

# BITS & PIECES

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### BEWARE THE SELF CENTERED GOSPEL

A. W. Tozer wrote: “A dreamy, sentimental faith which ignores the judgments of God against us and listens to the affirmations of the soul is as deadly as cyanide. *A faith which passively accepts all of the pleasant texts of the Bible while it overlooks or rejects the stern warnings and commandments of those same Scriptures is not the faith of which Christ and the apostles spoke!*” There is a lot of false interpretation of Scripture today which satisfies the flesh, but is not pleasing to God! God is not in favor of the self esteem gospel! **“*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...*” ~Hebrews 10:22.**

### IMPROVING THE BIBLE

Modern bible versions are supposed to be an improvement over the true Word of God - the King James Bible. What Spurgeon wrote more than one hundred years ago is still pertinent. He said, “Our reverence for the Great Author of Scripture should forbid all mauling of His words. No alteration of Scripture can...be an improvement. The gentlemen who see errors in Scripture may think themselves competent to amend the language of the Lord of hosts; but we who believe God, and accept the very words He uses, may not make so presumptuous an attempt...” What arrogance it is for mere mortals to presume they can improve the very Words of God!

### EXAMINE YOURSELVES

Oswald Smith said quite a few years ago: “We are living in a day when people are getting converted without being regenerated, when they are making decisions for Christ without being “born again.” I believe it is far worse today. I have never seen so many “decisions for Christ” where there seems to be no apparent conviction of sin and little or no reality in Christian living. God says, **“Examine yourselves...”**

### SPINE AND SPIRIT

**“Daniel was preferred...because an excellent spirit was in him.”** ~Daniel 6:3. Spurgeon, when speaking on this passage told the true story of a class of children who were having a lesson on Daniel. One of the boys was asked to read this portion aloud. When he came to these words, he read: “Because there was an excellent *spine* in him.” Spurgeon said, while it was undoubtedly a bad reading, it was excellent theology because Daniel certainly was a man of real backbone!