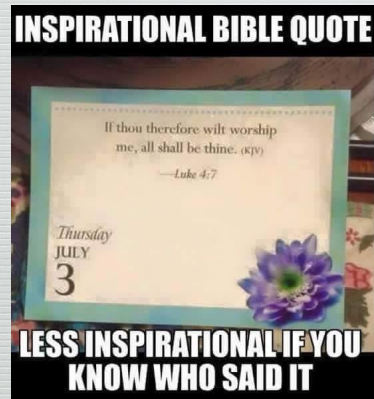
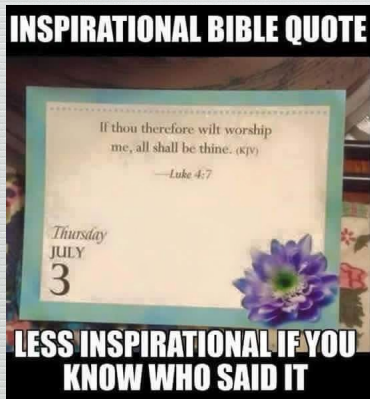


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Luke 4:5-8

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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⁴ perseverance, character; and character,
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Romans 5:3-5

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⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

⁷ anything from the Lord. double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:5-8

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trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

**...Be faithful until death, and I
will give you the crown of life.**

Revelations 2:10

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Hebrews 12:2

**Growing in maturity
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There is joy in the journey.
And it starts with looking to God,
asking Him for wisdom to endure these trials
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