

# Solution

## Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph?

1 This is **a most remarkable** puzzle. It was found in an airplane  
2 seat pocket by a gentleman on a flight from Los Angeles to  
3 Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it  
4 so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from  
5 Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. An-  
6 other friend studied it while playing his banjo. **Elaine Taylor**,  
7 a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in  
8 her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job**  
9 of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea  
10 to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really  
11 easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon  
12 find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are  
13 not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get,  
14 we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or a scholar  
15 to see some of the **most at the worst**. Research has shown that  
16 something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we  
17 have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent  
18 fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha  
19 Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new record. The local paper,  
20 The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that  
21 this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen.  
22 As **Daniel** **Human** **humbly** puts it, "The Books are all right  
23 here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all  
24 of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to  
25 be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like  
26 **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also,  
27 keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are  
28 normal. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well  
29 against those who claim to know the answers. Remember,  
30 there is no need for a mad **exodus**; there really are 30 books  
31 of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to  
32 be found.