What Does the Bible Really Say?

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When I was a young Christian, I heard someone say, "The Bible says that God helps those who help themselves." Well, I had read the Bible through, and I didn't recall having read those words. Unfortunately, I was too young in my Christian walk and uncertain of my own knowledge of Scripture to refute the person who said that to me. Later I pulled out my Strong's Concordance and looked it up, just to be sure. I didn't find it.
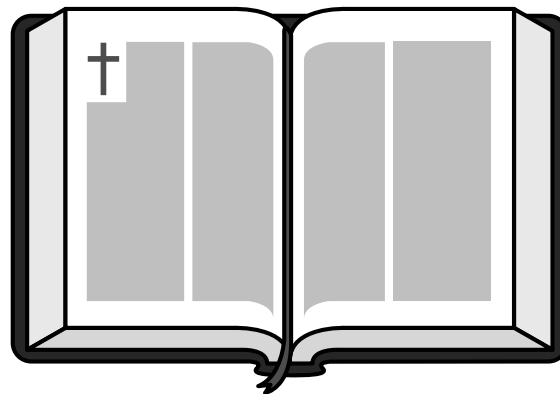
As the years went by, I occasionally heard other statements erroneously attributed to Scripture, such as, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," and "Money is the root of all evil." How sad that people will so often misquote Scripture and yet not know the simplest verses that actually are in the Bible. I would rather they propounded a verse like "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" than to continue to misrepresent Scripture by saying, "Those who are good go to heaven."

In Your Head

Fortunately, we have a tremendous ministry through which children can learn what's really in God's Word. That ministry is Junior Bible Quiz! JBQ keeps the Word burned into kids' hearts since they must continually recall the information as they compete from meet to meet and season to season.

JBQ also teaches kids boldness and confidence in quoting Scripture. When a child knows a verse well enough to "buzz in" before the other team and quote the verse verbatim, he

learns boldness. When he has successfully quoted verses for quizmasters and earned points, quizzed out, or helped earn a victory for his team, he learns confidence.

In Your Heart

Just knowing Scripture is one thing—I call that "putting it in your HEAD." Putting Scripture in your HEART is something else. When a child puts the Word of God in his heart, he knows it so well he can recall it in a time of need. Junior Bible Quiz is the perfect ministry for helping children put the Word of God in their hearts. The information contained in the *Bible Fact-Pak* covers all the major Bible stories from Creation to Revelation. By far the largest portion of material is devoted to Bible doctrine and Christian living. Through JBQ, kids are filling their hearts with sound doctrine and truths to help them live their lives in a way that is pleasing to God.

In Your Hand

And yet, the work doesn't stop there. Once a child has committed God's Word to memory by putting it in his HEAD, and through constant use and repetition has committed God's Word to his HEART, it's time to put God's Word to work. I call this "putting it in your HAND." When a child learns how to put God's Word into action, he has successfully put the Word in his HAND.

The history of Junior Bible Quiz is full of testimonies of how the memorization of Scripture has helped children throughout their lives. Here is just one of those:

On the one-year anniversary of 9/11, Christopher, a first-year

quizzer, was learning to quote Romans 8:38,39. On the way to school that day, he was repeating, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers.…" He stopped himself and said, "I'll probably be saying this verse in my head all day!" Christopher had learned to put God's Word to use during a time of mourning and uncertainty.

If you want to see your children putting God's Word in their HEADS, their HEARTS, and their HANDS, give JBQ a try. It's one of the best discipleship programs you can find!

Questions for Further Study—

1. What does it mean to put God's Word in your head?

2. What does it mean to put God's Word in your heart?

3. What does it mean to put God's Word in your hand?