

Giving a counselee "something to ponder over" is often an indicated, always a risky, business. Wyclif said the ploughboy could manage the Bible if it were in his own language; but, now, what does "in my own language" mean?....Thinksheet #594 reports scriptures found helpful by members of the 75S PC/STM Integration Seminar. This present thinksheet shares two hand-outs, and invites the reader to suggest others.

- The Beatitudes—St. Matthew 5:1-12.
- The Parable of the Sower—St. Matthew 13; St. Mark 4; St. Luke 8.
- The Parable of the Good Samaritan—St. Luke 10.
- The Great Commandments—St. Matthew 22:34-40.
- The Lord's Prayer — St. Matthew 6; St. Luke 11.
- The Last Judgment—St. Matthew 25.
- The Parable of the Prodigal Son—St. Luke 15.
- The Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus—St. Matthew 26, 27, 28; St. Mark 14, 15, 16; St. Luke 22, 23, 24; St. John 13-21.
- Faith, Hope, and Love—1 Corinthians 13.

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**WHERE TO LOOK
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THE BIBLE**

- When "things look 'blue'," read Isaiah, chapter 40.
- When tempted to do wrong, read the 139th Psalm.
- If you are facing a crisis, read the 46th Psalm.
- When you are discouraged, think over Psalm 23.
- If you are "bored," read Psalms 103 and 104, or Job, chapters 38-40.
- When business is poor, read Psalm 37.
- When you are lonely or fearful, read over Psalm 27.
- When you are anxious for dear ones, read the 107th Psalm.
- When you plan your budget, read St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 19.
- To live successfully with your fellow-men, follow Romans, chapter 12.
- If you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91.

This dog-eared copy of a famous old tract was in the front of one of my Bibles. In the past I've given out hundreds of it, though I always have hoped to come across (or write!) a better one.

- When you leave home for labor or travel, carry Psalm 121 with you.
- When you are very weary, seek St. Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 8:31-39.
- When everything seems to be going from bad to worse, try 2 Timothy 3.
- The best investment is described in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6.
- Does God figure in our national life? Read Deuteronomy 8.
- When your friends seem to go back on you, hold fast to 1 Corinthians 13.
- For an inward peace, consider the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel.
- Have you been placed in a position of great responsibility? Read Joshua, chapter 1.
- If you have been bereaved, there is a message for you in 1 Corinthians 15, and Revelation 21.
- For a stirring record of what trust in God can do, turn to the 11th chapter of Hebrews.
- If you are satisfied with being "well-to-do," read chapters 15 and 16 of St. Luke's Gospel.

- If you have experienced severe losses, read the last paragraphs of chapter 8 of Romans.
- If you are having to put up a stiff fight, there is a fine equipment listed at the end of Ephesians.
- When you have sinned, read 1 John 1, St. John 3:1-21, Isaiah 53, and make Psalm 51 your prayer.
- The way of prayer—1 Kings 8; Psalms 42, 51; St. Luke's Gospel, chapters 11:1-13; 18:1-14; St. John's Gospel, chapter 17; Ephesians, 3.
- If you have a fear of death, read St. John, chapters 11, 17, and 20; 2 Corinthians, chapters 4, 5; Romans, chapter 8; Revelation, chapters 7, 21, and 22.
- At a burial, read from Psalm 23; Psalm 27; St. John 14:1-6; Romans 8:14-39; 1 Corinthians 15:20-58; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-26.
- The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5.
- The Shepherd Psalm—Psalm 23.
- The Birth of Jesus—St. Matthew 1, 2; St. Luke 2.
- The Sermon on the Mount—St. Matthew 5, 6, 7.

The most beautiful piece I've ever seen of this genre is the recent "Favorite Quotations from the Bible" (Readers Digest, Pleasantville, NY, 1974).

Of recent books of this function, the best I've found is Wm. Neil (ed.), CONCISE DICTIONARY OF RELIGIOUS QUOTATIONS (biblical +, including other religions). (Enders/74)