

Common Phrases, Sayings, Words From The Bible

Note: These phrases, sayings, words may not be used in exactly the same way in the Bible as we use them in our everyday language, and there are different variations. There may be additional references and the exact wording will vary by Bible version. I am sure there are more that I have not listed.

A man after mine own heart - Acts 13:22

Fall from grace - Galatians 5:4

Beat swords into plowshares - Isaiah 2:4

Let not the sun go down on your wrath - Ephesians 4:26

Flesh and blood - Genesis 15:4 / Matthew 16:17

Love your neighbor - Leviticus 19:8

All things must pass or This too shall pass - Matthew 24:6-8

I escaped by the skin of my teeth - Job 19:19-20

There's a time and a place for everything - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Going the extra mile - Matthew 5:41

United we stand, "divided we fall" - Matthew 12:25

Scapegoat - Leviticus 16:9-10

Red Sky at Night - Matthew 16:2

Twinkling of an eye - 1 Corinthians 15

A man after his own heart - 1 Samuel 13:14

Drop in the bucket - Isaiah 40:15

Powers that Be - Romans 13:1

The Greater the Knowledge the Greater the Pain - Ecclesiastes 1:18

A little bird told me - Matthew 16:23

Stumbling Block - Matthew 16:23

Gentle answer turns away wrath - Proverbs 15:1

Time to be born and a time to die - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Spare the rod, spoil the child - Proverbs 13:24
A leopard cannot change its spots - Jeremiah 13:23
Pride comes before a fall - Proverbs 16:18
Every day is miserable for the depressed, but a lighthearted man has a continual feast - Proverbs 15:15
By the sweat of your brow - Genesis 3:19
Out of the mouths of babes - Psalm 8:2
Bite the Dust - Psalm 72
Rise and shine - Isaiah 60:1
To everything there is a season - Ecclesiastes 3
Your number's up - Daniel 5
Good Samaritan - Luke 10:30-33
Apple of his eye - Deuteronomy 32:10
Straight and narrow - Matthew 7:14 and Luke 3:4
I wash my hands of the matter - Matthew 27:24
High-handed - Numbers 33:3
Salt of the earth - Matthew 5:13
As old as the hills - Job 15:7
Woe is me - Job 10:15
O ye, of little faith - Luke 12:28
Living off the fat of the land - Genesis 45:17-18
Like a lamb led to the slaughter - Jeremiah 11:19 / Isaiah 53:7
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak - Matthew 26:41
Do not cast your pearls before swine - Matthew 7:6
The fruit of your loins - Genesis 35:11
Eat, drink, and be merry - Ecclesiastes 8:15
Eye for an eye - Exodus 21:24 / Leviticus 24:20 / Deuteronomy 19:21 / Matthew 5:38
He that is without sin, cast the first stone - John 8:7
Labor of love - 1 Thessalonians 1:3
The root of the matter - Job 19:28
Fight the good fight - 1 Timothy 6.12
Letter of the law - 2 Corinthians 3:6
Many are called, but few are chosen - Matthew 22:14

Man does not live by bread alone - Deuteronomy 8:3 /
Matthew 4:4

The love of money is the root of all evil - 1 Timothy 6:10

The truth shall make you free - John 8:32

There's nothing new under the sun - Ecclesiastes 1:9

As old as Methuselah - Genesis 5: 25-27

Ashes to ashes - Genesis 3:19

A fly in the ointment - Ecclesiastes 10:1

Faith will move mountains - Matthew 21:21

Signs of the times - Matthew 16:3

It is better to give than to receive - Acts 20:35

My brother's keeper - Genesis 4:9

Physician, heal thyself - Luke 4:23

How the mighty have fallen - 2 Samuel 1:19

Sour grapes - Ezekiel 18:2

The writing on the wall - Daniel 5:5

At my wit's end - Psalm 107:27

By the skin of our teeth - Job 19:20

Blind leading the blind - Matthew 15:14 / Luke 6:39

A law unto themselves - Romans 2:14

Fell on rocky ground - Matthew - 13:5

Golden calf - Exodus 32

He gave up the ghost - Luke 23:46

No peace for the wicked - Isaiah 48:22 / Isaiah 57:21

Put your house in order - 2 Kings 20:1 / Isaiah 38:1

Stood by the stuff - 1 Samuel 25:13, 30:24

Suffer fools gladly - 2 Corinthians 11:19

Thorn in the flesh - 2 Corinthians 12:7

Wars and rumors of wars - Matthew 24:26 / Mark 13:7

Weighed in the balances and found wanting - Daniel 5:5

What is truth? - John 18:38

Where there is no vision, the people perish - Proverbs
29:18

Let there be light - Genesis 1:3

Garden of Eden - Genesis 2:15

Tree of life - Genesis 3:22 / Proverbs 3:18, 11:30,
13:12,15:4 / Revelation 22:2

The land of Nod - Genesis 4:16

God forbid - Genesis 44:7, 17 / Romans 3:4

Hold your peace - Exodus 14:14 / Leviticus 10:3

Peace offering - Leviticus 3:1, 3, 6, 9

Thanksgiving - Leviticus 7:12 / Nehemiah 11:17 / Psalm
100:4

Spy out the land - Numbers 13:16-17; Jude 18:2, 17

Your sin will find you out. - Numbers 32:23

Fainthearted - Deuteronomy 20:8 / Isaiah 7:4 / Jeremiah
49:23

Fell on his sword - 1 Samuel 31:5

How are the mighty fallen - 2 Samuel 1:19

The half was not told me - 1 Kings 10:7

The power and the glory - 1 Chronicles 29:11; Matthew
6:13

The land of the living - Job 28:13 / Psalm 27:13, 52:5,
116:9 / Isaiah 53:8

Heart's desire - Psalm 10:3, 21:2; Romans 10:1

Men of the world - Psalm 17:14

My rock - Psalm 18:2, 46, 28:1, 42:9

My cup runneth over - Psalm 23:5

Broken heart - Psalm.34:18

Poor and needy - Psalm 70:5

More than heart could wish - Psalm 73:7

From strength to strength - Psalm 84:7

All men are liars - Psalm 116:11

Sweeter than honey - Psalm 119:103

For ever and ever - Psalm 145:1-2, 21 / Daniel 2:20 /
Revelation - 11:15

Inherit the wind - Proverbs 11:29

An evil eye - Proverbs 23:6, 28:22 / Mark 7:22

Heavy heart - Proverbs 25:20

Good news - Proverbs 25:25

The four corners of the earth - Isaiah 11:2 / Revelation 7:1
World without end - Isaiah 45:17 / Ephesians 3:21
White as snow - Daniel 7:9
Kingdom of heaven - Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 5:3
An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth - Matthew 5:38
Lilies of the field - Matthew 6:28
Sufficient unto the day - Matthew 6:34
Lost sheep - Matthew 10:6, 15:25
In the name of the Father - Matthew 28:19
A moment of time - Luke 4:5
Daily bread - Luke 11:3
Safe and sound - Luke 15:27
Born again - John 3:3
The quick and the dead - Acts 10:42 / 1 Pet.4:5
Through a glass darkly - 1 Corinthians 13:12
Thank God - Romans 7:21 / 1 Corinthians 1:14 / 2 Timothy 1:3
Busybodies - 2 Thessalonians 3:11 / 1 Timothy 5:13
Filthy lucre - 1 Timothy 3:3
The love of money - 1 Timothy 6:10
The patience of Job - James 5:11
Wallowing in the mire - 2 Peter 2:22
The book of life - Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 22:19
Lukewarm - Revelation 3:16
Armageddon - Revelation 16:16
Morning star - Revelation 22:16
Forbidden fruit - Genesis 2 & 3
Many are called, but few are chosen - Matthew 22:14
No rest for the wicked or No rest for the weary - Isaiah 57:21
Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting
- Daniel 5:27
Like mother, like daughter - Ezekiel 16:44
Holier than thou - Isaiah 65:5

In the mire - Zechariah 10:5

Bear Fruit - Ezekiel 17:23; Mark 4:20; John 15:4

Howling wilderness - Deuteronomy 32:10

The pillars of the earth - 1 Samuel 2:8

God save the king - 1 Samuel 10:24

The following quotes are sometimes mistaken as being from the Bible.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. - The earliest example of this phrase that anybody can find is in a newspaper in 1833.

Beggars can't be choosers - Didn't come until 1546 when John Heywood compiled a book of proverbs.

Charity begins at home - An English physician by the name of Sir Thomas Browne coined the phrase Charity begins at home.

Cleanliness is next to godliness - Came from a sermon by John Wesley.

Everything that glitters is not gold. - It's hard to determine who created this quote but it never appears in the Bible.

God helps those who help themselves - The quote was actually created by Ben Franklin and it appeared in Poor Richard's Almanac in 1757.

Honesty is the best policy. - Benjamin Franklin