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Acts 19:19-20, “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.* ²⁰*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*”

There is no shortage of books in the world. Libraries are overflowing. Bookstores often have stacks of books all over the floor. Websites that sell or rent electronic books often state how many millions of titles they have.

When all is said and done, we only need one book—the Bible. There is no other book whereby you can find how to save your soul and to live eternally with God in Heaven. I like to picture a vast library with all empty shelves expect for one book—the Bible.

In Acts 19 those turning to God brought books that contained things that would have been contrary to the word of God and burned them. It was an expensive sacrifice. The value of the books was more than 50,000 pieces of silver. In any day or time, that would be a lot of

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silver. After that, the word of God grew mightily and prevailed. They removed one hindrance to the word of God spreading.

Most everyone enjoys reading some books, but consider what you are reading. Is the material something you would be glad to read aloud among the saints and with the LORD in physical presence? Do the books you read pull and tug away from the Bible, perhaps even so subtly that you don't even realize what is happening?

There is certainly nothing wrong with spending time with other books. Consider if you would be better off spiritually not reading a particular book. There are books that are overtly unfit for a Christian. There are those that plant seeds of spiritual doubt. Stay far away from these. Spend more time with the word of God. It's the book that will judge you at the end. If you only read one book your entire life, make sure it's the Bible. If you've never read the entire Bible, give every effort to do so at least once, and then as many times as possible before you leave this life.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Proverbs 24:13-14, “¹³*My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:* ¹⁴*So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.*”

We all tend to like eating something sweet. It was no different for those of Bible times. The writer was saying to eat honey because it's good, and the honeycomb which is sweet. He is comparing the eating of something sweet to wisdom. When we find it, we are rewarded, and what we hope for and expect will not be cut off or lost.

Throughout the Bible, and especially in the book of Proverbs, much is said about wisdom and obtaining it. This is not the philosophy and wisdom of the world, but the wisdom of God and knowledge of Him. The wisdom of the world leads to sin and worldly ways and not to eternal life. True wisdom is from God and will appear foolish to the world.

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News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard & Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Lauren Candela, Alice**

Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, Felicia Ballard, and Karen Burd. Charlotte Melloan, the mother of Kathy Burd, has been diagnosed with Covid.

—Thanks to **Mark & Stuart Crabtree** for draining and cleaning the baptistry this week, as well as painting the railing for the baptistry.

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Paul wrote in I Corinthians 1:18, *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”* The preaching of the cross is Christ and Him crucified. This is how a way to salvation is made for us. The world considers this foolishness. How sad it is that the only way they can obtain Heaven they consider as foolishness. There is no other way, and the world is rejecting it.

We know from the book of Daniel that they will never understand. Daniel 12:10, *“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”*

The wise who will understand the ways of the LORD are those who have the wisdom of God. The wisdom of the world will not lead to the LORD and often it keeps one from ever coming to the LORD.

If you are inclined to like sweets, you know how tasty they can be. Even more so, the sweet honey that is the wisdom of the Bible is

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

Classes	14	John 4:46-5:16
Preaching	28	Warnings (Ezekiel 3 & 33; Colossians 1:28)
Contribution	\$1846.00	
Evening	11	Lamentations 1; Genesis 45

Bible Quiz

What had departed from the daughter of Zion?

Last Week's Answer—The tree of life (Revelation 22:14)

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even sweeter and leads to eternal salvation. When John ate up the little book in Revelation 10, it was as sweet as honey. It did make his belly bitter, indicating there are sacrifices in following the Bible.

There is so much wisdom of the world, it's overwhelming. The only wisdom that matters and can save our souls is the wisdom obtained in the Bible.

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“For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.”

—Proverbs 8:11

—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)