

# Bible provides free education if we spend time on it

People spend thousands of dollars each semester for a college education, and parents often begin saving for their children's education shortly after they are born. Such an education is so valued people are willing to make tremendous sacrifices to afford it.

But there is a source of knowledge and wisdom that is more valuable and costs nothing financially. It can improve our daily lives now and can lead us to an everlasting future. What it does cost us is time and effort. What is that source of wisdom?

It is God's word, the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 says of that source of wisdom: "All scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness, that the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work."

The Bible has many uses in our daily lives and can make us "fully competent and completely equipped" for good works. Many college graduates are moderately competent, at best, and not necessarily equipped for much, particularly good works. A good education doesn't guarantee the intelligence or moral fortitude to use it for good, and it certainly doesn't guarantee a good work ethic or a willingness to do one's best.

Granted, many who own Bibles



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are not competent or equipped for good works either, but that is their fault, not the Bible's. Benefiting from the Bible's wisdom requires at least two things from us, that we make the effort to learn from God's word and that we recognize its true value and make use of it, proving that we recognize that value.

Proverbs 2:4,5 says, "If you seek for it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God."

The Bible tells us we need to seek God's knowledge as we would for a treasure. Who wouldn't spend a great deal of time and effort looking if he had been told there was a large sum of money or a valuable jewel hidden in his house or yard? Many spend years saving and sacrificing to afford a college education for their children, and then their children either waste the opportunity or spend hours studying to gain the knowledge available at the school of choice.

Often the same people have never

the entire Bible within a year, not the two years it takes to earn an associate's degree nor the four it takes to earn a bachelor's degree, one year.

How can someone find 30 minutes each day to read the Bible? Do you watch sitcoms? One sitcom lasts 30 minutes, including the commercials. If you watch three of them a day, you could miss one of the three and spend that time reading the Bible.

Do you watch the news on television? That also takes 30 minutes, and most days contains little or no news of local interest. If you normally watch it at 4 p.m. and at 9 p.m., most days you see most of the same things both times. Choosing between the two would free up 30 minutes for Bible reading.

Once we make the time to gain

knowledge from the Bible, we need to recognize its true value. 1 Corinthians 1:19, 20 tells us: "For it is written: 'I will make the wisdom of the wise men perish, and the intelligence of the intellectual men I will shove aside.' Where is the wise man? Where the scribe? Where the debater of this system of things? Did not God make the wisdom of the world foolish?"

Despite the high value placed on a college education, it is foolishness compared to God's word. If we recognize that, we are more likely to take the time to gain Bible knowledge and to use it fully in our lives. What benefits can we gain from that besides being equipped for good works?

Philippians 1:9, 10 says, "And this is what I continue praying, that your love may abound yet more and more with accurate knowledge and full discernment, that you may make sure of the more important things. . ."

Bible knowledge helps us to see the importance of showing love for others and developing close relationships with friends and family, rather than putting making money

ahead of all else. It helps us to set proper priorities, which can help us to enjoy life and, later, to look back without regrets.

The Bible also warns us about today's problems, tells us how to handle them and tells us about a future when these problems will be solved.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says, "But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal, having no natural affection, not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness. . . having a form of godly devotion but proving false to its power; and from these turn away."

The Bible warns us about the attitudes we see in people today and tells us to turn away from such attitudes, not taking those attitudes ourselves and avoiding spending time with people who are like that. It says those attitudes will be prevalent in "the last days." That phrase indicates something is about to end.

2 Peter 3:10, 13 says, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up. But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

All who have the wicked attitudes the Bible warns about will be destroyed, along with everything and everyone working against God's purpose for the "new earth." Verse 11 in 2 Peter 3 says, "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness."

The Bible tells us what we need to be to live in the "new earth" of righteousness. Learning that knowledge and using it wisely gives us the opportunity to have an everlastingly happy future.

We are all invited at Revelation 20:17 to take in this knowledge free: "And the spirit and the bride keep on saying: 'Come!' And let anyone hearing say: 'Come!' And let anyone thirsting come; let anyone that wishes take life's water free."

## matters of record

**Goodland Police**  
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**February 3**—A worthless check was given to the City of Goodland, 204 W. 11th St.

A case of forgery was reported by First National Bank, 202 E. 11th St., for checks written on a closed account to Pizza Hut, 1803 Cherry

Ave., and Dollar General Store, 1819 Cherry Ave.

Jason D. Austin was arrested for probation violations on behalf of Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.

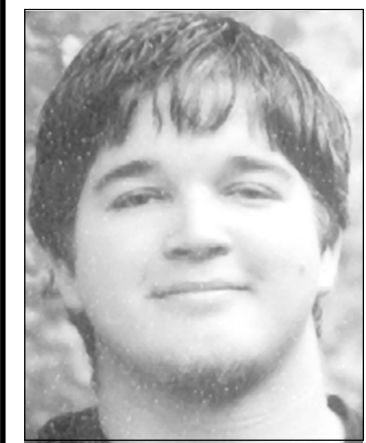
**February 9** — Goodland Regional Medical Center, 220 W. 2nd St., reported the theft of two cordless telephones and batteries taken, valued at \$1,496.

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## student of the week



**Name:** Chris Smith  
**Parents:** Bob and Sondra Smith  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18

**We've nominated this student because:** he gets his work done on time. He shows interest in class and out of class. His active part in astronomy outside of class, his interest in Science class activities and his good mannerism is why we have nominated him.

**Student Comment:** My

favorite subject is Science. I will remember all the people and teachers that helped me through High school.

**Activities involved in at school:** American Field Service social chair.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** My choice of books are science fiction and fantasy books by Terry Brooks. I usually watch comedy and science fiction fantasy movies.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** go to college for Electronics Engineering and some Astronomy.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** married with a family and career.

**Favorite Quote:** "He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything." Arabian Proverb

### Worship warms the heart

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Steve Rains  
Fourth & College • 899-3605  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Small Group Ministries  
**Wednesday:** Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Pastor:** Father Norbert Dlabal  
307 W. 13th • 899-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
1st & 3rd Sunday: 2 pm

**Sonrise Christian Church**  
Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:** Tony Kafka  
**Youth Minister:** Doug Bean  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

**Word of Life**  
**Foursquare Church**  
10th & Clark • 899-5250  
**Pastor:** John Coumerilh  
**Service Schedule:**  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
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Evening Service: 6 pm

**Bible Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Glenn Hermanson  
Fifth & Broadway  
899-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
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**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

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Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

**United Methodist Church**  
**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**Pastor:** Loren Strait  
Eighth & Arcade • 899-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.  
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**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
399-2468  
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Worship Service: 10:15 am

**Church of the Nazarene**  
**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

**Goodland Bible Church**  
109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** John Meckling  
Fifth & Center • 899-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
Evening Worship: 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday:** Mens' Prayer Group: 6:00 am  
**Thursday:** Night Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
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Sr. Warden for emergencies  
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

**Grace Fellowship Church**  
104 E. Hwy 24 • 899-6423  
**Pastor:** Bob Snyder •  
Residence: 890-0134  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am  
Worship Service: 11 am  
Youth Group at Gattshall's at 5:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study 6 pm

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

**Church of Christ**  
401 Caldwell  
899-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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