

## Upcoming Events...

- Business Meeting:** Today, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.  
**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Ladies Bible Class:** Next Sunday, March 19  
**Barnabas Group Meeting:** March 28

## Quotations about Common Sense

*“Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.”* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

*“It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.”*  
- Robert Green Ingersoll

## March Birthdays

2 Gonzalo Medina    4 Joseph McKnight    8 Drina Zamarripa  
9 Jessica Aguiar    18 Buddy Cashion    30 Barrett Hoffman

## March Anniversaries

6 Harold & Dortha Gentry

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## "What does the Bible say about common sense?"

(Article from *GotQuestions.org*)

Common sense is sound judgment in practical matters. In Proverbs 8:5 some translations speak of the need to develop “common sense,” which other translations simply call “prudence” or “discretion.” Biblically, common sense can be thought of as a combination of wisdom and discretion (Proverbs 3:21; 8:12–14). Wisdom is knowing what to do; discretion is knowing when and where to do it.

Part of being a fool is having no common sense or being “void of understanding,” as the KJV puts it (Proverbs 7:7; 24:30). The book of Proverbs proclaims the benefits of gaining wisdom and also shows the folly of being a fool (Proverbs 13:16; 16:22; 26:11). Proverbs 3:13–14 says, “*Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.*” Wisdom allows us to see life the way God does. When we seek God’s perspective, we can make decisions based upon their eternal significance rather than selfish interest. When we choose to make decisions based on wisdom alone, we are exercising common sense.

## Simple Truth

By Ron Bartanen

I recall reading of a famed mathematician who had to hire a bookkeeper to do his books. He said that simple math confused him! His mind was occupied with the profound, but had no room for the simple.

Theologians delight in wrangling over controversial issues to which the Bible gives little, if any, attention, while at the same time missing and even ignoring what we might call simple truth. While there is certainly deep and profound truth in this sacred volume, that which

is of first importance must take preeminence, for it pertains to salvation. Consider the simple truth as recognized by the first Christians:

Jesus was believed, and preached as the Son of God. When Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian, and the Ethiopian wished to be baptized, he first confessed, "*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God*" (Acts 8:37).

Jesus was believed and preached as the sinner's sin-offering. "*He made him to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him*" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Sinners accepted Jesus by faith, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being baptized. To those brought to faith in Jesus as the Christ, Peter said, "*Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*" (Acts 2:38).

### **A Few Rules to Live By**

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- Return everything we borrow.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Live within our means and within our seams.
- Be humble.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Every day, do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Be on time.
- Don't criticize anyone.
- Be kind to other people.
- Be even kinder to unkind people.
- Take time to study God's Word and pray.
- Admit it when we make a mistake.
- Understand and accept that life isn't always fair.
- Let someone cut ahead of us in line.
- Don't argue.
- Know when to say something.
- Know when to keep our mouth shut.
- Don't make excuses.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.

### **A Lot of Truth in These Old Adages**

(An old farmer's advice)

- Life ain't about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered not yelled.
- Meanness don't jest happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm, 'cause the colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave every mornin'.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.