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**The teaching tonight is about language. Specifically, how Biblical language can permeate English and provide us with phrases and sayings we use in everyday speech.**





# Say What? New Testament





**The Bible is still the world's all-time best-selling book with 5 billion copies sold. A distant second is "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung," at 1.1 billion copies, followed by the Quran with 800 million.**



**The Bible's influence on culture and everyday language has endured for thousands of years, transcending generations, civilizations and cultures across the globe.**



**Its impact on society  
continues to this day,  
demonstrated in part by  
common sayings that  
originate from Scripture.**



**Biblically-rooted sayings  
endure since most people  
are unaware of the degree  
to which the Bible is woven  
into our modern lexicon.**



**It's important to note, the current meaning of each phrase does not necessarily align to its original context or intention. Definitions provided represent modern use which has shifted for many with time.**





**Let's look at some of the sayings found in today's English language that have a deep rooting in the New Testament Bible.**



**Definition:  
A difficult initial  
experience.**



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# Baptism Of Fire



**Matthew 3:11 (NIV)** "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

**Luke 3:16 (NIV)** "John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



# Definition:

**A person or group of people who are highly regarded for their kindness, honesty or reliability.**



# Salt Of The Earth





## **Matthew 5:13 (NLT)**

**"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless."**



**Definition:**  
**Go above and  
beyond what is  
necessary or  
expected.**



# Go The Extra Mile





# Matthew 5:41 (NIV)

**"If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."**



**Definition:**  
**To offer something  
prized, helpful or  
valuable to someone  
who does not  
appreciate it.**





# To Cast Pearls Before Swine



## Matthew 7:6 (NKJV)

**"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."**



**Definition:**

**To behave in a way  
that is proper  
or virtuous.**



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# Straight And Narrow



# Matthew 7:14 (KJV)

**"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."**



**Definition:**

**Someone who seems  
friendly or harmless,  
but is wicked and  
shouldn't be trusted.**



An open book with a wooden bookmark is shown in a soft, out-of-focus light. The pages are filled with text, which is partially legible as "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord." and "A fool also is full of words." The overall tone is warm and scholarly.

# Wolves In Sheep's Clothing



# Matthew 7:15 (NIV)

**"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."**



**Definition:  
A call for unity,  
lest a group  
disagree and  
falter.**





# **A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand**



**Matthew 12:25 (NIV)** "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.'"

**Mark 3:25 (NIV)** "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

**Luke 11:17 (NIV)** "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: 'Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.'"



# **Definition:**

**To stop using or doing something, particularly from lack of interest or focus on other priorities.**



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# Fall By The Wayside



**Matthew 13:4 (NKJV) "And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them."**

**Mark 4:4 (NKJV) "And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it."**



# **Definition:**

**A description for two or more people who are going astray through their own ignorance and incompetence.**





# The Blind Leading The Blind



## **Matthew 15:13-14 (NIV)**

**"Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."**



**Definition:**  
**Something that**  
**underscores the**  
**current state of**  
**society, usually**  
**negative.**



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# Sign Of The Times



## **Matthew 16:3 (ESV)**

**"And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."**



# **Definition:**

**A reference to a family member or relative.**

**Additionally used to describe human beings, often in relation to our limitations or flaws.**





# Flesh And Blood



**Matthew 16:17 (NIV)** "Jesus replied, '**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.**'"

**Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)** "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."



**Definition:**  
**A hardship or  
burden someone  
must endure.**



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# Cross To Bear



# Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.'"




**Definition:  
To achieve  
something that  
otherwise seems  
impossible.**



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# Move Mountains





**Matthew 17:20 (NIV)** "He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Matthew 21:21 (NIV)** "Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.'"



**Mark 11:23 (NIV)** "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."

**1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)** "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."



**Definition:**  
**An inescapable  
responsibility or  
heavy burden.**





# Millstone Around Your Neck



**Matthew 18:6 (NLT)** "But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."

**Mark 9:42 (NLT)** "But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck."

**Luke 17:2 (NLT)** "It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin."



# **Definition:**

**A warning against divorce, affirming God's intentions for marriage are greater than man's desires to separate.**



**What God Has  
Joined Together,  
Let No One  
Separate**



## **Matthew 19:6 (NIV)**

**"So they are no longer two,  
but one flesh.**

**Therefore what God has  
joined together, let no one  
separate."**



**Definition:**  
**The last possible  
moment before it's  
too late to act or  
intervene.**





# The Eleventh Hour



## **Matthew 20:6 (ESV)**


**"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'"**



# **Definition:**

**A lighthearted remark to imply most are unworthy of a particular task or endeavor and only a select few will succeed.**





**Many Are Called,  
But Few Are  
Chosen**



# Matthew 22:14

**"For many are called, but few are chosen."**



# Definition:

**An event or action  
(often ironic) that's  
certain to cause  
disaster, or  
something to fail.**



# Kiss Of Death





## Matthew 26:48-50 (NLT)

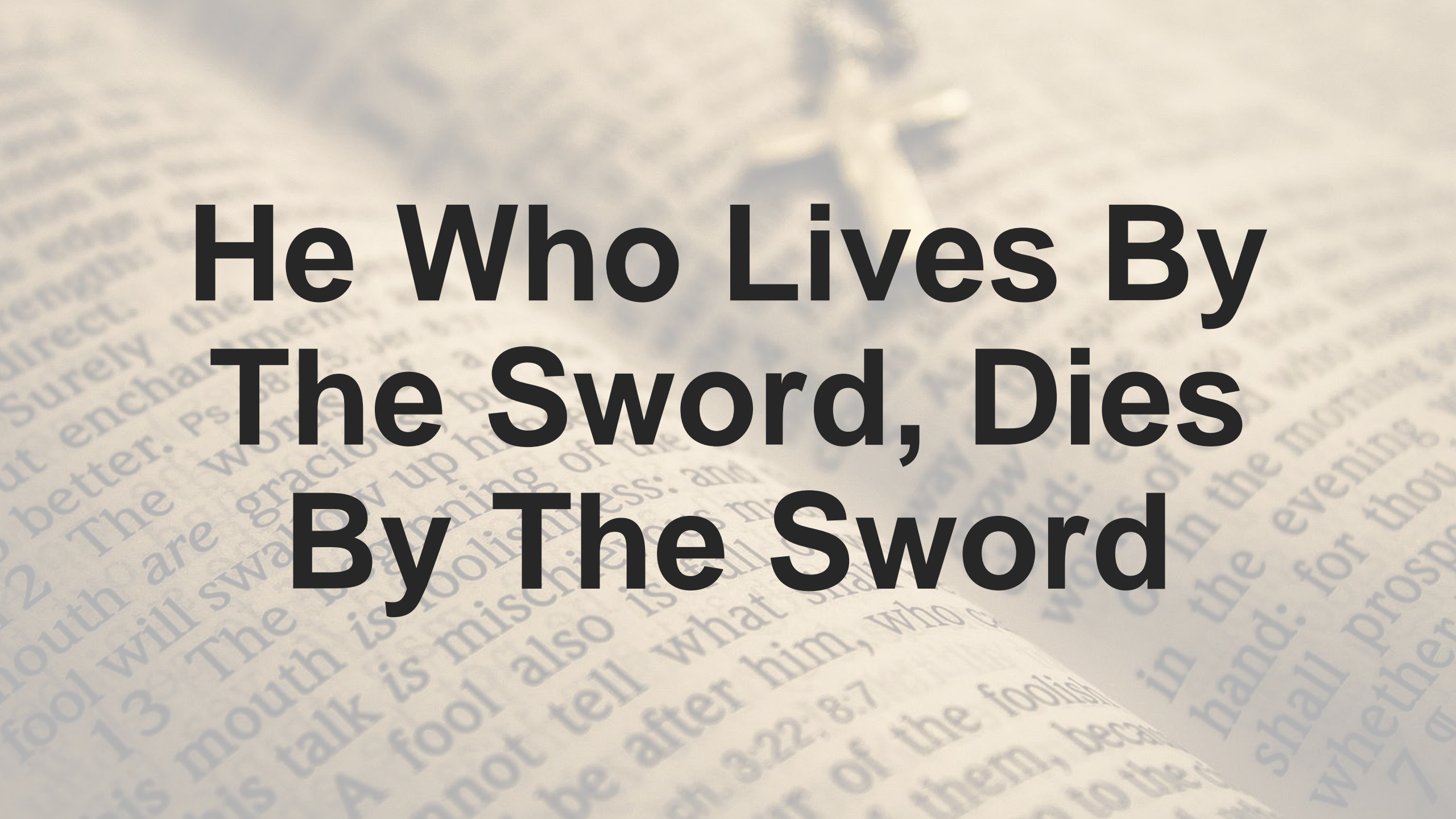
"The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: 'You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss.' So Judas came straight to Jesus. 'Greetings, Rabbi!' he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said, **'My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.'** Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him."



# Definition:

**The principle that those who commit acts of violence will ultimately fall victim to them in the future.**





**He Who Lives By  
The Sword, Dies  
By The Sword**



# Matthew 26:52 (NLT)

**"Put away your sword,"**  
**Jesus told him. "Those**  
**who use the sword will**  
**die by the sword."**



# Definition:

**To absolve responsibility  
for something  
contentious, therefore  
distancing oneself from  
possible future blame.**



# Wash Your Hands Of The Matter



## **Matthew 27:24 (NIV)**

**"Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!'"**



**Definition:**

**An exaggerated  
warning of harsh  
punishment.**



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# Head On A Platter



## Mark 6:25 (CSB)

**"At once she hurried to the king and said, 'I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a platter immediately.'"**



# **Definition:**

**A selfless person who  
helps someone  
(especially a stranger)  
in a time of need.**



# Good Samaritan





## **Luke 10:33 (NIV)**

**"But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion."**



**Definition:**

**Usually said in jest  
to rebuff someone's  
pessimistic attitude.**





# O Ye, Of Little Faith



**Luke 12:28 (KJV) "If then God  
so clothe the grass, which is  
to day in the field, and to  
morrow is cast into the oven;  
how much more will he clothe  
you, O ye of little faith?"**





# Definition: To die.





# Give Up The Ghost



**Luke 23:46 (KJV)** "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."**

**John 19:30 (KJV)** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **"It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."**

**Acts 12:23 (KJV)** "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."



**Definition:**  
**Be the first to judge  
something or  
someone critically.**



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# Throw The First Stone




**John 8:7 (NLT)** "They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"



# **Definition:**

**Knowing and accepting  
the truth of a matter  
brings clarity, releasing  
any burden of  
ignorance or a lie.**





# The Truth Will Set You Free



# John 8:32 (NIV)

**"Then you will know  
the truth, and the truth  
will set you free."**



# Definition:

**It is more fulfilling and morally virtuous to give something than to receive something.**





# Better To Give Than Receive



## **Acts 20:35 (NLT)**

**"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus:**

**'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"**



# **Definition:**

**A person or group of people who act independently, ignoring social and moral norms or expectations.**





# A Law Unto Themselves



## **Romans 2:14 (KYV)**

**"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves."**



**Definition:**

**A reference to  
the authorities of  
people in control.**





# The Powers That Be



## **Romans 13:11 (KJV)**

**"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."**



**Definition:**  
**Something that happens very quickly.**



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# Twinkling Of An Eye



# **1 Corinthians 15:52 (NIV)**

**"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."**



# **Definition:**

**To the fullness and precise wording of the law, with no consideration to any perceived intent or spirit in which it was written.**





# Letter Of The Law



## **2 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)**

**"He has made us competent  
as ministers of a new  
covenant - not of the letter but  
of the Spirit; for the letter kills,  
but the Spirit gives life."**



**Definition:**  
**To fall out of favor,**  
**usually following**  
**unfavorable**  
**conduct.**



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# Fall From Grace



## **Galatians 5:4 (NASB)**

**"You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."**



# **Definition:**

**Often used as a warning to convey the moral principle that our actions carry consequences.**





# Reap What You Sow



# Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

**"Do not be deceived:  
God cannot be  
mocked. A man reaps  
what he sows."**



**Definition:**

**Something primarily  
completed for  
pleasure, not money  
or reward.**



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# Labor Of Love



# 1 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)

**"Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."**



# Definition:

**The principle that the love of money will result in greed, selfishness and wicked behavior.**





**The Love Of  
Money Is The  
Root Of All Evil**



## **1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)**

**"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."**



# **Definition:**

**An encouragement to  
persist and overcome  
any difficulties, by  
doing what is right.**





# Fight The Good Fight



## **1 Timothy 6.12 (NLT)**

**"Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses."**



# **Definition:**


**A catastrophic event or conflict that may bring about, or is compared to, the end of the world.**



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# Armageddon





# Revelation 16:16 (NIV)

"Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon."



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