

# Biblical Measurements



**Words to Find:**

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| bushel | fingers    | log   | shekel |
| cab    | furlong    | mile  | span   |
| cubit  | handbreath | omer  | talent |
| ephah  | hin        | pace  |        |



## The World's Greatest Peril

*Moody Monthly (1961)*

Many years past, newspaper reporters asked General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, what he thought was the greatest peril of the immediate future. The General quickly answered: "The world's greatest

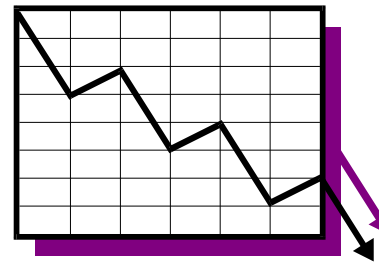
peril is that the church will offer the world a philosophy of Christianity that provides forgiveness without regeneration, 'Christianity' without Christ, religion without the Holy Ghost, politics without God, and heaven without hell." How sad his prophecy is being fulfilled.

# The Bible View

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## Grading on A Curve?



I loved it in school, when the teacher graded us on a curve. The best grade in the class was a 75%. It was then that my normally failing grade of 59% was a "C".

"Alright," I sighed. I wasn't as bad as others. The truth of the matter was, I still didn't perform the way I should have on the test. I still didn't know the material. I may have gotten away with not failing, but I had fallen short of what I should have expected of myself.

Too many today compare themselves to others in similar fashion:

- "I'm not as bad as he."
- "I don't lie that much."

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## Prayer Power

*Edited from Sunday Teacher's Treasury - 1960*

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*

★ Jacob prayed: the angel blessed him and Esau's revenge was changed to fraternal love.

★ Joseph prayed: He was delivered from the prison in Egypt.

★ Moses prayed: Amalek was discomfited and Israel triumphed.

★ David prayed: Ahithophel, the traitor, went out and hung himself.

★ Jehoshaphat prayed: God turned away His anger and smiled.

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## Grading on A Curve?

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- ☑ "I just drink a little, but I'm not a drunk."
- ☑ "Yes, I've stolen, but I'm not a thief."
- ☑ "I do look at other women, but I'm not unfaithful or lusting."
- ☑ "I say bad words, but I won't consider myself filthy mouthed."
- ☑ "I do lose my temper, but not as bad as I've seen others do."
- ☑ "I have gossiped, but just a little."
- ☑ "Sure, I've talked back to my parents; but that's not the sin of disobedience to parents."

Again, the truth was that all instances of wrong-doing were still wrong. Justification doesn't make anything correct. It just eases the guilt.

We should not be the standard of measurement of righteousness. How can we? We are sinners like everyone else. We have no right to do the judging, but God does. He has never sinned and hates sin. Ultimately, He will be the judge of our sins.

To God, all sin is bad. All sin displeases him, and much of the

time, cuts off our communication with him. That's why some do not get answered prayer anymore.

We don't always see our own weaknesses as Revelation 3:17 reminds us: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

We sometimes fool those around us, but God knows our sinfulness. One group of religious leaders tried to grade themselves at the top of the "curve." God said to them however, "... Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

To another group of "righteous," God said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:22-23)

When a group had gathered and was ready to punish an adulterer for her sin, Jesus said, "... He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

**"There is nothing into which the heart of man so easily falls as pride. And yet there is no vice that is more frequently, more emphatically, and more eloquently condemned in Scripture."**  
- Spurgeon

When we compare ourselves to the only one that has never sinned, Jesus, we find we can never measure up.

*"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10*

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23*

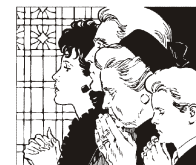
In good education, grading on a curve is a poor way to truly measure one's performance. It is also pretentious of us to compare our goodness to others.

## Prayer Power

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- ★ Elijah prayed: the little cloud appeared and the rain descended upon the parched earth.
- ★ Elisha prayed: the waters of Jordan were divided.
- ★ Isaiah prayed: 185,000 Assyrian enemy were killed.
- ★ Hezekiah prayed: the sundial was turned back.
- ★ The disciples prayed: the Holy Ghost was poured out.
- ★ The Church prayed: Peter was delivered by an angel.
- ★ Paul and Silas prayed: the prison doors were opened and every man's bonds were loosed.
- ★ You prayed: ???????? (Did anything happen? It should!)

## Should He Come on Prayer Meeting Night?



*Author Unknown*

*Where would I be on prayer meeting night,  
If my Lord should suddenly come?*

*At church in my place or out with the crowd  
Just having some innocent fun?*

*Where would I be? With the faithful and true,  
Or at home in an easy chair;  
Too weary, too selfish, too careless perhaps,  
To go to the temple of prayer?*

*Where would I be? getting food for my soul,  
And praying for those who are lost;  
Or absent again - forgetting the One  
Who bought us at infinite cost?*

*Where would I be? I've excuses enough,  
But how would they look in His sight?  
Where would I want Him to find me at last  
Should He come on prayer meeting night?*

Someone told young David, "Goliath is too big to hit."

David told them, "He's too big to miss!"