

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

**Proverbs 16:16**

## Store In My Heart

### 1Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

In this passage there are several points that are important to us regarding our service to God.

The first day of the week was important to early Christians. Other passages teach this as well, but this is one that demonstrates their habit of coming together on that day.

As Christians we need to be prepared for opportunities to help others. The context tells us this was actually the purpose of this particular gathering of funds.

The church and all its work is supported by the offerings of its members. As we see from other verses, these are free will offerings gladly given to support the work of the church.



# Seen ... But Not Seen

## Kyle Campbell

There's definitely a trend with some Christians where they display their faith for others in the form of Bible verses on social media, crosses on their clothing and car, and God-centered speech, but it's not lived out in every day life in the form of true devotion to God and working for the kingdom of Christ.

It's almost more about what people think, but the sacrifice of worshipping God when you'd rather be at the ball game or beach, or contributing to help others when you'd rather spend money on yourself is not being put in.

Araunah wanted to give David a generous gift to allow him to sacrifice to God, but he refused. David didn't want to offer something to God that cost him nothing (**2Samuel 24:24**). I fear that some want to act like they're close to God while costing them nothing (or very little at least).

It's a real issue of sacrifice and service in the form of worship and helpfulness to others, instead of adorning your body and possessions with outward symbols that don't really mean anything.

It's one thing to display it in different ways, but it's a completely different level to really live it and surrender in doing so. I'd much rather see someone "walking the walk" than working so hard to advertise what they want others to see.

You can imagine that first-century Christians, in paying a price for their faith (cp. **Acts 7:59-60; 12:1-2**), knew the difference between displaying their faith and living for their faith.

# Knowledge, Wisdom, Law - Doy Moyer

“What should I do or not do?” is a question of wisdom. “What am I allowed to do or not do?” is a question of law. While we have boundaries of what we are allowed or not allowed to do, and these are vital to know, more will be determined by wisdom and discernment because not everything is spelled out specifically in Scripture. This is why learning the principles of wisdom is so important (**Hebrew 5:12-14**). Those who are mature seek wisdom, and wisdom is a venture in seeking to glorify God. It’s not just about crossing lines of law. In fact, if we are not seeking to be wise, then our law-related mindset may result in the attitude exemplified by the one talent man: “*See, you have what is yours*” (**Matthew 25:25**). We give the minimum good (what we have to do) and avoid the maximum bad (what is specified not to do), but we aren’t really trying give our best in glorifying God with all thoughts and decisions.

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Many of our struggles with self and others arise from a failure to use wisdom. A large number of the questions I have been asked over the years came from a lack of wisdom on the part of the individual asking. One thing we must keep in mind in all of our activities - just because I can does not mean I should. Many immoral actions would be avoided if one just had the wisdom to understand this idea. Knowing and following God’s law is necessary to our salvation. Using wisdom in our choices draws us closer to Him and keeps us away from much of the temptation of this world. DLH

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We want opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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## For Our Information

Betty Ragsdale is staying with her daughter, Darlene as she recovers from her procedure. She has a doctor appointment in 2 weeks to see how things are progressing.

Vickie McNeas will have foot surgery in October.

Shannon Soliday is out of town awaiting a new grandbaby.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are in Boston, MA with their cruise to avoid the storms.

Bill Venable is traveling in the central west this week.

Merril and Cyndi Berryhill are in Colorado this week.

Dan & JoBeth Henderson will be in Texas Thursday & Friday for Kara’s 1st birthday.

Sunday Evening - **Daniel 4**. Wednesday Evening - **1Peter 2**.

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

