BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1. Jesus was born during the reign of who?
 - 2. Goliath had a brother named what?
- 3. What was the last plague on Egypt?
- 4. What location does Jesus say to light a lamp for all to see?
- 5. Who was able to decipher Nebuchadnezzar's dreams?

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY



A.M. Jamie Cobb "Temptation" (Matthew 4:1-10)

P.M. Jamie Cobb "Just Listening" (James 1:22)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

Bro Flowers

Welcome Visitors

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

SINGING: Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

LORD'S SUPPER: Each Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

CONTRIBUTION: During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God's Word. (I Cor. 16:2

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



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Social Media's Problem

"A fool does not delight in understanding,

But only in revealing his own mind."

(*Proverbs* 18:2)

According to recent statistics, there are approximately 2.5 billion (with a 'B'!) users worldwide of social media platforms. Projections are that in a few years it will bypass 3 billion. There are presently 243 million users in the United States - 81% of the population!

There are many good uses of social media. The exchange of news and the connection of old friends have been a noted benefit. It has also provided opportunities to preach the gospel to the lost.

One major problem, however, is revealed in this proverb. Before social media, those without knowledge and understanding had very few listeners. Now, thanks to social media, their unlearned ideas can be broadcast to the world. People without knowledge of world events or history can now express their views. People without even a surface knowledge of the Bible presume to argue theological points. Social media has allowed society to skip a very important aspect: "learn *first*, talk later." Now, it is "learn? No! Talk? Absolutely!" A friend recently quipped: "Before social media we really didn't know how many fools there are in the world. Now we do!" As Solomon noted, these fools delight "only in revealing their own mind."

Consider several modern applications of this timeless proverb:

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Dixie Roden awaiting results of an ultrasound on her heart and will have procedure soon.

Angela Jones has asked for prayers for her brothers **Don** and **Ben** concerning their health. **Baby Kamilla** is teething and has been running fever. **Faye Jones** is dealing with back pain. Keep the Jones family in prayer.

Mark Kuhn (Shannon's cousin) has been diagnosed with a very rare blood disorder and is in the hospital with a blood clot in his neck.

Mrs. Bobbie Farrow (Will & Sandra's aunt) had a stroke.

Cliff Redmond is improving daily but still has a way to go. Needs prayers for strength and improved health.

Brother Phillips CT scan revealed a small spot on his lung. Please continue to pray for his health as he decides the next step.

Dan and Kristin Cobb & Family are going through a very difficult time right now.

Krystal Spearman has asked for prayers for **Baby Lincoln** who is having health issues. Please pray the doctors can find a diagnoses.

Barbra Marsh is dealing with knee pain; she is scheduled to see her Dr at the end of the month.

Please remember: Ernest Johnson, Martha Polk, Rex McCracken, Johnny Atkinson, Cedric Rucker, Larry Moore, Donald Jones, Charles Smith, Andrescia Frank, Curtis Williams, Gov. Clements, Donald Jones, Chloe Phillips, Erin LeDoux (COBB), Krystal Spearman, Cliff Redmond, Sandra Collins, Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Tywanna Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Emileigh Marsh, Linda Allee, Susan Wyche, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr and ALL the first responders and police.

Bible Trivia Answers

- 1. Luke 2:1
- 2. 1 Chronicles 20:5
- 3. Exodus 12:29
- 4. Matthew 5:15
- 5. Daniel 2

August 2023 17. Isaiah 55-57 1. Isaiah 7-9 18. Isaiah 58-60 2. Isaiah 10-12 19. Isaiah 61-63 3. lsalah 13-15 20. Isaiah 64-66 4. Isaiah 16-18 21. Jeremiah 1-3 5. Isaiah 19-21 6. Isaiah 22-24 22. Jeremiah 4-7 7. Isaiah 25-27 23. Jeremiah 8-11 8. Isaiah 28-30 24. Jer. 12-16 9 Isaiah 31-33 · 25. Jeremiah 17-19 10. Isaiah 34-36 26. Jer. 20-22 11. Isalah 37-39 27. Jet.23-25 12. Isaiah 40-42 28. Jer. 26-29 13. Isalah 43-45 29. Jer. 30-32 14. Isalah 46-48 30. Jer. 33-36 15. Isaiah 49-51 16. Isaiah 52-54 31. Jet. 37-39

Sunday morning class study (Romans Chapter 3)



WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME THEY HAVE REQUESTED:

DRY PASTA (ASSORTED)
HAMBURGER HELPER
SUNSCREEN
KETCHUP

Last day to drop off is Sunday Sep 10th

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There are many who are not interested in learning. The book of Proverbs has made it clear that learning is work. One is going to have to invest time (1:20-33). It requires concentration and focus (17:24).

There are many who do not fear the Lord. According to 1:7, this must be the starting point to knowledge. If a person tries to bypass fearing the Lord on the road to education, his or her learning will be faulty and conclusions flawed. The Bible says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (9:10).

There are many who enjoy revealing their own opinions. When I was growing up, my mother said "you have to earn the right to speak." Later, my teachers emphasized the importance of "credibility." They said that no one should listen to one who has not properly studied a topic.

There are fools among us. We may even join their ranks if we presume to address topics that we have not personally studied. The Bible says that "fools die for lack of understanding" (10:21). If we are on social media, we must have our guards up. Some may even present themselves as an expert on a subject, but are fools.

There is understanding in silence. While it is tempting to speak up, wisdom tells us "Be quiet!" (10:19; 17:27). The Bible says: "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him" (26:4). Some comments on social media are so outrageous that it is a waste of time to even try to respond.

There is a time for speaking. As noted earlier, it is appropriate to speak when the topic has been well studied. Another time would be when a fool is apparently gaining a significant following. The Bible also says: "Answer a fool as his folly deserves, lest he be wise in his own eyes" (26:5).

Denny Petrillo