

6. Have you ever had the meaning of a verse clarified by seeing it quoted differently in a different translation?

7. What is the standard Greek text?

8. Can you think of a time in which you misunderstood a verse, but then later understood it properly as a result of learning the historical background in which the verse was written?

9. How do the New Testament and Old Testament relate to one another?

10. What is the advantage to the Every-Verse Method of Bible study?

11. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote (something you learned from reading this chapter)?

1 – Jesus Christ – Champion of Freedom

1. Who were the Pharisees?
2. How did Jesus anger them?
3. What knowledge of the Pharisees did you possess before reading this chapter?
4. Which of their man-made rules did Jesus break?
5. How are modern-day Christians often similar to the Pharisees?
6. Why does God oppose man-made religious rules?

7. What dangers do man-made religious rules pose to Christians?

8. What does the Bible say, in eight different places, is the purpose of God's laws?

9. What are the Four Fundamental Freedoms of the Christian Faith?

10. What are the Freedom Defeaters?

11. Give a modern-day example of a sin-preventionism.

12. Give a modern-day example of a man-made measurable sin.

13. What is a penitent deed?

14. What does it mean to *wear the Christian uniform*?

15. When did the Protestant reformation begin?
When did it end?

16. What reforms of Christianity would you like to see in the 21st century?

17. Have you ever known anyone to be driven from the church by strict, man-made religious rules? If so, explain.

18. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

12. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

3 - Fasting

1. Is it possible for us to fast in the manner that Moses did?

2. For what reasons did the Israelites fast in the Old Testament, according to the Bible verses quoted in this chapter?

3. When David fasted to stave of God’s discipline for his sin, how did that turn out for him?

4. To what extent is God impressed with the Israelites’ fasting in Isaiah 58 and Zechariah 7, the only places in the Old Testament where He speaks about it?

5. If we take Jesus statement, in Matthew 6, of “When you fast...” to be a command to fast, then how must we interpret His command in Matthew 6 regarding prayer?

6. How many times do Jesus’ twelve disciples fast in the Bible?

7. How many times is fasting mentioned from Acts 15 to the end of the Bible?

8. What benefit was fasting for the Pharisees, who did so twice a week?

9. What are the dangers of insisting that Christians fast?

10. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

4 - Alcohol

1. Describe the Puritans’ stance on alcohol consumption.

2. Does God allow or prohibit alcohol consumption in Deuteronomy 14:26?

3. What do the verses in this chapter have to say about those who abuse alcohol?

4. What were Jesus’ views and actions regarding alcohol?

5. Which of the freedom defeaters do Christians use to prohibit alcohol consumption?

6. What is the Defiled Conscience Principle?

7. What did eating meat offered to idols mean to those who converted from Greco-Roman religions to Christianity?

8. Was Jesus true to the Defiled Conscience Principle? If not, how did He defy it?

9. How do those who enforce the Defiled Conscience Principle fail to apply it universally?

10. Why might God allow us to moderately consume alcohol?

11. What are the dangers of prohibiting moderate alcohol consumption?

12. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

5 - Non-Christian Friendships

1. How did God feel about the Israelites allowing people from foreign nations and religions to live among them?

2. What misinterpretation of the Scriptures did the Israelites commit in Nehemiah 13?

3. How did Jesus feel about befriending those who were deemed sinful by society?

4. How did the religious leaders of His day respond to His attitude?

5. Did Paul allow Christians to eat dinner in the home of non-Christians?

6. Why is it important for us to have non-Christian friends?

7. What are the dangers of denying Christians the right to have non-Christian friends?

8. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

6 - Divorce & Remarriage

1. According to Leviticus 21:7, who are the only people not allowed to marry a divorced person?

2. According to Deuteronomy 24 and Jeremiah 3, does the Bible allow divorce in the event that a spouse has done something indecent?

3. Does God allow no-fault divorce?

4. In Matthew 5, does Jesus require that a divorced woman remain single?

5. Does 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 overrule the Old Testament verses permitting divorce? Why or why not?

6. What are the dangers of forbidding remarriage of the divorced?

7. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

7 - Sexual Thought & the Single Life

1. How many of the Old Testament’s 70-plus sex laws prohibit an unmarried man from desiring an unmarried woman?

2. How many verses in the entire Bible forbid masturbation?

3. What are some of the ways in which Christians misinterpret Matthew 5:27-28?

8 - Prohibition Not Discussed in the Bible

1. Does the Bible prohibit gambling?
2. How is gambling similar to alcohol consumption?
3. What misconception do many Christians have about the meaning of the word *Halloween*?
4. What institution gave the holiday its name?
5. What are the dangers of prohibiting secular music enjoyment for Christians?

6. What is the dead frog analogy?

7. What is the difference between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism regarding their sources of authority?

8. Why is prohibition of birth control the epitome of religious oppression?

9. Where in the Bible are we called to force non-Christians to adhere to Christian rules and morality?

10. What opportunities did Jesus and Paul have to influence politics?

11. How do people respond when they have the beliefs of a religion they don't practice imposed upon them?

12. How does our calling to lead others to Christ compare with our calling to political power?

13. Which quote in this chapter is your "Hey, I never knew that!" quote?

9 - Greed & Oppression

1. What does Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 tell us about the tendencies of those who get rich?

2. Give an example of how the "lure of wealth" stifles our ability to obey God's will?

8. How do we insult God when we have disregard for the poor?

9. According to Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, how does suffering oppression compare to death?

10. Give an example of how a business may oppose God by oppressing “hired workers” in their wages?

11. What else did God require of those who had more than enough, so that those in need could have enough?

12. How is the concept of fairness distorted to oppress the poor?

13. Which economic system did God force upon His people, pure capitalism or pure communism?

14. What is the purpose of government?

15. What taxes did the ancient Israelites have to pay for the sake of the common good?

16. What is mandatory mercy?

17. Why do many Christians oppose taxation for the sake of those in need?

18. How does the importance of economic growth compare to God's concern for the needy?

19. Who benefits from “true freedom, the kind that God’s laws are designed to protect?”

20. Who did Jesus have more beliefs in common with? The Pharisees or the Sadducees?

21. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?

10 - Pride, Arrogance and Judgmentalism

1. How does pride often lead to disgrace?

2. Why, when it comes to judgmentalism, should we not give ourselves the benefit of the doubt and assume that our sins are minimal in comparison to others?

3. What is the opposite of judgmentalism?

4. Describe where Christians fall within the sin-spectrum?

5. What did Jesus mean, in John 9:41, when He said, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains?”

6. How can pride manifest itself in different ways for different people?

7. Why is pride the original sin?

14. Describe an instance in which you have witnessed the harmful effects of pride in your life or the life of someone close to you.

15. Which quote in this chapter is your “Hey, I never knew that!” quote?