapter 1. Give in essence the verses in which John the Baptist is named).
- Quizzers will do well if they can quote the material, recite most intra-chapter chapter analysis in 30 seconds, and begin studying some of the 2- and 3-part concordance answers.

Regionals:

- Difficulty will take another step up at Regionals, primarily in length of answer.
- Continuing to study the concordance, chapter analysis, and quoting the material consistently will help the quizzers perform well.

Nationals:

- National-level questions, especially the 20s and 30s, will reflect the most difficult questions of the year. Quizzers will need to be able to quote the material perfectly and quickly.
- Nearly all 20- and 30-pointers will be asked from more than one verse, and many questions will require that quizzers have studied the concordance and chapter analysis beforehand.

**Additional guidance on Regionals and Nationals questions will be provided in early 2025.

2024-2025 QUIZ SEASON OVER ACTS:

	CHAMPIONSHIP	CONTENDER	XP5
MEET 1	Acts 1-5 178 verses	Acts 1- 4 136 verses	Acts 2 47 verses
MEET 2	Acts 6-9 158 verses	Acts 5-7 117 verses	Acts 4 37 verses
MEET 3	Acts 10-13 155 verses	Acts 8-9:19 58 verses	Acts 5 42 verses
MEET 4	Acts 14-17 143 verses	Acts 9:20-10:48 72 verses	Acts 9 43 verses
TOTAL	634 verses	383 verses	169 verses

ACTS SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

The Acts Scripture Portions are available through My Healthy Church.

Acts practice questions are available at *MHC Digital | Teen Bible Quiz (myhealthychurch.com)*

DISCIPLESHIP AWARD OVER ACTS

One of the great moments in modern church history was the famous Azusa Street revival of 1906-1909. What was very remarkable was that God used W.J. Seymour, an unlikely candidate in that period of American history. In that pre-Civil War Rights era God used Mr. Seymour, a black man who was blind in one eye, to lead thousands to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Read the book Azusa Street by Frank Bartleman and write a 200-word report on the book.

ACTS QUESTIONS

Karl Dawson, Nationals Coach and Quizzer, has 53 Championship-level Acts practice sets available for \$50. There are 17-chapter sets, 20 section sets, and 16 comprehensive sets. E-mail Karl at karltdawson@mac.com to order. Karl also is making available 20 Acts practice sets for XP5 FREE for anyone. There are 5 sets for each chapter, and they are all original questions (no study questions). Check out the Bible Quiz Facebook group or e-mail Karl to receive them.

ACTS SCRIPTURE PORTION ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:

Please add the below parentheticals to the **“Full Chapter Analysis List”** in the back of your scripture portion:

PARENTHETICALS: 25

A 1:13 (son of Alphaeus)

A 1:13 (the zealot)

A 1:13 (son of James)

A 1:18-19 (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood.")

A 1:23 (also known as Justus)

A 2:11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism)

A 2:42 (including the Lord's Supper)

A 4:36 (which means "Son of Encouragement")

A 6:5 (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit)

A 6:5 (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith)

A 8:2 (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.)

A 9:36 (which in Greek is Dorcas)

A 11:26 (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)

A 11:28 (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.)

A 12:2 (John's brother)

A 12:3 (This took place during the Passover celebration.)

A 13:1 (called "the black man")

A 13:1 (from Cyrene)

A 13:1 (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas)

A 13:8 (as his name means in Greek)

A 15:22 (also called Barsabbas)

A 17:21 (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.)

A 21:29 (For earlier that day they had seen him in the city with Trophimus, a Gentile from Ephesus, and they assumed Paul had taken him into the Temple.)

A 25:3 (planning to ambush and kill him on the way)

A 27:14 (called a "northeaster")

Regular Chapter Analysis:

Bar-Jesus the sorcerer in Acts 13:6 is the same person as Elymas the sorcerer in Acts 13:8. Elymas is his Greek name,

which is clarified in the parenthetical statement in verse 8. Acts chapter 13 now has 19 Individuals.

Full Chapter Analysis:

The Philip named in Acts 1 is referring to Philip the Apostle and is a separate individual from Philip the Evangelist in Acts 6, 8 and 21.

Pilate, named in Acts 3 and 13, should be combined with Pontius Pilate in Acts 4.

The Antioch named in Acts 6 should be included with Antioch of Syria in Acts 11:19. The verse refers to Nicolas of Antioch, "an earlier convert to the Jewish faith", meaning he would have been one of the first believers from the Syrian Antioch.

Claudius Lysias in Acts 23 should be labeled under Lysias in Acts 24, as well as Porcius Festus in Acts 24 under Festus in Acts 24 and 25.

- Master Memorization Award. Acts Chapters 1-17 within 1 hour and 15 minutes, 15 mistakes or less and must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting from Acts chapter 1 verse 1 through Acts chapter 17 verse 34.
- Application Questions are posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2024-2025 BQ Season.
- Need a quiz set?
 - Steve Kirkman, www.quizequipment.com
 - Lucas Cox, lucas.cox@gmail.com
- Quote Cards are available through Biblequizshop.com
- Need to find other BQ information?
 - <http://www.biblequiz.com>

RULES

- Summary of changes for the new Rules for 2024-2025 are at www.biblequiz.com
- Team fouls are no longer assessed after a third unsuccessful contest. (Teams are still restricted from contesting after a third unsuccessful contest.)
- Also, there is now a clear definition for when a question is considered interrupted, specifically at the first sound of the first word. (See page 8 of the Rules for more information).
- Lastly, minor adjustments, clarifications, and grammatical tweaks have been made for better understanding and accuracy.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

For results of the **GOLD CUP**; **BLUE GRASS** and **GOBBLEFEST** BQ tournaments:
Go to registration.biblequiz.com for complete results of all teams and all individuals.

DAVE LEMLEY UPDATE

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, our friend and co-worker, Dave Lemley from Bethel Park, PA (Suburb of Pittsburgh) went home to be his Savior Jesus Christ. Dave is now pain free and has received his new body. This past week in a conversation with Dave he wanted to make sure he could still come to Gobblefest. We really wanted Dave to attend and help out with Gobblefest as that was one of his favorite tournaments. Every year, at Gobblefest, Dave purchased chocolate turkeys and gave one to each quizzier after every quiz out. He served so faithfully at National Finals for many years as an official and with all his equipment for sound, video recordings, etc., helping to make it a special event for our young people. Dave in every conversation, always wanted to raise more money for the quizzers scholarships. We are grateful for all of his assistance and investments in our young people in so many ways.

Dave was the National Championship Coach in 2016. He coached the New Day AG, Upper St. Clair, PA team. The final event in 2016 was held at Evangel University, Springfield, MO.

The family has asked, in lieu of any other gifts, that funds be sent to [the BQ Scholarship Fund](#). If sending a check make it out to the "Bible Quiz Scholarship Fund" and send to the National Youth

Ministries, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. In the Memo program designate "In memory of Dave Lemley". More about Dave in the near future. 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18.

BQ TOURNAMENTS

Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament

January 10-11, 2025

Sioux Falls First, Sioux Falls, SD

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5,
Adult

Contact: Don Batty debatty00@gmail.com
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40th Friendship Classic

January 24-25, 2025

Oxford AG, Oxford, FL

Championship only

Contact: Bernie Elliot ElliotBQ@gmail.com

Presidents Cup

February 1, 2025

Swedesboro, NJ

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Razorback TBQ Invitational

February 22, 2025

McArthur AG, Jacksonville, AR

Championship, Contender and XP5
Divisions

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Smoky Mountain Invitational

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025

Tri-Cities area, TN

Both JBQ & XP5 BQ

Contact: Dan Anderson
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Windy City Classic

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

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Emerald City Tournament

April 2025

Exact date TBA

Seattle, WA (Area)

Championship only

Richie Nelson: richiedn@gmail.com

Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

June 6-7, 2025

Tinton Falls, NJ

All material covered

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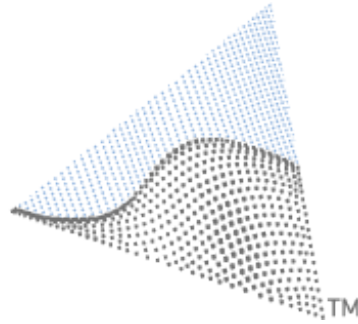
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