

**Some**  
***inadequate***  
**uses of the**  
**Bible**



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**Not bad uses . . .**

**just uses that, in and by  
themselves, are  
inadequate**

**That is to say,  
they're inadequate  
uses . . . if they're  
the only or even the  
No. 1 use we make of  
the Bible**



# 1. Medicine Chest



**Following Biblical principles can bring emotional and even physical healing, but the Bible is far more than a “how-to-solve-this-problem” book.**

## ✿ **Some Helpful Verses**

**Afraid:** Psalm 23:4; Psalm 34:4; Matthew 10:28

**Anxious:** Psalm 46; Matthew 6:19-34; Philippians 4:6; I

**Backsliding:** Psalm 51; I John 1:4-9

**Bereaved:** Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

**Bitter or Critical:** I Corinthians 13

**Conscious of Sin:** Proverbs 28:13

**Defeated:** Romans 8:31-39

**Depressed:** Psalm 34

**Disaster Threatens:** Psalm 91; Psalm 118:5,6;

**Discouraged:** Psalm 23; Psalm 42:6-11; Psalm 55:22

**Doubting:** Matthew 8:26; Hebrews 11

**Facing a Crisis:** Psalm 121; Matthew 6:25-34

**Faith Fails:** Psalm 42:5; Hebrews 11

**Friends Fail:** Psalm 41:9-13; Luke 17:3,4

**Leaving Home:** Psalm 121; Matthew 10:16-20

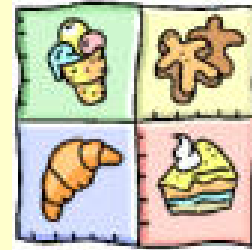
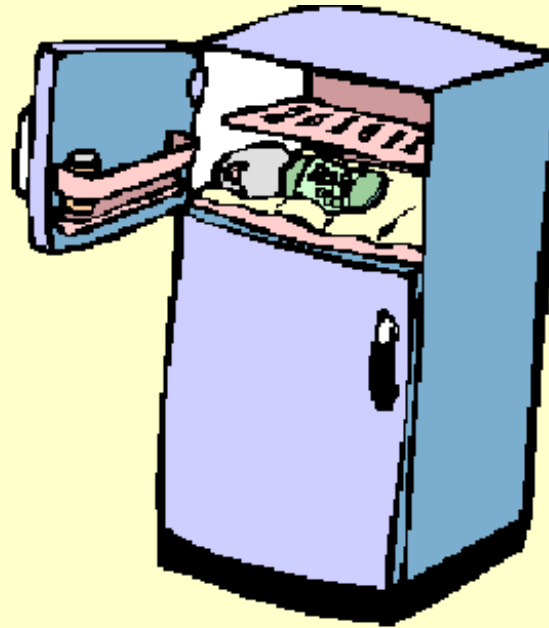
**Lonely:** Psalm 23; Hebrews 13:5, 6

**Needing God's Protection:** Psalm 27:1-6

**Needing Guidance:** Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 3:5, 6

**Needing Peace:** John 14:1-4; John 16:33

# 2. Refrigerator



# 3. Crystal Ball



The Bible does speak of things to come, but it is far more than a collection of prophecies about the future

# 4. Promise Book





# 5. Moral Code



# 5. Debate solver



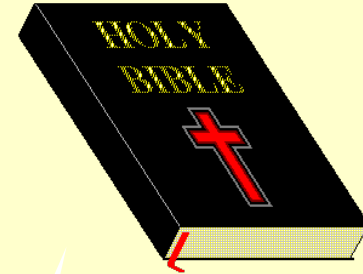
# 6. Proof of our own integrity

“I swear on a stack of Bibles . . .”

**Depending only on scraps of Scripture will never enable you to comprehend the magnificence of divine revelation.**

**“The Bible was given to bear witness to one God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, through Christ, Redeemer of sinful man. It presents one continuous story, that of human redemption” -- Merrill Unger**

# Some inadequate uses of the Bible (end)



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