

Bible Byte 1

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The 'Phrase that Pays' Game show

Characters:

- Stewart Knewitt** -Known as Stu, over the top game show host.
- Prue** -Stu's lovely assistant, leads audience in reciting verse
- Sue** - contestant 1, a coffee maker
- Hugh** - contestant 2, swimmer
- Lou** - contestant 3, tomato farmer



Stu: Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, guinea pigs and hamsters, couch potatoes and channel surfers, windsurfers and crowdsurfers.

My name is Stewart Knewitt, but you can call me Stu.

Welcome back to the Phrase That Pays. In the last round we solved the classic phrase from Shakespeare "to thine own self be...true".

And we are back now with another classic phrase that pays - this time from the Bible.

Before we meet our contestants I'll be giving you a sneak preview of the phrase that pays.

And here it is: "If you have faith in him, you will have true life." John 20:31

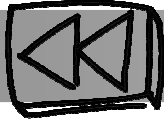
My lovely assistant here, Prue, is going to blank out a word from the phrase now...

(Prue covers over 'true' with card.)

Here at the Phrase That Pays, you the audience have a vital role in assisting our contestants. You will read the phrase that pays for them – but let's practise first –

"If you have faith in him, you will have _____ life." John 20:31

(repeat a couple of times)



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Excellent! And what a wonderful audience we have here tonight. Prue, it's time to meet our contestants. Could you bring them in one by one for us please?

(Prue exits and re-enters with contestant 1)

Our first contestant tonight is a coffee maker, from Woolloomooloo. Please welcome Sue!

(Wild applause as Sue enters)

Sue, I hear you make a fine brew, is that true, Sue?

Sue: Sure it's true, Stu.

Stu: Well, great to have you with us, Sue. Our second contestant tonight is from Timbuktu and is a champion swimmer. Please welcome Hugh!

(Wild applause as Hugh enters)

Hugh, welcome. Have you ever won a gold medal?

Hugh: Thanks, Stu, and yes - I've won a few.

(Wild applause)

Stu: Congratulations! Our third contestant is all the way from Peru and is a successful tomato grower. Let's welcome Lou!

(Wild applause as Lou enters)

Lou! What is the secret of your tomato farming success?

Lou: Thanks, Stu. Well, first I planted the tomatoes....

Stu: Brilliant!

Lou: and then ... they grew!

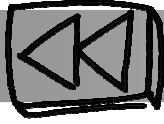
(Wild applause)

Stu: Stupendous! All the best to you, Lou.

With our 3 contestants now in front of their buzzers, let's do a quick tech check on the buzzers. Sue?

(Sue 'tests' her buzzer, gently pressing the head of the person kneeling in front of her – her Buzzer calls out "Moooooo")

Hugh?



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(Hugh ‘tests’ his buzzer, gently pressing the head of the person kneeling in front of him – his Buzzer calls out “Boo!!!”)

Lou?

(Lou ‘tests’ his buzzer, gently pressing the head of the person kneeling in front of him – his Buzzer calls out “Cooooo-ey!!!”)

Stu: Applause for the Buzzers, if you will

(Wild applause)

Stu: Excellent. I believe we are ready for round one. Studio audience, would you read the phrase that pays for our contestants. Hands on Buzzers - and if you think you know the missing word, press away.

Audience led by Prue: “If you have faith in him, you will have _____ life.” John 20:31

Hugh presses his buzzer

Stu: Hugh?

Hugh: If you have faith in him you will have tr...terrific life.

Stu: Hmmm, let’s try it with the audience.

Prue leads the audience in reciting the phrase – as Hugh chimes ‘terrific’ in the gap.

Stu: Huh, it’s close, but unfortunately this is not the phrase that pays. Remember it comes from the Bible. And the ‘him’ that it’s talking about is Jesus. Having faith in Jesus doesn’t mean life is automatically terrific.

Sue presses her buzzer

Stu: Sue! Can you complete the phrase that pays?

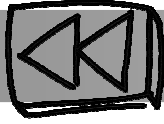
Sue: I think it’s tr...transmographically enhanced

Stu: Phew! Sue, that’s a mouthful to chew. But let’s give it a go...Prue?

Prue leads the audience in reciting the phrase – as Sue chimes ‘transmographically enhanced’ in the gap.

Stu: I’m sorry Sue, but that isn’t the phrase that pays. Just a moment *(listens to his mobile phone briefly)* Uh huh, mmm... ok. It seems that transmographically enhanced means a dramatically changed appearance. And I’m afraid – that doesn’t happen if you have faith in Jesus. So, it’s down to you, Lou.

Lou: Stu, can you give me a clue?



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Stu: Sure, Lou, here's a clue for you. You know the phrase comes from the Bible. It's talking about the kind of life we have when we have faith in Jesus. Both Sue and Hugh were on the right track with words beginning with "TR" – the missing word in the phrase that pays begins with "TR"

And the final clue...it rhymes with 'you'.

Lou: (Thinks hard) tattoo...Timbuktu... tennis shoe... turkey stew...

Can I have the phrase that pays one more time please Stu and Prue?

Stu: Of course – Prue?

Prue leads the audience in reciting the phrase – Lou presses his buzzer in the gap.

Stu: Lou! What is the word missing from the phrase that pays?

Lou: Is it 'true'?

Wild applause. Stu jumps up and down with excitement and shakes Lou's hand.

Stu: Correct. Let's put it all together.

Prue leads the audience in reciting the phrase – as Lou chimes 'true' in the gap.

Stu: Well, hasn't this been an unforgettable 'Phrase that Pays' tonight. A classic phrase from the Bible: "If you have faith in him, you will have - not terrific, not transmographically enhanced, but true life."

True, fair dinkum, real life.

Let's hear it for Sue, Hugh, Lou, my lovely assistant Prue and that's it from me, Stewart Knewitt, and 'The Phrase that Pays.'