

BIBLE BEES

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Bible reveals that honey, produced by bees, has been very valuable throughout the centuries.
- B. The word Honey and Honey Comb is used 61 times in the Bible.
- C. "A land flowing with milk and honey."
- D. The bee today is still valuable to man.
 - 1. Provides food, pollen blooms.
 - 2. Teaches valuable lessons- "Busy as a bee" etc.
- E. In this lesson we wish to make a play on the word "BEE."

BODY: BIBLE BEES.

I. BE KIND.

- A. An admonition needed by all Christians.
- B. Eph. 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, ...
- C. Rom. 12:10. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
- D. Col. 3:12. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- E. This is to counteract bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor Eph. 4:31.
- F. Church have split, friendships broken, homes failed etc.
- G. Kindness is linked to forgiveness.
- H. Kindness is linked to love- 1 Cor. 13:4.
- I. A Christian grace- 2 Pet. 1:5-9.

II. BE SOBER.

- A. This does not limit itself to abstaining from alcohol.

B. We must, as Christians, be serious-minded.

1. To fight devil- 1 Pet. 5:8.
2. 1 :Pet. 1:13.
3. Helps us pray- 1 Pet. 4:7.
4. 1 Thess. 5:6. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

C. A time to be sober and serious.

III. BE CONTENT.

A. Paul learned- Phil. 4:11.

B. Man is not content by nature.

1. More you have the more you want.
2. Always has been so- Lk. 3:14. Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

C. Paul is not suggesting laziness.

1. 1 Thess. 4:11.
2. 2 Thess. 3:10.
3. Rather, after our best, be content.

D. Contentment helps us to be thankful.

1. 1 Tim. 6:8. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.
2. Heb. 13:5-6.

E. The Greatest success for man- 1 Tim. 6:6. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

IV. BE STRONG.

A. Before giving Christian armor, Paul says- Eph. 6:10-11.

B. God is strong and wants His children to be strong.

C. Strong in his grace- 2 Tim. 2:1. You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

D. A Christian gets his strength from God.

E. Must be strong to keep from falling.

1. 1 Cor. 16:13.

2. Eph. 6:10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

V. BE READY.

A. Ready in the New Testament means "Preparedness."

B. 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

C. This life is the time to get ready for Christ's coming Matt. 25:1-13.

D. Must be ready to defend God's word- 1 Pet. 3:15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

E. Ready for battle with Satan.

F. One must be ready for work- Tit. 3:1. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

G. Be ready for His coming again-

VI. BE FAITHFUL.

A. Those fund faithful will receive life- Rev. 2:10.

B. Many begin the race, but falter.

C. Paul went all the way for the Lord- 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

D. "Well done" are words reserved for the faithful- Matt. 25:21.

CONCLUSION:

A. Are these Bible "Bees" a part of your life?

B. If not, why not obey Him and BE His servant?