

Scriptures For Commonly Asked Questions

“There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord” (Proverbs 21:30).

1. Alcohol see also <i>“Freedom House’s Position on Drinking Alcohol”</i>
Pr 20:1 / 23:19-21, 29-35 / Is 5:11-12 / 1 Ti 3:3, 8
2. Anger / Wrath
Pr 10:12 / 14:16-17, 29 / 15:1-2, 18 / 16:21, 32 / 17:27-28 / 19:11, 19, 22 / 20:3, 22 / 21:23 / 22:24-25 / 24:29 / 27:4 / 29:11, 22 / Ep 4:26-32 / Col 3:8
3. Backsliding
Ps 85:8 / Pr 14:14 / Is 1:4 / Jeremiah 3:12 / Hosea 11:7 / Mk 4:13-20 / Lu 9:62 / Galatians 4:9 / He 6:4-8 / 10:35-39 / 2 Pe 2:20-22
4. Baptism of the Holy Spirit – see also <i>Praying in Other Tongues</i>
Joel 2:28-32 / Lu 11:9-13 / 24:49 / Ac 1:8 / 2:1-21 / 8:14-20 / 10:44-48 / 19:1-7 / Ro 8:26-27 / 1 Co 14:2, 13-19, 39
5. Confession
Jos 1:8 / Pr 12:14a / 13:2-3 / 15:4 / 18:7, 20-21 / 21:23 / Mt 12:33-37 / Ja 3:1-12
6. Co-signing
Pr 6:1-5 / 11:15 / 17:18 / 22:26-27
7. Discipline / Correction / The Rod
Pr 13:24 / 15:5, 10, 12, 31 / 19:18, 20 / 22:6, 15 / 23:13-14 / 29:15, 17 / He 12:3-11
8. Divorce / Separation (3 scriptural rights of divorce: the unbeliever departs, fornication “adultery”, or death)
Mt 5:31-32 - fornication / 19:3-10 – fornication / Mk 10:2-12 / Lu 16:18 / Ro 7:1-3 – death / 1 Co 7:10-12 / 13-16 – the unbeliever departs
9. Faith
Mk 9:23 / 11:22-24 / 6 steps to use your faith: Ro 4:1-25 – 1) vs. 17 “Call those things which be not as though they were”, 2) vs. 18 “Against hope believe in hope... according to that which was spoken”, 3) vs. 19 “By faith, consider not the problem”, 4) vs. 20 “Stagger not through unbelief, give glory to God”, 5) vs. 21 “Be fully persuaded He is able”, 6) vs. 22 “Imputed”, it means that God accepts your faith / Ro 1:17 & Heb 10:38 – live by faith / Ro 10:17 – comes by hearing / 14:23 / 2 Co 5:7 – walk by faith / Ga 5:6 / Ep 3:17 – Christ dwells in our hearts by faith / He 11:1-29 – hall of faith / 12:2 – author & finisher / Ja 2:14-26 – without works is dead / 1 Jn 5:4-5 – overcome by faith
10. Faithfulness
Pr 20:6 / Mt 24:45-47 / 25:21-24 / Lu 12:42-48 / 16:10-12 / 19:17 / 1 Co 4:1-2 / 1 Ti 1:11-12 / Re 17:14
11. Fasting
Is 58:6-12 / Mt 6:16-18 / 1 Corinthians 7:5
12. Fear
Pr 29:25 / Je 1:8 / 2 Ti 1:7
13. Fear of the Lord
Job 28:28 / Ps 19:9 / 111:10 / 147:11 / Pr 1:7 / 8:13 / 19:23 / Eccl 12:13-14 / Je 2:19 / Mt 10:28 / 2 Co 7:1 / Ephesians 5:21 / Ph 2:12 / He 12:28-29
14. Forgiveness
Ps 32:1 / 103:3,11-18 / Mt 6:14-15 / 18:21-35 / Mk 11:25 / Lu 17:3-4 / Eph 1:7 / 4:32 / Col 3:13 / 1 Jn 1:8-9
15. Fornication / Adultery / Perversion (p) (The Greek word for fornication is “porneia”)

Ex 20:14 / Le 18:20 / Pr 2:10-22 / 5:1-23 / 6:20-29, 32-35 / 7:1-27 / 9:13-18 / 11:6 / 14:2(p) / 23:26-28 / 28:18(p) / Mt 5:27-32 / 6:22-23 – <i>the eye</i> / Lu 11:33-36 – <i>the eye</i> / 1 Co 6:9-20 / Gal 5:16-26 – <i>walk in the Spirit</i> / Ep 5:1-14 / Col 3:1-11 – <i>idolatry</i> / 1 Th 4:1-8 / 1 Pet 2:11-12 / 1 John 2:15-17 / Rev 22:14-15
16. Giving
Le 25:35 / De 15:7 / 16:17 – <i>as able</i> / Pr 11:24-26 / 28:27 – <i>to the poor</i> / Mt 10:8 / Lu 6:38 / 12:33 / Ac 11:29 / 2 Co 8:1-9:15 – <i>as able</i> / 9:6-15
17. Healing – see “Freedom House’s Position on Healing”
Ex 15:26 / Nu 21:4-8 / De 28:61 / Jos 1:8 / Ps 103:1-5 / 107:20 / Is 53:4-5 / Mt 4:23 / 8:1-3,5-17 / chapter 9 / 10:1 / 12:10-13,22 / 14:14,34-36 / 15:30-31 / 17:14-18 / 20:34 / 21:14 / Mk 1:30-45 / 2:1-12 / 3:1-5,10-11 / 5:21-34 / 7:24-37 / 9:14-29 / 10:46-52 – <i>by faith</i> / 11:22-24 / 16:15-18 / Lu 7:21 / Ro 4:13-25 / Ga 3:13 / Ja 5:14-15 / 1 Pe 2:24
18. Healthy Relationships
<i>Communication</i> – Ps 19:14 / Prov 12:18 / 17:27 / 18:13 / 20:19 / Mat 7:3 / James 1:19 <i>Conflict Resolution</i> – Prov 14:29/17:14/Eccl 7:8-9 / Matt 18:15-20 / Rom 12:17, 19 / Col 3:19 / 1 The 5:11 <i>Family & Friends</i> – Prov 13:20 / 14:7 / 27:6, 9 / 1 Cor 15:33 <i>Loving Your Spouse</i> – Matt 7:12 / John 13:14-15, 34 / Roman 12:9-10, 20-21 / 1 Cor 13:4-7 / Gal 6:9 / 1 Peter 4:8 <i>Marriage (see also Marriage below)</i> – Eccl 4:9-11 / Prov 31:10, 11 / Amos 3:3 / Mat 18:19 <i>Parenting</i> – Deut 6:6-7 / Ex 20:12 / Lev 19:32 / Psalm 127:3 / Prov 13:24/22:6 / Math 19:13-15 / Eph 6:1-2 / Col 3:21 <i>Personality Issues</i> – Prov 11:11-13/12:22, 25/17:22/25:19 / Matt 6:34 / 2 Peter 1:5-6 <i>Praise Each Other</i> – Prov 12:18/15:1,30/25:11,15 / Eph 4:29,32 / 1 Thess 5:11 <i>Self-Control</i> – Prov 25:28 / Gal 5:22-23 / 2 Tim 1:7 / Titus 2:2 / 1 Peter 1:13 / 2 Peter 1:5,6
19. Homosexuality see also “Freedom House Position on Homosexuality”
Gen 19:1-25 / Ex 22:19 / Le 18:22 / 20:13,15-16 / De 23:17 / 1 K 14:24 / 15:12 / 22:46 / / Ro 1:23-32 / 1 Cor 6:9-11 NKJV
20. It is Not About Us!
Zec 4:6 / Jn 3:27 / 1 Co 2:1-5 / 2 Co 13:4 / Ga 2:20 / Ph 4:13 / 1 Jn 4:4
21. Lawsuits
Pr 25:8 NKJV / Mt 5:38-40 / 18:15-17 / 1 Co 6:1-8
22. Love Your Neighbor
Ex 20:12-17 / Pr 11:12 / Mt 22:34-40 / Mk 12:28-34 / Jn 13:35-35 / 15:13 / Ro 13:10 / 1 Co 13:1-13 / Ga 5:6,14,22 / Ep 3:17 / Col 3:13-15 / 1 Ti 6:10-12 / Ja 2:8 / 1 Jn 3:16 / 4:16
23. Lying
Ex 20:16 / Ps 52:1-7 / 119:29 / Pr 6:16-19 / 11:1,18 / 12:19,22 / 13:5 / 14:5,25 / 17:4,7 / 19:5 – <i>no escape</i> ,9,22 / Col 3:9-10 / Re 21:8
24. Marriage
Ge 2:18-25 / De 24:1-5 / Mal 2:13-16 / Mt 5:31-32 / 19:1-12 / Mk 10:2-12 / Jn 4:6-26 / Ro 7:1-3 / 1 Co 6:16 / 7:1-40 / Ep 5:19-33 / Col 3:18-19 / 1 Pe 3:1-7
25. Money
Pr 10:15,22 / 11:4,24-25,28 / 12:13-34 / 13:7-8,11,22 / 14:20 / 15:16-17 / 15:27 – <i>greedy for gain</i> / 16:8,16 / Mt 22:15-21 – <i>taxes</i> / 1 Ti 6:10 – <i>the love of money</i>
26. Obedience / Parents
De 5:29 / 21:18-21 – <i>the rebellious son</i> / 27:16 / 1 S 15:22 – <i>better than sacrifice</i> / Pr 1:8-9 / 16:20-23 / 19:16,26 / 20:20 / 23:22,24-25 / 30:11-14,17 / Mt 7:21 / Ep 6:1-3 / Col 3:20 / Ja 1:25 / Re 22:14
27. Offense
Ps 119:165 / Pr 18:19 / Lu 7:23 / Ro 14:20-23 / Ro 16:17 / 1 Co 3:7 TLB / 8:13 / 10:32 / 13:4-8 NLT / 2 Co 6:1-4 / 11:29 / Ph 1:9-11 / Ja 3:1-2
28. Prayer

Ps 37:4 / 91:15 / Pr 15:8 / Je 33:3 / Mt 6:5-13 / 18:19 – agreement / 26:39-41 / Mk 11:22-24 / Lu 11:1-13 / 18:1 / Jn 14:14 / 15:7 / 16:23-24 / Ep 1:15-23 / 3:14-21 / 6:18 / Ph 4:6 / Col 1:9-14 / 1 Th 5:17 / Ja 5:13-18 / 1 Jn 3:22 / 5:14 – according to His will

29. Praying in Other Tongues – see also Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Is 28:11-12 / **6 steps to speak with new tongues:** **1)** You must first be saved – Ac 19:2 **2)** If you ask for it, He will give it to you – Lu 11:13 **3)** You will do the praying – 1 Co 14:18 **4)** You will not understand what you are praying – 1 Co 14:14 **5)** You are speaking to God – 1 Co 14:2 **6)** You are praying God’s will – Ro 8:26-27 / **10 things praying in tongues are for:** **1)** To pray when you don’t know what to pray – Ro 8:26 **2)** To pray God’s will when you don’t know God’s will – Ro 8:27 **3)** To speak to God and not to man – 1 Co 14:2 **4)** To speak the language of angels – 1 Co 13:1 **5)** To pray in the Spirit – 1 Co 14:13 **6)** To sing in the Spirit – 1 Co 14:15 **7)** To magnify God – Acts 10:46 **8)** To give thanks well – 1 Co 14:17 **9)** To stay filled with the Spirit – Ep 5:17-20 **10)** To edify (build up) yourself on your faith – 1 Co 14:4, Jude 1:20

30. Repentance

2 Chron 7:14 / Ps 34:18 / 51:17 / Pr 1:23 / 28:13 / Is 55:7 / Je 3:12 / Eze 14:6 / 18:21 / 33:11 / Joel 2:12-13 / Zech 1:3 / Mt 3:1-2 / Lu 13:1-3 / 15:7 / Ac 3:19 / 8:21-22 / 2 Co 7:10 / 2 Peter 3:9 / 1 John 1:5-10

31. Salvation

Ps 27:1 / 62:2 / Jn 3:1-8,16-17 / 2 Co 6:2 – now is the day! / Ja 1:21 / **16 facts concerning salvation:** **1)** Salvation: GK “soteria” – rescue, deliver, health, save – Ro 10:10 **2)** Saved: GK “sozo” – save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be (make) whole – Ro 10:13 **3)** All have sinned and come short of the glory of God – Ro 3:23 **4)** The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life – Ro 6:23 **5)** Everyone is without excuse – Ro 1:20, 2:11-15 **6)** Jesus is the only way – John 14:6 **7)** You must be born again – John 3:3 **8)** Believing is not enough – Ro 10:9-10,13 **9)** Works are not enough – Ro 3:27-28, 9:31-33, Ep 2:8-10 **10)** You must call upon the Name of the Lord – Ro 10:13, Ac 2:21 **11)** It is through your faith that it might be by God’s Grace – Ro 14:6, Ep 2:8-10 **12)** God removes the heart of stone and replaces it with a heart of flesh – Ez 11:19-20 **13)** God’s Spirit dwells within the believer – Ez 11:19-20, 1 Jn 4:4,13, 2 Co 6:16 **14)** Faith without works is dead – Ja 2:14-26 **15)** Repentance insures forgiveness and cleanses from all unrighteousness – 1 Jn 1:8-9 **16)** Salvation can be lost – Re 3:5, He 6:4-6

32. Tithing

Ge 14:1-24 / 28:22 / Ex 22:29, 23:19 / Le 27:30-32 / 28:20-22 / De 26:1-19 / 2 Chr 31:5 / Pr 3:9-10 / Mal 3:8-12 / Mt 23:23 / He 7:1-28

33. Unequally Yoked

Ps 119:63 / Pr 12:26 / 13:20 / 2 Cor 6:14-18

34. Word of God

De 30:14 / Ps 107:20 – sent His word and healed them / 119:9,11 – not sin against God, 89,105,130 / Pr 13:13 / Is 40:8 / 55:11 – not return void / Mt 4:4 / 5:18 / 15:6 – tradition / 24:35 / Mk 4:13-20 / Jn 1:1-2,14 / Ro 10:8,17 / 2 Ti 3:16 / He 4:12 / Ja 1:21-27 / 1 Pe 1:23 / 2:2

35. Work / Laziness

Ge 2:15 / Ex 20:9 / Le 23:3 / Ps 104:23 / Pr 6:6-11 / 10:4-5,26 / 12:24,27 / 13:4,11 / 14:23 / 19:15,24 / 20:4,13 / 22:9 / Ep 4:28 / 1 Th 4:11 / 2 Th 3:12 / 1 Ti 5:8

Freedom House's Position on:

1. Healing
We believe that God is a healer and will heal someone who prays to be healed. However, we believe that God heals in many ways. When Jesus healed in the New Testament, He used many different methods. In one case, a woman touches the hem of His garment and is healed (Matthew 9:20). In another He simply says a word and the Centurion's servant is healed (Matthew 8:13). In still another, He puts mud on a man's eyes and commands him to wash the mud off before he is healed (John 9:6-7). He can heal supernaturally. But He can and will use anything at His disposal including doctors, medications, surgery, etc. to bring about someone's healing.
2. Homosexuality/Alternative Lifestyles
We love people from every walk of life. We believe the Bible when it says that we should love everyone, and we do. We love homosexuals but we do believe the Bible and we do not embrace that which the Bible says is wrong. Now, this in no way means that we do not love or welcome someone who is homosexual or living an alternative lifestyle, but we DO NOT embrace homosexuality. We have been able to minister to people who have dealt with the hurts and pains associated with the homosexual lifestyle (particularly with sexual abuse and pornographic addiction) and we know that freedom is possible. In addressing this issue, love is always the focus.
3. Suicide
We believe that God does not send people to hell for being sick. Someone who commits suicide must be extremely sick to be able to do it. However, Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it's impossible to please God." We do not recommend suicide! God would not be pleased! Call 911 if you believe there is the slightest chance that someone may attempt to do it.
4. Avoid Drunkenness
We do not tell anyone not to drink alcohol because scripture is clear that it is drinking alcohol in excess that is the sin. In 1 Timothy 3 we are given the qualifications of a leader; listed among those qualifications is that we should not be addicted to wine or strong drink. As leaders we are ALWAYS influencing others and we must be mindful of that.
5. Smoking
We do not endorse smoking, but we also do not condemn people who smoke. We believe in honoring our body as the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16) and we know that there is irrefutable evidence that smoking causes cancer and other medical problems. So, for that reason, we encourage people not to smoke, as a way of honoring their body (it is for this reason we also encourage people to make good nutritional choices). However, it is the job of the Holy Spirit to bring about conviction. He does not condemn but He will convict, and we leave it up to the Holy Spirit to do His job.
6. Cursing
There is tremendous strength in the words that we speak. Proverbs 18:19 declares there is death and life in the power of the tongue. James 3 warns against using our mouths to both bless God and to curse man. We believe in the power of words and therefore choose to use words that produce life in our lives and in the lives of the people around us. When talking to someone about cursing, remember you are not trying to correct their behavior so much as you are trying to get them to get a bigger grasp of scripture and what the Word says about the power of our words.
7. Women in Ministry
The New Testament is filled with numerous examples of women actively participating in ministry. Luke 8:1-3 cites several women by name that ministered to Jesus on a regular basis from their possessions (v. 3). In Acts 2, Peter quotes the prophet Joel who prophesied that God's spirit would be poured on ALL flesh and "... your daughters shall prophesy...And on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days." The promise was to and about both men and women. In Acts 18, Priscilla ministered right alongside her husband running one of the early examples of a LifeGroup And in 2 Timothy 1, Paul references the great faith of Timothy's mother and grandmother in encouraging the young man to pursue the gift God had placed in him. The role of women in ministry is invaluable and we believe in equally equipping both men and women to serve in the body of Christ.