



Prom Time

Your school is hosting a Prom! Many of your friends are going. The girls are shopping for the right dress and accessories; the boys are complaining about wearing a tux, and parents are astonished at the price of a limousine, flowers and dinner prices. If you're a young lady, some young man may have asked you to go with him. Perhaps if you're a young man you may be wondering just what to do. Do you expect to have a date, or are you planning on attending with a group of friends?

Sounds innocent, doesn't it. Just a night out – an opportunity to dress up, be with friends – an event presented as a major event in your community, chaperoned by adults. In years past, the evening was reserved for juniors and seniors of the high school. Some schools sponsored it as a banquet where juniors honored the seniors as they were finishing the time in high school and preparing to enter the next chapter of their lives. Now it is opened to those who can afford the dresses, tuxes, limos, dinners and flowers. Oh yeah, - there are tickets to buy before you can attend. After all, the music, punch and finger foods and decorations must be paid for!

But you are a Christian! You have other issues to deal with. Does God want you to attend this prom? You could try to ignore this question, but "it is written," *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful*, Psalm 1:1 [all Scriptures are from NKJV]. Christians can never ignore the things of this world that tempt them to do evil. Let's get our answer from the Scriptures and really determine to obey His Word, no matter what friends and classmates may think.

First, what usually goes on at proms, regardless whether you involve yourself with these activities? The event is usually held away from the school campus – usually in a hotel or country club setting. Sometimes teens get drunk before and after

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*Grace be to you
and peace from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
II Corinthians 1:2*

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A LOOK AT TODAY'S VIDEO GAMES

Early last week I was on the phone with a young cousin of mine. This excited little boy wanted to tell me about his new game for Playstation II (video game system). He was excited about his new game, "Grand Theft Auto IV, Vice City."

I was a kid once. I know what it is like to play Cowboys and Indians and to get the bad guys. I even liked playing the bad guys sometimes with my younger brother and our little neighborhood friends. But I had never seen the likes of today's video games. Sure, I had video games and played them I did! But they were nothing like those of today. Today, the video game world is at an all time new moral low.

When I was at the home of this little cousin, I got a chance to sit down and play Grand Theft Auto III. I was surprised to find a game where the entire plot was to steal parked cars, throw people out of cars at stoplights, punch people, shoot people, knife people, club people, and run over people with the stolen car of your choice. Blood graphically drains out onto the pavement when your character kills someone. And should you desire to take out your anger on one of these beaten video corpses you just killed by kicking them while on the ground, the scene gets more gory. If you really want to add a sick twist to things you can put a gun to someone's head and make them beg for their lives or you can crash your car around bystanders to set people on fire. No wonder the dark and morbid minds of this world find solace in games like this one. **Continued on Page 5**

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Don't let the world dictate what's right for you

proms. Maybe not drunk, but take this as an opportunity to use alcohol. Not all teens do this, but prom history supports this truth as occurring even before and after the chaperoned event. Under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, teens do things they normally wouldn't do. Some are killed as a result of auto accidents caused by drinking and driving. You are probably saying, "I'm a Christian; I'm not going to be drinking or carrying on like that." God's answer is this,

"Abstain from every form of evil," 1 Thessalonians 5:22; and again in Ephesians 5:11, *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."* From these statements, it is clear that God doesn't want His children to be identified with such worldly activities.

But what about dancing? Ask yourselves, "What kind of dancing will be taking place at the prom?" We would be considered "out of the loop" if we thought the dancing would be of the minuet or ballroom kind (not that God would approve of this either). Proms are known for the dancing of guys and girls dancing in such a way that they are tempted to be involved physically – lustful movements of the body of fast dancing, or slow dances that tempt a person beyond the temptation zone. Let's see how God would answer if He were asked! In 1 Corinthians 7:1, Paul wrote, *Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.*" A boy should not touch a girl in a way to start an emotion of lust. Music today puts forth the motion of dancing close and sexual movements. Even if you didn't dance the dance, God would not be pleased because you have joined yourself to this activity by association.

Will a prom help you or hinder you from worshiping God? Can the dancing – worldly in fashion – help you to serve and please God? Will the dancing be a temptation to you to let your mind and body react in ways they should not as a Christian? In Exodus 32, when God was speaking to Moses on the mountain, the people asked Aaron, who was in charge, to help make gods to lead them because they tired of waiting on Moses. Aaron took their jewelry and gold and molded a golden calf for them to worship (worldly pleasures). God, speaking to Moses in verse 7, said, *"Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves."* Their actions displeased God.

If you think by not attending the prom you will be missing an important part of your school experiences, keep in mind that for the Christian teen that wants to be complete in their service to God there are many teen experiences that the world holds up as "must haves" and God sees as "must not." Refresh your mind by reading Philippians 4:8 and Romans 12:1-2.

God has called you to be like His Son, not like other teens of this world. He wants you to be the "salt" of the earth, and the "light" in a world that is spiritually dark. You may feel like you have missed an important experience because you didn't attend the prom, but your loss will be much more if you go and fall into sin that impacts the rest of your life and eternal destiny.

Don't let the world dictate what's right for you; make the right decision and listen to God's Word.

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*When a man's ways please the Lord,
he maketh even his enemies
to be at peace with him. Proverbs 16:7*

Be Aware of the Devil!!

Read this statement carefully!

The Scientist's gospel – “Anything that we scientists can do to weaken the hold of religion should be done and may in the end be our greatest contribution to civilization.” Steven Weinberg, a Nobel laureate in physics and professor at the University of Texas, during a recent forum on the conflict between science and religion. **Austin American Statesman, Insight Section**, November 28, 2006.

Those of us who worshiped the “living” God on this date should be stirred to commit the year 2007 to teaching and living the spiritual example and truth given in the inspired words of the Bible. Can the world created by God in the beginning have been so bad and corrupted these some 4000 years? Who has suffered from the things that God created on those first six days of His plan to provide an eternal home to those who would accept it? Let's see – the creation brought light and darkness, day and night, seasons, water and land, birds, fishes, animals and plant life, and finally man and woman who were in charge of maintaining His gifts. This same human being that after all the years of God letting us make choices as to our well being now promotes this intellectual direction as the greatest contribution to us?

How many times has God been slapped and disrespected by the very being that He created, created even in His own image? God is a loving God, He commands that we be a loving people, Matthew 22:37-39, and He commands us in Luke 6:27, 35 to love this group of “intellectual” professionals. Speaking of a test that is hard to pass! Our youth in the public schools of education is being fed this worldly doctrine daily. They are disciplined to be politically correct and held responsible in addressing these man-made opinions – the mention of religion, even God's love, is forbidden there.

Professor Weinberg speaks of a “conflict” between science and religion. If he would give time to study God's Word he might recognize the development of “science.” There are numerous examples of scientific information in His Word. Scientific foreknowledge in the Bible covers time, force, action, space and matter. The prophet Moses wrote in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning”, time: “God”, force; “created”, action; “the heavens”, space; “and the earth”, matter. It clearly states in verses 14-18 that there was light before the sun, moon and stars created to control the light and act as our chronometers. The scientific teaching of three kingdoms – mineral, vegetable and animal – was announced by Linnaeus in A.D. 1735. In Genesis 1, Moses used the first ten verses telling about the mineral – material – kingdom, the next nine verses telling about the vegetable kingdom and the rest of the chapter telling of the animal kingdom.” Why We Believe the Bible, George W. DeHoff.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your “adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

The prophet Isaiah 40:22, writes, “It is God that sitteth upon the circle of the earth.” Isaiah 40:22 (700 B.C.) It was around A.D. 1400 before man began to consider the possibility of the earth as a sphere. In Proverbs 8:27, it is quoted, “He setteth a circle upon the face of the deep.” [Emphasis supplied]. There are other references in the Bible to show that God in His wisdom set actions and force of science in place long before the intellect of scientists figured it out. In Ecclesiastes 1:7, authored around 935 B.C. by Solomon, historically acknowledged as the wisest man who taught in Jerusalem, the text reads, “All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.”

Webster's Dictionary defines an adversary as “one that contends with, opposes, or resists: enemy.” The definition of “devil” or “Satan”: “the personal supreme spirit of evil often represented in Jewish and Christian belief as the tempter of mankind, the leader of all apostate angels, and ruler of hell; an extremely and malignantly wicked person.” Christians are exhorted in 1 Peter 5:8 to “be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

REMEMBER GRANDMA?

Grandma used to get up on Sunday morning, cook a big breakfast for her large family, milk three or four cows, churn, clean house, kill and dress the chickens for Sunday dinner, dress the children, then go with the family in a buggy or a wagon five miles to the church building and get there early!

Today, breakfast comes in a cardboard box, the milk and butter (or something that resembles butter) comes in plastic containers. The chickens come dressed and wrapped in cellophane and the distant to the church building is often measured in blocks instead of miles. The transportation is in a modern automobile – and yet many still don't make it to Bible study!

WATCH IT!

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

*When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
discretion shall preserve thee,
understanding shall keep thee.*
Proverbs 2:10-11

Can You Cast the First Stone?

Isn't it easy to find fault with our peers or others? During the teen years, a process of "growing up" results into many emotions and mood swings. We all, at some time, come across a person as being loud, seemingly not respectful, argumentative, having an attitude that displays an air of "I know more than you do"? Maybe they are involved in activities that are dangerous or sinful.

It takes some control to tolerate situations like that. Our first thought is to set him or her down and express our feelings toward their actions. We would like to record their actions so they could hear themselves first hand. But, we usually walk away, because they are not pleasant to be around, and we find fault, expressing our opinion to others, injecting our criticism about their actions. It takes an understanding person to counteract such behavior with a show of interest toward that person, directing him or her to exhibit a better, kinder attitude. It doesn't solve much if we mix it up with them. This type of clash gets us nowhere. And who is likely to be corrected by one of their peers through criticism without love?

John tells us in John 8:1-11 of the scribes and Pharisees that brought a woman guilty of the sin of adultery to Jesus, trying to tempt Him in addressing a situation concerning Jewish laws. Jewish law commanded that both the man and the woman be brought forward and stoned to death, Deuteronomy 22:22. In reality, the Pharisees were not correct in their handling of the situation. In this incident, they brought only the woman before Jesus. Jesus' answer to them was, **"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."** [emphasis supplied]. The accusers were left speechless because of their own wicked actions.



Rather than damaging a person's image with gossip and criticism, use the example given by Jesus in showing your love for that person. Jesus says to confront our own personal faults before condemning others, Matthew 7:2-5, *For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: . . .*

Jesus gives us a scriptural way of dealing with our concerns of others and their actions. Our first reaction should be one of love for that person, Matthew 5:44; 22:39. If you are offended by a Christian brother or sister, a reading of Matthew 18:15-17 gives a step-by-step process to follow.

Let's not turn away. Don't toss away the opportunity to show your love for your peers and friends. You are the future of God's plan for the hope of salvation for us all. *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God,* Matthew 5:9.

Holy Bible

By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. 2 Corinthians 6:7

Sharper than a two-edged sword; a protection to all men

¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:13-17.

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TFT Enters Sixth Year

Truth For Teens enters the sixth year of publication with this issue. Our circulation has grown to over 550 issues. In 2006, with the rising cost of postage and printing, it was necessary for us to publish bi-monthly. We regret having to make that decision.

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World Leaders' Comments On the Bible

In some circles of "higher learning" it is considered a mark of inferiority to read the Bible. Yet some of the most able leaders and most brilliant minds of all ages have been Bible readers. Consider what these great men have said of the Sacred Book.

George Washington – "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible. He is worse than an infidel who does not read his Bible and acknowledge his obligation to God."

John Adams – "The Bible is the best book in the world!"

Thomas Jefferson – "I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, better husbands. The Bible makes the best people in the world!"

John Quincy Adams – "My custom is to read four or five chapters of the Bible every morning immediately after rising. It seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day. . . ."

Abraham Lincoln – "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance of faith and you will live and die a better man!"

Woodrow Wilson – "I have a very simple thing to ask of you. I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of the great Book."

"The opinion of the Bible bred in me not only by the teaching of my home when I was a boy, but also by every turn and experience of my life, is that it is the supreme source of revelation, the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and the spiritual nature and needs of man. It is the only guide of life which leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation."

Daniel Webster – "From the time that, at my mother's feet or on my father's knee, I first learned to lisp the verses from the sacred writings, they have been my daily study and vigilant contemplation."

THE SEVEN DWARFS GO TO BIBLE CLASS

One Sunday morning at the Dwarf's house we hear ...

- **Sleepy:** "Oh, I'm so tired! That party last night lasted too long. I didn't get enough rest. I might nod off in Bible class, so I think I'll stay home."
- **Dopey:** "I don't know whether I'll go or not. I want to go, but I just don't know."
- **Sneezy:** "I don't feel too good, and besides, I may give my hay-fever to someone, or worse, I may catch something. I'll stay in today."
- **Bashful:** "I might not know everybody in class. I hate to meet new people. It's just too much to expect of anyone."
- **Grumpy:** "I don't like the teacher, and besides, we're studying a boring subject, and some of those people in class, well ..."
- **Doc:** "What a great day this is going to be! I can hardly wait to get to Bible class!"
- **Happy:** "Everybody smile! We are going to learn more about God and His Word! It makes me so happy I can hardly stand it!"

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God...," 2 Timothy 2:15.
"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice,"
Philippians 4:4. Author Unknown

A LOOK AT TODAY'S VIDEO GAMES,

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The game starts with a degenerate plot (if you decide to follow the story line from the beginning). You are an escaped convict. You work for drug lords, pimps, prostitutes, and crime lords. Your enemies are the police and local street gangs who try to get back at you for wronging them. For an extra challenge, you can put the game on a harder level where the entire city is in complete anarchy and you must escape. Of course, you've got to kill to do it! That's Grand Theft Auto for you! A game where your goal is to destroy and hurt everything and everyone around you! But the Grand Theft Auto series is not alone. There are many other games like it. In some games you rape, torture, steal people's souls, throw people's souls in Hell, dismember body parts, etc.

What is the real problem with these games? What makes these any different from any other juvenile fantasies? The problem is not seeing violence. The problem is not seeing death or blood or warfare. These are all parts of life. The problem is the glorification of evil and the infatuation with causing suffering in return for exalting self. Instead of evil being incidental, evil becomes the whole intent and purpose of life. These games have long since changed from "cool" to atrociously, sadistically wicked!

These types of games are just another extension of the world's tentacles to envelop and consume our youth. As a result, our children are being taught low morals and are seeking, pursuing and living sinful lives. —Bulletin Briefs, March 2003

WHO'S IN HELL – WHAT IS HEAVEN?

This subject is one that is not often thought about and studied by God's people. It's a dark and profound subject – a decision people do not want to face. Hell is a place that we want to avoid. It's important that we know who is going to be in Hell – as compared to inhabitants of Heaven. As a teen, and as you structure and build your character, it is important to know how to avoid being a dweller there.

In Romans 1:18-32, we know God is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. A study of God's Word reveals God's desires, leaving no excuse for not knowing His truths. Through the ages men and women fail to glorify God and refuse to accept with thanksgiving His power and the Godhead *for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world ...*, not understanding the things He has made, verse 20. They became fools, professing themselves to be wise, verse 22. God gave them up to uncleanness because of the lusts of their own hearts, dishonoring their own bodies between themselves. They changed the truth of God into a lie, some worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator. God gave them up unto vile affections – women for changing their natural use into that which is against nature; men leaving the natural use of the woman, lusting one toward another, working that which is unseemly, verses 26, 27. They forget God!

Listed in verses 28 through 32 are cases in point: filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, and unmerciful.

Haters of God
Evil Doers
Liars
Losers

“Implacable” is not a word we hear often, but a list of synonyms reads like this – pitiless, merciless, relentless, ruthless, cruel, hardhearted, cold-hearted, callous, rigid, unbending, unyielding, obdurate [obstinate, stubborn, adamant]. Apostle Paul, an inspired spokesman for God, tells us in verse 32, *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

Evil doers are destined to perish in hell. Peter, another inspired apostle for God, writes, *For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.* 1 Peter 3:12, cf. Psalm 34:15, 16. Jesus Himself, in His Sermon on the Mount, tells us, *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity,* Matthew 7:23.

Jesus revealed to John, in Revelation 21:8, *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

Don't be a “loser.” Heed Jesus' words, *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works,* Matthew 16:24-27.

Heaven is a city of the living God, *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,* Hebrews 12:22; God has prepared for the faithful a heavenly, better country, *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city,* Hebrews 11:16. Paul describes its beauty to the church at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 2:9, cf. Isaiah 64:4.

Jesus died and was resurrected to prepare a place for His followers, John 14:2, *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* The inhabitants of heaven are characterized as having *hearts of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another,* Colossians 3:12. Their fruits on earth were love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, Galatians 5:22-23.

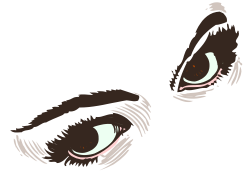
God will be with His people, *...Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God,* Revelation 21:3. *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,* Hebrews 12:22-23. Righteousness will dwell there, *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness,* 2 Peter 3:13.

Where do you want to spend eternity? Read over the examples of character listed for those who will be in Heaven and Hell. You have the choice. To those that live worldly lives, Jesus exhorts, *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matthew 23:33. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,* Romans 6:23.

THOSE ALL-SEEING EYES!

In a classroom exercise, elementary students were asked for their thoughts about their moms. One of the questions was, "If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?" The top three answers were: 1) "She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that"; 2) "I'd make my Mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me"; and one we can all relate to, 3) "I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on her back." Each of us has probably experienced an incident when our Mom made us believe she had eyes in the back of her head. Being quiet and discreet in our actions seemed impossible because Mothers always managed to find out what we had done. When asked how she knew, she most likely replied, "See those eyes in the back of my head?"

Mothers are a partner with God. Mothers are concerned with her children as God is concerned with His children. God has that **all-seeing** eye that knows always exactly what our actions and thoughts are.



There's a hymn, "Watching You"* that reminds us of God's ever presence in our lives. The words are thought-provoking:

All along on the road to the soul's true abode, There's an Eye watching you;
Every step that you take this great Eye is awake, There's an Eye watching you.

As you make life's great fight, keep the pathway of right, There's an Eye watching you;
God will warn not to go in the path of the foe, There's an Eye watching you.

Fix your mind on the goal, that sweet home of the soul. There's an Eye watching you.
Never turn from the way to the kingdom of day, There's an Eye watching you.

Watching you, watching you, Every day mind the course you pursue;
Watching you, watching you, There's an all-seeing Eye watching you.

*J. M. Henson, Songs of the Church

A person's heart [mind] controls action. To remain true to God, measure your actions by Philippians 4:8, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.* In Jeremiah 16:17, God speaks of His people, *For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.*

Crossword Puzzle: 1). gods, Exodus 20:3; 2). Otheneil, Judges 3:9-11; 3). Uriah, 2 Samuel 11:2-17; 4). one, genesis 6:16; 5). Pharisees, Matthew 23:15; 6). John, Revelation 1:9; 7). Noah, Genesis 6:12-16; 8) [down] snakes, Numbers 21:9; 8) [across] Sinai, Exodus 24:12-18; 9). Herod, Mark 26:7; 10). David, 1 Samuel 17:50; 11). courage, Joshua 1:6; 12). Ararat, Genesis 8:4; 13). blood, Exodus 7:17; 14) Peter, Acts 2; 15). three, Acts 9:8-9; 16). Peter, Matthew 26:69-75

Double Puzzle: Hear; Believe; Repent; Baptism; Worship Faithful – Proverbs 3:27, *Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.*

*Ponder the path of thy feet,
and let all thy ways be established.
Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:
remove thy foot from evil.
Proverbs 4:26-27*

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