# God Times V.21. Proverbs bible study 1968 trivia & more.

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God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way? Let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others.

Now we cannot know if today will be hard, or not, but we can make sure that it isn't bad, as hard & bad are not the same & we can give the bad to God, as we walk in His Joy, while He walks through the hard carrying us.

# Gather together for some memory & trivia fun of 1968.

- 01. This Leader \_\_? of Negro Civil Rights Movement event happened?
- 02. This U.S. Senator \_\_? met this fate at the hands of Sirhan Sirhan?
- 03. This National Park is created in California to protect these trees.
- 04. Dr. Christian Barnard performs the first successful one of these in the U.S.?
- 05. Nasa launched both these test missions leading up to a future moon landing?
- 06. This band's famous experimental music White Album is released?
- 07. Republican's pick this VP & this Governor as the Presidential & VP nominee?
- 08. The first mission to carry life to the Moon and back was this Soviet mission?
- 09. This letter writing serial murders reign of terror begins & has not been caught?
- 10. Pope Paul VI bans Catholic woman from using this?

Sharing memories is so important to our mental, spiritual & overall health, as memories help us to reiterate our true purpose & to exercise our brain in a way that we have control over, as we can share when we choose too, or when they may help others to open up, or we can save them for ourselves, or we can bury them.

We can work together on memories that sadden us & laugh together on those which gladden us, as God says in Job 8:21, He will fill our mouth with laughter & our lips with shouts of joy. Which is because He knows all the health benefits of sharing sorrow & laughter, as well & even the medical world is seeing that laughter lowers blood pressure & sugar, improves breathing, reduces depression & pain & has a whole slew of other benefits.

God wants us to be happy. To Rejoice & be exceedingly glad, Matthew 5:12. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

In Christ we have the joy of salvation. So choose to be happy today, if for no other reason, than because you can, its healthy & it pleases God & will help you. Only you can decide what attitude you will have today? Will you focus on self, or on God, who does know that what He asks is not always easy, but if you choose to focus on Him, because of who He is, then you will find that Happiness has nothing to do with this world, as true joy is from God & on the inside & cannot be taken away; though it can be hidden, lost, or given away, but it is truly a personal, supernatural choice, to feel & be happy.

### **Book of Proverbs.**

The book of Proverbs was written during the time of by King Solomon, 970-930 B.C., who was Israels wisest chosen king ever, as God had granted his request for great wisdom, over anything else. Many of the proverbs are believed to have been written by him, though many others would be contradictory towards his way of living, as against God's commands, he had many wives, including pagan ones.

Proverbs are short thought provoking sayings of typical truth, though not absolute, & principles of generally good advice, whose goal is to teach wisdom. They contain truisms, which are items that are typically true, however, again not absolute. These proverbs deal with life, principles & good judgment & often are sayings that differentiate between the works & ways of a wise man & a foolish man.

These Proverbs, produced over a great period of time, represent wisdom found through practical experiences & constitute wholesome advice about the right way to live, for experiencing a joyful & content life. There are different groups of these proverbs, some of which are attributed to men who were not Hebrews, which gives added emphasis to the universal character of these works, belonging to both Jews & Gentiles.

The 1<sup>st</sup> group of proverbs is a series of thoughts & instructions from a father to a son, with teachings on guiding the young in doing what is just & fair, with the following groups covering many sayings of wise men & closing with a significant poem written in praise of a worthy wife.

Throughout Proverbs, divine wisdom is the key element & fully receives the highest praise, as The book assumes that divine revelation is communicated to individuals through careful thinking, as well as through prophetic inspiration. This conception leads to the view that the wise man lives in harmony with the divine will, while the fool brings disaster upon himself & his house.

The book deals with the type of conduct that should be observed in the affairs of daily living, as a wise man is one who looks to the future, but makes plans for the present. He does not squander his time or his money on momentary pleasures; he is a hard worker who does not try to gain his livelihood by infringing on the rights of others; he is diligent in his business & courteous to friends & neighbors & he governs well, the affairs of his own household; he is generous in his giving, but he

does not lavish gifts on those who fail to put forth efforts to supply their own needs; finally, he is temperate in his habits, respectful of the rights of others & obedient to the laws of the land.

This book has a very high standard for personal conduct. The man of wisdom will abstain from idle gossip; he will not testify falsely. He will avoid loose women; he reflect on the meaning of life & the paths of conduct that he should follow.

The compiler of Proverbs believes that happiness & material prosperity are given according to merit. The lazy man & the fool come to want & the distress & suffering that he experiences are what he deserves. On the other hand, God rewards the wise & prudent with the good things in life.

The proverbs express the conviction that loyalty to God is extremely important. In this respect, they fully agree with the teachings of the Hebrew prophets.

Proverbs concerns itself with instructing people in the path of wisdom. The writers of the book recognized the varied circumstances of a person's life & provided principles to apply in a variety of situations.

Solomon had hopes that his readers would gain practical righteousness in all things & that we would do this by living our lives under the authority & direction of God. Much of the book emphasizes listening to others so that we might learn from them & apply the combined knowledge, of parents & elders, who have gone before us, to our own lives. Wisdom involves appropriating a measure of humility, first before God & then before others, but if we decide to speak rashly rather than listen, Proverbs deals with that as well.

Proverbs contains some of the most applicable nuggets of truth in all of the Bible. Most of the proverbs are pithy statements brimming over with imagery from the real world. This approach allows us to see very clearly how any particular proverb might be applied to any number of everyday situations we encounter, from getting out of bed in the morning, to building a strong foundation in our relationships with others. Proverbs reminds us that God concerns Himself not just with the big, cataclysmic events of life, but even those mundane moments in our lives as well.

Are you following God, even in those seemingly small circumstances & moments? So allow Proverbs to refocus your attention on all the hidden moments of your life, by reading it, studying it, taking it in & then living it.

# What was life like, for you, in '68.

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+, If you were too young use your 1st memories of '70s.

What grade in school were you in, or were you working? Do you have memories of school & all the things that you did, did you enjoy school, teachers, friends?

What were your big plans & dreams, were you able to fulfill some of them? What would you change, or do differently, if you could?

What is the biggest differences that you see between family life then & now?

What memories do you have of social activities with family & friends? What kinds of things did you do for fun or activities together?

Were you able to stay in touch with any school friends once adult life started?

Did you have children & if so, did you raise them by the standards you were raised by, or did you ease up with the changing world?

What's some things that you were glad to see change, or invented to make life easier, or better, or happier? Any new electronics, or toys, games etc. What kinds of things helped you pass the time?

So did you enjoy, or have any memories, or fun facts from the years favorite TV shows, any special favorites, or family nights? Did you enjoy cartoons, comedies, drama. Soaps, game shows?

How about any of the years movies, did you get to see any of the favorites, or do you remember any other movies, actors or entertainers that you liked, did you have any theater, or drive in memories?

How about music, what was your favorite genre, what about any of the top songs of the year, do you know them, or know the lyrics, or go to any concerts?

Trivia answers. 1- Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated. 2- Robert F. Kennedy a.k.a. Bobby Kennedy assassinated. 3- Redwood forest. 4- heart transplant. 5-Apollo 7 & 8. 6-Beatles. 7- Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew. 8- Zond 5 Space Mission 9-Zodiac killer. 10-birth control pill.

## Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says prove all things, 1Thes.5:21, as there are evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4.

So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1. The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.