

## TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE (3rd 100 questions)

Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

1. Who came “in the spirit and power of Elijah?”
2. What is the last book of the Old Testament?
3. Where is this found: “Will a man rob God?”
4. Of who was it said, “He is like a refiner’s fire and like fuller’s soap?”
5. Who said, “The liberal soul shall be made fat?”

### Answers from 07/04

96. Who was the father of John the Baptist? **Zacharias. Lk 1:67**
97. What disciple was chosen to take the place of Judas? **Matthias. Acts 1:26**
98. Of what tribe was Jesus? **Judah. Heb. 7:14**
99. Who was cast into a den of lions? **Daniel. Dan. 6:16**
100. Can you quote the first verse of the Bible? **Yes or no.**

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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? By John F. Board, Elizabethtown, KY

Without the biblical context of James chapter four, one might wonder exactly where I am going with this article. Even from a biblical perspective from other Bible writers the question could be answered a little differently. The book of Genesis could reveal to us our life is a gift from Almighty God (Genesis 2:7). The book of Ecclesiastes would reveal that our life should be about “fearing God and keeping His commandments” (Ecc. 12:13). Even Jesus indicated much regarding the value of our life/soul (Mark 8:36). The focus of this article though is James’ thought regarding our lives. James writes a very sobering thought—our life is but a vapor that appears for a short time and then vanishes away (4:14).

It is not surprising at all to me though that James’ statement fits perfectly the other biblical teaching regarding our lives. We need to realize our lives are a gift from God and as such realize how little time we actually have to serve Him and others. We need to realize that our life is about fearing Him and keeping His commandments; this needs to be the most serious pursuit as we are not guaranteed any amount of time here upon the Earth (we could die or the Lord could return at any moment). We need to realize as well the value of our life/soul as we approach the decisions we make in life. James’ statement, though thought by some to be totally independent even of chapter four, is not only tied at least in part to chapter four and worldliness, but is also tied to the rest of God’s message revealed throughout Scripture.

James chapter four addresses the subject of worldliness. Verses 1-3 address the cause of conflict—selfishness. Verses 4-6 address the result of conflict—friend of the world/enemy of God. Verses 7-10 provide the remedy for conflict that leads to enmity with God—humble yourself and submit to God. In verses 13-17, James continues his warning to those who possess a worldly mind in another area—an arrogant self-sufficient attitude of planning daily life without regard for God.

Before we dismiss this article as not applicable to ourselves and move on to something else in the bulletin, let us seriously consider some thoughts regarding James’ message. Have we ever been guilty of expressing our need for God in public worship settings and then disregard God in the restless pursuits of daily life? Though James employs the motif of tradesmen to illustrate his point, his rebuke is intended for all Christians who are guilty of self-willed independence of God as they go about their everyday lives.

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### SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —  
9:30 am  
Worship — 10:30 am &  
6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study —  
7:00 pm

### MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

### ELDERS

Brian Huffman  
Larry G. Reynolds  
Herb Smith  
Larry Taylor

### DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth  
Bill Gaw, Building &  
Grounds  
Mike Haviland, Missions/  
Evangelism & Fellowship  
Jerry Hoyt, Benevolence  
Lowell Huffman, Bible  
Correspondence Course  
and Widows/Widowers  
Volker Jaromin, Building &  
Grounds  
Gary Reynolds, Seminars  
Todd Stults, Finance  
Jim Witty, Upon The Rock

### SUMMER YOUTH INTERN

Cooper Groger

### MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia  
Willie Smith  
South Central Church of  
Christ  
Robert Ray  
Tanzania, Africa  
Christopher Mwakabanje  
plus two preaching school  
students  
India  
Scott Richards  
Memphis School Of  
Preaching  
David Dixon

### WORSHIP FOR JULY 11

#### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Larry Taylor  
Opening Prayer: John Schock  
Scripture Reading: Ira Chambers (Romans 6:15-23)  
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
Sermon: Cooper Groger  
Sermon Topic: "The Wages of Sin"  
Closing Prayer: Jim Smith

#### COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Danny Odle  
West Side—Outside: Blade Taylor  
                  Inside: Volker Jaromin  
East Side— Inside: Don Allison  
                  Outside: Todd Stults

#### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
Opening Prayer: Jim Clark  
Scripture Reading: Jonah Stults (I Thess. 3:1-13)  
Sermon: Cooper Groger  
Sermon Topic: "How Can Your Faith Be Strengthened"  
Communion Table: Lowell Huffman  
Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark

### PULPIT PREVIEW FOR JULY 18, 2010

AM: "Trusting God" (Hebrews 11:1-3)  
PM: "Do We Really Trust God" (Hebrews 11:4-10)

### JULY

**GREETERS:**  
East Door: Vivian & Ginger  
Front Door + Ushers:  
Jay & Forrest  
**COMMUNION:**  
Prep: Lowell & Charlene  
Clean-up: Kayla, Sally, Sue  
**BUILDING CLEANING:** Kendall & Jane and Danny & Joan

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Margret Anderson**, Sally's mother-in-law  
**Mary Bole**, neighbor of Lisa  
**Kate Bowerman**, Larry's and Mike's aunt has lung cancer  
**Susan Cloninger**- Send encouragement to 18 Knight Bridge Rd; Sherwood, AR 72120.  
**Don Gaw**  
**Julie Harris**, Sue's friend  
**Robert Huddleston**, relative of Herb & Jim.  
**Karen Jaromin** is recovering from surgery  
**Totty Perry**, Dorothy and Ellen's friend has colon cancer  
**Kent Sanders**  
**Suzy Sanders**, sister-in-law of Kent  
**Verdie Smith** is currently taking chemotherapy. Her address is in the directory.  
**Cathy Welmer**, Dorothy's aunt  
**Everett & Ann Witty**  
**Vada Zeek is now at Willowbend Living Center**, 7524 E. Jackson; Muncie, IN 47302  
**Shut-Ins: Virginia Ashley** - Westminster. **Juanita Broderick**, **Mary Norris** - The Woodlands. **Evelyn Vannatter**—Elmcroft.  
**Away in the Military: Brian Noonkester** - Germany.  
**John Welker**—Ft. Gordon, GA.  
**Sympathy:** Margaret Huffman's aunt **Alta Richardson** passed recently. Please remember them in your prayers.

### CLOTHING DRIVE

We are now collecting gently used clothing and shoes for a clothing drive to be held in August. Please bring items to the church building. Dates and further details are to come. See Hannah for any questions.

### CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR MID-WESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME YOUTH PROJECT

The Elders have approved a Mid-Western Children's home service project on Wednesday July 14 . That evening we will cook hotdogs for them...play games, sing, and devo. The next morning, Thursday July 15, we can get up and go to King's Island! All I need now is chaperones/parents who will commit to make this trip possible!! The more the better!! Volunteer chaperones and interested youth, please sign up on the bulletin board so I can get an estimate number coming!  
Cooper Groger

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**July 11**—Southside church of Christ in Portland will host a singing at 5 PM.  
**July 11**—Preacher's Pals begins at 6:00.  
**July 11**—Group A (Larry R.) will meet after evening services. This group is also responsible for making sure the building is secure and lights are out after each service.  
**July 12**—Teen Devo 7:30 PM.  
**July 13**—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8 AM at IHOP.  
**July 17**—Ft. Recovery church of Christ Youth Rally, Ft Recovery, OH. See bulletin board for details.  
**July 21**—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.  
**Aug 7**—South Central church of Christ Ladies' Day. See bulletin board for details.  
**Aug 8-11**—South Central church of Christ Gospel Revival. See bulletin board for details.  
**Aug 14**—Summit City church of Christ in Ft Wayne Ladies' Day. See bulletin board for details.  
**Sept 11**—Goshen church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Did I Say That?!!" Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board as well as further details.  
**Sept 18**—West Side Ladies' Day.

### ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	75
Sunday Worship am	132
Sunday Worship pm	
Wednesday Bible Study	80

### WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? (CONTINUED)

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Consider the serious nature of what James has to say. The original language in verse 13 has James saying, "Now listen." I could probably better convey the original with an exclamation point! "Listen" (*age*) is an imperative (command form) and is enhanced by the addition of the adverb "now" (*nun*). Though the expression is common in secular Greek writings, it is only used in Scripture in this place and in James 5:1. James the Lord's brother has something important to say—one commentator says James uses "the signal for an attack."

In verse 14 James conveys the absurdity of the position these people hold; though they are among a class of beings who do not know the future, they act as if they do. They held Proverbs 27:1 in total contempt. Their planning with total disregard for life was the root of worldliness.

But more importantly to our study, they also were living not recognizing the uncertainty of human life. What is your life? James warns that they do not even know what will occur on the morrow, and as some have noted is probably indicated even more strongly, "they do not even know if there will be a tomorrow" for them, or anyone else. The word "what" (*poia*) is used to call attention to the precarious nature of our lives. James enhances the application to the reader by saying "you are" (this calls attention by the reader to themselves for application). He continues to show just how our lives are like vapors—just as vapor is expected to appear and understood to remain visible for only a short time (think breath on a cold winter day), then is something that is "sure" to follow—that breath will disappear (Heb. 9:27). One way or another, our life here upon the Earth will have a sure end; either death or the Lord's return is certain.

Truly as we might say in the English language, our **life appears** and then **disappears**. We are provided no guarantees. Death is no respecter of persons—it takes young and old alike. The question we need to ask ourselves is, "Are we living our lives with consideration of God and His will?" A sobering thought but one that could not be more important to consider in view of not his life, but eternity!

### THANK YOU!!

The West Side Warriors would like to thank all the support we received during the Relay for Life. There was a total of 42 team members/supporters who were at the event. We were able to raise \$1,585 for cancer research and hand out hundreds of tracts and fliers for the church. Next year we hope to be able to do even more. Thanks to everyone for your support and encouragement.