

An open Bible is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are dark, and the central gutter is visible. The text is overlaid in white. 

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- Matt. 4:4, 7, 10 - “But He answered and said, *It is written*, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' ... 7 Jesus said to him, *It is written* again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' ... 10 Then Jesus said to him, Away with you, Satan! For *it is written*, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'”

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- 1Thes. 5:21 - “Test all things; hold fast what is good.”
- 2Tim. 3:14-15 - “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

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- Some “chimney corner scriptures” are unique to churches of Christ
- “Book, chapter, and verse”
  - Chapters and verses began with Robert Estienne Stephanus in 1551 for the New Testament and 1571 for the Old Testament
- “Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.”
  - Thomas Campbell in 1808; *The Search for the Ancient Order*: Volume 1, p. 47

# Is It In The Bible?

- “By the skin of my teeth”
  - In the Bible - Job 19:20 - “My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.”
- 2. “All men are created equal”
  - The quotation “All men are created equal” has been called an immortal declaration, and perhaps the single phrase of the American Revolutionary period with the greatest continuing importance. Thomas Jefferson first used the phrase in the U.S. Declaration of Independence, second paragraph, which he penned in 1776 during the beginning of the American Revolution. Jefferson is believed to have borrowed the expression from an Italian friend and neighbor, Philip Mazzei.

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- “An idle mind is the devil's workshop”
  - A commentary on Prov. 16:27
- “Cleanliness is next to godliness”
  - This phrase was first recorded in a sermon by John Wesley in 1778, but the idea is ancient, found in Babylonian religious scrolls.
- “As the apple of my eye”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 7:2 - “Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.”

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- “Spare the rod and spoil the child”
  - 17th century poem by Samuel Butler titled “Hudibras”
  - Many want this to be from the book of Proverbs, but the closest thing to it is Prov. 13:24 - “He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”
- 7. “Give the devil his due”
  - From Shakespeare's Henry V Part 1, 1597 -- ORLÉANS: “And I will take up that with ‘Give the devil his due.’”

# Is It In The Bible?

- “Cast your bread upon the waters”
  - In the Bible - Ecc. 11:1 - “Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.”
- “The ax is laid at the root”
  - In the Bible - Matt. 3:10 - “And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”
- “A fool speaks his mind”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 29:11 - “A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.”



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- “Blood is thicker than water”
  - German proverb (originally: Blut ist dicker als Wasser), first appeared in a in the medieval German beast epic Reinhart Fochs (1180 AD; Reynard the Fox) by Heinrich der Glîchezære.
- “Bread is the staff of life”
  - “Familiar Quotations” by John Bartlett, Matthew Henry, Commentary on Psalm 104

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- “Lord, what fools these mortals be”
  - A line from the play A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare.
- “Familiarity breeds contempt”
  - The first recorded use of this was in Chaucer's Tale of Melibee (AD 1386)
- “God moves in mysterious ways”
  - “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” is a hymn, written in 1773 by William Cowper of England.

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- “God helps those who help themselves”
  - English political theorist Algernon Sidney originated the saying. Benjamin Franklin later used it in Poor Richard's Almanac (1736).
- “Out of the mouth of babes”
  - In the Bible - Psalm 8:2 - “Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength”
- “A fly in the ointment”
  - In the Bible - Ecc. 10:1 - “Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment”

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- “To err is human, to forgive is divine”
  - “An Essay on Criticism, Part II” by Alexander Pope (1711)
- “Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise”
  - Benjamin Franklin in Poor Richard’s Almanac
- “All that glitters is not gold”
  - William Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice” 1596

# Is It In The Bible?

- “Sow in tears but reap in joy”
  - In the Bible - Psalm 126:5 - “Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy”
- “A friend in need is a friend in deed”
  - Euripides in his book “Hecuba” (424 BC)
- “Practice what you preach”
  - Is loosely based on Matt. 23:3, but did not appear in this form until in a commentary on Matthew in 1783
  - Matt. 23:3 - “Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.”

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- “A soft answer turns away wrath”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 15:1 - “A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.”
- “The way of the transgressor is hard”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 13:15 - “Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.”
- “All's well that ends well”
  - All's Well That Ends Well is a play by William Shakespeare published in the First Folio in 1623.

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- “The early bird catches the worm”
  - First recorded in John Ray's “A Collection of English Proverbs” (1670)
- “Don't count your chickens before they hatch”
  - Aesop, the Greek fable writer (620 to 560 BC)
- “Weighed in the balances and found wanting”
  - In the Bible - Dan. 5:27 - “You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting”
- “Honesty is the best policy”
  - English proverb first recorded in Thomas Jefferson's letter to Nathaniel Macon

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- “Don't judge others by yourself”
  - Dwight Morrow, American diplomat, in “The New York Times” in 1930
- “A rolling stone gathers no moss”
  - Publilius Syrus, in his book “Sententiae” (BC 85)
- “Stolen waters are sweet”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 9:17 - “Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
- “Every tub shall stand on its own bottom”
  - John Bunyan in his 1678 allegory Pilgrim's Progress



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- “Look before you leap”
  - Originally in Aesop’s Fable of the fox and the goat; later written in English in John Heywood's “Proverbs in the English Tongue, 1546
- “Speech is silver, but silence is golden”
  - Originated in ancient Egypt. In 1831, Thomas Carlyle, translated it into English
- “If at first you don't succeed try, try again”
  - William Edward Hickson in The Westminster Review (1860)

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- “Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind”
  - In the Bible - Hosea 8:7 - “They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind”
- “An honest confession is good for the soul”
  - A Scottish Proverb loosely based on Psalm 119:26 - “I have declared my ways, and You answered me”
- “Money is the root of all evil”
  - A miss-quote of 1Tim. 6:10 - “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil”
- “Let your conscience be your guide”
  - Caliph Umar (640 AD) after defeating Jerusalem and returning to Medina

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- “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush”
  - John Heywood's 1546 glossary of English Proverbs
- “Charity begins at home”
  - Thomas Browne in *Religio Medici*, 1642
- “There is no rest for the wicked”
  - Harold Gray used the phrase as a title for one of his Little Orphan Annie cartoons in 1933
  - Loosely based on Isa. 48:22 - “There is no peace, says the LORD, for the wicked.”

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- “That’s just sour grapes”
  - In the Bible - Jer. 31:30 - “But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge”
- “Jesus loves me this I know”
  - “A hymn written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)
- “The way of a man with a maiden”
  - In the Bible - Prov. 30:18-19 - “There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand: 19 The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a maiden”

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- “Just accept Jesus as your personal Savior”
  - Not in the Bible!
  - Billy Graham in his Peace with God Tract 1950

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- What is in the Bible?
  - Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
  - Acts 2:38 - “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
  - Acts 22:16 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

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- “Don’t be a fanatic!”
  - Not in the Bible!
  - Micaiah Hill 1857 in *The Sabbath Made for Man*

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- What is in the Bible?
  - Rev. 2:10 - “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
  - 1Cor. 15:58 - “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”
  - 2Tim. 4:7-8 - “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”