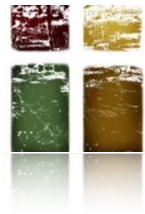


The Bible for you

Biblical, Authentic, Contextual, and Life-Changing.



Things People Say: “No Pain No Gain”

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The Bible for Life Change

Making the connection between thinking and action

- ◆ How does the writer’s statement that “there is nothing new under the sun” challenge attitudes in our culture? In what ways do you think your own attitudes concerning work agree with this statement?
- ◆ How does the writer’s focus on the temporal nature of material things challenge our idea of what we invest in? What investments are you making today that will reap spiritual benefits in the future? What changes do you need to make in attitudes towards money, time and the resources God has given you?
- ◆ What things satisfy you? How does Jesus’s promise that he is the Bread of Life directly satisfy us? What changes do you need to make in your “loves focus”?

1

The Bible for one

Taking a closer look at your own walk with Jesus

Matthew 16:24-28 (ESV) - Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

2

The Bible for two

To talk about with your spouse/partner

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

3

The Bible with your family

To talk about with your children

Luke 12:16-20 (ESV) And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” 20 But God said to him, b’Fool! zThis night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”