

# Wilmore Bible Quizzing Study Incentive Points System

Bible quizzing is a ministry designed to encourage youth to study and learn God's Holy Word. **It is successful in doing so year after year because it combines the eternal benefits of in-depth study of the Bible with the excitement and fun of competition.** Different viewpoints exist about the relative weight that the ministry puts on these two elements of Scripture and competition. Yet the genius of Bible quizzing is that the better one prepares for the competition side of the equation, the more likely one is to reap the benefits of a deep and lasting knowledge of Scripture. While this is not always a perfect correlation, those who do well in competition have hidden God's Word in their hearts, and from that, God will inevitably use that Scripture for His eternal and holy purposes. Conversely, many (but not all) do not do well in competition because they have not worked to learn and to memorize the Bible.

To encourage both successful quizzing and, more importantly, successful learning of God's Word, we use a Study Incentive Program. This program rewards activities that will get youth into the portion of Scripture being studied this year in quizzing. This program is designed to require a basic minimum of study, especially of the quote verses (picked out as the most important passages of each year's material), in order to ensure that a quizzer who meets the minimum standard of going to the quiz meet that month is equipped, in the short term, for potential success in quizzing, and, in the long term, for success in their spiritual life by having learned some important passages of God's Holy Word.

Activity	Points Earned	Monthly Maximum*
Quote <u>all</u> quotes correctly	40 points	40
Attend practices	4 points per practice	16
Complete Take-home worksheet	3 points per sheet	12
Correctly answer questions at quiz practice	4 points per question	<216
Memorize a new chapter	up to 30 points per chapter	90
Give a devotion at practice	10 points per devotional	10
Minutes of Bible Quiz study outside of practice	4 points per hour max of 20 (300 minutes) per week	80

\*assumes a 4 week month

## The Time Sheet

Through the year time sheets are available at practice or can be printed from the WFMC website under "Resources" then "Forms". While the time sheet includes instructions on the back, the front is all that is necessary to turn-in.

A parent must sign off on all time studied in order for points to be earned **and** time sheet must be turned in each week by 10pm the night of practice. Unsigned time sheets and ones with no quizzer name are not counted without confirmation. Late time sheets are only accepted due to absence, and are still due by 10pm the evening of the last practice of the month. *We take the integrity of these time sheets seriously. In order to minimize temptation to our quizzers we ask that parents write the **total of minutes and sign in a different color ink.***

The expectation is that timesheets will be turned in on paper at each week's practice. It happens that quizzers forget to bring the paper to practice or have the paper and neglect to turn it in, or don't have the parents' signature. In these cases the quizzer may take a legible picture of the signed time sheet and e-mail it to the coaches at: [wfmcbq@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcbq@gmail.com) If this is not possible, a parent *from their e-mail address*, may send an e-mail to the same address, summarizing the points on the time sheet. They are still due by 10pm.

## Some things to keep in mind:

A quizzer must **quote every quote passage** of that month to a coach during a practice of that month. They are given 3 chances to quote a passage correctly at each practice. Coaches will not give more than 3 attempts even if it is the last week before a quiz meet. It is the quizzer's responsibility to have these verses ready BEFORE practice.

A quizzer must accumulate at least **100 points** in a month that we have 4 practices; **115 points** in a month that we have 5 practices; or **130 points** in a month that we have 6 practices. Since longer months have more practices and more weeks to study in, this really isn't a hardship -- you get 4 points just for attending practice.

To keep things simple, minutes outside of practice include any reasonable and engaged method of studying, including completion of worksheets, learning of quotes, memorizing chapters, reading through current or previous months' material, being asked *or asking* practice questions. As long as your **complete attention is on Bible Quizzing**, you may count that time. Having a MP3 playing the material while you do other homework would not be fully-engaged. Reading a novel set in first century Palestine would not be reasonable. Completing a take home worksheet with background music playing, or writing out quotes while waiting at the dentist would be reasonable. The expectation is that you are studying in such a way as to improve your direct knowledge of the Bible.

All points must be earned by the end of the last practice before each quiz trip and expire after each quiz meet. Quizzers may begin earning points after the conclusion of each tournament; therefore *studying on the bus riding home counts for points, studying on the way to the meet does not.*

In order to receive full credit for memorizing a new chapter, it must be recited to a coach, in one sitting, with five or fewer major mistakes. A major mistake would be one that would cause an answer to be incorrect. One point is deducted for each error, up to 5 points off. At the sixth error the coach will interrupt and ask you study more and re-quote on another day.

## An example

Quentin is a Wilmore quizzer and would like to attend the December quiz meet. In the month of November the Wilmore quiz team will meet 5 times, so Quentin will need to obtain 115 points to attend the quiz. He attends every practice (5 x 4=20 points), records 90 minutes of studying (the minimum we have asked you to commit to do) each week on his time sheet and turns these sheets in at each practice (7.5 (1-1/2 hoursx5 weeks) x 4=30 points), and quotes all of his quotes to the coaches in practice throughout the month (40 points). So far, Jim has accumulated 20+30+40 points. That is, 90 points. He has done this without doing any more than the minimum requirement. He still needs 25 points to qualify. To do this he could do any combination of the following...

1. Study 6.25 extra hours for 25 points
2. Answer 7 questions in practice TOTAL in FIVE practices for 28 points
3. Prepare and give a devotion in practice for 10 points plus time spent preparing
4. Quote a chapter to a coach for up to 30 points
5. Complete the 4 worksheets for the month for 12 points

## In conclusion

The Incentive Points Program serves to prepare quizzers for success in competition and the ultimate goal of planting God's Word in every heart. It is not a form of punishment and should never be the cause of discouragement. If your quizzer is truly committing the time necessary to study, giving his or her best, and is still unable to meet the expectations, please contact Coach Jenny and accommodations should be able to be worked out to meet the needs of the individual.