

MEN NEED GOD TOO!
1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5
PART TWO

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I am concerned about the prominent ideology in our society that

REAL MEN DON'T SERVE GOD

- ▶ It is too high for us (we're are not good enough)
- ▶ It is too feminine (it's just not manly or tough enough)
- ▶ There seems to be a “defiance factor” involved
- ▶ There also is the fact that many men have squandered their own lives and don't feel up to what they should have learned earlier in life

OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ Paul in 1 Corinthians 2 says that when he first came to the Corinthian church he didn't have it all together
- ▶ He says that he did not come with exalted words or perfect language, and high knowledge
- ▶ Everybody in the New Testament church had different gifts, but we have evolved into an inappropriate attitude that favors somebody who literally changes their voice when they get into the pulpit, and some men believe that "if you can't sound like that," you can't do anything publicly in worship

OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ When I was in school, all a guy had to say was that he was from New York or Detroit, and the girls would go crazy!
- ▶ In college, when some grandmother sends her grandson to Alabama to college, because Detroit was too small of a city for her grandson and the Police to exist in the same city
- ▶ He'd start school and come to church, tell the girls he was from Brooklyn New York, and the girls would go crazy
- ▶ Now a brother, who was next to her all the time, who will work, who had never been arrested, and never had been in jail, couldn't get a look from the sisters
- ▶ Girls, what you need to look for is a guy with "content and substance!"

WHY ARE WE SOUTHERNERS SO
CAPTIVATED BY THOSE WHO SOUND
NORTHERN?

- ▶ When I came to you, I didn't have it all together
- ▶ I didn't know all the right words
- ▶ I didn't sound like a whole lot
- ▶ He rather says, I just told you, in my own way, what God wanted me to tell you

PAUL SAYS IN 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1

That Worship and Service To God is Still the Only Thing That Is Important!

- ▶ Not just hanging out in the park on Sunday morning
- ▶ Not just laying around watching Sports Center reruns
- ▶ Not just hanging out with your britches between your thighs and knees
- ▶ But, young men, it is what's in your head that is important!

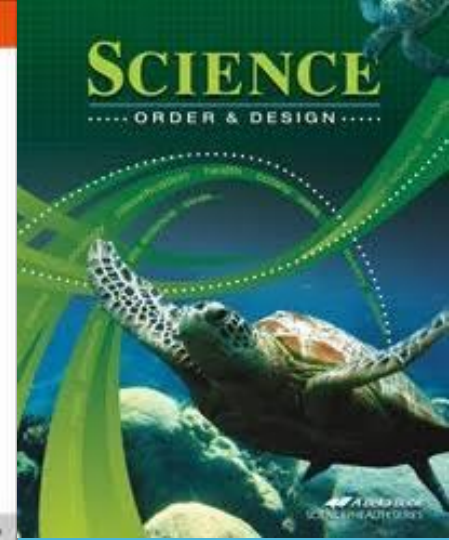
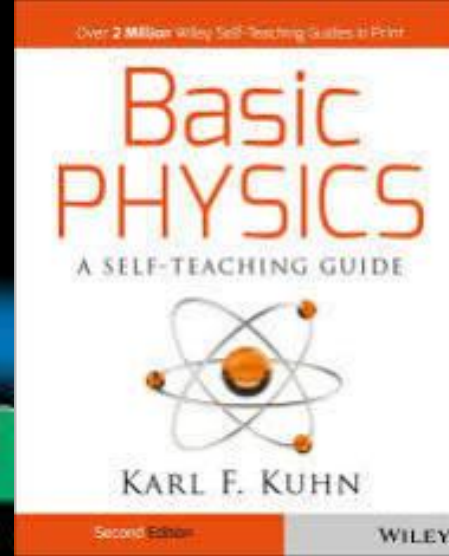
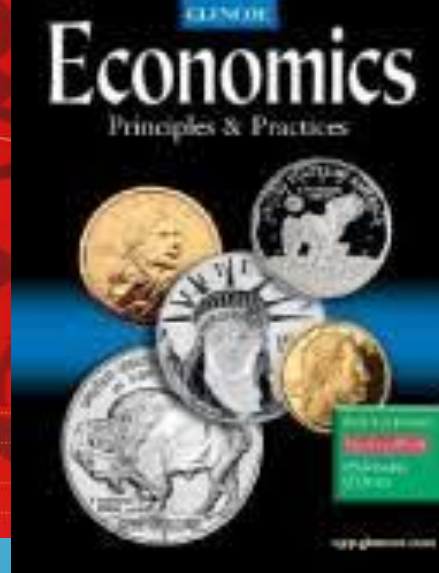
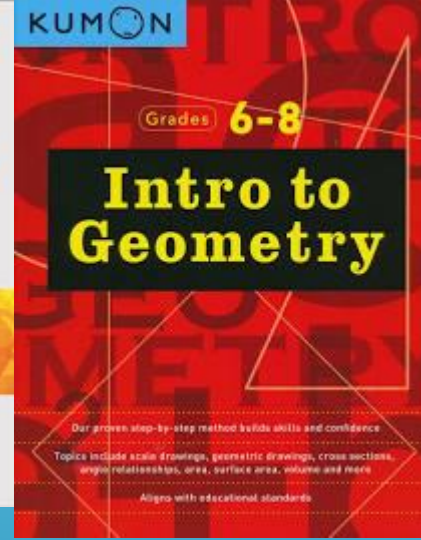
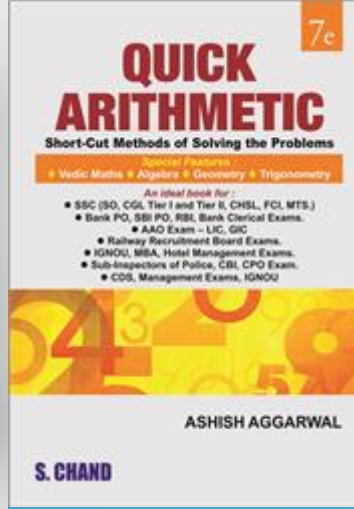
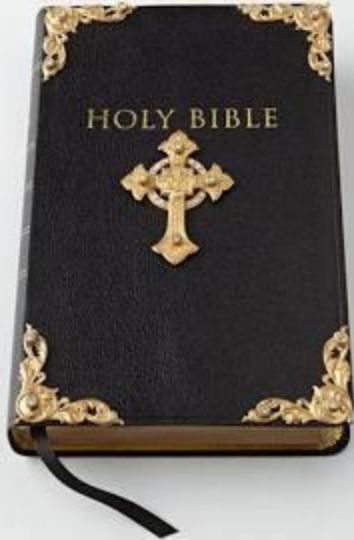
**YOUNG MEN, YOU HAVE GOT TO
DECIDE:**

“BROTHER, YOU’RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE I DON’T LOOK LIKE YOU OR YOUR GENERATION!”



“NO, I CAN LOOK LIKE THAT. IT DOESN’T TAKE ANY TALENT OR HARD WORK TO LOOK LIKE THAT!”





**What the World Grades You On
is, Did Any Of the Information
from Those Books You Put Down
Get In Your Head?!**

- ▶ They will tell you, staying healthy and pleasing God
- ▶ If you are 30 years old, don't answer that question
- ▶ But as you get older, you will realize that staying healthy and pleasing God is all that matters
- ▶ When you are older, being ready to meet your God is not as long as it has been so far
- ▶ Looking good or "Living your best life" on the world's terms is not as important

**FIND ANY 70 YEAR OLD MAN OR WOMAN
AND ASK THEM, "WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT
IN YOUR LIFE?"**

- ▶ You get up from your chair and you still are bent over
- ▶ You pull a muscle just tying your shoe
- ▶ You go back to your eye doctor when you just left them

THEN YOU SAY I'LL START READING MY BIBLE MORE!

- ▶ But the cataracts and glaucoma won't let you read long
- ▶ You try to visit the sick but you are short of breath
- ▶ Poor circulation and osteoarthritis won't allow free movement

**WHEN YOU GET OLD, STUFF STARTS
HAPPENING THAT NEVER HAPPENED
BEFORE!**

Guys Don't End Up Debilitated and Then Talk About "What I Coulda, Shoulda, Woulda Done!"

***"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh,
when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them"***

Ecclesiastes 12:1

- ▶ Because we didn't allow ourselves to learn what we should have at a certain stage of our lives and are too ashamed to get back on the spiritual track
- ▶ But Paul says that when you learn better you do better
- ▶ Paul says in verse 3 *"I was with you in meekness and in fear, and in much trembling."*
- ▶ Some men think that in order to be the best servant of God, you have to have it physically, financially, and socially together

**REMEMBER THE OTHER REASON I
SUGGESTED MEN DON'T SERVE GOD
IS SHAME!**

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”

- ▶ I'm convinced that in Luke chapter 5 when Simon Peter was called by Jesus, that the way God was glorified was being able to work with what Simon didn't have
- ▶ Jesus wouldn't have had as great of an impact on Peter's life if he had been sitting around on his boat with a boat load of fish when Jesus passed by
- ▶ The point is, guys, that Jesus used Peter's weakness to glorify His Heavenly father and he will use yours if you allow him

BUT PAUL SAYS IN 2CORINTHIANS 4:7

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

