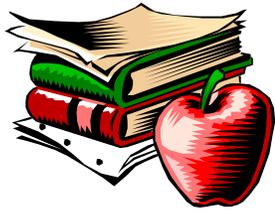


# Hunger For Truth

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**“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

**Proverbs 7:2**

**Matthew 5:6**

**John 8:32**

**II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Hebrews 4:2**

## **Special Interest Articles:**

- Emotions in the Bible – Pt. 3
- Stay on Guard (A Study on Solomon) (1 Kings 8-11)
- General Orders in the “Children for Christ” column

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, bimonthly

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. What a privilege it is to serve the Lord! As fall approaches, may we be falling daily into the Savior’s everlasting arms.

In This Issue: you’ll find a great study by Pastor David Smith on Solomon’s life. You will also find part 3 of

passages that relate to emotions entitled “Emotions in the Bible”.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to view, print or save at [www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

The goal of this ministry

and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God’s precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

## **Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)**

### **Stay on Guard/Duty! (By: Pastor David Smith) – 1 Kings 8-11**

*The following is based on a recent Wed. evening Bible study at Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA by Pastor David Smith.*

There is nothing quite like experiencing the pleasure of a right relationship to God. None else is more satisfying or beautiful in time or eternity. However such a life is rare, and comes with much vigilance and diligence. It must be guarded and nurtured by a zealous heart. It is frightening how quickly the most fervent believer can drift from the delight of dedication to the despair of departure.

### **Note three comparisons by way of warning:**

#### **I. CONSIDER THE YEARS OF ADORATION – 1 Kings 8-9**

- Dedicated, devoted, disciplined and diligent

#### **Marked by keen spiritual sensitivity:**

- To God’s presence – vs. 22
- To prayer – vs. 23

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## Stay on Guard/Duty *Continued*

- To the word of God – vs. 26
- To self denial – vs. 27 (We need God! He is sufficient alone!)
- To covet fellowship with God – vs. 28-30
- To sin in the life – vs. 31ff (Recognize you are weak, wayward, wicked) (name the sin to God; i.e. “Lord, I lied to someone today. Please forgive me.”)
- To separation – vs. 51-52 (Unto Christ) (Individual, as families, as a church)
- To surrender and obey – vs. 54-61
- To praise God – vs. 54-61



Matthew 5:6

*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*

## II. CONSIDER THE YEARS OF ADMIRATION – 1 Kings 10

*Reaping the full potential of obedience and love!*

### Unparalleled –

- Prosperity - Peace - Provision - Promise - Power - Posterity
- “Seek the Blessor and not the blessing!”
- “That I may know Him”
- “True Love of God is true worship!”
- Years of the above can bring passivity!

## III. CONSIDER THE YEARS OF APOSTASY – 1 Kings 11

- Past faithfulness does not guarantee present usefulness or fruitfulness.
- *Three Things can happen ~*
  1. Cooling of affection for the Lord – 11:1 – (strange women)
  2. Cooling of attention to the Lord – 11:2 – (a heart for false god’s)
  3. Cooling of ambitions towards the Lord – 11:3-4 – (Building altars to false god’s)

**Heart problems – lead to spiritual problems – which lead to moral problems.**

- “Lord help me not to lose that simple, sensitive heart!”

**Cultivate daily sensitivity:** Lord help me to STAY:

- Accountable
- Rebukable
- Teachable
- Vulnerable
- Humble
- Faithful to Christ

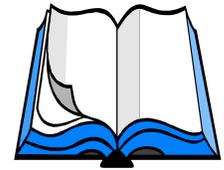
**“When you reject the word of God, you reject the God of the word.”**

*-Unknown*



## Emotions in the Bible (Part 3) (By: Craig G.)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**



### II Timothy 3:16-17

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

### Hebrews 4:12

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

**Passage:** Psalm 16:11 – *Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore*

**Emotion(s):** Joy

**Cause:** The psalmist has joy for he is trusting the Lord to show him the path of life. He knows that in the Lord’s presence is fulness of joy and at His right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

**Effect:** The psalmist is overjoyed and at peace with the Lord his God!

**What does the passage say?**

- It tells us that by faith one can trust God to show him/her the path of life (a life for Christ, NOT self). Being in the center of God’s perfect will and knowing it is the best path for anyone to be on.
- It tells us that in His presence is fulness of joy. True and real joy only comes from knowing, trusting in and serving the Lord. The world and it’s pleasures can NEVER bring true joy!
- It tells us that at His right hand there are pleasures forevermore! Indeed as we are faithful to Him, obeying, pleasing and serving him, He will bless us in abundance above all that we could ask or think (Eph. 3:20). He will place His desires upon our heart as we delight in Him (Ps. 37:4).

**What does the passage say to you and I?** Do you desire real joy? If so, delight yourself in Him. He will show you the path of life. Prayerfully seek the Lord and His perfect will for your life. He only has one clear path for you; whether that path is a career or full time service on the mission field. If God is clearly calling you somewhere, GO! To be clearly God’s will you should have conviction, caution w/ confidence, calmness and communion with Him about the situation. What joy it is even in trials to serve the Lord! Outside of His power and presence we will never find fulness of or real and lasting joy. What pleasure it is to study the Bible, pray, be faithful to your local church, disciple others, encourage others, fellowship with others, witness to others, and to praise the Lord with Christ honoring music. Indeed at His right hand there are pleasures forevermore!

**What should you and I do about it?** What brings you joy? Is it serving Him or the pleasures of this world? Do you have joy in Him or the false joy the world gives?

**How do you and I stay accountable?** Study His word daily and desire His perfect will.



## Quotes of The Month

*(Source Unknown)*

*“Did it ever occur to you that nothing ever occurs to God?”*

*“Praise God that our ever-living, unchanging High Priest lives to make intercession for us!”*

*“Sadly sometimes the only closet some Christians visit is the pantry closet!”*

*“If the Apostle Paul needed the prayers of Christians around him, how much more do we need the prayers of fellow Christians today! (1 Thes. 5:25)*

*“God is still the same today that He was back then! For what are we willing to pray earnestly?” (James 5:17)*

*“Thank the Lord for the strong confidence that we have IN Christ!” (1 John 5:14)*

*“Praise God that the believer can rest in the power, protection, providence, promises, provision and plan from the Saviour!”*

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “General Orders”

**Memory Verse:** Jude 20 – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Gost.”

**TEXT: Jude 20-23**

General orders for a soldier are orders that give expected behavior. God gives general orders for His Christian soldiers. In this study, we will review these four general orders. Please read each and every reference.

1. **Keep yourselves** building up in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 20)
2. It is your responsibility to grow. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False
3. It happens through the word. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False (Rom. 10:17)
4. It happens through using the word. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False (Heb. 15:14)
5. **Keep yourselves:** A. Praying (Vs. 20) B. Useless C. Neither A or B
6. You don’t have, because you don’t \_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:2)
7. You are promised joy. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False (John 16:24)
8. You are NOT promised answers \_\_\_True \_\_\_False (Mt. 21:22)
9. **Keep yourselves** in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Vs. 21)
10. Read John 14:21,23; Keep yourselves in the love of God by: A. Keeping His commandments B. Disobeying Him C. Skipping church
11. Read 2 John 6; Keep yourselves in the love of God by: A. Disobedience B. Not reading your Bible C. Walking after his commandments
12. **Keep yourselves** looking for the Lord’s M\_\_\_\_\_Y.
13. Read Jude 22-23. Keep yourselves looking for the Lord’s mercy by having: A. Compassion B. By being a soul winner C. Both A & B

*Children of God...Let’s go forth, contend, and serve in the army of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here are your general orders: Keep yourselves built up in the faith, praying, in the love of God and looking for the Lord’s mercy.*

### Stop and Think:

**“Thankfulness: Aware and appreciative of a benefit; grateful. If God took everything away that we have not thanked Him for; what would we have left?”**

*-Unknown*



## Song of the Month – “Face to Face”

This great hymn is my mother’s favorite hymn and it’s words should help each and every believer desire to trust Him more and realize that someday we shall behold Him face to face!

*Face to face with Christ my Savior, face to face what will it be? When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me!*

*CHORUS: Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!*

*Only faintly now I see Him, with the darkling veil between; but a blessed day is coming, when His glory shall be seen!*

*CHORUS: Face to face I shall behold Him,*

*far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!*

*What rejoicing in His presence, when are banished grief and pain, when the crooked ways are straightened and the dark things shall be plain.*

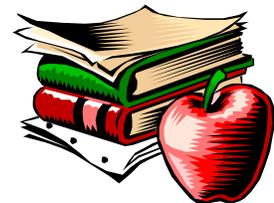
*CHORUS: Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!*

*Face to face- O blissful moment! Face to face to see and know; face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so!*

*CHORUS: Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!*



If you have a praise, prayer request, study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at [svtdtday@yahoo.com](mailto:svtdtday@yahoo.com)



## Praises

- I praise God for His provision and blessing in the recent house sale process
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way.

## Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers all across the globe to know the Lord and raise the children for the Lord
- Clara Vasel (Age 5) (Brain surgery on 8/30 and for a full and speedy recovery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs •Wisdom for HFT editor in leaving current jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA in God’s perfect timing..
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches with building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts’ Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Souls devastated by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan. Pray for souls to be saved.
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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## In The Next Issue

Emotions in the Bible study continues, , plus a study in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

