



How well do you know the most important Book ever written?

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The Bible is the most important book ever written.

In fact, it is so far ahead of all other books as to be in a class by itself. It has no competition. Every other book ever written was written and authored by man.

The Bible was written by man...but authored by God.

Because of its unique place in history, the Bible is widely quoted – and misquoted. Many of the facts “everybody knows” to be in the Bible actually are not in the Bible at all. Conversely, there are many things taught in the Bible that the average person would never dream to attribute to the Book of books.

How well do you know the most important book ever written? Decide whether the following statements are “True or False.” The answers will be provided at the close of the article.

1. Just because your conscience is clear does not necessarily mean that you are in the right.
2. You may give a divisive person just two warnings. If he persists, have nothing further to do with him.
3. If you are a Christian, then God considers your children holy, even though your spouse may be an unbeliever.
4. If you are a Christian, Jesus predicted that you would equal and surpass the works He performed when He was on earth.
5. You are supposed to fear God.
6. If you are righteous, your desires will be granted.
7. If you are seated, you should rise in the presence of an elderly person.
8. If you are godly, you will not only be rewarded in Heaven, but also on earth.
9. God controls the roll of the dice.
10. If you are unwilling to tell other people that you believe in Jesus, you will not go to Heaven.
11. Jesus did not come to bring peace on earth.
12. In spite of your plans, God will do with you as He pleases.
13. A sinner may accumulate great wealth, but God will give it to someone who is righteous.
14. If you are a Christian, you will never be tempted to sin beyond your ability to say no.
15. If you do what Jesus tells you to do, He will show Himself to you.
16. It is impossible for you to do enough good deeds in order to earn for yourself a place in Heaven.
17. If you do not do good deeds you will not go to Heaven.
18. Jesus said that it was impossible for anyone to come to God without first going through Jesus.
19. Both bad things and good things originate with God.
20. If you deliberately continue to sin after you have received the knowledge of the truth, you may expect to go to Hell.
21. God does not change.
22. God has determined the exact length of your life.

23. If you are a Christian, it is wrong for you to see another Christian in court.

24. If you are able but unwilling to work, you should not eat.

25. Jesus said that the majority of people would go to Hell, and only a few people would go to Heaven.

Well, how do you think you did? Unlike many tests, this one is hardly trivia. Many of the questions are in areas that literally determine life and death. Are you ready for the answers?

All of the above 25 statements are true.

Are you surprised? One way to evaluate how well you did on this test is as follows:

- 23-25 correct – Excellent
- 20-22 correct – Good
- 15-19 correct – Average
- 14-less – Poor

But in fact, that way of looking at the results could be misleading. At least nine of the questions have a direct bearing on where you will spend eternity. If you got 24 right but missed just one of the essential ones...

You may strongly disagree with one or more of the 25 statements. However, you would not be disagreeing with me. I have merely reported what is found in a particular portion of the Bible.

On second thought, yes you would be disagreeing with me. For although I did not originate those statements, I have decided to submit my will, my opinions, my preferences, and my theology, to the will of God, as revealed in His Word.

The motivation for this exercise is this: when you stand before the judgment throne of God. He will not decide your destiny based upon how well you obeyed what churches, ministers, writers, or friends told you about Him.

You will stand or fall based upon what you did with what He Himself told you to do. The only infallible source for that kind of information is found in the Bible itself.

If any of these 25 statements puzzles you, it will be worth your while to dig out the truth for yourself about them, in your own Bible. It is high time we stopped judging the Word of God by the words of men. Rather, it is time we all began to soberly judge even our favorite, most cherished words from men...by the Word of God.

Here are 25 starting points for each of the 25 statements above. Good digging!

1. 1 Corinthians 4:4; 2. Titus 3:10-11; 3. 1 Corinthians 7:14; 4. John 14:2; 5. 1 Peter 2:17; 6. Proverbs 10:24; 7. Leviticus 19:32; 8. 1 Timothy 4:8; 9. Proverbs 16:33; 10. Matthew 10:32-33; 11. Matthew 10: 34-36; 12. Proverbs 16:9; 13. Proverbs 13:22; 14. 1

Corinthians 10:13; **15.** John 14:21; **16.** Ephesians 2:8-9; **17**
James 2:14-26; **18.** John 14:6; **19.** Isaiah 45:5-7; **20.** Hebrews
10:26-27; **21.** Malachi 3:6; **22.** Job 14:1-5, 42:7; **23.** 1 Corinthians
6:1-8; **24.** 2 Thessalonians 3:10; **25.** Matthew 7:13-14.

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