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Match 'um Bible Quiz

Score yourself 100pts for the first answer, 200 pts for the second answer, 300 pts for the third answer, and so on.

Mother Lode Part 1

- Bathsheba
 - Her first son with David would one day be king.
 - David first saw her at the city gate.
 - Nathan predicted her son's death.
- Naomi
 - She lost her husband and two sons in a tragic accident.
 - Both her daughters-in-law were from Moab.
 - She was originally from Samaria.
- Hannah
 - Her husband, Elkanah, had no children.
 - Eli the priest thought she was drunk.
 - Eli's sons told her to leave the temple.
- Hannah (again)
 - Samuel means "rock of Israel".
 - Samuel was her only child.
 - Samuel means, "because I asked the Lord for him".
- Naomi (again)
 - She went with Orpah and Ruth to Bethlehem.
 - Her grandson was named Obed.
 - Boaz was her closest living relative.
- Elisabeth
 - Mary stayed with her for six months.
 - Her husband regained his sight at their son's birth.
 - Her husband said their son would be a prophet.
- Eunice
 - Mother of John Mark.
 - Mother of Barnabas.
 - Mother of Timothy.
- Elisabeth (again)
 - She and Zechariah were descendants of Aaron.
 - Her husband, Zechariah, was told he would be blind until the birth of his son.
 - The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in their home.
- Eunice (again)
 - Her mother was Rhoda.
 - Her mother was Lois.
 - Her mother was Lydia.
- Bathsheba (again)
 - Mother of Absalom.
 - Mother of Adonijah.
 - Mother of Shamua.

Answers from last issue:

- 1.A(Matt.17:25,27); 2.B(Acts 5:1-9); 3.C(1Chr.10:4);
4.A(Gen.27:43); 5.C(Acts9:17-18); 6.B(Dan.1:7);
7.B(John18:10); 8.B(Luke9:28-36); 9.A(Gen.48:14,17);
10.B(Ezra 5:2;6:14).



A Floral Bouquet

(The answers are in color.)

*Oh, tell me the flower that is queen of them
all. (Rose)*

*The flowers that tell you the time.
(Four-o'clock)*

*The flower that stands up so stately and tall.
(Lily)*

*And the flower of morning sublime.
(Morning-glory)*

*The flower that Johnny can use when he
writes. (Jonquil)*

*The flower you wear in your hat.
(Prince's Feather)*

*The flower that blossoms on bright moonlight
nights. (Moon-flower)*

*And the one that's the end of a cat.
(Cattail)*

*The one that's unpleasant when thrown by
small boys. (Snowball)*

*And the one that does preach as he should.
(Jack-In-The-Pulpit)*

*The one that Joseph's brothers were tending
of old. (Phlox)*

*And a tree that blooms in the wood.
(Dogwood)*



The Double Clasp

The Saviour's hand - how close its hold,
That none can loosen, none can break.
No powers of heaven or earth or hell
That loving clasp can ever shake.

And over Jesus' wounded hand
The Father's hand of strength is laid,
Omnipotent to save and keep;
Thus is our surety surer made.

So, one beneath and one above,
Father and Son their hands unite.
How safe, how safe the ransomed are
Within that clasp of tender might!

~Annie J. Flint




Mom's Page

Mother's Charge


In this world where standards are a mockery and Godliness is taken so lightly, I send out a challenge to mothers everywhere. Take your position seriously to the extreme and follow holiness and Godliness for your own sake and for the sake of the children that are watching you. They will notice the things that are important to you and will make those things priorities in their own lives. They will not heed the things that you say with the intensity that they follow the example of your actions. What is most important to you? Is it watching television, reading books, talking on the phone, texting, keeping up with fashions and trends, surfing the internet, visiting with friends? Whatever it is that takes your time and attention away from your children will hurt them in ways you can not understand until it is too late. Are the children unruly, misbehaving more than usual lately? I challenge you to take note of what it is that is taking your time and attention and put it away, put more time into loving and caring for those children and see a difference in them. Make more time for Daddy and watch the children behave better, also. God has an order for our home and if we would but follow that order we would see our children grow up to love God and follow Him. It starts with you, Mom. You must love God and your husband, and in so doing you will let those children know that the most important thing to you is God. Is not that what you want for them?

Ephesians 4:6 says, "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Frustration, or wrath, is provoked in our children when they hear us tell them one thing and see us do something else. To nurture is to tend something carefully. God gives us guidelines by which we can see the results that we desire in our children. It is simply up to us to make the sacrifice of our own selfish desires to see those results. I beg you, dear Mother, do not wait too late. Tears of regret are the most bitter you will weep. God bless you richly in your efforts.

A Rose For Mom



I picked a rose for Mom today,
A special one I chose,
It opened just this morning, see,
And pleases well my nose.
It's pink and plummy and so sweet,
It's bound to make her smile,
I want to make her happy, see,
She's been sad for a while.
She has so much to worry with
Just taking care of me,
I want to show I 'preciate
All that she does for me.
So I will give to her this rose
And give her hugs and kisses,
I'll say "I love you!" lots and lots
With "Happy Mother's Day" wishes.
~T. Miller



Things That Make You Go, "Hmmm"

"To the world you might be one person,
but to one person you might be the
world."

"I don't have to attend every argument
I'm invited to."

"Life is 10% of what happens to you,
and 90% of how you respond to it."

"Life is like an onion; you peel off one
layer at a time and sometimes you
weep."

"Learn from the mistakes of others. You
can't live long enough to make them all
yourself."

"Following the path of least resistance is
what makes rivers and men crooked."

"Your worst days are never so bad that
you are beyond the reach of God's grace.
And your best days are never so good
that you are beyond the need of God's
grace."

"Real friends are those who, when you
feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't
feel you've done a permanent job."

Annie Johnson Flint



Annie Johnson Flint was born on Christmas Eve, in the year 1866, in the little town of Vineland, New Jersey. Eldon and Jean Johnson welcomed that Christmas present as their greatest earthly gift. When she was two she lost her mother at the birth of her little sister. Her father boarded the girls in the home of a widow friend, but the two years they were there were not pleasant, as the widow also had two children and money was scarce. Aunt Suzie (which is what Annie always knew her by), a schoolteacher boarding in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flint, was very kind to the girls and made mention of them often to the Flints. In great sympathy for the girls, the Flints asked their father if they might not adopt them as their own. This was a great relief to Mr. Johnson, who was becoming increasingly ill and wanted to be sure of a good Christian home for the girls. So the Johnson girls went to live with the Flints, whose name thereafter they bore.

Annie and her sister were raised with Godly principles and frugality. "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost" was a rule strictly observed. They never did without but were careful with what they did have. The Flints taught the girls to avoid debt like a plague and to owe no man anything.

At about twenty years of age, Annie began to have trouble with arthritis, which would plague her for the rest of her life. After the death of both of her adopted parents within a few months of each other, she went to stay in a sanitarium in Clifton Spring, NJ, but found very little help there for her pain.

Her first endeavors to write poetry were from necessity of support. Card companies and Christian magazines published some of her works and encouraged her to do more. Whatever the stage of her affliction, or however great the pain through which she might be passing, she always had a touch of humor that was refreshing. When she could afford it, she liked to go into the sanitarium for a month or two around the Christmas season. It gave her a little more care and helpful medical treatment and at the same time she came into contact in that institution with a large number of guests who purchased her booklets and cards.

Although having a hard time making ends meet, she was very adverse to charity. She had to learn that to walk a road of faith meant that you did not dictate how the Lord supplied your need. One of the boarders staying at the house where she lived, when saying good-bye, tactfully slipped into her hand a gift of money. Noticing that this seemed to offend Annie, she said, "You know Jesus Christ said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' but how can there be any givers to whom the blessing can come unless there are those who are willing to receive? It takes two halves to make a whole" Would not Annie be glad to give if their circumstances were reversed? This turned things around so completely that she had to admit that she had no right to withhold from others the blessing of giving. She never looked at a gift the same way again. Her life was lived, as someone has said, from hand to mouth, but as she liked to have it expressed, the mouth was hers and the hand was God's and His hand was never empty.

Annie became thoroughly convinced that God intended to glorify Himself through her in her weak, earthen vessel. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

In considering the life of Annie Johnson Flint one is perplexed with questions as old as humanity itself, such as the mystery of pain and suffering. That the wicked should suffer as the reward for their wrong doing seems just and right, but that the righteous should pass through the furnace, sometimes heated seven times, is a great stumbling block to many people. That is because we only see half the circle of life. One thing we are sure of, and that is that the Divine Potter makes no mistakes as He molds the clay in His hands. When it comes forth from His hand, He has fashioned it indeed, a goodly vessel prepared and fit for the Master's use.

A Commandment with Promise

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph.6:2-3

Life has a way of changing all the time. When you are little it seems that everything is bigger than life, everyone is important and smart, every day is full of things to do and new experiences. Your life now is not so very different and even when you get older, there are always new things to learn and priorities to reconsider. No one is ever too old to learn something.

I suppose one of the biggest dangers that you will have in your life right now is letting yourself think that you understand more than you do and that Mom and Dad just do not have a clue about your life and what you want. Are they too demanding, trying to put responsibilities on you that you do not want, trying to make you into little clones of *them*? If I could talk to your heart for just a moment, perhaps I could help you understand where they are coming from.

Parents have ideals for their children. They were just like you once, full of dreams and ideas about their life and how they wanted things to turn out. By this time, they are beginning to understand that not everything turns out the way that you plan. Humans in general have the misconception that things are in their hands and they can control their future. That theory soon manifests itself to be untrue. By God's grace and through His wonderful mercy, Christian parents begin to learn to trust God and to know that He alone can move hearts. Parents have learned this the hard way, by trying to do things on our own and failing. So why do we not just let our children make their own mistakes, as they sometimes try to reason? Because failing hurts. No normal parent wants to sit back and say nothing when they know you are making a mistake, although there are times that we have to. Sometimes the love that we have for you allows us to pull back and let you make a mistake to help you learn the right way to go.

Parents are not out to make your life miserable. They were put here by God Himself to "watch for your souls, as they that must give account." They are here to teach you and train you to live, not just in this world (for this is just the training ground) but also in the life to come. Your eternity depends a lot on them and their decisions for you. Of all the people in the world no one wants you to do well and make your life pleasant more than they do. If you have parents that have made rules for you to live by, you should be eternally thankful to the Lord that you have. How would it make you feel if they just did not care about you at all?

"But my parents don't care about me." Even if your parents are seemingly too busy to do things with you, do not think that they do not love you and care about you. The cares of this life can blind anyone to the passing of time and opportunities. For example, how many times have you wished that you could be little again or even go back a few years to see someone that has passed away that you loved, just to tell them that you love them one more time? Lost opportunities are a common cause of heartache and regret.

There is a great deception going around in young people today. "Parents should be worthy of my respect and honor." Oh? Where in the Bible does it say that parents are to earn the respect of their children? Why do you think that your parents have to be perfect before you obey and respect them? Do you put the same standard on yourself? Do you feel that you should be perfect before anyone has any regard or respect for you? Every human being is going to make mistakes and wrong decisions. Parents are no exception. God commands you to obey and He promises that if you do He will bless you. There is never a right time to do wrong.

You see, many of God's ways are backwards to what we always seem to reason. If we would just obey the guidelines that are made for us by God Himself, we would find that everything else falls into place perfectly. You may say, "When Mom and Dad treat me right, I will honor them." But if you honor them first, you will find that they will treat you with more honor, also. If you can learn this concept now it will also help you in other areas of your life.

"But my Mom does not respect my Dad and my Dad could care less what my Mom wants." (Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12) You may think that you have an excuse to be the way that you are because that is the way your parents are. Do not let the devil deceive you in this. Every one of us will stand before God and give account for the things done in this body. (2 Cor. 5:10) You are responsible for what **you** do and they are responsible for what **they** do. Obedience is your responsibility. It does not matter whether you think that your parents deserve your obedience or not. The Lord makes it very plain that children are to obey their parents but makes no stipulation on whether they are worthy of that honor or not. Besides all this, you may be instrumental in helping your parents to know God by your obedience, which will make a better home for everyone. If you say that you love the Lord and have a bad attitude toward your parents, they will only see you as just another hypocrite.

Let us take a couple of examples from the Bible. Joseph was the favored son of his father, which made it pretty easy to be good. But when his evil brothers sold him into slavery, he ended up in some pretty bad situations where he could have just thrown all of his Godly teaching out the window, thinking, "What is the use of doing right now that I am in a situation like this? What good was all of my obedience; look at where it has gotten me." But instead, he chose to keep his integrity and the honor he held for his father and his God. God was able to use him in a great way because of his obedience. The dreams that God had given him as a young man were realized. What do you think would have happened to him had he given in to Potiphar's wife?

Isaac is another example of obedience without question. (Read Genesis 22) I know that his story sounds a little drastic but he never doubted his father, who never doubted his God. Because of his obedience to God and his father, God raised up the great nation of Israel from the son of Isaac. You see, obedience always works.

To look at the other side of this issue, take a look in Luke 15:11-32. I know you are all familiar with the story of the prodigal son who dishonored his father, spent all of his inheritance on riotous and wicked living and when he was broke, sick, and hungry, went back home in bitter tears to his father. His father took him back into his home and took care of him, which was a wonderful thing for the boy, but if you will read the whole story, look at what he missed that he could have had.

Another mistake that is made in young and old alike is to take council from friends instead of from our parents and God. There are times that it seems so much easier to listen to what your friends advise instead of going against everything that everyone else is doing and being the outcast. Of course it is harder. It is harder to be right than to follow the strait path of God and you will suffer persecution for it. Jesus said, "Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:" (Matt. 5:11-12) The rewards for doing right so greatly outweigh the curse that you receive from disobedience and rebellion that it is very much worth the ridicule. Those who have already made the wrong choices are most helpful in coaxing you to do the same. One young girl who had purposed to keep herself pure for her husband was ridiculed by some other girls for her purity, at which she humbly replied. "In but a few minutes I can be what you all are, but you can never again be what I am." Count the cost.

Never listen to anyone who counsels you against your parents. If they try to make you think that your parents are wrong in the way they are raising you, run from them! This can include people such as grandparents, fellow church members, and others that you should normally be able to trust. I have known many good young people who have been ruined by the council of Pharisaical church members. If they try to tell you that your parents are too strict on you, that they see nothing wrong with the things that you want to do that your parents have told you not to do, they are wolves and not sheep and will devour you! If your parents are wrong, let God take care of them. It is only your duty to obey them, not show them how wrong they are.

The promise for obedience is "*that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*" Those two things go together. People who have lived their lives for themselves and the pleasures of this life and not for God wear the "mark of sin" on their faces. Sin brings conviction and sorrow, which in turn will make your health diminish, naturally making your life shorter. Without God, a person will not care for life; each day is a burden to them. But with the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart, you are at peace and full of joy even when problems arise; life is worth living and each day is a new beginning.

As I mentioned above, count the cost. Do not think that you will be the first one in the history of the world that will sin and no one will know, that you will get away with it. It just does not happen. When you are tempted to do anything wrong, imagine someone that you love dearly finding out what you have done and the disappointment and hurt they will feel. Is the disobedience worth it?

I believe that every individual is born with the potential of doing and having certain things from God that would make their life blessed and good. The choices that we make determine whether we realize these blessings or whether we throw them away for the temporary pleasures of this world. Nothing that this world has to offer is worth the life-long scars that you will receive. One person put it this way:

Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
Cost you more than you want to pay,
And keep you longer that you want to stay.

Better Than My Best

I prayed for strength, and then I lost awhile
All sense of nearness, human and divine;
The love I leaned on failed and pierced my heart,
The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine;
But while I swayed, weak, trembling, and alone,
The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light; the sun went down in clouds,
The moon was darkened by a misty doubt,
The stars of heaven were dimmed by earthly fears,
And all my little candle flames burned out;
But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night,
The face of Christ made all the darkness bright.

I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease,
A slumber drugged from pain, a hushed repose;
Above my head the skies were black with storm,
And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes;
But while the battle raged, and wild winds blew,
I heard His voice and perfect peace I knew.

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou wert too wise to heed
My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought,
Since these rich gifts Thy bounty has bestowed
Have brought me more than all I asked or thought;
Giver of good, so answer each request
With Thine own giving, better than my best.

~A.J. Flint

Pen Pal Page

My name is Hailey Cockman. I am 13 years old. My favorite color is red and I hate orange. My hobbies are reading, sewing, scrapbooking, and knitting. If you would like to write me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232.



Hi, my name is Jessica Robinson. I am 14. I am homeschooled. I like to read, cook, and spend the night at my friends. My favorite colors are teal, gray, and purple. My address is HC 02 Box 23, McGee, MO 63763.



My name is Elisabeth A. Miller. I am 13 years old and am homeschooled. My favorite colors are blue and brown. I love to ride four-wheelers, bake cookies, and read. If you would like to write to me, my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Esther R. Miller. I am 14 years old. My favorite things to do are ride four-wheelers, scrapbooking and taking pictures. I also like to play piano. My favorite colors are blue, black and brown. If I had a hobby it would be photography. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Ashley Truett. I am 12 years old and I am in 7th grade homeschool. My favorite colors are bright colors. I love to read and I have 2 brothers. My birthday is

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure;
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again. ~A.J. Flint

June 9th. My address is: 2181 West Hwy.22; Troy, TN 38260.



My name is Shelby Allen and I am 12 years old. I am in 4th grade of public school. My favorite colors are pink and red. I like to play soccer. My address is 2181 West Hwy. 22; Troy, TN 38260



My name is Daniel Miller. I am in 10th grade homeschool and my favorite colors are orange, red & blue. I am really interested in aviation and the part it played in history. I am also interested in the study of ancient civilizations. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952

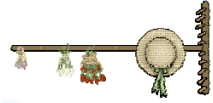


My name is Seth Cockman. I am in 5th grade and I am 10 years old. My favorite color is blue. My hobbies are collecting baseball cards and making wood crafts. When I grow up my mission is to join the Army. What I like to do is tell jokes. If you would like to write to me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232





Crafts



Teacup Bouquet

Does your Mom like to collect teacups? This would be a great way to give her flowers for Mother's Day in a gift that she can keep. Look for a pretty teacup (with or without a saucer) at an auction, flea market, yard or rummage sale. You can take it to a florist, or save even more money by doing it yourself.



Purchase green floral foam, the kind that takes water, either in the craft section or from your florist. Fit to the bottom of your cup, moisten and insert flowers. Roses or other flowers can come from Wal-Mart or even from your yard.



Painted Flower Pots

Another way to give flowers is to plant them in a personally decorated planter. Here are a couple of ideas that you may like to try. Clay pots can be purchased about anywhere. These



can be painted with acrylic paints and embellished with fabric flowers by taking a silk flower apart and using one section of petals. Add a pretty self-stick jewel to the center of the flower and you have a lovely pot. You can also paint an old coffee can. Punch a few holes in the bottom for drainage before painting, add some



coordinating ribbon, pretty rub-on transfers or stick-on jewels to decorate. You can even use a permanent marker to write a sweet message. When all is dry, put a few small rocks in the bottom of your container, add potting soil and the flowers of your choice. Be sure, if you are giving the tin, that you include a small plate or dish to catch the water that will drain out the bottom.

Herb Garden Kit

Here is an idea for the Mom that likes to cook with fresh herbs. Little clay pots work well in window sills or on the deck. Do a decorative paint job on the top rim and the bottom plate to match. When dry, invert the bottom on top of the top (like a lid) and tie with twine. Add a tag if you like that reads "Herb Garden Kit". Fill a quart-sized zip-lock bag with potting soil and attach a tag with a paper clip, miniature clothes pin or staple. Tie a ribbon around a packet of seeds (choose from: Chives, Rosemary, Oregano, Basil, or even Lemon Balm). Using a Popsicle stick, print the name of the herb of your choice. Drill a small hole in top of the stick. Thread 4" wire length through hole in stick and insert a bead on the wire. Twist wire ends together on top of stick to secure wire; bend ends of wire into loops above bead. (It makes it look like a little bug's head.) Line a small basket with some leftover Easter grass and arrange the kit items on top.



Cooking Counter



Corn Pudding

- 1 can cream corn
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 – 8oz. container sour cream
- 1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Mix everything together until it is blended well. Pour into a 9”x9” baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 35-45 minutes. Let set for 10-15 minutes before serving.

Ham Loaf

For meat loaf:

- 2 lb. Ground ham
- 2 lb. Ground beef
- 2 cups graham crackers, crushed
- 2 ¼-2 ½ cups milk
- 2 eggs

For Sauce:

- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon mustard

Mix first five ingredients thoroughly. Make 2 loaves in a large metal baking pan. Bake at 325° for 1 hour. Remove from oven; drain drippings and pour sauce over top. Bake 1 ½- 2 hours longer.



Self-Filled Cupcakes

- 1 package chocolate cake mix
- 1 – 8oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- dash salt

- 16 oz. package chocolate chips

Mix cake mix according to directions. Fill baking cups 2/3 full. Blend cream cheese with sugar; beat in egg and salt. Stir in chips. Drop 1 teaspoon of mixture into the center of each cupcake. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes. They are yummy as they are or you may frost them, if you like.



Lemon Mint Cooler

- 2 ¼ cups water
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh mint
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 2 medium lemons, sliced
- ½ cup lemon sherbet, softened
- 1 liter ginger ale, chilled



For mint ice cubes, combine water, mint and lemon juice; pour into two ice cube trays and freeze. In a pitcher, combine lemons and sherbet; slowly stir in ginger ale. Add mint ice cubes. Makes 5 cups.



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