

# COACH'S NEWSLETTER

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## STOP PROCRASTING!!

by Rick Warren

“There is nothing I cannot master with the help of Christ who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13 JB)

The Bible gives us five actions we can take to stop procrastinating:

1. Stop making excuses. “The lazy man is full of excuses” (Proverbs 22:13 LB). What have you been saying you’re going to do “one of these days”? What do you make excuses about? The number one excuse I hear is, “When things settle down, then I’m going to ...” Things will never settle down. You must make a choice to prioritize what is important.
2. Start today. Not next month, next week, or tomorrow. “Never boast about tomorrow. You don’t know what will happen between now and then” (Proverbs 27:1 GNT). None of us is guaranteed a tomorrow.
3. Establish a planned schedule. Proverbs 13:16 says, “A wise man plans ahead. A fool doesn’t” (LB). If you fail to plan, you’re planning to fail. You need to designate some specific time slots each week for the things you need to do. Whatever it is, put it on your calendar. And if it’s a big task, break it down into small pieces. Break it into bite-size pieces.
4. Face your fears. We hate to admit we have fears, because we think they’re a sign of weakness. But fear is a sign of humanity. Only fools are not afraid. You’ve heard it said, “Courage is not the absence of fear; it’s moving ahead in spite of our fears.” The Bible says there is nothing you cannot master with the help of Christ who gives you strength.
5. Focus on what you gain, not the pain. There are very few things in life that are easy. You must push through the frustration and look at the gain beyond the pain. Concentrate on how good you’re going to feel once you’ve finished the task.

Galatians 6:9 says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Jesus never said life would be easy. There will be sacrifice and commitment. But there is tremendous reward when we do the things he calls us to do.

## BREAKDOWN & WRITERS TIPS

	<b>“A”</b>	<b>“Middle School”</b>	<b>“Experience Division”</b>
Meet # 1	Gal 1-6 149 vs	Gal 1-5 131 vs	Gal 3 & 5 55 vs
Meet # 2	Eph 1-6 155 vs	Gal 6-Eph1-4 116 vs	Eph 1& 4 55 vs
Meet # 3	Philippians 104 vs	Eph 5-6 57 vs	Eph 5-6:9 42 vs
Meet # 4	Col, Philemon 120 vs	Philippians 1-3 81 vs	Eph 6:10-24 & Phil 2 45 vs
	<i>Total: 528 vs</i>	<i>Total: 385 vs</i>	<i>Total: 197 vs</i>

## ADVICE TO A NEW COACH

1. Encourage your quizzers if at all possible to study the same time and in the same place every day. It is easier to develop a habit of studying regularly when they study the same time and place.
  2. Get your quizzers to personally set goals, and then expect them to work to meet those goals. Your quizzers will work harder when they know their coach expects them to work to meet a goal that they themselves set.
  3. Ask lots of questions of other coaches. When you go to competitions and play teams with more experienced coaches, ask them what they do. Ask them how their quizzers study, what questions they use, how long they practice, etc. This can be your greatest resource if you are willing to ask questions.
- Aaron Kohler, PA

## TESTIMONIES FROM BQ CAMPS/RETREATS

### *South Dakota BQ Camp*

The classes were “Plant” (resources, study tools, memorizing), “Water” (goal setting, awards) and “Grow” (discipleship, praying the scripture, mark my words). The messages were Stand in Truth, Stand in Trial, Stand in Triumph. We had other classes for adults, a whole group class for quizzers on manners and gratitude, a hike, nerf war, quiz rounds, “get lost in the maze” (team activity), and some great worship and short devotions by students.

Below are some of the comments we received at the end:

- At this camp, I was inspired to give to a friend who is struggling.
- The words on Standing in Trials and then Triumph, touched me because I have been going through some Trials and needed to be reminded that Triumph is possible.
- Great services, loved the activities.
- I was touched by the devotions.
- Camp has blessed me in so many ways. I never knew that I could have so many friends.

### *Penn-Del BQ BQ Camp*

- I was nervous because I only brought one quizzer with me to camp. It was his second year coming, but because he was super shy, he didn't meet a lot of people his first year. I was afraid that would happen again. Many coaches and adults recognized him from last year and saw that he was by himself and introduced themselves and their quizzers to him. As camp progressed, he met a lot of cool people and ended up having a great time. He was so excited about camp that he asked if we could go to more tournaments so that he could keep in touch with the people he met. Super awesome!
- We had a quiz room FULL of high energy, outgoing boys and two VERY quiet girls. I was worried the girls would be intimidated by the boys and not want to quiz. On Friday night, my worries came true when one of the girls came up to me and told me she didn't think Bible Quiz was for her because she wasn't

good. We talked over Pastor Bernie's famous milkshakes about how important it was to learn the Word and how we don't have to be the best to still compete. We do it because we love it and we want to grow closer to God. I gave her some suggestions on how to memorize and by the end of camp, she learned nearly 10 verses... WORD PERFECTLY! She was so proud and excited.

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### ***Empire Classic, Sept 24, 2016***

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET**

1. Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY	5-0	1,080 Points	216 Avg
2. Bethany Church, Blackwood, NJ	3-2	725 Points	145 Avg
3. First A/G, Binghamton, NY	2-3	680 Points	136 Avg

1. Julia-Anna Cherednichenko, First A/G, Binghamton, NY		430 Points	4 QO
2. Katrina Dowdy, Bethany Church, Blackwood, NJ		430 Points	3 QO
3. Solomon Stevens, Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY		380 Points	4 QO
4. Ally Waller, Kennebec valley A/G, Chelsea, ME		65 Points	1 QO
5. Ethan Hoffman, Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY		360 Points	4 QO

#### **CHALLENGER BRACKET**

1. Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY	5-0	815 Points	163 Avg
2. Calvary A/G, Ozone Park, NY	3-2	560 Points	112 Avg
3. Bethany A/G, Wyckoff, NJ	3-2	430 Points	86 Avg.

1. Andrew Erdvig, Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY		360 Points	2 QO
2. Molly Pellegrino, Smithtown Gospel, Long Island, NY		355 Points	3 QO
3. Chiamaka Ubani, Calvary A/G, Ozone Park, NY		350 Points	3 QO
4. Kay Lee Heller, Newport A/G, Newport, PA		315 Points	2 QO
5. Harry Thomas, Metuchen A/G, Metuchen, NJ		295 Points	3 QO

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BRACKET**

1. Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY	8-1	171 Avg
2. Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY	5-4	54 Avg

1. Hannah Fiormonti, Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY		650 Points	7 QO
2. Katie Pellegrino, Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY		445 Points	3 QO
3. Bobby Reuter, Smithtown Gospel Tab, Smithtown, NY		440 Points	4 QO
4. Noah Alguire, Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY		335 Points	2 QO
5. Melody Ward, Bethany A/G, Wyckoff, NJ		195 Points	1 QO

## **BIBLE QUIZ TOURNAMENTS**

### ***TRINITY GOLD CUP***

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX  
October 21-22, 2016

Coordinators: John and Lori Sullivan  
<http://www.biblequiz.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/goldcup2016.pdf>

### ***WINDY CITY CLASSIC (Formerly Michiana)***

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL  
Oct 29, 2016

"A" writer ?

"MS" writer Rosina Albanese

Contact Katie Randolph at  
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### **23rd GOBBLEFEST BQ TOURNAMENT**

University of Valley Forge, PA

Nov 18-19, 2016

“A” Galatians & Eph 1-5

“MS” Galatians & Eph 1-3

“Experience” Gal 3 & Gal 5:1-12

Writer is Josh Gallo for “A” and “MS”

Bernie Elliot for “Experience”

**Just added rooms and can now take 80 teams including Experience Division**

Contact Bernie Elliot at [ElliotBQ@Aol.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@Aol.com)

### **MISSOURI CLASSIC**

Central Assembly, Springfield, MO

Dec 2-3, 2016

Friday One-on-One, Saturday Team Quizzing

Contact Marci Woodward at [somobjbq@gmail.com](mailto:somobjbq@gmail.com)

### **SOUTH TEXAS INVITATIONAL**

Dallas, TX

Date TBA

### **NEW VENTURE WITH THE JBQ MINISTRY**

Mark Entzminger, the National Children’s director and I met in Louisville in August and had a conversation about bridging the gap between JBQ and BQ. At the end of the meeting we decided to make available 100 questions over the 4 chapters from the Gospel of Mark that would cover the Experience material next season. I called Kent Kloefkorn immediately and within a week the question writing team had written and edited 100 questions over Mark. This will be primarily for those in JBQ that have their Master Seal as early as 2nd, 3rd grade and 4th grade in some districts. I contacted Scott Norquest, the JBQ and BQ Coordinator in Ohio to see if they would be willing to add these questions to their JBQ questions. Scott is excited about trying this out later this season. We still would like to get at least one other JBQ District to experiment with this. There are several different options that we believe would be a blessing to both ministries.

### **QUESTIONS AVAILABLE**

A-Level Questions: 50 Sets for \$25; MS-Level Questions: 40 Sets for \$20. If you order both packages, the total price is \$40. Please click here for a sample set: <http://bit.ly/2bcRxDB> If you are interested, please email [richardcfair@gmail.com](mailto:richardcfair@gmail.com).

From My Healthy Church:

- G, E, P, C, P “A” League Practice Questions CD-ROM, 50 sets by official writer. Item #73CB1741. Price \$ 55.00
- G, E, P, C, P “A” League Practice Questions Digital Download, 50 sets by official writer. Item #35CB1249. Price \$50.00

### **2017 MID-WINTER CLASSIC**

UW-Oshkosh Campus in Oshkosh, WI

January 13-14, 2017

Contact Don Batty at [debatty00@gmail.com](mailto:debatty00@gmail.com)

### **32nd FRIENDSHIP CLASSIC**

Limited to 24 National/Regional “A” teams

Allison Park Church, Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 27-28, 2017

“A” Gal, Eph, Phil, Col 1 & 2

Writer is Seth Sundell

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### **2016 RIVER CLASSIC**

James River A/G, Ozark, MO

March 3-4, 2017

Contact Mark Griffith at [onegriff@gmail.com](mailto:onegriff@gmail.com)

- G, E, P, C, P “Middle School” Questions CD-ROM, 40 sets by official writer Item #73CB1755.  
Price \$35.00
- G, E, P, C, P “Middle School” Questions Digital Download, 40 sets by official writer. Item #35CB1252.  
Price \$30.00

## NUTS & BOLTS

- **Corrections** needed for G, E, P, C, P:
  - Gal 4:23 Add the word “to” “according **to** the flesh”
  - Phil 4:10 Add the letter “d” to the word “rejoice” should be “rejoiced**d**”
- Master Memorization Award. All of G, E, P, C, P must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting, within a 45 minute time limit, beginning with Galatians Chapter one, verse one, and continuing through Philemon verse 25. The quizzier is permitted 5 mistakes for the entirety of the material.
- No new Rules again this year!!!!
  - National BQ Finals will be held at Sandy Cove Ministries, North East, MD, July 1-7, 2017.  
Video <https://vimeo.com/169765935>
    - We will start the National Finals competition on Saturday AM, July 1 with a Volleyball Competition.
    - The winning team will receive \$500 cash. A generous sponsor (who will be announced later) is blessing the winners. Specific rules will be announced in the future.
    - Adult quizzing at National Finals. Veteran: Book of Ephesians-155 verses. Novice: Ephesians Chapters 4, 5, 6 for 89 verses. There will be some changes to Adult Quizzing for 2017!!! Will announce more details in the future.
- Discipleship Books for the 2016-2017 BQ Season: *The Word and The Spirit*, by David Hertweck and the *Human Right Devotional*.
- Giving to the Scholarship is extremely easy as of now. Go to:  
<https://giving.ag.org/Give/Search?SearchFields.Ministry=Bible+Quiz>  
In the box type “Bible Quiz Scholarship.” The account is 042001. You can give a one time gift or set it up as a recurring gift. We are looking for as many people as possible, especially BQ Alumni, to give at least \$52.00 a year (a dollar a week) by May 1, 2017. Yes, you may give any amount (one person has pledged \$500.00).
- Need a quiz set?
  - Grass Lakes BQ Ministry <http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>
  - Steve Kirkman [www.quizequipment.com](http://www.quizequipment.com)
- Need to find other BQ information?
  - <http://www.biblequiz.ag.org>
  - <http://www.biblequiz.com>
- Need some BQ promo videos for church or Youth group?
  - <http://biblequiz.com/blog/>

## QUOTABLES

“All change does not represent progress, but if we do not change there will be no progress.” - *John Maxwell*

“Contentment is the understanding that if I am not satisfied with what I have, I will never be satisfied with what I think I want.”

“The great sin of the church today is not the sin of commission or the sin of omission — but the sin of no mission.” - *Leonard Sweet*

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

My mom has a lead foot, so I was not surprised when a state trooper pulled us over as we were speeding through Georgia. Hoping to get off with a warning, Mom tried to appear shocked when the trooper walked up to the car.

“I have never been stopped like this before,” she said to the officer. “What do they usually do, ma’am,” he asked, “shoot the tires out?”

## ONE LINERS

- If you find something you like, buy a lifetime supply, because they will stop making it.
- Sign outside a Dairy Queen: “Scream until daddy stops the car!”
- Cleaning your house while your kids are at home is like trying to shovel the driveway during a snowstorm.

## LAST WORD

Jared Hill was in a bike accident. The mirror of a van hit him on the back of his left shoulder and head, probably at about 55 mph. He was in and out of consciousness at the scene and taken to an ER in Myrtle Beach, SC. He has several cracked or bruised ribs, broken scapula, collapsed lung (tube had already been inserted so it could re-inflate), concussion, and of greatest concern, a severely damaged spleen. He spent that first night in ICU. He has pain and is moving slowly, but he’s doing well. We are bringing him home today, Sept 27. This boy has ridden over 10,000 miles and has traveled to the farthest corners of the United States. Please pray. Jared is from Swedesboro, NJ.

Continue to pray for Steve Fowler and Kent Kloefkorn. Both need a major touch in their bodies.

Blessings,

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