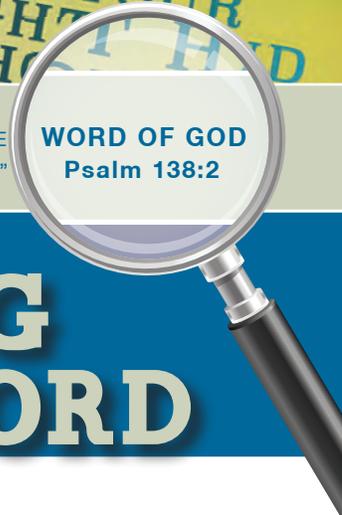


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“For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name.”

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2



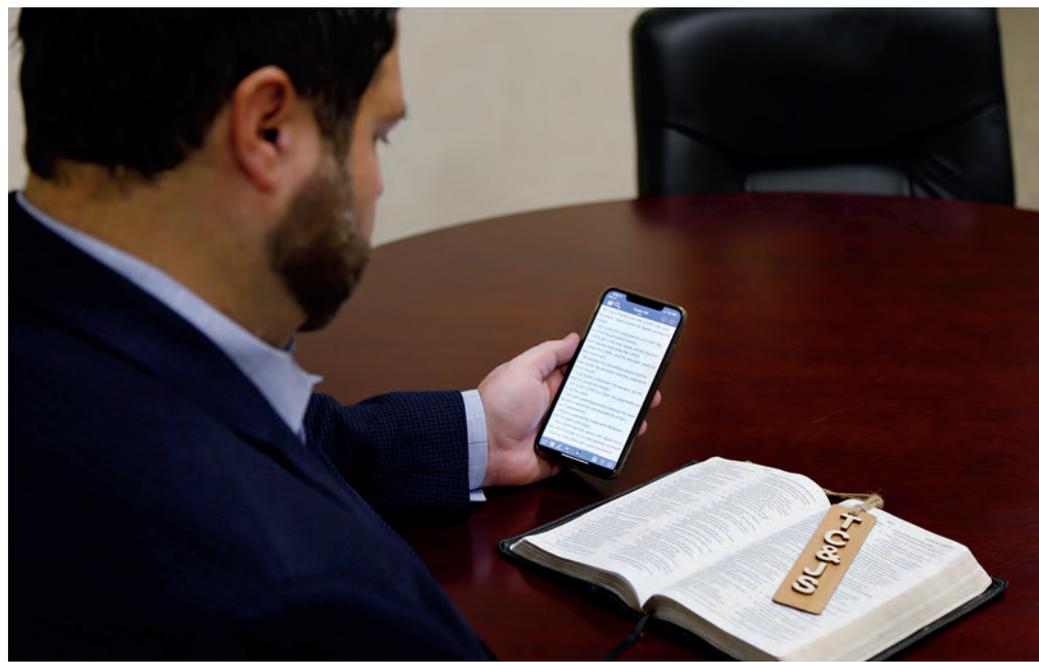
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BLUE LETTER BIBLE MAGNIFYING GOD’S WORD

Passing on a Love for God’s Word to the Next Generation with BLB

2 Timothy 2:2 reads, “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” The apostle Paul had a vision for four generations who would pass on the precious truths of God’s Word, after first internalizing these words for themselves. We at BLB would like you to meet Thomas Purtell, a man whom God has graciously used to enact this model for discipleship. Way back in 2002, a friend told Thomas about BLB’s website. At first, Thomas doubted what he was hearing. A place to access various translations and other Bible resources, all for free? But when he checked it out, he says “I was blown away.” He considered BLB an amazing gift to the body of Christ.

As the years went by, Thomas and BLB grew together. He used the website to prepare for the studies he taught and the messages he



was invited to preach. The lexicon, interlinear Greek with English translations, encyclopedias, and dictionaries all became invaluable tools in his preparation. But what really got our attention was that Thomas developed a plan for passing on his expertise. Crucial to this effort was the BLB app. Five years ago, Thomas took

aside his 13-year-old son and told him that the first app he needed to put on his phone was BLB’s. In Thomas’s words,

It takes fifteen seconds to download, and a lifetime to upload.

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Further, each week he went over one of the app's resources with his son, making sure that he knew how to use it. In this way, his son became competent to study God's Word for himself.

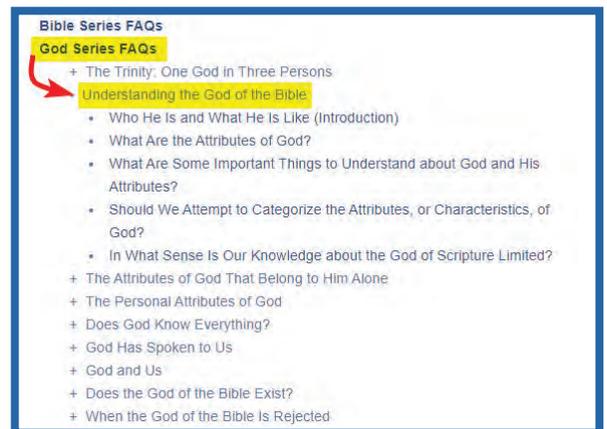
But the process did not stop there! Soon a friend of Thomas's asked whether Thomas might mentor his son in how to use the BLB resources. Before long, a whole group of young men were meeting in a restaurant to receive tutorials on using our app. What a priceless gift to put in their hands! Thomas understood that you do not need to be a scholar to handle God's Word accurately, and that teenagers are a prime audience for what BLB has to offer.

We can see how Thomas's familiarity with BLB has allowed him to live out 2 Timothy 2:2. What he received from a friend, he has passed on to the next generation. And what can he expect? That in the future, these young men will communicate their knowledge of, and love for, the Scriptures to their own sons and daughters. We at BLB are overjoyed to be a part of Thomas's faithful effort to train faithful men. 

Don Stewart FAQs - God and Holy Spirit

Don Stewart's FAQs are one of BLB's most popular resources, helping users to understand key topics of the Christian faith through a series of questions. Don Stewart's FAQ responses are Biblical and to the point, and cover a wide range of theological topics.

Don has graciously offered BLB the permission to publish his series on God and the Holy Spirit, which are now available on our website and apps. There are so many new FAQs to read. Be sure to visit Don Stewart's author page. Once there, click on a series (e.g. God Series FAQs) and then the sub-topics (e.g. Understanding the God of the Bible) in order to see the list of questions for the given sub-topics. BLB.org/DonStewart 



Ann Davis

STAFF TIP: Sayings Not Found in Scripture

Living in an era dominated by marketing and social media, it can often be difficult to know what is true and what is not. At Blue Letter Bible we often get questions from people asking us to locate sayings and passages that are not actually in the Bible. While some of these sayings sound very Biblical, they can often promote ideas and worldviews that clearly contradict sound Biblical teaching. A popular example of one of these sayings is "God helps those who help themselves." This statement's origin is in fact from an Aesopian fable and opposes many verses pertaining to grace, mercy, and salvation. Romans 5:6 NASB, for instance, tells us that, "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." To read our full article on "Sayings Not Found in Scripture" go to BLB.org/FAQ/Sayings.cfm 

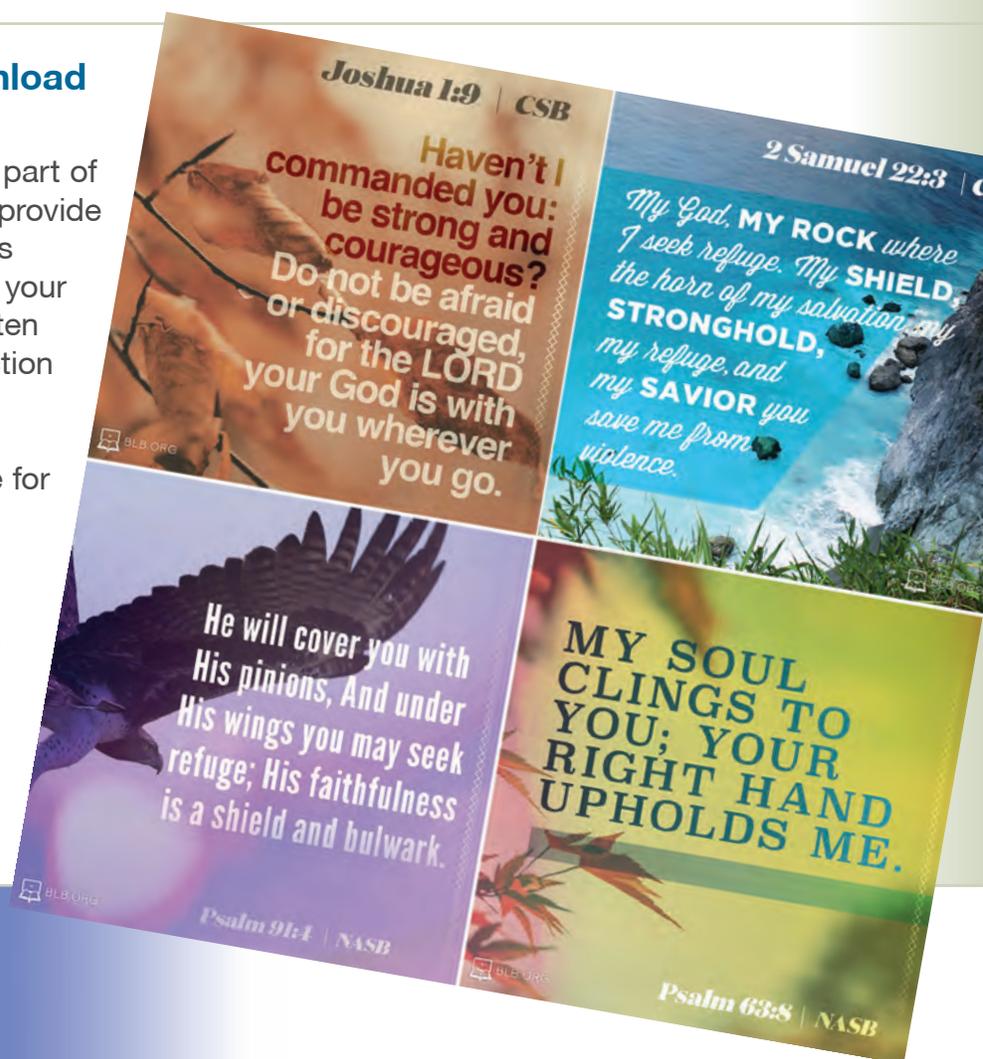
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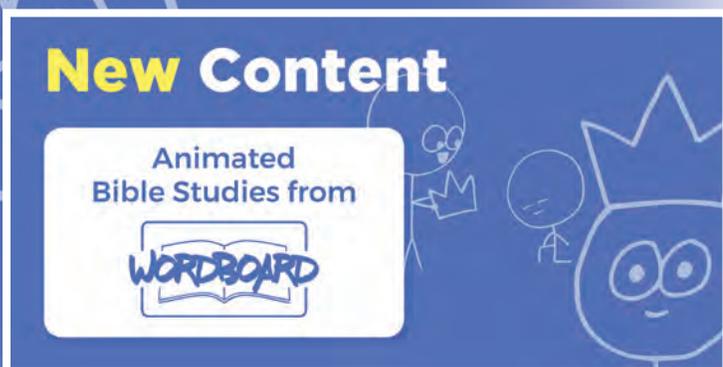
Social media has become a very large part of our culture, which is why we desire to provide you with biblical, God-glorifying images that you can download and share with your friends, free of charge. We just added ten new Scripture images on God's Protection to share with your friends and family. We pray that this is one way you can encourage others to look to God alone for refuge and strength.

We have also made it easier for you to download images, by including all Scripture images in a zip file for you to download at one time.

Browse and download the images at: BLB.org/socialimages 



Bible Study Videos and Images from WordBoard



One of BLB's newest partners is WordBoard—a whiteboard animation project developed by James Street that focuses on explaining books or passages in the Bible in a fun, simple way. It is designed to help Christians learn more about the Bible they love so much and to think through it the way God intended.

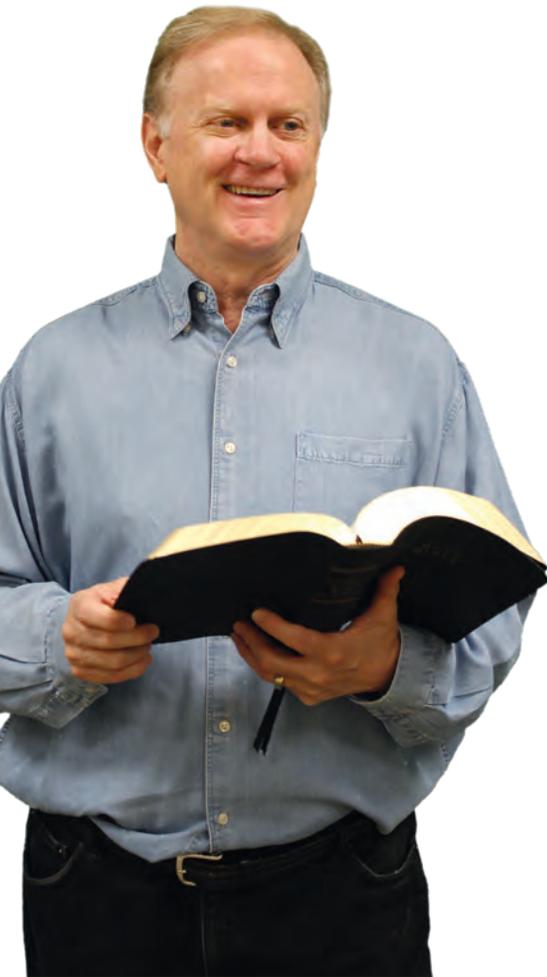
“Boardies” are videos addressing difficult to understand or commonly misunderstood passages in the Bible, while “Summaries” are

videos summarizing books of the Bible or entire testaments. Both video series can be found at BLB.org/WordBoard.

We are also releasing “Snapboards”, which are one-picture drawings designed to capture meaningful Biblical insights in a snapshot. You can find these at: BLB.org/SnapBoards 



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Loving Christ and Sharing Him with Others

Something Thomas Purtell said during his interview with us really struck home. He stated, "We share what we love." That is true, isn't it? If we love a sports team, we extol it to others. If we love a restaurant, we recommend it constantly. And if we love a person and his message, we share that with fervency.

When Philip met Jesus and heard him speak (see John 1), he could not wait to find his friend Nathanael and tell him all about Jesus. Jesus was the Messiah! Nathanael had his doubts. So, Philip took Nathanael to meet Jesus.

All of this reminds us that if we love the Lord, we will share Him with others. That thought can be a little convicting. But the encouragement is the impact that we can make by sharing the Good News. BLB can help here. Thomas Purtell shared his love for God's Word with others by showing them how to use our resources. Is there someone—a believer or unbeliever—who you might aid in a similar way?

Jim Milligan
C.E.O. and Co-Founder

User Testimony

There is no way to communicate just how substantially I have been blessed by BLB for the last 13 years. I have used so many of the resources in my own personal growth as well as reaching out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you and may the grace and peace of God be with you as you continue in the love and exaltation of Jesus Christ. — *Trenda*

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