

Biblical sayings and phrases - many entered into English with the King James Bible

Fall flat on your face

Numbers 22:31

Make a mistake that makes you look foolish

Heart of stone

Job 41:24

Be hard and unfeeling

Sharp tongued

Psalms 52:2

Speak in a way that hurts others

Be at your wits end

Psalms 107:27

Not know what to do or how to cope

Pride goes before a fall

Proverbs 16:18

People who are proud tend to make mistakes

Put words in his mouth

Exodus 4:15

Say a person has said something which they did not say

Rise and shine

Isaiah 60:1

Get up and go

The apple of his eye

Deuteronomy 32:10

Someone precious

Say the word

Matthew 8:8

Just give the order and it will be done

Am I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:9

Is it my duty to care for others?

Beat swords into ploughshares

Isaiah 2:4

Bring about peace

Stand in awe

Psalm 4:4

To have deep respect

Straight and narrow

Matthew 7:13-14

The way of right and good behaviour

Powers that be

Romans 13:1

Those who rule or are in charge in some way

Root of the matter

Job 19:28

To get to the cause of something

Love covers a multitude of sins

1 Peter 4:8

People will excuse a lot in someone they love

The skin of my teeth

Job 19:20

A narrow escape

Wolf in sheep's clothing

Matthew 7:15

Someone who pretends to be good or harmless but is really bad

Old wives tales

1 Timothy 4:7

Made up stories that are not true

Doesn't suffer fools gladly

2 Corinthians 11:19

When a person is impatient with people who are not as quick or clever as they are

It's better to give than receive

Acts 20:35

The act of giving brings greater joy than receiving something yourself

Wash your hands of something

Matthew 27:24

Give up responsibility for something

Drop in a bucket

Isaiah 40:15

A very small amount, hardly anything

Blind leading the blind

Matthew 15:14

One person who does not know what they are doing helping someone else who does not know what they are doing

From time to time

Ezekiel 4:10

Now and then, occasionally

In the twinkling of an eye

1 Corinthians 15:52

In no time at all, suddenly

How the mighty are fallen

2 Samuel 1:25-27

When someone talented or powerful makes a big mistake or fails

Salt of the earth

Matthew 5:13

Trustworthy, good and dependable

A labour of love

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Something done for love or enjoyment not money

Lick the dust

Psalms 72:9

To fall in battle, to die

To pour one's heart out

Psalms 62:8

To share thoughts and feelings

To go from strength to strength

Psalms 84:7

To get better and better

The left hand does not know what
the right hand is doing

Matthew 6:3-4

Everything is confused because there is bad communication