

LOVELY PIGS

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Miss America Pageants, and other such events, are famous for their swim suit competitions. Basically, these “Lovely” women are parading themselves in front of America and the judges wearing very little clothing. And what they do have on is so skin tight that little is left to the imagination. There must be a verse that addresses this – right? Well, I found one...

“As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion” (Proverbs 11:22). Now surely a child of God would not want to participate in a contest that requires her to do something that the Bible makes analogous to a swine wearing a ring in

its snout. And surely a man of godly character wouldn’t dare make provisions for the flesh by watching such a thing (Romans 13:14). But what about everyday life?

Young ladies, if you want the boys to like you for more than your body, then don’t highlight your body by the way you dress. If you highlight the flesh, that’s where his focus will be. Don’t make it difficult for him to see the interior by blinding him with the exterior. Dress as a woman who is striving to profess godliness (1 Timothy 2:9). Highlight the hidden person of the heart with its unfading beauty (1 Peter 3:4). Don’t be a lovely pig! 🔍

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God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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SUICIDE

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Suicide is a tragic and devastating thing that affects all age and ethnic groups; with the highest rates occurring among those from 20-24 years of age. Consider the....

Scripture and Suicide. While the word “Suicide” is not used in the Bible, at least six suicides are recorded on its pages, with perhaps the most famous being King Saul (1 Samuel 31:4) and Judas who betrayed the Lord (Matthew 27:3-5). Saul was stressed out, unable to live up to certain expectations; he probably felt like a rejected failure. Judas reacted the wrong way towards the guilt he felt for betraying an innocent man. Abimelech lacked personal identity (Judges 9:52-54). Zimri had a problem with authority (1 Kings 16:15-20). Ahithophel was bitter because his advice was not followed (2 Samuel 17:23). Saul's armor-bearer committed suicide on impulse; Perhaps he just wanted to die with his boss (1 Samuel 31:5). Forty percent of teenage suicides are committed on impulse. Some count Samson’s death as suicide and attribute it to revenge (Judges 16:25-30). Consider also the...

Sinfulness of Suicide. Suicide is the intentional taking of one’s own life.

I’m not talking about Jesus (John 10:17-18) Who laid down His life for our sins; nor am I speaking of cases in which one expresses the ultimate love by sacrificing his own life to protect others (John 15:13) like when a soldier covers a grenade with his body to save the lives of his comrades. Nor am I talking about cases of mental insanity (Though only God can rightly judge these cases). I’m talking about self murder for reasons that are anything but noble and/or heroic. Murder is condemned in scripture multiple times (Galatians 5:21; Matthew 5:21-22; 1 John 3:15; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). This includes self murder, and there’s no opportunity to repent. Please think about this before you jump, pull that trigger, tie that noose, or swallow that poison. Things will only get worse. Consider now the...

Solution to Suicide. One should consider the golden rule and his family and friends (Matthew 7:12). How would I feel if my loved one committed suicide? What predicaments, financial and otherwise, would my suicide put them in? Of course the ultimate suicide prevention is finding rest for the soul through obedience to the Lord and inward peace through prayer (Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:6-7). 🔍

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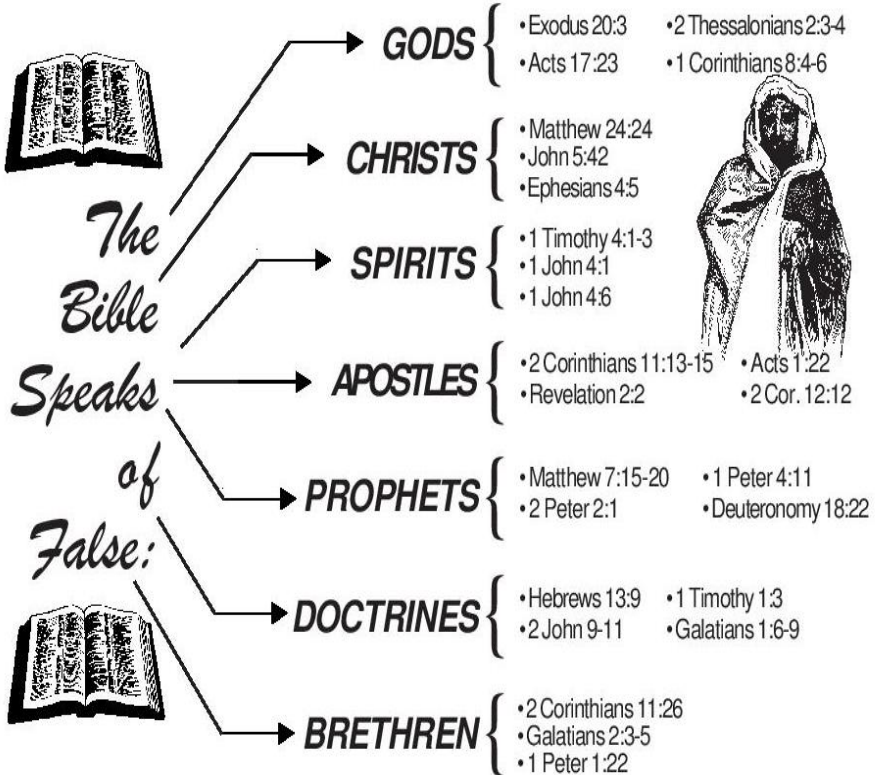
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Beware of Religious Counterfeits



Buy the truth, and sell it not. Proverbs 23:23

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SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Wisdom, What A Lady!

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Todd
Reading: Proverbs 3:13-18
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Michael Pickford

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

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- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

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