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I Timothy 6:19-20, “²⁰*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: ²¹Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.*”

August is here and schools are about to be back in session. Some will be entering for the first time, while some are beginning college. During the early years of one’s education, a person will learn the basics of how to read and write and do basic math. These serve us all very well and all three are something we use everyday.

As you progress into higher education, it’s very easy to be influenced by the worldly teachings that go against the word of God. Worldly institutions scoff at the Bible’s account of creation. They teach thoughts and philosophies that are an abomination to the LORD. Even in education before college, Biblical teachings are scoffed at.

Paul was warning Timothy to avoid profane and vain babblings. He then tells Timothy to avoid oppositions of science falsely so called. The word “science” here is the Greek word for knowledge. He

doesn’t tell him to be careful about science and knowledge that goes against the word of God. He tells Timothy to avoid it.

We all do want to avoid situations or things that are bad for us. Never is it more important to avoid knowledge that will contaminate us spiritually.

As one enters school, choose schools and fields of study that do not conflict with the word of God. Paul did not give this just as advice, he told Timothy to avoid it.

True wisdom and knowledge is to fear the LORD, which certainly includes obeying Him. We are told in Proverbs 9:10-11, “¹⁰*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. ¹¹For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.*”

One might be able to earn a wonderful degree and have a career in a certain field of study. If these studies turn our hearts from the LORD and ultimately cause us to lose our souls, then it’s the worst choice we can make.

In Acts 19, when Paul came to Ephesus, the people, upon obeying the LORD, turned from the knowledge they had learned. They did so with such conviction that we are told in Acts 19:19, “*Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.*”

These books contained teachings that were abominable to the LORD, so they burned them. It was no small loss to them. Fifty thousand pieces of silver sounds expensive even by today’s standards. They were so willing to rid themselves from the influence of this knowledge, they were willing to destroy it.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis. Lillian Riffle** fell and broke her wrist last Monday. **Jerry Edwards** suffered an injury to his Achilles tendon and is having a lot of pain and difficulty walking. **Mae Walters**, sister of Shirley Parson, is in rehabilitation following a stroke.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday evening singing.

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It would not have been easy to replace these books. They didn't want to, but in this day and time copies of any books would have been somewhat rare in that they had to be hand duplicated. No doubt this added to the cost and caused the books to add up to 50,000 pieces of silver. When they destroyed these books, the false teachings contained in them were removed from the people. They could then focus on the word of God.

What happened when they did this? The next verse tells us. Acts 19:20, "*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*" When we rid ourselves of teachings and philosophies that are teaching differently from the Bible, the word of God will prevail. It's like ridding ourselves totally of cancer. Our bodies can then be healthy and grow properly.

There is a lot of knowledge in the world we would be better off without. Even though we cannot remove sinful knowledge from the world, we can live as though it's not there. We can avoid it and spend time with the word of God. Let's avoid knowledge that is against the precious teachings of the Bible. Paul told Timothy to avoid it. It makes our souls healthy and will ultimately lead us to eternal salvation in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, July 29, 2018		
Classes	14	Hebrews 1:4-7
Preaching	26	Revelation 21 (Light)
Contribution	\$740.00	
Evening	22	Zechariah 10:1-11:17
Wednesday, August 1, 2018		
Classes	15	I Chronicles 4:1-43

July 29 (AM) Visitors— Beverly Gossett, Jonathan & Roberta Holley, Cayden & Jaxon Murrhoe, Nathaniel Lang (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

What will the LORD make in the time of latter rain?

Last Week's Answer—Silver and gold (Zechariah 9:3)

Ecclesiastes 12:12, "*And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*"

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)