

Common Phrases Found In The Bible; Do Biblical Colloquialisms Have A Secular Purpose?

Proof That Teaching The Bible To Public School Children Has Several Valuable Secular Purposes For Understanding Our English Language, History, Traditions And Culture!

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 This list is not in any particular order nor complete; and, not all are literal. It was generated from reading the Bible over a period of time and taking notes about "modern ideas" that suddenly: had God's approval, or has been known, used or applied since antiquity! Usually, at least one Biblical reference is given; although some are 'Lists' of multiple occurrences throughout the Bible.

Biblical 'Word' or 'Phrase' , (Secular Phrase)	Biblical Reference(s)
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1. Principle of Restitution: [pay back 120%!] _ _ _ _ [Lev. 6:5](#)
2. Principle of Pro ration: [proportional distribution] _ _ [Num 35:8](#)
3. Fifo Inventory Principal: (first in, first out) _ _ _ _ [Lev 26:10 NIV](#)
 - Golden Rule Principal: 'Do unto others as you ...' _ _ [Lu 6:31](#) , Mt 7:12 , Gen 21:23b
4. **Principle of Prosperity I.** (Relationships + serving others), (do good and be blessed, do evil and be cursed) Deu 12:13, 19-20, 27,32 Deu 28:1-? Too many references to list!
5. **Principle of Prosperity II.** (Money, Debt, Tithing), (give to get/ be blessed, [Eze. 44:30b](#)) ; '... prove ME now ...' [Mal 3:10](#) ; don't just *work the formula* but be a '[cheerful giver](#)' .
6. **Principles of Successful Business from Proverbs**, By Gregory Koukl, [65 items 8 Principles](#).
 - (like Father, like Son) _ _ _ _ _ [Jn 14:9](#)
7. (like mother, like daughter) 'As is the mother, so is her daughter.' [Eze 16:44b](#) ;
8. Church discipline: [shun or excommunicate] _ _ _ [I Cor 5:5-7](#) ,

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'O man' (Oh man) 1. Ro 9:20 2. 'God save the king' 2. 2 Sam 16:16 3. 'concourse' 3. Pv 1:21, Acts 19:40 4. 'mart' (market) 4. Is 23:3 5505 5. 'traffickers' 5. Is 23:8 6. 'traffick' (traffic) 6. - List 7. 'president(s)' 7. Dan 6:2 8. 'confederate' 8. - List 9. 'debate' 9. Ro 1:29 10. 'liberal' 10. List, 2 Cor 9:13 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'mown grass' (mow the grass) 1. Ps 72:6 2. 'pulse' (eat your vegetables) 2. Dan 1:8-16 3. 'lick up' (beat up, wipe out) 3. Nu 22:4 4. 'he went up to my couch' (couch) 4. Ge 49:4 5. 'advertise' 5. Nu 24:14 6. 'what if' 6. - List 7. south is 'down' 7. Gen 43:1-5 8. 'backsliding' (blackslider) 8. - List of 15 9. 'new testament' 9. - List 10. 'scum' 10. Eze 24
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1. Principle of Socialism: [*The Apostles tried it and discarded it.*] _ [Acts 2:43-48](#)
2. (captain of my ship), (in charge of my own destiny) _ _ _ [Amos 6:13](#)
3. 'set them in their place', (put them in their place) _ _ _ _ [Neh 13:11b](#)
4. (definition of expert /prophet = anyone from out of town) _ [Mt 13:57](#)
5. (the living dead) 'But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.' [I Tim 5:6](#)
6. (spanking: children, caning adults) (tough love) [Pv 13:24](#) ; [Pv 19:18](#) ; [Pv 22:15](#) ; [Pv 23:13-14](#) ; [Pv 29:15](#) ; [Pv 20:30](#) ; [Hb 12:6-7](#)
7. 'many members in one body' (e pluribus unum = out of many, one) [Ro 12:4](#)
8. (shoot first, ask questions later) 'and after vows to make inquiry' [Pv 20:25](#)
9. (use it or lose it.) _ _ _ [Mt 13:11-12](#) ;
10. 'meddle to thy hurt' (shoot yourself in the foot) _ _ [II Chr 25](#) , [II Kg 14:10](#) , [Ps 15:4](#)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'how do you do' (?) 1. Jer 15:5 2. 'haunt' (hang out) 2. I Sam 23 3. 'causeway' 3. I Chr 26: 4. 'pavement' 4. II Chr 7:3 5. (damage) 'endamage' 5. Ezra 4:13 6. 'maintenance' 6. Ezra 4:14 7. 'pictures' 7. Nu 33:52 8. 'as it were' (idiom) 8. - List 9. 'the powers that be' 9. Ro 13:1 10. 'skin of my teeth' 10. Job 19:20 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. heaven (life) = 'up', hell = 'down' 1. Pv 15:24 2. 'by little and little' (little by little) 2. Exo Deu 3. 'posts' (letters)(pony express) 3. Est 8:10 4. 'clear' of guilt, (clear conscience) 4. II Cor 7:11 5. 'passed away' (meaning: died) 5. Ps 37:36 6. 'passed' (died + gone to heaven) 6. Heb 4:14 7. 'in a moment' (minute) 7. - List of 11 8. (I told you so.) 'told not I thee' 8. Nu 23:26 9. (first come, first served) 9. Jn 5:4 10. 'meteyard' (meter?, yard?) 10. Lev 19:35
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1. (wolves in sheep's clothing) _ _ [Mt 7:15](#)
2. "More modern words": 'engines, invent, merchandise, covert, wardrobe, booty, craft, usury, pine, perjured'

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'network' 1. - List 1 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'college' 1. II Kg 22:14
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2. 'networks'	2. - List 2	2. 'stuff '	2. - List
3. 'highway'	3. - List	3. 'birthday'	3. - List
4. 'suburbs'	4. - List	4. 'fort'	4. - List
5. 'baptize'	5. - List 1	5. 'lovingkindness'	5. - List
6. 'baptized'	6. - List 2	6. 'tire'	6. - List
7. 'policy'	7. Dan 8:25	7. 'you all' (you all)	7. - List
8. 'penknife'	8. Jer 36:23	8. 'but God'	8. - List 43
9. 'execration' (curse)	9. Jer 42:18	9. 'apple of his eye'	9. - List
10. 'furbish' (refurbish)	10. Eze 21:11	10. 'pavilion'	10. - List
11. what goes around, comes around	11. Job 4:8		

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Motivations?



How do I know that God is active in the lives of people and of nations? *He is involved so that: 'he, you or they' "[shall know that I am the Lord God.](#)"*

([Bible Search](#) yields 5+ verses)



How do I know God loves even me? *Jesus said: "For God so loved the world (everybody) that he sent his only begotten Son that whosoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life". [John 3:16](#)* (Bible search yields verse in multiple translations.)

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5. Diminished & Removed
6. [Harmony of The Gospels; Reading The NT Bible Based on Chronological Events.](#) Read the 4 gospels through simultaneously in 63 days. [5 pgs. [PDF](#)]
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