



## **TBQ Monthly Newsletter**

**TEEN  
BIBLE QUIZ**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

### **GRATITUDE CHALLENGE**

Everyone reading this has been affected by the Bible Quiz ministry in one way or another and I am sure that you have plenty of positive experiences to reflect on. I, for one, am extremely grateful for so many of the aspects of Bible Quiz – investments made in me, investments I've been able to make in others, and time in the Scriptures. We award our

quizzers with scholarships to help them take their education even further. But to make that happen, we need the help of Bible Quiz supporters across the nation, just like me and you, who are grateful for what the ministry has done in our lives. That's why we are presenting you with the annual "*Gratitude Challenge*", asking you to contribute to the Bible Quiz Scholarship Fund, so that we can increase the amount we make available to our quizzers. Between now and December 18, we are looking for 100 individuals to contribute between \$5-\$???. With all the former quizzers and coaches over the years we can surely have at least 100 people to contribute to the Scholarship Fund at this time. Can we count on you to help us in this effort?

Hit this link [AG Giving](#). Simply type in "Bible Quiz Scholarship" and help us bless our students.

## 2025-2026 QUIZ SEASON OVER G,E, P, C, P

	Championship		Contender		XP5	
Meet 1	Gal 1-6	149 verses	Gal 1-5	131 verses	Gal 3 & 5	55 verses
Meet 2	Eph 1-6	155 verses	Gal 6 & Eph 1-4	116 verses	Eph 4	32 verses
Meet 3	Phil 1-4	104 verses	Eph 5 & 6	57 verses	Eph 5-6:9	42 verses
Meet 4	Col 1-4, Philemon	120 verses	Phil 1-2	60 verses	Eph 6:10-24 & Phil 2	45 verses
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>528 verses</b>		<b>364 verses</b>		<b>174 verses</b>

## WRITERS TIPS:

***Solomon Stevens, Official Championship Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026***

As a former quizzer, I've had experiences where you've studied something to the point where you know it by heart, but when it comes up in a meet, you get burned by how the question is worded. So this year, I plan on trying to avoid that by being as predictable and transparent as possible.

The questions this upcoming season are designed to be hit quickly. The exceptions are Scripture Text Questions (as with most writers) and questions that start with "According to". The more word-perfect quizzers know the material, the better chance they have at getting questions right.

This not only applies to Quotation / Essence Questions, but it also increases the chances of finding the key word(s) used in the question itself. To get ahead in studying, quizzers should also note the following:

- "of" phrases
- Adjectives
- Unique words

Throughout this entire season, 10-point questions will be pretty much the same. The answer length should hover around seven words or fewer.

### **League Meets 1-4**

League Meets help lay a firm foundation in studying the material. Knowing the chapters when they are due will allow quizzers to better understand what questions are being asked and practice accordingly. For every League Meet (1-5), all the answers to questions will come from one verse. For league meets 1-4, two Application Questions are included: one 10-point question and one 20/30-point question.

### **League Meet 5**

I am aware that some districts don't quiz over League Meet 5. They just use it as practice questions. With this in mind, these sets have more of an emphasis on quoting as well as the questions listed above that quizzers should take note. These questions can be beneficial to help quizzers solidify the material they have learned up to this point.

### **Districts, Regionals, Nationals**

For Districts, Regionals, and Nationals (DRN), the question difficulty gradually increases as there are more multiple-part questions and more scripture text questions scattered throughout. They are still designed to be direct, but quizzers may have to use a bit more critical thinking. These sets also introduce consecutive and separate verses. As the season moves on, more questions will expand beyond one verse and more verses will be required as answers.

### **Districts**

We begin to see the use of separate and consecutive verses at Districts as answers to questions can now come from two (or even three) verses. Throughout these sets, some

concordance-based questions will be asked. Some of these may not require studying beforehand, but doing so will benefit quizzers.

## **Regionals**

The difficulty takes a step up from District-level questions. Quizzers can expect a large portion of questions to come from multiple verses (two to three for 20-pointers, three to four for 30-pointers) and concordance questions to be less obvious than those at Districts. So quoting the material and studying the concordance will be very helpful in preparation for Regionals and beyond.

## **Nationals**

To have success at Nationals, one must know the material and know it well. Questions will constantly come from multiple verses and can require quizzers to say up to five verses (or more if they're short). Concordance questions will be at their most difficult and thus will require studying ahead of time.

Updated tips about District Finals, Regional Finals, and National Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

***Cole Abbott, Official Contender and XP5 Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026***

## **General style**

I like writing thought provoking questions as often as I can. The majority of questions will follow simple progression through the verse, like “this person did what”, or “this person went where.” There will also be some set up questions such as, “when this person went there, what happened?” Scripture text questions are often longer and will take some patience from quizzers. I will often use locaters (Section title or chapter) to make the difference between difficulties, so a section title could be a 10 while a chapter locator could be a 20 on the same question.

## **Difficulty**

At league level, 10's will normally be between 1–5-word answers and normally no more than 7. 20's could range anywhere from a word, depending on difficulty, up to half of a long verse. 30's will often be the majority of a verse and often times will include quotes,

essence questions, and some chapter analysis lists. The difficulty of questions will remain the same for league matches through league finals.

Please be aware of the following requirements for the league level questions for the Contender and XP5 divisions:

- All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion.
- 2 Application questions will appear in each set for League 1 through League 4
  - For XP5 rounds, these will appear between questions 13-18
  - For Contender rounds, these will appear after question 10
- Contender Study Questions will appear:
  - As 10 of the first 12 questions for all XP5 matches
  - As 10 questions per set for Contender League 1
  - As 5 questions per set for Contender Leagues 2 through 4
  - Not at all in League 5 and beyond

Updated tips about District Finals and Regional Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

## RULES UPDATE:

Practically, there aren't many significant changes to the rules for the 2025-2026 season. Notable changes are below:

We've removed the "General Information" from the main text of the *Bible Quiz Rules* and created a new document called *Competition Structure and Eligibility Rules* to house the majority of those rules. Since these rules primarily apply only to DBQCs and new churches, it made sense to remove them from the rules that teams carry from round to round.

We've adjusted our eligibility rules to more closely mirror those of Fine Arts. This change serves a few purposes:

- (1) It brings more cohesion across A/G-sponsored youth ministries,
- (2) It closes long-open loopholes to prevent "super senior" issues, and
- (3) It permits increased eligibility for particularly high-achieving students who graduate traditional high school early.

We've removed the individual foul for incorrect hand placement when seated at the quiz table. Instruction for proper hand placement still remains, and fouls are still applicable for help and improper communication (gesturing, hand signals, etc.).

We've made minor wording changes throughout the document to enhance flow and clarify potentially confusing items.

The Rules, as almost all information pertaining to the 2025-2026 BQ season, can be found at [Biblequiz.com](http://Biblequiz.com)

If you have suggestions for future rules changes, the Rules Committee is always happy to hear your ideas!

Contact Bryan Turner at [bdturner1@yahoo.com](mailto:bdturner1@yahoo.com)

## **GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILEMON**

- G, E, P, C, P Discipleship Award, along with the Discussion Questions, can be found at [www.Biblequiz.com](http://www.Biblequiz.com)
- Application Questions are also posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2025-2026 BQ Season.
  - The G, E, P, C, P Scripture Portions are available at  
<https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startcat.cfm?cat=YMBIBQUIZ&mastercat=&path=YMBIBQUIZ>
  - The G, E, P, C, P practice questions are available at [MHC Digital / Teen Bible Quiz](#)
  - Quote Cards are available through [Biblequizshop.com](http://Biblequizshop.com)

## ***GOLD CUP QUESTIONS\****

Questions by former National quizzzer Elizabeth Li are for sale. \$15.00 for 12 Gold sets over Galatians and Ephesians 1-2 and 12 Silver sets over Galatians. Lori Sullivan at [safkids@gmail.com](mailto:safkids@gmail.com)

## ***BLUEGRASS CLASSIC QUESTIONS***

Questions for sale. 12 sets of questions evenly covering Galatians chapters 1-6 and Ephesians 1 for \$10.00.

Questions are hard district to easy regional level. Heather Cox  
at [heather.karnes10@gmail.com](mailto:heather.karnes10@gmail.com)

### ***GOBBLEFEST BQ TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS***

12 sets of Championship, covering Galatians and Ephesians 1-5; and 12 sets of Contender covering Galatians and Ephesians 1-3 and 12 sets of XP5 Covering Galatians 3 & 5 and Ephesians chapter 4. Chapter 4 is 143 questions!  
All for only \$15.00. Bernie Elliot at [ElliotBQ@gmail.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@gmail.com)

### ***CONCORDANCE QUESTIONS***

500 concordance questions over all of G, E, P, C, P written by Billy Branham. Make a donation of any amount to the Bible Quiz Scholarship Fund at [AG Giving](http://AGGiving.org) Simply type in “Bible Quiz Scholarship” Contact Bernie Elliot at [ElliotBQ@gmail.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@gmail.com) for the questions.

- Results from Gold Cup that don't show up at Biblequiz.com  
After a full round robin, the top 8 Gold teams entered a single elimination playoff bracket. Gateway Church, Midlothian, TX won the 2025 Gold Championship match!  
In the silver division the team from South Tulsa Baptist Church were the champions.
  
- Need a quiz set?  
Lucas Cox at [www.quiz.supplies](http://www.quiz.supplies)  
Steve Kirkman, [www.quizequipment.com](http://www.quizequipment.com)
  
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<http://www.biblequiz.com>

## **MEMORIZATION**

Whatever you're trying to memorize, break it into bite-sized chunks. Each year, the material is made up of chapters, which are made up of sections, which are made up of verses, which are made up of clauses. Take the following verse:

*(Matthew 2:16) When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.*

This is a lot to memorize all at once, so I'd break it up into clauses:

- *When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi,*
- *he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem*
- *and its vicinity who were two years old and under,*
- *in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.*

Read the first one, then say it to yourself five times without looking. Then read the second one and say it to yourself five times without looking. Then go back and say both of them together five times. Continue with the third and fourth clauses. Now you know a whole verse! You should also add the number of the verse at the beginning when you quote. This will help immensely with references.

When I memorized, I generally broke the section into sets of five verses. After learning each verse as above, I'd say it together with the verses in that set of five a few times. After some time, you'll know five verses. Move on to the next set of five verses and do the same, then say all 10 verses together. Continue until you know the entire section. And continue that until you know the entire chapter. And continue that until you know the entire material.

This doesn't all happen in one sitting! Over a long book like Matthew, it can take six months. But the most important thing is to not have to memorize a chapter more than once! That means quoting to someone else as much as possible. Early in the season, I'd recommend quoting everything you know at least once a week. Increase the frequency as competitions approach. By the time nationals rolled around, we would quote it all every day.

If you can't quote to someone else, try recording a video on your smart phone. Then watch it back. This can help you correct any mistakes but quoting to someone else is ideal. Don't focus on speed if you can't quote clearly while doing so.

Books such as Matthew presents a unique opportunity in the first chapter of a long list with many unfamiliar names in it. Treat this generally like you would the verses themselves.

The more you say it the more it becomes rote. I memorized the genealogy 25 years ago and can still do it with no hesitation.

***Dr. Joe Bohanon is a former National Finals quizzer and long-term official at all levels.***

## FUNDRAISING TIPS

Lexington First Assembly has been involved in TBQ for over 30 years. Over 20 years ago, we started working the University of Kentucky home football game concession stands as a fundraiser. We work every home football game each fall, which equates to 6 or 7 football games from late August to late November. Our quizzers, coaches and parents work the concession stands to raise the money we need to help cover the expenses of the TBQ season. The amount of money we have made for each football game has varied, but currently it is the only fundraiser we have to do each season. We work as a non-profit through our church. The funds go directly to our church from UK and we draw on the funds through our bookkeeper.

**Patti Smith, Lexington, KY**

## BQ TOURNAMENTS

### ***Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament ?***

January 9-10, 2026

Life Change Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5, Adult

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

608-566-6255

### ***41st Friendship Classic***

January 23-24, 2026

Oxford AG, Oxford, FL

Championship only

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

### ***Presidents Cup***

February 7, 2026

Swedesboro, NJ

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

### ***Windy City Classic***

Mar 6-7, 2026

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

Contact: David Powell [wheatonpowells@yahoo.com](mailto:wheatonpowells@yahoo.com)

### ***Emerald City Tournament***

April 10–11, 2026

Seattle, WA (Area)

Championship only

Richie Nelson: [richiedn@gmail.com](mailto:richiedn@gmail.com)

253-232-9995

### ***Jersey Shore Pre-Nats***

June 5-6, 2026

Tinton Falls, NJ

All material covered

## 64<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort

June 27, - July 3, 2026

40 teams and a “1 on 1 Tournament” for those Championship quizzers whose team does not make it. (Minimum of 4 quizzers).

Winner of that “1 on 1” competition receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship for post high school education.

Resort Fee is waived for our group, free parking and free wi-fi.

Ice Cream fellowship for everyone on Saturday night.

Thursday night fellowship.

District Bible Quiz Coordinators Meeting on Friday night, June 27 and Sat AM, June 28, 2026

Adult quizzing: National BQ Finals 2026

Veteran Division: Philippians Chapters 1-4

Fun/Novice Division: Philippians Chapters 2-3

Will also have the Adult Quoting Bee.

### ***Facebook Group***

If you have not joined us, please do so on our Facebook page.  
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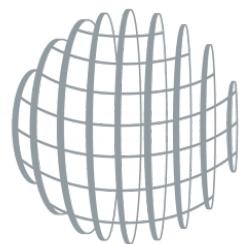
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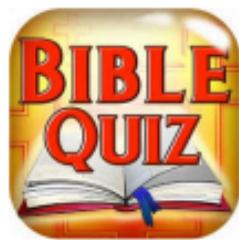


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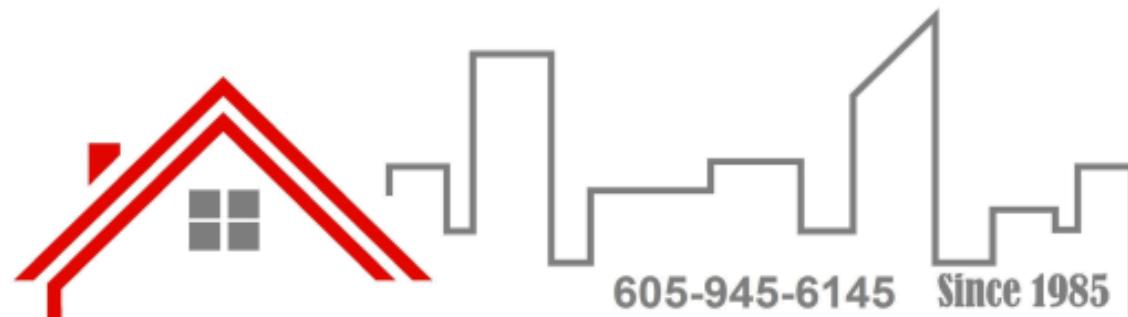




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