

MAY 2025

Arise and Shine

This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Ephesians 5:14)

Many Christians use this phrase "Arise and Shine" as a promise. When a person applies for a job, after writing the exams and waiting for the result, when a person starts something new, you might have heard Christians blessing him/her by saying, "Arise and Shine." Everyone of us wants to hear such positive and encouraging inspirational word from the Bible. Isn't it! But to whom this verse originally written for? Was it to a believer or an unbeliever? A sleepy saint or spiritually dead sinner?

Many people interpret that it is for the ungodly. But both the ungodly and godly people need the light of Christ. Though Paul called the Ephesian believers as "God's dearly loved children" and "Children of light", they needed to hear this wake up call. You may ask, why? The danger of falling back into the darkness is always present in our life. We were once in darkness. Now, darkness has no place in our Christian life. So we must wake up.

There is a great difference between when somebody tells us "wake up" in the morning, and when someone urgently says, "wake up" and warns us about the coming danger (for example, fire, flood, or a catastrophe). Here, Paul warns the believers to rise from their spiritual laziness and sleepiness. "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead." It is a command calling for the hearer to do this now. It often conveys a sense of urgency -- Do not delay! It is calling for the hearer to arise from the darkness of sin.



A follower of Jesus should not live his/her former sinful life openly or secretly.

When we obey to God's command, we receive his promises. Then, "Christ will shine on you." Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).

"If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:6,7).

At times, God's people disobey God and depart from His word to the sinful world. This leads their lives to gloomy darkness. However, When they confess their sins and return to God, God promises them his salvation. So, Arise and shine is not only a promise. It is God's command to respond to his salvation/deliverance. "Arise, shine, for your light has come,"

ARE You ASLEEP? "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

- Bro. Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on behalf of the GODependence Team. For the past six months, this newsletter has been published consistently every month. Although this month's issue is delayed, I thank God for the opportunity to reconnect with you once again.

In Christian circles, we visibly see a decline in the number of role models worth following. In the New Testament, apart from Jesus, the only one who boldly said "Follow me" was the Apostle Paul. As we read in 1 Corinthians 11:1, he said, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." Paul makes this appeal not out of pride or arrogance, but because he himself is imitating Christ. What can we learn from this?

Christ as the Ultimate Model: Paul aligns himself to Christ, showing that Christ is the true leader and standard to follow. Paul sets a powerful precedent – that true Christian influence flows from following Christ.

Submission, Not Substitution: Paul doesn't replace Christ with him to follow. He places himself under Christ's lordship and encourages others to do the same. The true aim of Christian leadership is to guide others toward Jesus, not toward oneself.

Consistency and Accountability: Paul called others to follow him because he knew he was walking the talk. Paul's example teaches that Christian leaders must live lives worth imitating, always rooted in Christ's teachings and character. This requires a life of discipline, humility, and sacrifice.

We are all called to both follow and lead – to follow Jesus with devotion and to lead others by our example. In a world full of mixed messages and flawed examples, let us take decision to be the kind of believers who, like Paul, can confidently and humbly say: "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

From March 05 to April 20, 82 participants completed reading the entire Holy Bible as part of the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge. Many have shared that this was a new and greatly beneficial experience for them. For the past two months, we successfully launched and conducted the GODependence Talk Shows as planned. However, during this month of May, the session has not been organized.

The Children's Bible Reading Challenges (CBRC) for the academic year 2025–26 are scheduled to begin on June 16, 2025. Please remember us in your prayers so that all ministry activities planned for this year will proceed smoothly and without hindrance.

Kindly share your feedback and suggestions regarding this GODependence newsletter with us. Continue to pray for this ministry and help to introduce its services to others. May the name of the Lord be glorified.



**In Christ's service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**

Praise & Prayer Points - May 2025



Let's Praise God:

1. For those who successfully completed the April 2025 Bible Reading Challenge.
2. For those who successfully completed the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge on 20 April 2025 that began in March 2025
3. For children who were able to write the NEET exam well.
4. For the fruitful impact of the GODependence Talk Shows conducted in March and April 2025.
5. For the Lord's grace in leading all the ministry activities of GODependence so far.



Let's Pray:

1. For everyone who has joined the May 2025 Bible Reading Challenge group - that they may read regularly without missing, overcoming all obstacles.
2. That those struggling with physical weakness may receive healing from the Lord; that those facing various family challenges may receive peace; and that those grieving the loss of loved ones may receive divine comfort.
3. That children may spend more time reading the Bible during their vacation days.
4. For students preparing to pursue higher studies after completing their 12th-grade exams - that they may choose the right course and be blessed in their future.
5. For the upcoming NEET exam results expected in the month of June, and that students may make wise decisions regarding their further studies.

Should We Follow Godly Men or Only Follow Jesus?

- Zac Poonen, Bangalore.



Under the old covenant, the Israelites could only follow the written Word that God gave them through Moses and the prophets. No-one could say, "Follow me" - not even the greatest prophets like Moses or Elijah or John the Baptist. God's Word alone was the light for their path (Psa.119:105).

But Jesus came and initiated a new covenant. And He gave us not only the Word of God, but an example to follow, by His own life. He was the first person in the Bible to say, "Follow Me" (Mt.4:19; Jn.21:19; Lk.9:23). So in the new covenant, we have both the written word and also the Word made flesh in Jesus - or in other words, the written word made visible in a human life - to guide us.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for merely studying the Word of God but not coming to Him: "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life. But they testify about Me; and **you are unwilling to come to Me to have life.**" (Jn.5:39,40).

The life of Jesus is now the Light for our path (John 1:4) - and not just the written Word. If we are unable to find clear guidance in God's Word in some matter, we can look at the life of Jesus (as revealed by the Holy Spirit to our hearts) and we will always find an answer.

Further: In the new covenant, the Holy Spirit also inspired a godly man like Paul to say, "Follow me - as I follow Christ". And the Holy Spirit made him say that three times - to emphasise the fact that we should also follow the example of truly godly men who follow in Christ's footsteps. (1 Cor.4:16; 1 Cor.11:1; Phil.3:17).

A true new-covenant servant not only proclaims God's standard in the written Word, but also says, as Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ". Some Christians say, "We must not follow any man. We must only follow Jesus". That sounds like a spiritual statement. But it is totally contrary to the Word of God. Because, as we have just seen, Paul (inspired by the Holy Spirit) told us to follow him.

The reason why Paul told the Christians in Corinth to follow him and to imitate him, was because he was their spiritual father. He said, "If you were to have ten thousand teachers in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. **Therefore I exhort you, be followers of me.**" (1 Cor. 4:15,16). One cannot follow a Bible-teacher - because even if his teaching is good and accurate, he may not be a good example by his life. According to the above verse, one spiritual father is better than 10,000 Bible-teachers. So it is good for all Christians to have a spiritual father like Paul, whose example they can follow. Following such a spiritual father can save us from sin and from false teaching.

Paul urged Christians to follow other godly men also, who were "following Christ's example", as he was doing. He said, "Pattern your lives after mine, and learn from **others also who follow our example**" (Phil. 3:17- NLT).

The Word of God also commands us to obey our leaders and to **imitate their faith**.

"Obey your leaders and submit to them" (Heb. 13:17). "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; consider the result of their conduct (their life), and imitate their faith" (Heb. 13:7).

We are NOT called to follow a person's ministry, because God gives each of His children a unique ministry that others cannot have. Christ's Body has members with different functions just like our human body has. When Jesus called people to follow Him, He did not expect them to do miracles or even preach as He did. That was His ministry. He called people to follow the example of His life - that is, to live by the principles by which He lived. Likewise, when Paul called believers to imitate him and follow him as he followed Christ, he was not asking them to be apostles or to heal the sick, but to live as he lived - by the principles by which Christ lived.

It is the Holy Spirit Who has commanded us in the above verses to follow the examples of godly men. Those who are too proud to follow the examples of godly men usually end up following carnal men, or the promptings of their own Self-life. Then the results can be disastrous.

Immediately after telling the Philippian Christians to follow his own example and the example of other godly men (Phil.3:17), Paul warned them not to follow the example of some others: "For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18,19).

If however they followed Paul's example, they would be saved from being deceived by those other ungodly men.

Here are seven tests by which you can evaluate whether a man is a truly godly man worthy of being followed:

- **1. Is he a humble man - easily approachable and easy to speak to?** Jesus told us to learn humility from Him (Matt.11:29). A godly man is one who has learned humility from Jesus.
- **2. Is he free from the love of money and one who never asks anyone for money (as far as you know)?** A godly man will follow Jesus' example who never asked anyone for money

even for His ministry. Jesus said that one who loves God cannot love money and that one who holds on to God will despise money (Luke 16:13).

- **3. Is he pure in his life - and especially in his dealings with women (as far as you know)?** A godly man will not just avoid the temptation to sexual lust but will **flee** from it (2 Tim.2:20-22).
- **4. If he is married and has children, has he brought up his children in godly ways?** A godly, married man will be one whose children are believers who have been brought up in a disciplined way (1 Tim.3:4,5; Tit.1:6).
- **5. Have his closest co-workers become godly men through their association with him?** Godly men will produce other godly men. Timothy became a godly man through being with his spiritual father, Paul (Phil.2:19-22).
- **6. Has he built (or been active with others in building) a local new-covenant church?** Jesus came to earth to build His church (Matt.16:18). He gave Himself up to death to build the church (Eph.5:25). Godly men will not only bring people to Christ but will then build them up as a local church.
- **7. Does he connect you to Christ and not to himself?** A godly man will connect you to Christ, so that you in turn, can become a godly example for others? (Eph.4:15; 2 Cor.4:5).

We cannot follow most Christian leaders, because they fail in one or more of the above areas.

If however, you find a godly leader who has the above qualities, it will be good for you to follow him as a spiritual father, because he will help you to come closer to the Lord and thus be saved from sin and false teaching.

He who has ears to hear let him hear.

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BIBLE READING CHALLENGES - 01 June 2025 onwards

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." - Psalm 119:18

All Christians love to read the Bible every day. However, according to some statistics, only about 10 to 15% of Christians read the Bible regularly/daily. Some Christians read the bible when they have free time or when they have no other work. It is sad that one-third of Christians do not read the bible even once in a year. Many elderly people and godly men and women read the whole bible more than one time in a year. Some committed Christians who are in a busy work schedule also give time to read the bible regularly.

How about you? Do you need any assistance to sustain your Bible Reading efforts? If yes, GODependence invites you to join one of the "Bible Reading Challenges" that start from 01 June 2025 onward.

The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:

🗣️ "This Bible Reading Challenge has been very useful to me. Through it, I read the Bible daily and it helps me to grow in my spiritual life." - R Rani

🗣️ "I find the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge exciting and engaging. I am eager to participate in more challenges like this, as they deepen my understanding of and connection with the Scriptures." - Celeste

🗣️ "This is definitely a good initiative to have a regular and structured Bible reading challenge" - Giftsy Prathiba D

Its Special Features are:

- ✳ Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- ✳ Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
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- ✳ User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- ✳ Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (*Conditions apply).

👉 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient Duration plan and Language group and inform us of your decision along with your Name (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +91 95255 95265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>.

Thank you. God bless you. Amen. 🙏

- Team GODependence

*** 📢 This message can be shared with all your family members, relatives, Christian friends, and Church members so that they also may get into the habit of reading the Bible in a regular manner!

GODependence
True freedom is being dependent on God

BIBLE READING CHALLENGES

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wonderful things in your law.*
- Psalm 119:18

01 June 2025 onwards

- ✓ Join one of our Bible reading plans
- ✓ Start reading at your own convenience
- ✓ Scan the QR code to Join

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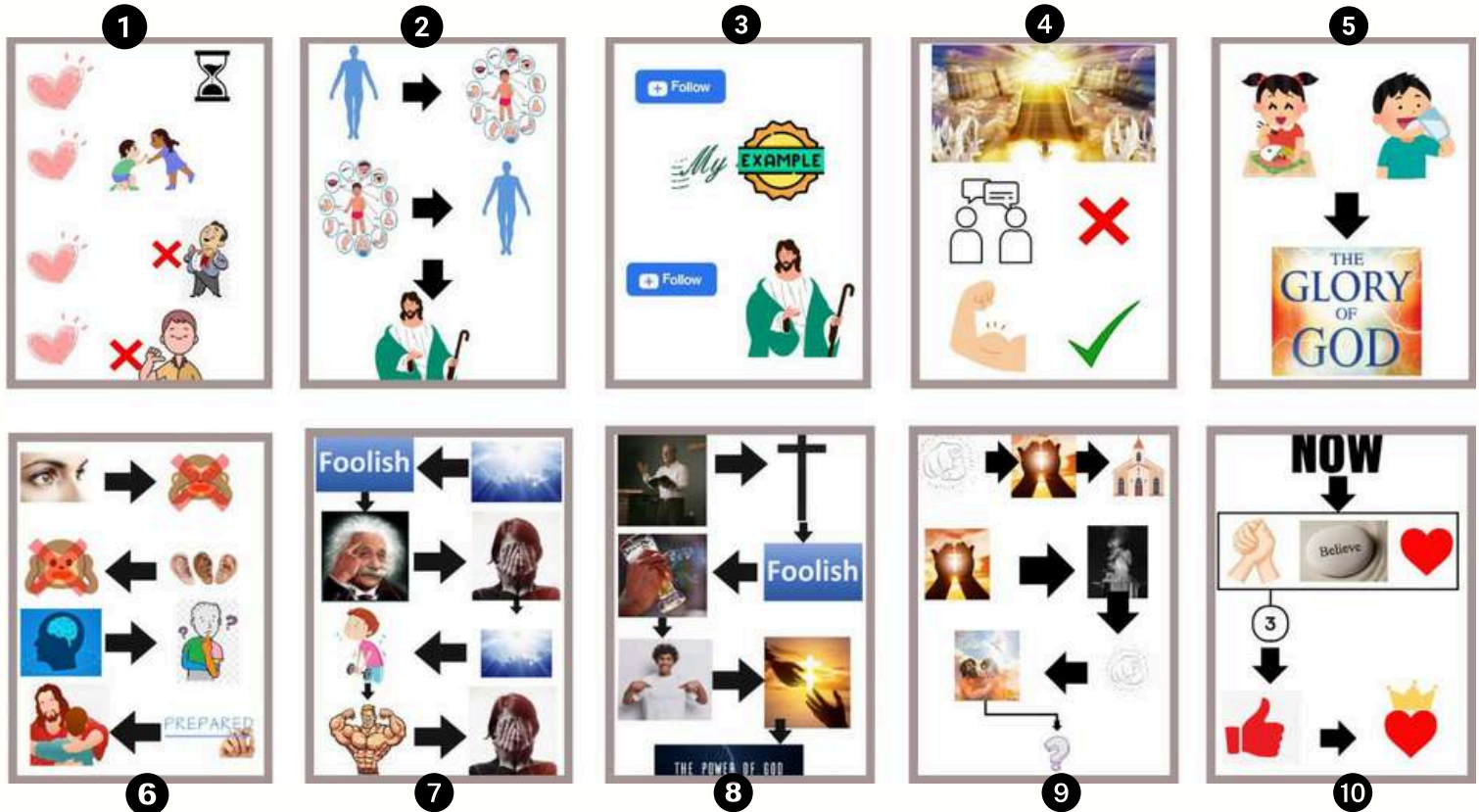
1 Corinthians

LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 7

Send the answers with Bible references.
You can use the Bible (NKJV) to find the answers



From the given pictures find the verses of 1 Corinthians



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 31/05/2025. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

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Contact Numbers for the Bible Reading Challenges:

GODependence is using the following contact numbers for Bible Reading Challenges in various languages.

You can contact the appropriate number to enroll into a particular language Bible Reading Challenge groups.

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To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.



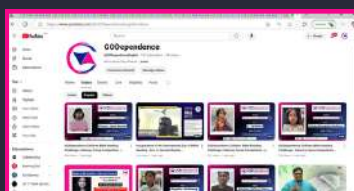
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GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God's Word and prayer.

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Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW?

Did time have a beginning?

What is "time"? Did time have a beginning? Many scientists and scholars, including the renowned mathematician Sir Isaac Newton, believed that time always existed and had no beginning.

Time is the continuous sequence of events in the physical universe that unfolds in an irreversible progression from past to present and into the future. For time to exist, the universe itself must exist. Since we know that the universe had a beginning, it follows that time also had.

The Bible revealed this fact 2000 years ago. "Before the beginning of time, God gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:9).

The knowledge revealed in the Bible surpassed the human knowledge at the time of its writing.

If you haven't read the Bible, why don't you start it today?

Did you know?

Did you know a left-handed judge saved Israel? Ehud assassinated King Eglon with a hidden dagger (Judges 3:15-21).

Did you know Paul wrote 13 New Testament books?



Last month let's play Bible game-6 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -6 the correct answers

Correct Answers

Find the key words in the Romans Constitution hidden in the grid

1. Jew
2. Elijah
3. Love
4. Sin
5. Faith
6. Gifts
7. Death
8. Simorp
9. Eternal Life
10. Righteous

Correct Answers

Across:

- 4 Good (12:21)
- 7 Condemnation (8:37)
- 8 Eternal (6:23)
- 9 Trespass (5:17)
- 11 Against us (8:31)
- 13 Salvation (10:9)

Down:

- 1 Mind (12:2)
- 2 Sin (3:23)
- 3 Christ (10:17)
- 4 Gospel (1:16)
- 5 Life (8:2)
- 6 Love (8:39)
- 7 Condemnation (8:1)
- 10 Fear (8:15)
- 12 Faith (5:1)

Let's Play
Bible
Game -6

Bible
Crossword
Puzzle -6

Scripture: Romans

The first 4 people who sent in the correct answers were:

1. Nirmala Beniel
2. Mercy Jeba j
3. SORNA DANIEL
4. Jayden

The first 3 people who sent in the correct answers were:

1. Mercy jeba. J
2. SORNA DANIEL
3. Jayden

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 30 April 2025



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1 Month Bible Reading Challenge

1. Hepzibah Robert
2. M Samuel
3. Sherine Ranjit
4. Vanitha
5. Mary Anitha K
6. Padmavathi R
7. Philip C
8. Shoba Daniel

Congratulations!



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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2 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. Josephine Jeya Amos
2. J. Beula Padmavathy
3. Jershajustin J. L
4. R Rani
5. R. Amuthaselvi Juliance
6. S. Jebabai Padmini
7. Sudhan B

Congratulations!



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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3 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. Hebsi Willingston
2. Joyce. N
3. Gnana Jeba Immanuel
4. P. Augusta

Congratulations!



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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4 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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| • D Esther Annal | • Kamala Gnanaraj |
| • GIFTSY PRATHIBA D | • P.G.MARTINMURUGAN |
| • Kezia John Paul | • R C VIMAL CHANDER |
| • Pauline M | • R. Kiruba Jansi Mary |
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| • C Sudha | • Jemima |
| • G.Jeya Sutha Perciya | • Helen Sampson |

Congratulations!



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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6 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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| • Dasari Prasanthi | • R. Durga Ori |
| • Indra jones | • S. Sumathi |
| • Vijaya Rani Samuel | • S.Ramya Kirubaharan |
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| • Asha Joseph | • T. Premala Kumari |
| • C. Jeyapackiam | • T. Premala Kumari. |
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| • P. Devamani Rajam | • Vijayarani Samuel |

Congratulations!



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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1 Year Bible Reading Challenge

1. Gladys Thomas
2. Vijaya Rani Samuel
3. Elizabeth Raj
4. G. Annie Grace Caroline
5. Gifita Arumainayagam
6. Jane Hepzibah
7. P. Devakani
8. S . Angeline Vasantha Kumari
9. Williams Venkatesh
10. Banupriya. M

Congratulations!

Epaphroditus

The Man Who Risked His Life To Help Paul

(Philippians 2: 25-30; 4:18)

When Apostle Paul was imprisoned in Rome the believers in Philippi wanted to give monetary support to him. They entrusted Epaphroditus to carry the money to Rome.

Epaphroditus endured many hardships to bring gifts to Paul. He had to take the challenging journey of 1300 km from Philippi to Rome. He had to pass through risky terrains and the Adriatic Sea. In those days, there was no paper currency. So the money he was carrying could be heavy. There were chances for robbers to attack him. Still, he finally reached Paul, handed over the money and served him.

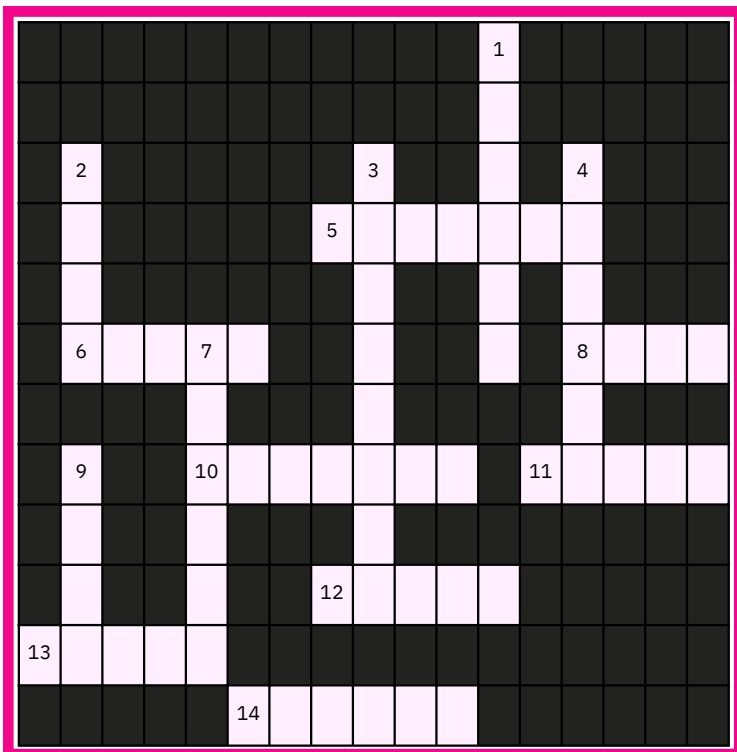
During this mission, Epaphroditus was ill and almost died. Paul sent him back to Philippi when he recovered.

What are the examples we can emulate from Epaphroditus?

1. Epaphroditus was ready to endure hardships to help Paul. Are we ready to toil for the sake of the gospel?
2. His ministry was something behind the curtain. Are we ready to do a ministry unnoticed by others?
3. He was distressed because the Philippians heard he was ill. He thought they would regret sending him to Rome. Do we describe our illnesses in detail to get sympathy and attention from others? Or do we proclaim the goodness of God that we experience even in sickness?
4. Do we complain to God when we become sick, even while serving the Lord wholeheartedly? We should thank God in everything.
5. Paul describes Epaphroditus as his brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier. Do these titles fit us?

- Bro. A. R. Peter, Palakad, Kerala.

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 7



Scripture Portion: 1 Corinthians

Across

- 5 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will ___ that person
- 6 The last enemy to be destroyed is ___
- 8 Paul compares the church to one ___
- 10 Paul says the ___ of the cross is foolishness to those perishing
- 11 ___ and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
- 12 Knowledge puffs up, but love ___ up
- 13 God is not a God of disorder but of ___
- 14 Love does not keep a record of ___

Down

- 1 The spiritual gifts come from the same ___
- 2 Love is patient, love is ___
- 3 Paul wrote that no ___ has overtaken you except what is common to man
- 4 Without love, you are like a clanging ___
- 7 Your body is a ___ of the Holy Spirit
- 9 Paul says to do everything in ___
- 9 The greatest of all is _____



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
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1 Corinthians

Time of Writing: A.D. 56

Author of the Book: Apostle Paul

Time of Events: A.D. 56

Type of Book: Letters

Introduction to the Book

- Apostle Paul wrote big letters in one this letter today's environment very relevant advices gives. Love about best one poem this letter in is.

Context and Purpose

- Apostle Paul Corinth church established, church left some years after, Corinthian church about some confusing news Paul heard. They pride with filled were and sexual immorality forgive. Spiritual gifts improper way used, and important Christian doctrines wrong understanding was. Paul Corinthians his first letter wrote through, Corinthian church its foundation like Jesus Christ in restore tried. Paul time in Corinth a big commercial city as was. Romans' settlement city as also was. Here many gods for temples were. Worship related trade flourished. Corinthians like being immorally living indicate. Paul time in this city nearly 700,000 people lived. Them in three in two-part slave people. Paul his second travel in time here church established (3:6, 10; 4:5; Acts 18:1-7), Aquila, Priscilla couple with friendship had; Jews with synagogue in argued. Later Paul Ephesus city in good news work did when Chloe's house people through Corinth church in were splits about heard (1:11). And Corinthian church Paul to one letter wrote, Corinth in found some problems to answer asked was. (7:1). This letter through also, letter brought three people word through also (16:17) knew problems to solution see way in Paul letter wrote.

Key Verses

1 Cor 3:3, 1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Cor 10:31, 1 Cor 12:7, 1 Cor 13:4-7, 1 Cor 15: 3-4

Summary of the Book

- Corinthian church splits affected their believers some spiritual leaders to faithful groups as divided (1 Cor 1:12; 3:1-6). Christ's devotion because Corinthian believers unite Paul advised (1 Cor 3:21-23). Church in many immorally relationship accepted (1 Cor 5:1-2). Wicked person church from expels Paul them to ordered (1 Cor 5:13). Believers one another court to called went (1 Cor 6:1-2). Paul their Christian witness damage than advantage take good like taught (1 Cor 6:3-8). Marriage and celibacy (ch 7), idols to sacrificed food (ch 8 & 10), Christian freedom (ch 9), women's veil (1 Cor 11:1-16), Lord's supper about Corinthian church to Paul advices gave. (1 Cor 11:17-34), spiritual gifts (ch 12-14), and resurrection (ch 15) Corinthian believers he asked questions to answering through, improper behaviour and they accepted wrong beliefs to answering through also Paul 1 Corinthians book organized.

Connections

- The This book's 10th chapter in, Corinthian believers to freedom wrong use do foolishness, and extreme confidence danger to explain, Israelites desert in wandered story Paul uses. Corinthians' self discipline about warned (1 Cor 9:24-27). God's miracles also, them he taking care of also saw though, Red Sea splitting, sky from manna and rock from water miracle providing saw, they their freedom wrong use did, God against rebelled fell Israelites about he describes. Immorality and idol worship, desires and sexual immorality avoid (1 Cor 10:6-8) Christ to test not to (1 Cor 10:9-10). Corinthian church Paul advises (Num 11:4, 34, 25:1-9; Exodus 16:2, 17:2-7).

Practical Application

- Corinthian church handled many problems and questions today also church in are. Today also church in splits, immorality and spiritual gifts use in problems are. 1 Corinthians book says Paul's warnings to listen them us to apply good. Paul's condemnations and corrections were though, this book our attention it be should place like Christ on brings, true Christian love many problems for answer is (ch 13). Ch 15 in revealed like Christ's resurrection about correct understanding, it's through our own resurrection about correct understanding today's church to essential.

Structure of the Book

1. Introduction (Greetings and Thanks) 1:1 - 9
2. Church in Splits 1:10 - 4:21
3. Wrong Behaviour and Family Discipline 5:1 - 7:40
4. Idols to Offered things eating 8:1 - 11:1
5. Worship 11:2 - 14:40
 - Women head cover taking
 - Lord's Supper
 - Holy Spirit giving gifts
6. Resurrection 15:1 - 58
7. God's people for donation gathering 16:1 - 4
8. Conclusion 16:5 - 24



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Testimonies

- It helped me spend more time with God and understand the secrets of the Bible.
- It was very beneficial. God has helped me read the Bible in chronological order.
- It has been very useful to my spiritual life.
- I have learnt so much from the Bible. Thank you so much for this opportunity. All praise to God!
- The desire to read the Bible increased, and my relationship with God deepened.
- Since the reading portions were given in different areas, it took me a little longer to complete.
- It was a blessed experience. God guided us to finish the whole Bible during the Lenten season. I am so happy. Thank you, brothers and sisters.
- I was thinking about this reading plan and failed. Your systematic approach stirred a longing in me to read consistently.
- It helped me dedicate more time to God and to understand the mysteries of the Bible.
- It helped me to understand the Bible in chronological order.
- It gave me the confidence that I, too, could complete reading the Bible.
- Every day passed without any distractions, fully immersed in Bible reading – a wonderful experience.
- It has benefited me spiritually. I felt close to God.
- Our thanks to you who guided us to complete the whole Bible within the specified days and to God who led me through it without hindrance. This wonderful experience made us forget the world and walk in unison with the Almighty God – a matchless experience. The spiritual impact this has had – a deep thirst and longing for the Word – is a great blessing I received! We thank God and you for instilling such a desire and discipline in us.
- Praising God for this opportunity to complete it with your support.
- It opened the eyes of my spiritual life.
- A bit difficult, but a new experience.
- Great experience – very helpful for life.
- The desire to read Bible verses has grown stronger.
- It was very useful. I feel more connected to the Bible.
- It's a good experience to reread the Bible. Every time, a new meaning or concept becomes clearer.
- It was new to me, but I completed the challenge during these Lenten days.
- For me, it was very amazing. I had planned for years to finish reading the Bible but never followed through. This time, I did! Thank you so much to your team. Glory be to God!
- The experience Moses had on Mount Horeb – I received a similar one through this Bible reading. Glory to God!
- It was very challenging and inspiring.



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Bible Reading Challenges

Salient features of GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

1. Your choice of duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year. [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months/ 3 months/ 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
2. Choice of Language - 10 Languages (English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali).
3. The Bible Reading portion is shared on the previous night itself.
4. Daily motivational quotes on reading the Bible.
5. Weekly, Bi-Weekly & Monthly reviews to check the Bible reading progress.
6. Catch-up days and Choice of changing the duration plans if required.
7. User-friendly WhatsApp group regulations - Exclusive group for Bible Reading.
8. Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (conditions apply)
9. No fee is involved anywhere in the process, directly or indirectly.
10. Scope for further engagement with the Word of God (Bible Meditation, Bible Memorization, and Bible Study)

A wonderful opportunity to read the Bible regularly and systematically at your convenience.

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Ramadan & Lenten Bible Reading Challenges - 2025

21 persons had completed the Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge (English & Tamil) groups successfully, which was from 28 February to 30 March 2025.

The Lenten Bible Reading Challenge (English & Tamil) groups which started on 05 March came to end by 20 April 2025. More than 1250 persons had joined the Challenge. 82 participants have successfully completed the Challenge. The reading portions were given in the Chronological Order in both the Challenges.



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GODependence Talkshow - May 2025

Talk show for the month of May 2025 couldn't be arranged.

It will be arranged regularly in the coming months.

Children's Bible Reading Challenges (CBRC) - 2025-26

Children's Bible Reading Challenges for the Academic Year 2024-25 were well attended by more than 250 students in 3 different age categories.

New batch for the next Academic Year 2025-26 will start from 16 June 2025. Notification message on this will be shared in the Bible Reading Challenge groups in by the end of May 2025. For details, contact us in WhatsApp at +91 95255 95265.



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Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from July 2025

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) we had planned to restart and to conduct them continuously will happen from July 2025 only. The training for the participants will be given in the month of June 2025.

Notifications and details on the training will be sent in the Bible Reading Challenge groups.

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