

# 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. The reference links are mostly from the [Authorized KJV from the Electronic Text Center](#), (University of Virginia) which also cites the [Apocrypha Books \(as defined in Easton's Bible Dictionary\)](#).*

Biblical <b>'Word'</b> or <b>'Phrase'</b> , (Secular <b>Phrase</b> )	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](#)
  - Golden Rule Principal: 'Do unto others as you ...' \_ \_ [Lu 6:31](#) , Mt 7:12
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, [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, [8 to 12 items.](#) , [10/06 added]
  - (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"> <li>1. 'O man' (Oh man)                    1. <a href="#">Ro 9:20</a></li> <li>2. 'God save the king'                2. <a href="#">I Sam 12:24</a></li> <li>3. 'concourse'                            3. <a href="#">Pv 1:21</a>, <a href="#">Act</a></li> <li>4. 'mart' (market)                        4. <a href="#">Is 23:3</a> <a href="#">5505</a></li> <li>5. 'traffickers'                            5. <a href="#">Is 23:8</a></li> <li>6. 'traffick' (traffic)                    6. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>7. 'president(s)'                         7. <a href="#">Dan 6:2</a></li> <li>8. 'confederate'                         8. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>9. 'debate'                                 9. <a href="#">Ro 1:29</a></li> <li>10. 'liberal'                                10. <a href="#">List</a>, <a href="#">2 Cor 9</a></li> </ol>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'mown grass' (mow the grass)</li> <li>2. 'pulse' (eat your vegetables)</li> <li>3. 'lick up' (beat up, wipe out)</li> <li>4. 'he went up to my couch' (couch)</li> <li>5. 'advertise'</li> <li>6. 'what if'</li> <li>7. south is 'down'</li> <li>8. 'backsliding'</li> <li>9. 'new testament'</li> <li>10. 'scum'</li> </ol> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Ps 72:6</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Dan 1:8-16</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Nu 22:4</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Ge 49:4</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">Nu 24:14</a></li> <li>6. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>7. <a href="#">Gen 43:1-5</a></li> <li>8. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>9. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>10. <a href="#">Eze 24</a></li> </ol> </td> </tr> </table>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'mown grass' (mow the grass)</li> <li>2. 'pulse' (eat your vegetables)</li> <li>3. 'lick up' (beat up, wipe out)</li> <li>4. 'he went up to my couch' (couch)</li> <li>5. 'advertise'</li> <li>6. 'what if'</li> <li>7. south is 'down'</li> <li>8. 'backsliding'</li> <li>9. 'new testament'</li> <li>10. 'scum'</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Ps 72:6</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Dan 1:8-16</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Nu 22:4</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Ge 49:4</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">Nu 24:14</a></li> <li>6. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>7. <a href="#">Gen 43:1-5</a></li> <li>8. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>9. - <a href="#">List</a></li> <li>10. <a href="#">Eze 24</a></li> </ol>
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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](#), [Mt 25:14](#) ;
10. 'meddle to thy hurt' (shoot yourself in the foot) \_ \_ [II Chr 25](#) , [II Kg 14](#) , [Ps 15:4](#)

1. 'how do you do'(?)	1. <a href="#">Jer 15:56</a>	1. heaven (life) = 'up', hell = 'down'	1. <a href="#">Pv 15:24</a>
2. 'haunt' (hang out)	2. <a href="#">I Sam</a>	2. 'by little and little' (little by little)	2. <a href="#">Exo Deu</a>
3. 'causeway'	3. <a href="#">I Chr 26:</a>	3. 'posts' (letters)(USPS)	3. <a href="#">Est 8:10</a>
4. 'pavement'	4. <a href="#">II Chr 7:3</a>	4. 'clear' of guilt, (clear conscience)	4. <a href="#">II Cor 7:11</a>
5. (damage) 'endamage'	5. <a href="#">Ezra 4:13</a>	5. 'passed away' (meaning: died)	5. <a href="#">Ps 37:36</a>
6. 'maintenance'	6. <a href="#">Ezra 4:14</a>	6. 'passed' (died + gone to heaven)	6. <a href="#">Heb 4:14</a>
7. 'pictures'	7. <a href="#">Nu 33:52</a>	7. 'in a moment' (minute)	7. <a href="#">I Cor 15</a>
8. 'as it were' (idiom)	8. <a href="#">Rev 12:</a>	8. (I told you so.) 'told not I thee'	8. <a href="#">Nu 23:26</a>
9. 'the powers that be'	9. <a href="#">Ro 13:1</a>	9. (first come, first served)	9. <a href="#">Jn 5:4</a>
10. 'skin of my teeth'	10. <a href="#">Job 19:20</a>	10. 'meteyard' (meter?, yard?)	10. <a href="#">Lev 19:35</a>

1. (wolves in sheep's clothing). \_ \_ [Mt 7:15](#)
2. "More modern words": 'engines, invent, merchandise, covert, wardrobe, booty, craft, usury, pine, perjured'

1. 'network'	1. - <a href="#">List 1</a>	1. 'college'	1. <a href="#">II Kg 22:14</a>
2. 'networks'	2. - <a href="#">List 2</a>	2. 'stuff '	2. - <a href="#">List</a>
3. 'highway'	3. - <a href="#">Isa List</a>	3. 'birthday'	3. - <a href="#">List</a>
4. 'suburbs'	4. - <a href="#">List</a>	4. 'fort'	4. - <a href="#">List</a>
5. 'baptize'	5. - <a href="#">List</a>	5. 'lovingkindness'	5. - <a href="#">List</a>
6. 'baptized'	6. - <a href="#">List</a>	6. 'tire'	6. - <a href="#">List</a>
7. 'policy'	7. <a href="#">Dan 8:25</a>	7. 'you all' (you all)	7. - <a href="#">List</a>
8. 'penknife'	8. <a href="#">Jer 36:23</a>	8. 'but God'	8. - <a href="#">List 24</a>
9. 'execration' (curse)	9. <a href="#">Jer 42:18</a>	9. 'apple of his eye'	9. - <a href="#">List</a>
10. 'furbish' (refurbish)	10. <a href="#">Eze 21:11</a>	10. 'pavilion'	10. - <a href="#">List</a>

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## 'Motivations?'



**H**ow do I know that God is active in the lives of people and of nations? *He is involved so that: 'he or they' "shall know that I am the Lord God".*



**H**ow 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](#)

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- » [Bible Reading In Chronological Order.html](#) , 1 year Bible as history Reading Chart , from *Into Thy Word Ministries*. [ 2 pgs. [PDF](#) ] (file)
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