

Character *in* CRISIS

Study Guide Questions—*Tip Lewis and His Lamp* Chapters 12-14

1. There is a beautiful verse in Proverbs that says, “Show me a man diligent in his work and he will stand before kings.” This verse is demonstrated in chapter 12. Tip has been studying very hard, and on pages 127-130 he is the only boy who is able to stand before the class and give the correct answer to a pesky math problem. His hard work is rewarded with a promotion into the next class! Which of the following Proverbs also illustrate Tip’s hard work ethic? Circle the 2 correct answers!

- a. Proverbs 16:3
- b. Proverbs 26:13-16
- c. Proverbs 14:23
- d. Proverbs 20:4

2. On pages 133-134, Mr. Minturn encourages Howard to invite Tip to his upcoming birthday party. Howard wants to be a “hero” and is eager to show a kindness to the lonely Tip. At first, Tip is insulted by the invitation, saying he’s “never been invited before!” but Howard won’t take no for an answer. Howard’s actions are a beautiful display of grace—unmerited favor. The Bible is filled with such grace-filled moments. Take a moment and read the following passages. Circle the Bible character who did not show lavish grace and generosity.

- a. Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42)
- b. Demas (2nd Timothy 4:9)
- c. Ruth (Ruth 2:11-12)
- d. Unnamed Woman (Mark 14:3-9)

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3. On pages 141-144, all the popular boys are gathered together having fun. Soon, however, their true colors show. Ellis makes an irreverent joke about Scripture while Howard, Will, and the other boys join in the fun. Ellis would have done well to remember Proverbs 28:14—“Happy is the man who is always reverent. But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.” To “revere” something is to show it honor, respect, or admiration. Think of one of your most prized possessions. How do you treat that item? Just as we would value our prized possessions, we should value God and His Word. Which of the following verses talk about the importance of the Bible? Circle the 2 correct answers!

- a. John 1:1
- b. Exodus 5:1-2
- c. Matthew 15:8
- d. 2nd Timothy 3:16
- e. Jeremiah 23:29

4. The boy’s scornful laughter, prideful boasting, and boisterous insults shocks Tip. He is presented with a choice. Does he speak up and defend God’s Word or stay silent? It is not easy to speak the truth to those with whom you so badly want to be friends. Which Scriptures below would have helped Tip know which choice to make? Circle the 2 correct answers!

- a. James 4:14
- b. Genesis 6:5
- c. Ephesians 5:11
- d. Galatians 6:1