

Obedience	Ex 14:23; Mt 16:27; Jo 8:31-32, 14:21,23; Jam 1:25	Strength	Ps 73:25,26; Is 40:29,31; 1Co 1:8; Eph 3:20; 1Pe 5:10; 2Th 3:3
Peace	Jo 14:27; Is 26:3,12; Rom 14:19; Ps 119:165	Suffering	Ps 34:19; Nah 1:7; Jo 16:33; Rom 8:16,17; 1Pe 2:20-21, 4:12-13
Persecution	Mt 5:11-12; Heb 13:5-6; 1Pe 4:14	Temptation	1Co 10:12-13; Heb 2:18; 2PE 2:9; Ps 119:11, Jam 1:2-3, 12-14; 4:7; 1Pe 5:8-9; Eph 6:10-11, 16
Procrastination	Is 55:6; Pro 27:1, 29:1; Mt 24:44		
Rebellion	Heb 13:17; 1Sa 15:23; Is 1:19,20 1Pe 2:13-15; Phl 2:5-8	The Holy Spirit	Jol 2:29; Lk 11:13; Jo 14:16-17; Act 2:38; Rom 8:11
Salvation by Grace alone	Jo 1:12, 3:16, 36; Act 10:43, 16:31; Rom 10:9,10; Mt 1:21; Eph 2:8; Heb 7:25	Trials & Tribulations	Jo 14:1; Rom 8:28; 1Pe 5:7; Phl 4:6-7; Ps 138:7; Is 43:2
Salvation by works	Rom 3: 23-25; Jo 1:12; Act 16:31; 2Tm 1:12	Understanding God, lack of	Is 55:8,9; Jer 33:3; Rom 8:31; 1Pe 4:12,13
Salvation by righteous living	Gal 2:16; Rom 3:19, 20; Jam 2:10; Mt 5:20; Jo 3:36, 6:29b	Unpardonable sin	Mt 12:31, 32
Salvation by Church Membership	Heb 12:14; 1Co 6:9, 10; Ti 1:16; Jam 2:14; Jo 3:3b; 1Jo 2:29, 5:4,5	Weakness	Ps 72:13; Is 41:10; Rom 8:26; 1Co 1:7-9; 2Co 4:7-9, 12:9-10
Salvation by feelings	Pro 14:12; Ti 1:2; Jo 3:36;	Worry	1Pe 5:7; Is 26:3; Phl 4:6, 19; Ps 4:7-8, 91:1-2, 119:165; Pro 3:24, Jo 14:27
Sickness	Ps 23:4, 73:26; Is 57:18; Mt 8:16-17; Jo 16:33; Ro 8:37-39; Jam 5:14,15		
Sin, Christ died for	1Co 15:1-4; Col 1:19, 20; Rom 5:6-11; Is 53: 5,6		
Sin	Rom 3:22b,23; 1Jo 1:8, 10; Mt.22: 37,38; Ps 130:3		
Sins Consequences	Is 57:20, 21; Jo 3:18, 36, 8:24b; Heb 11:6; Rom 6:23; Rev. 21:8		
Sorrowful	1Th 4:13-14; Mt 5:4; Ps 23:4; 2Ch 5:8; Is 41:10, 49:13; Rev 21:4		

The Use of Scripture in Helping Others

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:13

With these verses we understand that the Holy Spirit is the supreme counselor and the Scriptures are His unchanging source of truth. Therefore, when we open the Scriptures for ourselves and others, we find that which teaches us, convicts us of sin, shows us corrective action, and generally trains us to serve God in righteousness.

The purpose of this sheet is to provide you with a number of common issues and topics people bring up when discussing faith so you can provide them with Scriptural responses that the Spirit will use to change lives.

You should read through the list of topics so you will be familiar with what resources are at your finger tips and you can be prepared. It is also helpful to understand on some occasions you be prepared to say "I don't know the answer to that, but I will find out and get back with you." You do not necessarily need to lookup and read each Scripture reference ahead of time, but the more you know, the better you will be equipped to be an instrument in the Masters hands.

There is a list of Bible book abbreviations that might not be common to you, but are used here to conserve space.

When talking with an individual (or small group) and some issue comes up, you may just say "I have some Scripture references I think it would be helpful for us to lookup and read together. Some of these Scriptures are very clear and to the point, others will require some thought and explanation. So always pray at each opportunity and seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit who "will guide you into all truth." It is also helpful to use experiences in your own life to illustrate what you are sharing. Just remember, our goal is to show how Christ has made a difference in your life, not to glorify your sinfulness.

I would also be grateful if you would help me add to this list with other Scripture references and topics.

Bible Book Abbreviations

Gen- Genesis Ex- Exodus Lev- Leviticus Num- Numbers Du-Deuteronomy Jos - Joshua Jud - Judges Rut - Ruth 1Sa or 2 Sa 1& 2 Samuel 1Ki or 2 Ki 1&2 Kings 1Ch or 2 Ch 1&2 Chronicles	Ezr - Ezra Ne- Nehemiah Est- Esther Job- Job Ps- Psalms Pro- Proverbs Ec- Ecclesiastes Sos- Song of Solomon Is- Isaiah Jer- Jeremiah Lam- Lamentations Ezk- Ezekiel	Dan- Daniel Hos- Hosea Jol- Joe Am- Amos Obd- Obadiah Jna- Jonah Mic- Micah Nah- Nahum Hab- Habakkuk Zep- Zephaniah Hag- Haggai Zec- Zechariah Ma - Malachi	Mt- Matthew Mk- Mark Lk- Luke Jo - John Act - Acts Rom- Romans 1Co or 2Co- 1&2 Corinthians Gal - Galatians Eph- Ephesians Phl- Philippians Col- Colossians 1Th or 2 Th 1&2 Thessalonians	1Tm-1 Timothy 2Tm- 2 Timothy Ti- Titus Phi- Philemon Heb- Hebrews Jam- James 1Pe- 1 Peter 2Pe- 2 Peter 1Jo- 1 John 2Jo- 2 John 3Jo- 3 John Jde- Jude Rev- Revelation
Circumstance	Scripture	Answered Prayer	Ps 65:2,5; Mt 7:7-11, 21:22; 1Pe 3:12; 1Jo 5:14,15	
“Christians are inconsistent”	Rom 14:12; Rom 2:1; Mt 7:1-5;		Are in Need	Is 58:11; Jo 6:35; 2Cor 9:10,11; Eph 3:20,21; Phl 4:19
“God won’t receive me”	Jo 6:37; Rom 10:13			Assurance of Salvation
“God seems unjust”	Job 40:2; Rom 9:20, 11:33; Is 55:8,9; Heb 12:5,6		Blessings	Ps 128:5,6; Ezk 34:26; Jo 1:16, 10:10; Rom 8:28; Eph 1:3
“I have tried and failed’	Luke 22:31-32; Is 40:29-31; 1Jo 5:4		Can’t stop sinning	Gal. 6:7,8; Phl 4:13; Jo 8:36;
Can’t interpret Bible	1Cor 2:14, 13:11,12; Rom 11:33; Ps 119:18		Christ’s Return	Jo 14:2,3; Act 1:11; 1Th4:16,17; Rev 1:7
“I don’t feel saved”	Gal 5:22; Act 5:32; 1Pe 1:8; Mt 10:32; Eph 1:13; Rom 10:10; Is 55:7; Jo 1:12; Act 16:31		Depression	Du 31:8; Ps 34:18; Is 49:13-15; Rom 5:5
“I am too great a sinner”	I Ti 1:15; Ro 5:6, 8; Is 1:18; Lk 19:10; Jo 6:37		Disappoint-ment	Ps 22:4,5; Is 49:23; Mt 19:25,26; Mk 9:21-24; Jo 15:7; Eph 2:20
“It’s too late for me”	Du 4:30,31; 2Pe 3:9; Rev 22:17		Discourage-ment	Gal 6:9; Ps 27:14, 31:24; Phl 1:6, 4:6
“Too much to give up”	Mk 8:36; Ps 84:11; Rom 8:32; 1Jo 2:15-17; Phl 3:7,8		Doubting	Ps 34:22; Is 55:11, 59:1; Mk 11:24, Jo 1:12, 11:25-26; Rom 4:5; 1Jo 4:15-16, 10:17; 1Th 5:24; Heb 7:25; 1Jo 5:13; 2Pe 3:9
Anger	Jam 1:19,20; Eph 4:26, 31-32; Mt 6:14; Pro 14:29, 16:32; Ps 37:8			

Encourage	Ps 10:17; Jer 29:11; 1Th 5:23; 2Th 2:16,17; Heb 6:10; 1Pe 2:9	God's Love for Us	Jo 3:16; Rom 5:6,8; 1Jo 4:10
Everlasting Life	Job 19:25-27; Jo 6:40, 10:28; 1Co 15:51,52; 1Th 4:17	God's Presence	Jos 1:5; Ps 46:1,7; Mt 18:20, 28:20; Jo 6:37; Rom 8:38,39
Excellence	Jos 1:7; Pro 16:3; Mt 20:26-28 Jo 14:12, 15:15-16; 2Cor 3:5-6	Grieving	Ps 119:50,76-77; Jer 31:13; Mt 5:4; Jo 16:20-22; 1Th 4:13,14; Rev 21:3,4
Failure	Jos 1:9; Rom 3:23-24, 5:8; Heb 10:36; 1Jo 1:8-9	Growth	Ps 92:12,14; 2Co 3:18; Eph 4:14,15; Phl 1:6; 2Pe 1:3,4
Fear of Failure	Jo 10:28,29; 1Pe 1:5; 2Ti 1:12; Ro 14:4; 2Th 3:3	Guidance	Ps 31:3, 32:8, 37:23, 48:14, 119:105; Pro 3:6, 16:3; Jo 16:13; Is 58:11; Jos 1:8
Fear	2Tm 1:7; Ps 23:4-5, 27:1, 46:1, 56:11, 91:1, 10-11; Pro 3:25-26; 1Jo 4:18	Guilt	2Sa 14:14; Ps 130:3-4; Rom 8: 1-2; 1Cor 6:11; Eph 3:12; Heb 10:22,23
Fear lost status	Mk 8:36; Mt 6:33	Hard heart	Ez 36:26,27
Fear of Persecution	2Tim 3:12; Mt 5:10-12; Mk 8:35, 38; Rom 8:18	Impatience	Ps 27:13-14, 37:7-9; Rom 2:7; 1Ti 1:16; Heb 6:12; 1 Pe 3:9
Fear loss of friends	Pro 13:20; Ps 1:1-2; 1Jo 1:3; Jam 4:4	Joy	Ps 16:11, 90:14; Jo 15:10-11, 16:22; Rom 16:13; 1Pet 1:8
Fear of Ridicule	Pro 29:25; Mk 8:38	Loneliness	Jo 14:8; Is 41:10; Mt 28:20; Heb 13:5; Ps 27:10
Filled with Longing	Ps 37:4, 84:11, 103:5; Lk 12:29-31	Love	Ps 89:38; Is 54:10; Jer31:3-4a; Mt 10:30,31; Jo 3:16, 15:9; 1Jo 4:9
Financial	3Jo 2; Ps 23:1, 34:10, 37:25; Mt 6:33, 10:8; 19:29; Phl 4:19, Mal 3:10; Lk 6:38; 1Co 16:2; 2Co 9:7-8	Lukewarm	Pro 14:14; 1Jo 1:9; 2Ch 7:14; 1Ki 11:9; Jer 2:5, 13, 19, 3:12, 22; Rev 3:14-22
Forgiveness	2Ch 7:14; Ps 103:8-12; Jer 31:34; Lk 15:3-7; Act 10:43; Eph 1:7; 1Jo 1:9	Marriage Problems	Eph 4:31-32; 5:21-33, Gen 2:18
Freedom	Ps 119:32, 146 :7; Jo 8:34-36; Ro 6:6,14,20-22; 2Cor3:17; Rev 1:5	Feel need to be good	Mt 9:12-13, Is 64:6
God is too good to damn any one	Jo 3:36, 5:40; Ezk 33:11		