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Welcome to *HBC*

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD
Psalm 33:12;

APRIL In the Year of Our Lord 2026

Sunday 10:30 - Worship Service
In Person and on Facebook Live

6:00 “The Rest of the Sermon”

Wednesday 6:30 - Prayer Meeting



DON'T BE SILLY!

Job 5:2

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

Hosea 7:11

11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

II Timothy 3:5-6

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Only three times in our English Bible do we find the word “silly.” Both times in the Old Testament the word is pathah (paw-thaw) and it indicates “to be OPEN mentally or morally.” This is the worst kind of open mindedness because it indicates a letting down of one’s guard. The one time the word silly is used in the New Testament it is the word gunaikarion and literally means “a little (or foolish) woman.” The idea is that of weakness or ignorance.

Satan began his work of temptation with Eve. We do not know where Adam was at the time of the temptation but it is clear from the biblical account that she was OPEN mentally and morally to the arguments of the serpent. Her guard was down and she proved herself to be weak and ignorant of the facts of God’s warning. Relying only on her mental and emotional reasoning, she was easily led astray.

Proverbs 4:23

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Keep your spiritual guard up! Always filter philosophy through the net of Scripture. Constantly align yourself with a biblically defined lifestyle. Ask questions. Seek God’s guidance. Don’t be silly!

Dear Lord let me always question the questionable. AMEN

A Devotion by Ron Abbott