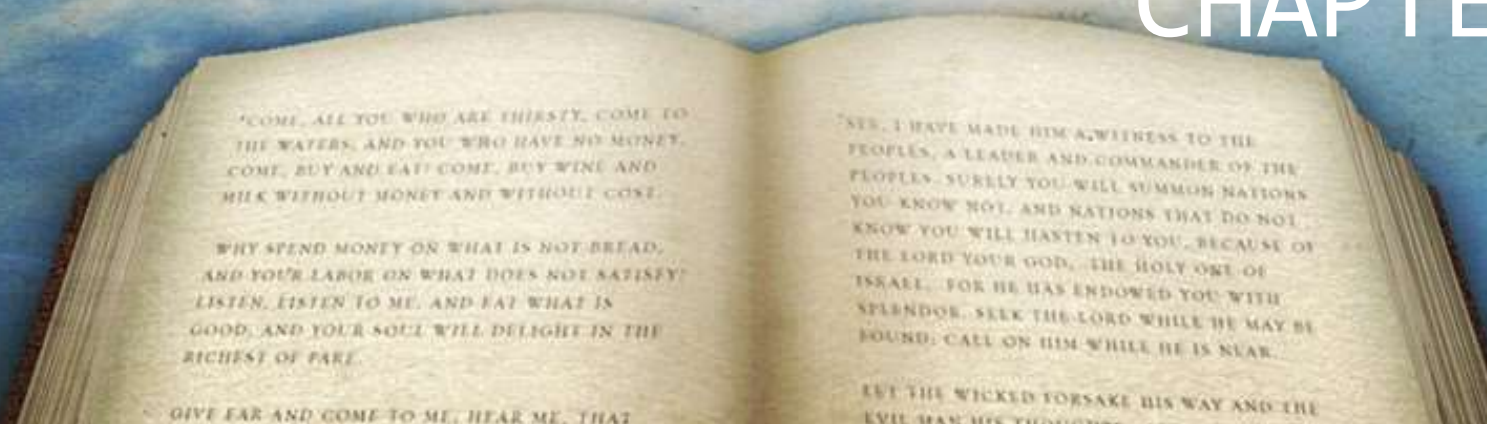


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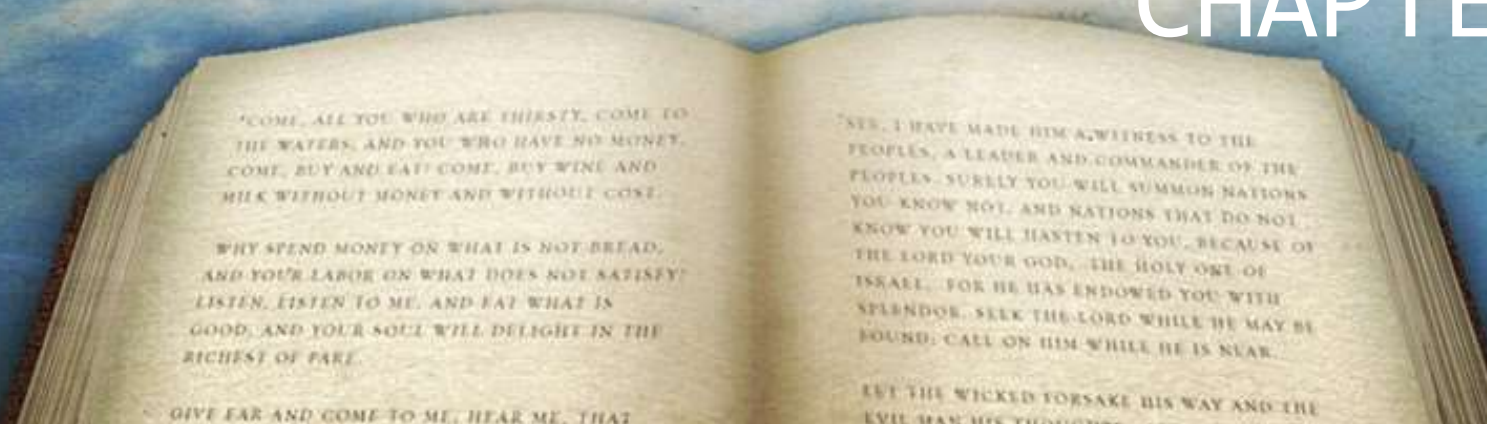
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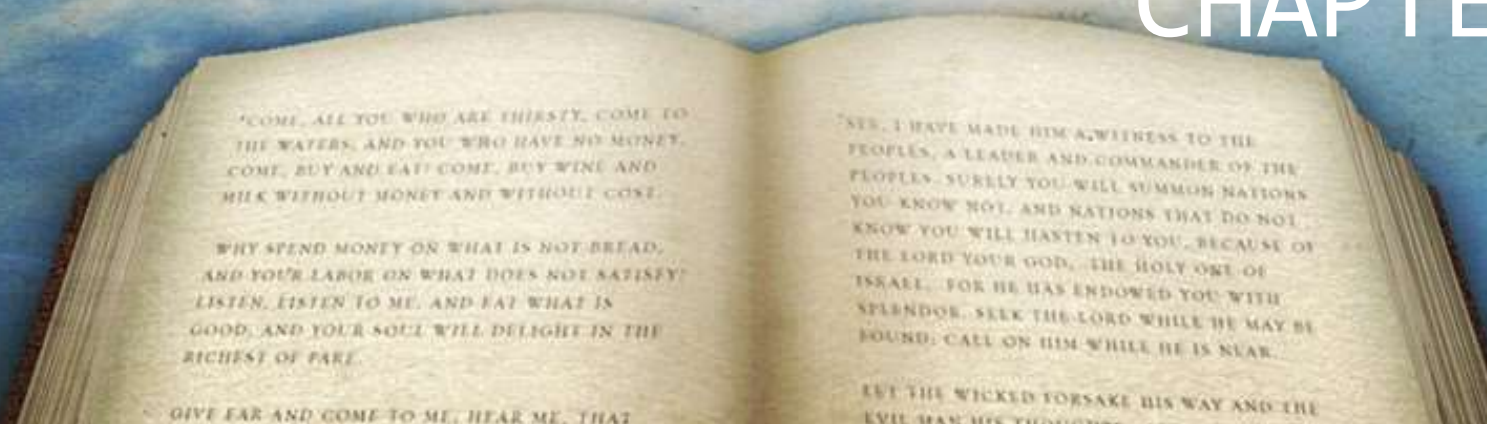


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For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers

2 Timothy 4:3, NKJV

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Discernment is Crucial

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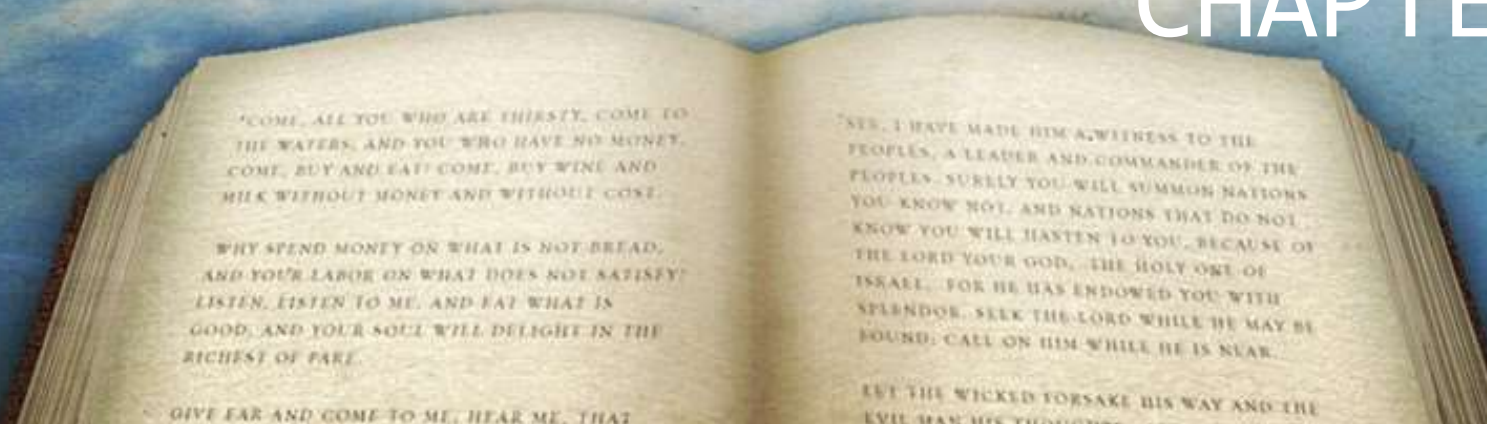


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As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

1 Chronicles 28:9, NKJV

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Religion can be Harmful

v.19-24



Religion can be Harmful

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- It can minimize good



“We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another”

—Jonathan Swift

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- It can set you on a wrong course

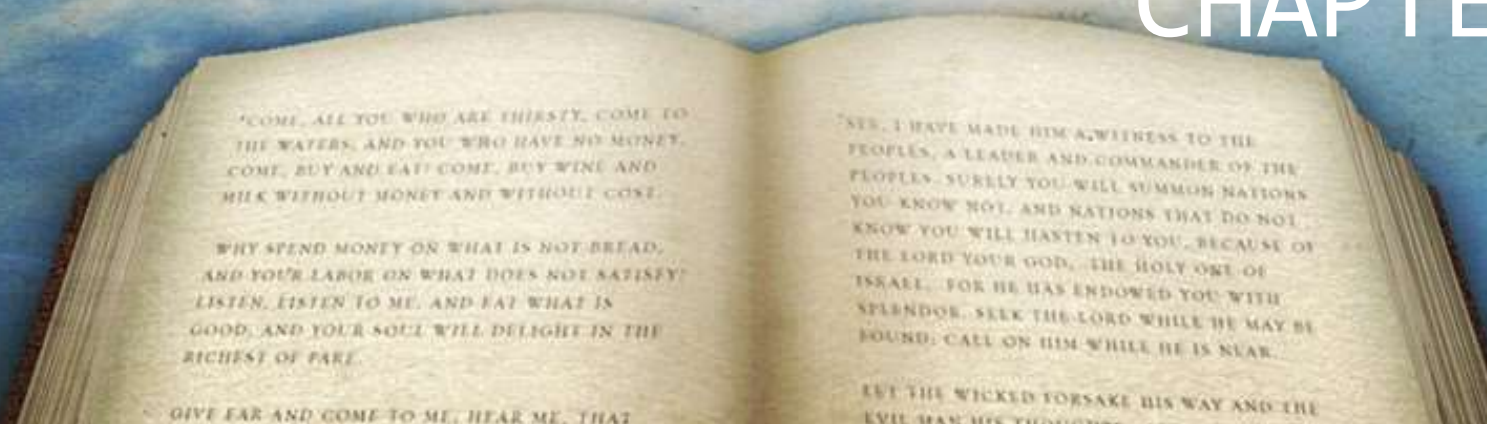


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