



## The *Power* of the Printed Page

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1. Explain the meaning of the phrase, “The power of the pen is mightier than the sword.” How is this true? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why was Gutenberg’s invention of the movable type printing press so significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What important role did Gutenberg’s press play in the Protestant Reformation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. The Gutenberg Bible is known as the world’s first printed book. Much has changed since the first one was completed. With over one billion copies in print, the Bible remains the best-selling book of all time. Today it is extremely easy for us to obtain copies for personal use. However at the time of printing, a Gutenberg Bible would have sold for the equivalent of three-years wages. The old saying goes, “Familiarity breeds contempt.” Explain how you feel this is true regarding our easy access to Bibles. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Martin Luther took advantage of Gutenberg’s “modern technology” to aid in the spreading of his message. What are some ways we can use our available technology to do the same? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Luther never anticipated the ripple affect his actions would have. Rather, he was simply standing against what he saw as injustices in the Roman church world. The results were the Protestant Reformation and a major influence on the Bibles we read today. Actions matter! How are you going to stand for what is right in our increasingly degenerate society? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Every movement that has made a major impact on history has been a movement that valued and used the printed page. This is illustrated through communism’s use of print material. How can Christians do a more effective job of using the power of the printed page? \_\_\_\_\_  
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