



Berryville Bible Beacon

Books

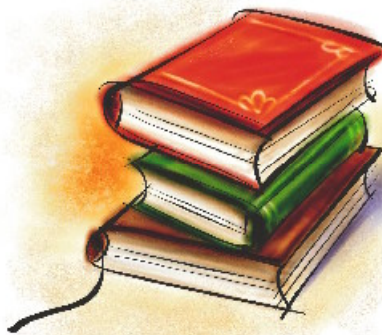
"**Q**nd furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh," Ecc. 12:12. Here is warning from Divine wisdom. The nature of books is that they can be either good and useful or destructive and bad. The nature of the words in the book makes all the difference. It saddens me that some have taken the American freedom of speech, designed to allow Americans to criticize the government and hold the government accountable, and have turned it into "license" to spew forth, vomit out, any vulgarity or profanity. Books, and magazines, are sold for outrageous profits and their only design is to destroy the biblical concept of morality. I will not give those putrid things the honor of using their names. Great evil has been foisted on the American people under the disguise of "freedom of speech and expression." I see no way of turning back this tide. Once some judge gave pornography, vulgarity and profanity acceptability, the flood gates were opened.

Apparently Hitler and others like him burned books. They desired to destroy any idea which would, for all to see, clarify them for what they were, monsters. Something in the back of my mind says, "Don't burn books." On the other hand, some books are so evil and so destructive of good, right and truth, that they should never be allowed to see their first printing completed. In the first century, when those who practiced magical arts became Christians, Scripture says they, "...brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all, and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed," Acts 19:19. Notice, however, that

this was not the act of some government but of individuals who owned these books. Perhaps it is time for the Faithful to look into their libraries and, if finding trash there (products of denominational writers, sectarians, men such as Max Lucado {who has done as much to destroy the beautiful bride of Christ, His church as has anyone}), then, individually to take these out and burn them. Do you allow pornography in your home? Destroy it. Ephesians 5:11 still says, "...and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them;..."

On the other hand, there are many good books, papers and magazines

which will benefit all humanity. Well, of course, The Holy Bible is to be recognized as such. But more, there are books of wonderfully scriptural lectureships which set forth both in depth studies of specific scriptures, but also significant studies of Biblical doctrines and concepts. Some monthly or quarterly papers and magazines can be useful



both for private study and for the proper edification our children and youth. You can find them if you really desire to.

Okay, books can be either useful, useless or dangerous and destructive. Content, words and visuals, determine which they are. How will I use books? How will you use books? Will a book or books help us go to heaven or hinder our spiritual growth? If Jesus told the truth in Luke 8:15, AND HE DID, then personal honesty and integrity is the determining factor for correctly, that is, "rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim 2:15. Let's use books correctly, especially God's book!

One That Counts!

When it comes to OPINIONS, it seems there is never a shortage of them. From subjects like parenting to politics to religion, many are quick to offer their views. It is true there are some areas where differences of OPINION may make no difference. However, it must be recognized there are some of considerable significance and eternal consequence.

Solomon stated, "A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but ONLY IN EXPRESSING HIS OPINION." (Proverbs 18:2 ESV).

Perhaps there are times when it is easy to recognize a particular OPINION is held due to lack of proper understanding. Such individuals may be led to hold a more informed view through a discussion and revealing of the facts. However, there are some who will not sway from their OPINION regardless of the validity of information provided. Perhaps that is the sort of individual Solomon had in mind. They not only think they are entitled to their OPINION, but believe everyone else is entitled to it too. Such persons seek not to understand, but only to express their view.

When we hold an OPINION, regardless of what it is, the one that

truly counts is that which is based on a proper understanding of the facts. And when it comes to matters of life and godliness, our understanding needs to actually move beyond OPINION to being built upon the judgment God has already declared. That is what really counts!

Paul warned "LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS, for because of these

things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." (Ephesians 5:6 ESV)

Today we have judges and various activists pushing for the sanctioning of that which is contrary to the revealed Will of God. Regardless of what we or others might feel about some of the issues of the day, the judgments God has made clear in His Word have been established by Him and must be held to because it is His judgment that counts in the end. May we continually seek to understand His Will and live in such a way that the sense of it can be clearly seen by those around us. This is one way of making our life count to the glory of God and benefit of others.

Have a great day LIVING A GOD SANCTIONED LIFE!

Carl Hanson



Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 9/26/04

Morning	"Who At the Door Is Standing?"
Scripture	Revelation 3:20-22
Evening	Lessons from the Life of Esther
Scripture	Esther 2:5-9
Sunday Morning Bible Study	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	The Book of Micah

Weekly Record

Week of 9/18/04

Sunday Class	48
Sunday A.M.	66
Sunday P.M.	46
Wednesday	55
Contribution	\$1671.75
Budget	\$1778.13

Gospel Meeting

You're invited to attend our fall gospel meeting and Bible study with Foy Forehand, Gospel Preacher.



October 10-13, Sun:
9:30 AM, 10:20,
6:00 PM. Mon-Wed
at 7:00 PM.

We are located
on Hwy 62 right
across from Pizza
Hut

In the Kingdom of King Jesus!

- What is the kingdom of Jesus?
- How does one become a citizen of the kingdom of Jesus?
- What are the essential characteristics of the kingdom of Jesus?
- The religion of the kingdom of Jesus.
- The spread of the kingdom of Jesus.
- Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom of Jesus?

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Kevin's Korner

It was another really busy week. Seems that I don't have any more room in my schedule at the moment. Monday we spent a great deal of the day working on Boy Scout odds and ends. Susan Elliott and I met with one of the previous leaders to get up to date on several business items. Tuesday night was "popcorn training night" over in Harrison and so I made a trip over there to learn how to use the computer to enter popcorn sales. Thursday night we had the volunteers banquet at the community center, which is always a blast. Yesterday Larry Elliott and I went to training in Mountain Home all day. I'm about worn out from all the going!

Just two weeks from today, Foy Forehand will be here to hold our Fall Gospel Meeting. I am excited! We have preparations to make for this great event. First, remind your friends and family this week about the event. Sec-

ond, post some of our flyers in public places so that others will be able to read the announcements. Third, help us get House to House and Heart to Heart out Wednesday night. We will have a flyer insert for that mail out. Fourth make sure that you are scheduled to be present in services on October 10th through the 13th. Fifth and most importantly, be sure to remember this meeting in your prayers each day. Prayer will do more to encourage the success of our meeting than anything else! OK team! Ready, break!

I received this nice thought in my e-mail box this week: **The Value of Time.** To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate. To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam. To realize the value of one month: ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby. To realize The value of one week: ask an editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of one hour: ask the chairman of the board room meeting. To realize the

value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane. To realize the value of one-second: ask a person who has survived an accident. To realize the value of one millisecond: ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics. Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

Elders:

Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan,
Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn
Quigley

Deacons:

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,
Rusty Windle.

Preacher:

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707

- We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful new Lord's day that he has given us today to worship him in Spirit and in Truth!
- We express our sympathy to the family of Christine Scott, Lucille Fort's sister, who passed away last week.
- We also express our sympathy to Bill and Phyllis Smith whose son committed suicide recently.
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Patty, Gary Bragg, Justina Goucher, Jim McVey, Bill Powell, Jack Sears, Avilee Smith, Helen Swink, Billie Wylie.
- Please remember our shutins: Curtis Hull and Edith Mischler.
- We have several who are out today. The Bozarth's, Forts, and Quigleys are all traveling this weekend. Let's remember them in our prayers.
- Our monthly youth devotional is tonight at Dan and Hewetta's House after our evening worship service. Please bring chips, drinks and deserts. We will be having hotdogs and hamburgers.
- Our gospel meeting is ONLY two weeks from today! Wow! Are you inviting others? We have two more weeks to be busy for this event.
- Now for something a little different: Wednesday night after services we will put together House to House and Heart to Heart for mailing. Please make your plans to stay a help for a few moments in this work.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting will be next Sunday evening after services.
- The pantry item for this week is Paper Cups.
- For all of you who contributed to help the family who lost their house to fire—THANK YOU! You make a difference in your acts of love and kindness!

Welcome!

To the Berryville church of Christ.

Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

	September 26th, 2004	October 3rd, 2004
Sunday Morning		
Songs:	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	George Eddings
Scripture Reading:	Brandon Foster	Rusty Windle
Lord's Table	George Eddings	Clay Bozarth
	John Gass	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Perry Foster	Brent Moore
	Raymond Kimes	Dan Hand
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	Brent Stevens
Sunday Evening		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Clay Bozarth
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
Scripture Reading:	Brent Moore	Dale Pinkley
Lord's Table	Ken Smith	Brent Stevens
	Bob Moore	Larry Elliott
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Bob Moore
Wednesday		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	John Gass
Invitation:	Dan Hand	Bob Moore
Closing Prayer:	Matt Bassing	Dale Pinkley

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