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## THE PEOPLE THAT WE LOVE THE MOST!

While it is true that we as Christians should love everyone and want to see everyone saved, it is also true that our physical families are the people that we love the most and especially want to see being faithful Christians. Thus, it is no surprise if we feel a little extra concern for their spiritual well being. Often it is the case in the Lord's church that either the husband or the wife will be a Christian and the other spouse will not. This situation is spoken of in the Bible in such places as 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:10-15 as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:1-7. In the passages in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter we see these instructions given to a wife whose husband is not a Christian: ***"In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior."*** (NASV) Peter doesn't tell the wife to try and force her husband to be a faithful Christian, but rather through her godly example she might some day see him converted. While not neglecting your outward beauty, emphasis should be placed upon your inward beauty by developing a ***"gentle and quiet spirit"***, which in the sight of God is precious. Have confidence in God's word, do what it tells you to do, and don't forget to pray. Doing these things will also help in leading our children to Christ as well even in a divided home. (Acts 16:1-3/2 Timothy 1:5-6/2 Timothy 3:14-15)

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

The name of the queen who was deposed By Ahasuerus the king of the Persian Empire was Vashti. The name of the woman who took her place was Esther, who was a Jew. (The Book of Esther.)

The name of the three disciples who were with Jesus as He was transfigured was Peter, James, and John. The two personages who appeared with Jesus were Moses and Elijah. God the Father spoke from Heaven on this occasion and said about Jesus ***"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."*** (Matthew 17:1-9)

## QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What is the name of the king of Judah who was wounded by the arrow of an archer and eventually died? What nation was responsible for the king's death? (Where did this battle take place?)

What New Testament king was influenced by a dancing girl to have a certain prophet put to death? On what day did this event take place? (What is the name of the prophet who was put to death?)

## AN OLD SAYING!

There is an old saying that is commonly spoken today. It goes something like this: **"To err is human; to forgive, divine."** This old saying is in perfect harmony with the word of God. In Romans 3:23 we read ***"For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God."*** This scripture shows that to **"err is indeed human."** The other part of this old saying is likewise true for we read in Colossians 3:13 the following: ***"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*** We also read in Ephesians 4:32 this statement: ***"And be ye kind one to another, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*** And so to **"forgive in indeed divine."** As we look at each other, let us remember that we are indeed only human and therefore subject to making mistakes. And learn therefore to be like God (divine) and forgive one another as well!

## “...THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

In John 17 we read the words of Jesus' prayer on behalf of the apostles. In verse 17 Jesus utters the following words: ***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*** If God's word is indeed TRUTH, and I believe that it is, then anything that comes in conflict with His word therefore by necessity would be false. Consider the following examples.

In Genesis 1:1 we read ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*** If this statement is true, and I believe that it is, then **“evolution is false.”**

James 2:24 says the following: ***“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”*** If this statement is true, and I believe that it is, then the **“doctrine of salvation by faith only is false.”**

In Galatians 5:4 Paul makes the following comments: ***“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.”*** If this statement is true, and I believe that it is, then the **“doctrine that says you cannot fall from grace is false.”**

In Colossians 1:13 we read that as Christians we have been ***“...translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son.”*** If this statement is true, and I believe that it is, then the **“doctrine that teaches that Jesus' kingdom is still in the future is false.”**

In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:21 we read the statement: ***“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...”*** If this statement is true, and I believe that it is, then the **“teaching that says you can be saved without baptism is false.”**

All of this of course is dependant on whether or not you truly believe what Jesus said when He prayed to His Father in John 17:17 ***“Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.”*** If God's word really is the truth, and I believe that it is, then anything that comes in conflict with His word **MUST BE FALSE!** For example, if  $2 + 2 = 4$ , then  $2 + 2$  does not = 5. It really is that simple. If you don't agree with this logic, then upon what basis do you disagree? **DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD'S WORD IS TRUE?** (Think carefully!)