

God's Powerful Word

The Bible contains about 800,000 words, depending on the translation. This is about four times as many words as are found in a book of average length.



Although the Bible is so long and deals with the greatest themes that can engage the human mind, its vocabulary is singularly limited. It uses only 6,000 different words, a very small number compared to the 20,000 words that Shakespeare employed while writing his plays.

Not only is the Bible's vocabulary limited, but the average word in it contains only five letters. However, many of these short words are full of the deepest meanings and are worthy of earnest study. For example, consider these five-letter words: grace, peace, faith, saved, serve, glory and Jesus.

The Encourager, Southside Church of Christ, Killeen, TX

RESTORING JOY

There could be nothing more tragic than the loss of a soul. God has done so much to insure the salvation of our souls (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16). Do you not think that we ought to do all that we can to aid and attain that provision? There are a number of things that we can do to insure the joy of salvation.

1. I can make sure that I am faithful to God in all phases of my life (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58).
2. I can try with all of my might to help others maintain their faithfulness by encouraging them (Heb. 10:24).
3. I can do everything possible to help restore the erring child of God (Gal. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:1-5).
4. I can look for opportunities to teach others the saving message of the gospel (Matt. 28:18-20). Let's be involved in restoring joy to the lives of those that we love.

- *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL

YOUR OWN VERSION

You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say,
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true;
Say, what is the Gospel
According to YOU?

- Author Unknown -

The world wants your best. God wants your ALL.

News & Notes

NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER TODAY.

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE: 5:30 p.m.

2nd SECRET SISTER PROGRAM: Information and questionnaires are available on the table for those ladies interested in being a part of this program.

Questionnaires must be returned no later than next Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Sister selection/choice will be Sunday, Feb. 9th. The big reveal will be in August.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Feb. 8th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. If you're planning to attend, see Rico.

COUPLE'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday, Feb. 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Janet Malcomson, 320 Fifth St., East Liverpool, OH. **All married couples invited.** Sign-up sheet on the table.

PANTRY: Baked beans.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Solomon Chambers (father-in-law of Tim Martin).

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Ruth Hartzell, Docie Moore, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Alex Harless, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **Rick Beck** (minister at Weston, WV), 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Rick's cancer has returned. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **BRIGHTWOOD CENTER:** Rich Robinson, 840 Lee Rd., Room 242, Follansbee, WV 26037. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A man was walking down a little hill in the woods when he stepped on a little twig. The twig rolled and he fell down. As he got up and went on his way, he thought to himself, "If that had been a big log, I would have seen it and climbed over it. There would have been no danger of falling, for I would have been aware of the danger." The fact that the twig was small was what made it dangerous.

In our spiritual pathway, the devil places little temptations to defeat us. His little traps or obstructions are more effective than the big ones, partly because if people do notice them they may think they are too small to make a difference.

Beware of little things!! It was only a "little thing"—a bit of forbidden fruit—that brought sin and its curse into the world.

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DID I PLEASE GOD?

When you depart from the worship service, your question should be, "How did God like it, not how did I like it?" You are not there to attend a performance, but to conduct one. You are not the audience, God is. The question must never be, "Did I like the preaching, the singing, etc., but did God?" Always remember: Worship is not something you watch, but something you do!

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