

## The Green Bible Quiz:

### Do you know where the "green" is in the Bible?

#### 1) Which of these "green" prophets is in the Bible?

- a) Francis of Assisi, who preached to birds and critters.
- b) Al Gore of Tennessee, who preached an inconvenient truth.
- c) John the Baptist, of the wilderness, who lived on a raw food diet .

Answer C -- MATTHEW 3: 1-4, "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea....and his food was locusts and honey."

#### 2) Which verse praising creation is from the Psalms?

- a) The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- b) Morning has broken, like the first morning....
- c) Lo, from the window of my air-conditioned, fossil fuel-dependent vehicle I saw how majestic is the Lord's creation.

ANSWER: A -- PSALMS 19:1

#### 3) What did Jesus say about birds?

- a) One in the hand is as good as two in the bush.
- b) Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
- c) God does not forget the sparrows.

ANSWER: C -- LUKE 12:6-7, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight."

#### 4) Where did Jesus go to commune with nature?

- a) to the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens.
- b) hiking in the mountains.
- c) kayaking on the River Jordan.

ANSWER: B -- MATTHEW 4:23, "And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray."

#### 5) Which of these health food is found in the Bible?

- a) Wafer bits that taste like honey.
- b) kelp harvested from the Sea of Galilee.
- c) tofu made from soybeans grown in Judea.

ANSWER: A -- EXODUS 16:31, "The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."

#### 6) The Bible commands us to honor our father and mother so that:

- a) They won't cut us out of their will.
- b) Santa won't put coal in our stocking.
- c) We'll live a long time on the earth.

ANSWER: C -- Deuteronomy 5:16, "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long ..."

#### 7) What did Jesus say we could learn from a fig tree?

- a) To everything there is a season.
- b) How to speak figuratively
- c) How to make healthy cookies.

ANSWER: A -- MATTHEW 24: 32, "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near."

**SCORING:**

All correct: You're green as the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:11, "Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.'")

4 to 6 correct: You take the olive branch (Genesis 8:11, "...and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf.")

1-3 correct: Face facts with your ficus. (Job 12-8, "... Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you.")

All wrong: Scorched earth! (Jeremiah 4:23, "I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void...")