

# David The Dreamer



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Years ago, someone told me if a kindergartener can tell you what they want to be when they grow up, the odds are pretty good that they will go to college. Whether that's true or not,

it's a fun thing for a kid to dream.

A few days ago, David bounded into our dental office to have his teeth cleaned. Because of COVID, parents now wait in the car. He didn't care; he's eight and full of personality and independence. I had the pleasure of working with him. We chit chatted about how he was doing through Corona.

After giving the brushing spiel, I asked him how many chicken nuggets he thought he could eat without throwing up. (It's a fair question.) Taking his eyes from the TV, he leaned up and announced, "Actually, I read a random article on my phone that a guy ate 400 and was paralyzed." "Wow!" I responded and then, "Dude! You have a phone?!" He sure did!

Just before Dr. Boyd came to examine his teeth, I asked the magical question: "David, what do you want to be when you grow up?" With loads of enthusiasm he exclaimed, "I want to be an astronaut!" Now that's a worthy goal! I'm sure lots of boys dream of flying into space. But he wasn't finished. "I want to

swim in the lakes of Saturn's moon Titan!" I blinked several times. "What?!" I asked. Maybe I'd misunderstood. He repeated his dream without a stammer. Holy Moly! What the thunder was Titan and who knew Saturn had moons with lakes?!

I always carry a pen and paper. You never know when something important will need to be written down. I scribbled "swim, lakes of Sat moons, Titan". I was going to have to Google that! (I did! It's real!)

When Dr. Boyd came to sit down, I asked, "David, tell Dr. Boyd what you want to be when you grow up!" And he did. With the exact words and excitement. I love working with kids!

When I was young, I dreamed of being a ballerina. One whole summer I rode around the bottom where we lived wearing thick winter tights under my boyish blue jean shorts on my banana seat bicycle. I can take a second for you to picture it.

David's enthusiasm made me realize that the dreamer in me is not bro-

ken but has certainly been squelched by 2020. I've been busy washing my hands and wearing a mask but have forgotten that there are still great things ahead!

Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17 reminds: "I will pour out my Spirit... Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

This most difficult year truly been a time for dreams and visions. It's been the year of thinking out of the box, the year of Plan B. Every pastor, preacher, teacher, student, missionary, business owner, employee, doctor, nurse, etc. has had to change the way they do everything! But God is not dead. He is not asleep. He's not on vacation. He still has plans for us!

While I don't plan on eating 400 chicken nuggets or swimming in the lakes of Saturn's moons, I can dream of ways to be used as an instrument in His Hands! Instead of focusing on the daily numbers I need to keep my eyes on daily opportunities where I can spread the good news!

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Tamar in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Why had Jonah been thrown overboard from a ship, later to be swallowed by the big fish? He asked to, For stealing, Being a stowaway, Brandishing his sword
3. From Genesis 29, which of Jacob's wives

was first to bear children? Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah

4. In 2 Kings 16, who burned his son alive as a sacrifice? Joab, Ahaz, Isaac, Josiah

5. From Acts 22, what famous rabbi was Paul's teacher? Hillel, Turkel, Zakkai, Gamaliel

6. Who stole idols from her father? Elisabeth, Martha, Rachel, Deborah

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

PSALM 80:18-19

**Then** we will **not turn away from** you; **revive** us, **and** we **will call** on **your name**. **Restore** us, **LORD God Almighty**; **make** your **face shine** on us, **that** we **may be saved**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## Seeds of Hope



Whenever we go to a physician for care we are normally greeted by someone who takes our "vital signs" and then asks us to describe our "symptoms" - our reason for wanting to talk with a physician. These symptoms or vital signs are indicators - early warning signs of a deeper or more serious condition that describe an illness that requires some sort of treatment.

One of the gifts that we have through the grace and mercy of God is His love that surrounds us and His arms that protect us. "He guards the lives of His faithful," wrote the Psalmist, "and delivers them from the hand of the wicked." Our God is there to prevent the "illnesses" caused by sin that could destroy us

who are faithful to Him.

One of the most influential saints of God was C. I. Scofield. He is the author of Scofield Study Bible - no doubt one of the most widely used and perhaps more influential than any other study Bible ever published.

"Shortly after my conversion," he once wrote, "I saw a picture of Daniel in the den of lions. His hands were behind him and the lions were circling him. The one thing I was in fear of was that I might go back to my sins. But as I stood before that picture, a great hope and faith came into my heart. I said, 'Why these lions are all about me - my old habits and sins - the God that shut the mouths of the lions for Daniel can shut them for me.' And He did!"

God promises that He will guard us and guide us, protect us and defend us and deliver us from the "hand of the wicked." But only if we are **faithful to Him!**

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## Stickeler's Puzzle

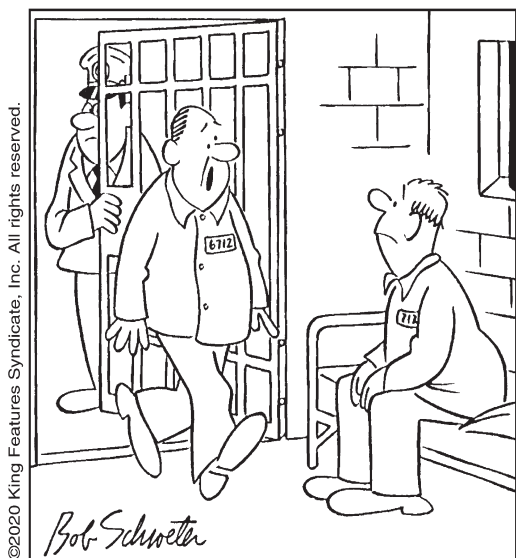


Using the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 only once, what is the largest number that can be created by stacking the numbers in exponential form? What is the second largest?

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"I turned down \_\_\_\_\_ — do you realize what the cost of living is out there?"

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Essential  
PASTEL \_\_\_\_\_

Fortress  
OBTAINS \_\_\_\_\_

Breach  
SLEAP \_\_\_\_\_

Cover  
PARED \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

## Practicing Deceit

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The Bible declares in **Numbers 32:23** that "your sin will find you out." How true this is within the lives of many. Much ill feelings, disappointments, broken hearts, etc., have been the results of many who attempted to practice deceit. The Bible also says in **1 Timothy 5:24**, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." But, either way, one's sins will find you out.

On one occasion, I knew of a story wherein one man and his wife raised together seven children as full brothers and sisters. But after 40 years had passed, two of the older siblings found out through their birth certificates, that each had a different father. The sad part is that the supposed parents never told them; they found it out quite by accident. One can only imagine the disappointments, the heartaches, difficulties that one would have to endure upon finding this to be. Forgiveness was sought but only partially returned, as I remember. So indeed, practicing deceit never worked in this case. No, because eventually one's sins will find them out.

What can be a lawful conclusion to such a dilemma as this? First of all, acknowledging to one's self and to Almighty God that we have sinned. **1 John 1:6-7** says, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Now, I know that this is written to deal with the sins that a righteous person may commit, but it seems to me that it affects nearly anyone who has sinned as well. So then, can a confession ever make the results of one's past sins disappear? Most of the time, it will not, but what confession does, is clears one's conscience before Almighty God which will bring inner peace to the one making the confession. So, there may be many people who think that their unconfessed sins are hidden, but the Bible states that all sins are open before the Lord. "Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?" **Proverbs 15:11** Thereby, he does know! I personally do not know of anyone who has never been without forgiveness for any and all past sins. The old song once sung, says, "I remember when my burdens rolled away; I had carried them for years, night and day. When I sought the blessed Lord, And I took Him at His word, Then at once all my burdens rolled away."

Thank God for forgiveness and salvation from sin. It is now 3:20 p.m. as I am writing this article; so, I know that the Lord has impressed me to do so. Maybe you are one, Dear Friend, that finds yourself in need of the inner peace which you have sought for many years but never found. Well, there is good news for you! Christ is still in the forgiveness business; and still in the saving and restoration business as well. But you must seek him out. Jesus says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." **John 6:37** So, we with a humble spirit must come to him; he will forgive, and forget your sins. But, he will also help you work out your past deceptions as well. Yes, this article may be for you!

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