

Can He Depend On You?

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A song written by Wilkin Bacon asks, “Will you be crowned with the faithful and true, Can He depend on you?” Good question!

You can depend on Him! He is faithful (1 Cor. 1:9). He is true (Jn. 3:33).

Can He depend on you...

1) **To Live For Him?** The song says, “For us He died that for Him we might live...” There are different ways we can live: in sin (Rom. 6:2), after the flesh (Rom. 8:12-13), for ourselves (2 Cor. 5:15), hypocritically (Gal. 2:14), ungodly (2 Pet. 2:6), in error (2 Pet. 2:18), by the word of God (Mt. 4:4), by faith (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 2:20), for Jesus (2 Cor. 5:15; Phil. 1:21), peaceably (Rom. 12:18; 2 Cor. 13:11), in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25), godly (2 Tim. 3:12; Titus 2:12), honestly (Heb. 13:18), and unto righteousness (1 Pet. 2:24). How are we living? Can He depend on you to live for Him?

2) **To Go Preach The Gospel?** The song says, “Go preach the gospel, all who will may hear, Thru Him be free from all fear; Bid them believe, to repent and obey, Walk in the newness of life...” Before He ascended on high Jesus commissioned, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel

to every creature” (Mk. 16:15). “...how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom. 10:13-14). Thru Him we can be “free indeed” (Jn. 8:36). “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6). God “...commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30). The Son of God is “...the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Heb. 5:9). “...we were buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). “Have you told others the story of love, showing them what they should do?”

3) **To Keep The Light Glowing?** The Bacon song continues, “Keep the light glowing to show them the way, Leading from sin and strife.” In the similitude section of the mountain message Jesus announced, “Ye are the light of the world. ...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Mt. 5:14, 16). Paul appealed to the Ephesian saints,

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8). The Philippians were commanded, “That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15). We must keep the light glowing in this dark world!

4) **To Do His Will?** The chorus reads, “Can He depend on you, His blessed will to do?” We are to be will-doers! Jesus preached, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Mt. 7:21). The stripe-beating story of Luke 12:42-48 emphasizes the importance of knowing and doing “... according to his will...”! The Lord said, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself” (Jn. 7:17). May the disposition of Jesus be demonstrated in our lives today: “...not my will, but thine, be done” (Lk. 22:42).

Will you be crowned with the faithful and true? (Rev. 2:10). Can He depend on you?

Fearfully And Wonderfully Made

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The Psalmist exclaimed, “***I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...***” (Ps. 139:14). Consider some amazing facts about the human body from BUPA, a global health and care organization:

1) ***The Brain.*** “The brain is the most complex organ in the human body. It is the control center of life. It not only affects and governs everything you do, how you think, feel and act, but what kind of person you are. It signals movements to the muscles, acts as a relay center for incoming sensory information, controls heart beat, body temperature, thirst, appetite and aspects of the nervous system, produces hormones that govern growth, sexual development and many other processes, processes visual information, controls touch, pressure and fine sensation such as judgment of texture, weight, size and shape, distinguishes smells and sounds, sorts information, and is involved in the handling of

anxiety, fear and other emotions, memory functions, the sense of smell, intellect, organizing, behavior and emotions. The brainstem controls functions essential for survival such as breathing, digestion, heart rate, blood pressure, arousal and alertness. The cerebellum helps coordinate movement, muscles, balance and posture. Both brain stem and cerebellum work by reflect action — no thinking is involved. They receive sensory information such as heat or cold, pressure or pain, from receptors all over the body and transmit the appropriate physical responses. So blinking and standing up, for example, don’t require conscious thought.”

2) ***Blood.*** “This sticky red fluid three times thicker than water is the body’s transport system, circulating continuously throughout its intricate network of veins, arteries and capillaries. One small drop contains 250 million cells. The blood supplies life-sustaining oxygen. It

delivers vitamins, minerals and other essential nutrients from digested food. It carries hormones from glands to control many vital functions. It helps fight infections. It cleanses the tissues, exchanging carbon dioxide for oxygen and removing other wastes to the kidneys. It also distributes warmth. New blood cells are constantly being made inside the bones to replace old ones as they die off or are lost through illness or injury. Without blood, the body cannot work, cannot survive. Blood, truly, is the fluid of life itself.”

Is your brain and blood the product of a ‘Big Bang’ and evolutionary chance...

OR

...Is there an omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent God who “...spake, and it was done...” (Ps. 33:9), who “In the beginning...created the heaven and earth” (Gen. 1:1), and “...formed man...” (Gen. 2:7)?

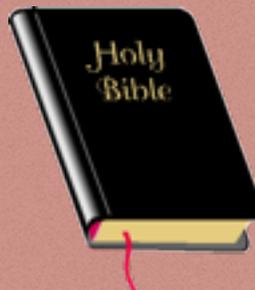
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