

# The Top Twelve Bible Verses for a Meaningful Life (based on the King James Version Bible)

## KNOWLEDGE

### **1. The Bible is God's word, and is helpful (2 Tim 3:16).**

The Bible says it is from God, over 1,000 times. Search a digital Bible for phrases like "says the Lord." The books in the New Testament were written by, or with, people who experienced Jesus, and not only did they believe Jesus is the Son of God, they recorded many other people, and demons, claiming that Jesus is the Son of God.

### **2. God created the universe (Gen 1:1).**

Science claims the universe is still expanding, or growing, which means if we go back in time there was a starting point for the universe. It is common knowledge that you can't create something from nothing. Science done well reveals God's natural laws. Consider the quantum physics theories of unpredictability, decoherence, and entanglement. God is over all and in all (Eph 4:6). Consider the beautiful Hubble telescope photos. The heavens declare God's work (Ps 19:1)

### **3. God created humans (Gen 1:27).**

Why would any male and female organisms "evolve" from a self-replicating organism? Science has proven that humans are made from elements found in the earth, with over 90 percent of the human body being oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen, and the rest are trace elements. God made humans from dust of the earth (Gen 2:7). We are made in God's image (Gen 1:27) as a spirit and soul, in a body (1 Thess 5:23), with a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7).

## UNDERSTANDING

### **4. There is power in your mind – Don't conform to the world, transform by renewing your mind (Ro 12:2).**

Be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (Jas 1:19). Being slow to anger gives understanding (Pro 14:29). Set your mind on things above (Col 3:2). Think about important topics like whatever is true, honorable, just, and excellent (Php 4:8). Forget what lies behind but think on what lies ahead (Php 3:13). Faith can move mountains (Mt 21:21).

### **5. There is power in your words (Pro 18:21).**

Spoken words, with faith, can move mountains (Mt 21:21). A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (Pro 15:1). Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). The sword of the Spirit is the word of God (Eph 6:17). We destroy arguments against the knowledge of God (2 Cor 10:5). The tongue is small but has great power (Jas 3:5).

### **6. There is power in your relations – God so loved the world and gave His only Son for your eternal life (Jn 3:16).**

Jesus is the Son of God (Jn 6:38-40). By one man many were made sinners, but by one man many are made righteous (Ro 5:19). Jesus fulfilled the Law (Mt 5:17) and cleansed us from sin (Heb 9:26). Declare Jesus is Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead and you will be saved (Ro 10:9). I can do all things through Christ (Php 4:13). Fellowship with Christians (Acts 2:42). Honor your parents (Ex 20:12). Iron sharpens iron, and friends sharpen each other (Pro 27:17).

## WISDOM

### **7. Blessed are those who get wisdom and understanding (Pro 3:13).**

Wisdom is better than might (Ecc 9:16), and better than wealth, and offers life, money, honor and peace (Pro 3:14-17). Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Pro 9:10). God gives wisdom (Jas 1:5). Buy truth and wisdom (Pro 23:23).

### **8. Let your light shine (Mt 5:16).**

We were created for good works (Eph 2:10). Do to other people as you want them to do to you (Mt 7:12). We all have gifts to help people. Let your love be sincere. Do not be lazy, be eager in spirit and serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in challenges, and pray (Ro 12:6-12). Encourage and build each other up (1 Thess 5:11). Glorify God (1 Cor 10:31).

### **9. Walk in the Spirit to resist the desires of the flesh (Gal 5:16).**

Desires of the flesh are against the spirit (Gal 5:17-23). God gave everyone free will (Gen 1:28). People are sinners and naturally selfish (Ro 5:19 and Jas 4:1). The world has troubles, but Jesus overcame the world (Jn 16:33). Take thoughts captive (2 Cor 10:5). Walk in the light and have fellowship with one another (1 Jn 1:7).

### **10. We wrestle against spiritual forces of evil (Eph 6:12).**

Evil spiritual forces are at work in the world (Job). The devil is a deceiver (Gen 3:13 and Rev 12:9) and tempts us with many things, especially doubt in our self, food, to test God, and with pride (Mt 4:3-11). The devil attempts to steal, kill, and destroy (Jn 10:10). Be strong in the Lord, put on the armor of God, pray, and be alert with perseverance (Eph 6:10-19).

### **11. Have faith in God (Mk 11:22).**

Faith comes by hearing God's word (Ro 10:17). His steadfast love and faithfulness endures forever (Ps 117). By grace you are saved through faith, not work, it's a gift from God (Eph 2:8). Do not be anxious, but pray with thanksgiving (Php 4:6). Faith can move mountains (Mt 21:21). For those who love God, all things work together for good (Ro 8:28).

### **12. Love God, and love people (Mt 22:37-40).**

We love because God first loved us (1 Jn 4:19). Nothing can separate us from God's love through Jesus (Ro 8:38-39). Love reflects grace and truth (Jn 1:17). Love is patient, kind, not envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, irritable, or resentful, and does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in truth (1 Cor 13:4-6). Love earnestly, as love covers sins (1 Pt 4:8).

# Highlights of the Life of Jesus – According to each chapter of the Gospel of Matthew

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**1.** Mary becomes pregnant by the Holy Spirit and an angel tells Her husband, Joseph, about it, and says they should name him Jesus, and that he will save people from sin. **2.** Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and wise men visit and bring gifts. An angel warns Joseph in a dream that the ruler, Herod, wants to kill Jesus. They flee to Egypt. Later, after Herod dies, an angel tells Joseph in a dream, to return to Israel. They move to Nazareth, in the region of Galilee, where Jesus is raised. **3.** John the Baptist (cousin of Jesus) is baptizing people when Jesus comes to him to be baptized. As Jesus was baptized God spoke from heaven and declared Jesus is His Son. **4.** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to fast for forty days, then to be tempted by the devil. Temptation one was of food, temptation two was to get Jesus to put himself in harm's way to tempt God to supernaturally intervene and save him. Temptation three was pride, as the devil offered Jesus power and status. In all three temptations Jesus quoted God's word after saying, it is written. Jesus then told Satan to be gone. He begins his ministry, calls his first disciples and starts teaching and healing in Galilee. He draws big crowds. **5.** Jesus starts his famous speech, the Sermon on the Mount, or the Beatitudes, which continues through chapter 7. Jesus said... Blessed are the poor in spirit, who mourn, the meek, who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and who is persecuted for righteousness or for the sake of Jesus. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine. Jesus did not come to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them. Be careful with anger. If you look at another with lust, you commit adultery in your heart. Be careful with divorce, and oaths. Turn the other cheek. Love your enemies. **6.** Give to the needy. Pray like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by thine name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Fast. Lay up treasure in heaven. Do not be anxious, seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and your needs will be met. **7.** Judge not, so you will not be judged. For how you judge, you will be judged. Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened. Do to people as you would have them do to you. Jesus warns of false prophets, and says you will know them by their fruit. Not everyone who claims to believe Jesus is Lord will get into heaven, but those who do the will of God. Whoever hears the words of Jesus and does them will be like a man who built his house on rock. Whoever does not do them will be like a man who built his house on sand. **8.** Jesus continues teaching and healing. Jesus calms a storm. Jesus casts out demons. **9.** Jesus forgives sin and heals. A woman is healed after she comes up behind Jesus and just touches his clothes. Jesus raises a young woman from death. **10.** Jesus sends out his disciples, after a speech with some instructions and warnings. **11.** Jesus continues teaching. **12.** Jesus heals on the Sabbath. Some leaders claimed Jesus is casting out demons by the power of the devil. Jesus says a kingdom divided cannot stand. Jesus seems to get angry and tells them by their words they will be justified, or condemned. **13.** Jesus give parables of the sower and weeds, and others. Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth but they did not believe in him. **14.** Jesus feeds five thousand. Jesus walks on water, and calls Peter to come, and Peter walks on water until he becomes afraid. Jesus continues to heal. **15.** Jesus continues to teach and heal, and feeds four thousand. **16.** Jesus continues to teach, and asks Peter, who do you say I am? Jesus foretells his death and resurrection, and Peter takes Jesus aside to rebuke him, and says such a thing will not happen, then Jesus rebukes Peter. Jesus says to take up your cross and follow him. For whoever would save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for his sake will find it. **17.** Jesus invites Peter, and the brothers James and John to witness his transfiguration. **18.** Jesus says whoever humbles themselves like a child will be great in heaven. Jesus tells the parable of the shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to look for one lost sheep. Jesus tells them if someone sins against them that they should talk about it with them in private. Jesus tells the parable of the servant who was forgiven, but refused to forgive another, so he was put in prison. **19.** A rich man addresses Jesus as Master or Teacher, not as Lord, and asks, what must he "do" for eternal life. Their talk ends with him walking away sad. Jesus said it is difficult for rich people to enter the kingdom of heaven. The disciples ask Jesus, who then can be saved? Jesus tells them, with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. **20.** Jesus tells the parable of the master who hires different people to work his vineyard at different times of the day, but for the same price. The early workers complained that they should be paid more, but the master reminded them that they voluntarily agreed to the price. **21.** Jesus cleanses the temple. Priests asks Jesus where he gets his authority. **22.** Jesus gives the parable of the wedding feast. Some leaders question Jesus. Jesus said the greatest commandments are to love God and love people. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. **23.** Jesus gives seven woes to the religious leaders. **24.** Jesus teaches on the signs of the end times, and says the one who endures to the end will be saved, and concerning that day, no one knows. **25.** Jesus gives the parable of the ten virgins with lamps, and the three servants who received different amounts of talents. Jesus teaches about the final judgment. **26.** The last supper. Jesus foretells of his betrayal and Peter's denial. Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane. Judas was paid to guide some leaders, elders, and soldiers to arrest Jesus, and Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Peter attempted to defend Jesus, but Jesus rebuked him. Jesus was questioned by the high priest, and was labeled a blasphemer for claiming to be the Son of God, and was sentenced to death. **27.** Jesus is delivered to the Governor, Pilate, who declares Jesus undeserving of death. Some leaders manipulated the crowd to insist on crucifying Jesus. Jesus is mocked, then crucified beside a couple criminals, and dies. Jesus is wrapped and buried in a guarded tomb, because some leaders were afraid the disciples would steal the body and say he was resurrected. **28.** After Jesus was resurrected he first met with his mother Mary and Mary Magdalene. Some leaders bribed the guards to tell people the disciples stole the body. Jesus met with his disciples and gave them the Great Commission.