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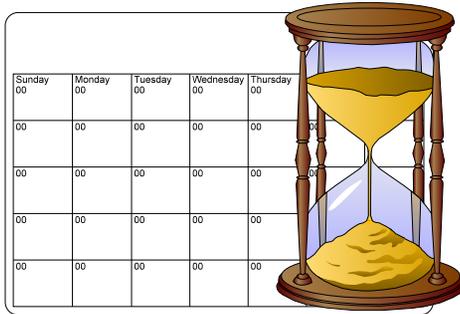
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Each year we have days that are special to us such as birthdays or anniversaries. Early in one's life, or in a marriage, these days seem to come slowly, but

as time progresses, they seem to come quickly. They are never early or late. They are always right on time.

Such regularity reminds us that time slows down, nor speeds up, for no one. With each passing day, we're one day closer to departing this life. Let's remember the words of James when he stated that our life is "*even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*"

—Marty Edwards ❖



A diamond is the most precious gem known to man. The Bible is the most precious book. Consider these similarities between a diamond and the Word of God:



1. Diamonds are not found simply laying on the ground. They are hidden in the earth. A diamond must be mined from among the rocks to obtain its highest value. Though it is valuable while still in the earth, extraction of the diamond from the ground vastly increases its value and usefulness.

So too must the Bible be "mined." We are miners of the Bible when we dedicate ourselves to learning the truths it contains. The truths are still in a Bible that is closed and on a shelf, but they will not help a person until they are extracted and obeyed.

2. A diamond is cut and polished to bring forth its brilliance and vast beauty. It cannot be cut in any fashion one desires. The incorrect cut can ruin the diamond and render it virtually useless.

Many people do not rightly divide the Word. They think they are following the Bible, but actually they are following false teaching. The truth is contained in every copy of the Bible that is true to the original text. Most people have Bibles containing the truth, but many of them will be lost. We "cut and polish" the Word when we rightly divide it and obtain the truths therein. Paul exhorted in II Timothy 2:15 "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" Do not trust in what someone else says is the truth. Find out for yourself if what you are following is the teaching found in the pages of the Bible.

3. A diamond is the hardest substance known to man. It is so hard, that it is used as a gauge with which the hardness of other substances is determined.

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News

—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry. Sherry Crabtree** is still having some troubles with her eye. **Elaine Reynolds** voice continues to improve. **Vicki McDaniel** continues to improve at home.

—Tonight will be our regular monthly first-Sunday singing.

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The Word of God has always had critics and skeptics and will as long as time remains. Yet it endures and cannot be changed. It is rock-solid. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35 *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* Mark 13:31 and Luke 21:33 offer the exact same comments in the King James Version of the Bible.

It is a comforting thought to know there will be no changes in the Bible. The very same words you have in your home will judge you in the last day. Jesus said in John 12:48 *“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”*

4. The hardness of a diamond permits it to be used as a device for cutting other substances.

Likewise, the Bible cuts to the heart and soul of people. We are told in Hebrews 4:12 *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

5. Finally, the diamond is put in a setting such as a ring. One would not purchase such a precious gem and put it in the back of a dresser drawer. Just as the ring bears the diamond, we must bear the word of God in order that those who are lost might see it. We are the only “Bible” that many people will read.

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Sunday, February 28, 2010		
Classes	16	Matthew 13:44-58
Preaching	25	March “Forth”
Contribution	\$473.00	
Evening	17	Ezekiel 17:1-18:32
Wednesday, March 3, 2010		
Classes	19	Leviticus 13:26-59

Bible Quiz

The Israelites had a proverb about fathers eating sour what?

Last Week’s Answer— The sanctuary (Leviticus 12:4)



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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)