

# BITS & PIECES

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#### LET'S GET SERIOUS

Dr. M. R. DeHaan said, "If the believer would spend half as much time in the Word, in prayer, and in worship as he does in social activities he would set the world on fire. If the average believer would spend as much time with the Bible as he does watching television, you couldn't hold him down." Now to go along with the television we have the Internet, DVD's, etc. How many Christians waste many hours just "browsing"? Then, many are watching stuff that no believer in Jesus Christ should watch.

#### TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

**"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me."** ~*Matthew 16:24*. General Gordon was a great man of God. When the English government sought to reward him for his magnificent service in China, he declined all money and titles. Finally, he accepted a gold medal inscribed with his name and his 33 engagements. After his death, the medal could not be found. Upon reading his diary, they found he had sent it to Manchester during a famine saying it should be melted down and be used to buy bread for the poor. His diary for that day read: "The last and only thing that I had in this world that I valued, I have now given over to the Lord Jesus Christ."

#### FOOLING THE PREACHER

The new preacher was visiting in the home of one of his members. Before leaving he said he had not brought his Bible, could he read a few verses from one of theirs. The father said to his young son, "Bobby, go and get the Bible, you know the Book we like to read so much." A few moments later Bobby returned with the mail-order catalog under his arm. You might fool the preacher but you can't fool Bobby - he lived there. There is something else we need to remember; God knows exactly what is important to us! **"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."** ~*Proverbs 15:3*.

#### ONE WAY TO DISCERN ERROR

"Error often comes in the garb of truth. It is not always easy to distinguish truth from falsehood. How shall we in this day of deception, cults and confusion of tongues be able to distinguish them from the truth of God? Some false teachers sound sincere and genuine, even when dispensing their soul-damning error. How shall we discern? There is only one infallible test - the Bible! The greatest need of the average Christian today is intensive Bible study." -Dr. M. R. DeHaan **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God... rightly dividing the Word of truth."**