

Taking Up the Challenge of Bible Quizzing

by Daniel Zwart

Have you ever thought that memorizing Bible verses was boring? When I younger I thought there were more enjoyable things to do than to spend time and energy on such a “dry” activity. A little over two years ago, my curiosity was piqued when our pastor announced that “two ladies have something ‘quizzing’ in the back of the church for young people”. After listening in on their conversation, I joined in.

What is quizzing? Quizzers memorize one book of Scripture per year. This year it happens to be the book of Corinthians. We have teams consisting of four members each. During an official quiz, the quiz-master asks 3 teams certain questions. The first quizzers to jump gets to answer. If the answer is right, he/she is awarded points. If he/she is wrong, the quizzers loses points. Each team has six quizzes a day, and the top three teams quiz off at the end of the day. There are four quizzes per year.

Since starting, our group here in Waterdown has 2 teams. In our first year we did better than expected, and since then we are ever increasing. Last year our team finished third for the year, my brother Andrew’s team finished 11th out of about 35 teams. This year 2 quiz our team 2nd twice; Andrew’s team 4th both times. After the quiz-offs we ended 3rd & 1st. Personally last year I ended 9th overall out of about 150, Andrew 18th, Michael 25th, David 50th and so on.

Benefits

- learning God’s word
- readily available to “always be able to share the Word of God”
- self-discipline in general studies and habits
- realise how much more there is in the Bible by reading it so much
- learning to apply it to myself
- enjoy personal accomplishments
- enjoy team work
- enjoy Muskoka meet at end of Quiz year in May

I am really glad that God surprised me with this activity that I had no intention of doing! Maybe you would want to try Bible memorisation!

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