“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.”

(John 5:39)

**BIBLE – DESERVES OUR STUDY AND ATTENTION:** The Bible is of the highest value because it is the word of the living God. Of all the books in the world it is the most deserving of study and attention, for it is eternal wisdom. The Bible is a history that tells us of the creation of the world and opens to us past centuries. Without it we should have been left to conjecture and fable in regard to the occurrences of the remote past. It reveals to us the Creator of the heavens and the earth, with the universe that He has brought into being, and it sheds a glorious light over the world to come.

**BIBLE – CONTAINS CONCEALED TREASURES:** The Bible is a field where are concealed heavenly treasures, and they will remain hidden until, by diligent mining, they are discovered and brought to light. The Bible is a casket containing jewels of inestimable value, which should be so presented as to be seen in their intrinsic luster. But the beauty and excellence of these diamonds of truth are not discerned by the natural eye. The lovely things of the material world are not seen until the sun, dispelling the darkness, floods them with its light. And so with the treasures of God's word; they are not appreciated until they are revealed by the Sun of Righteousness. *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, pp. 421, 422."

**BIBLE SEPARATES US FROM CORRUPTION:** It is to be received with the understanding and with the whole heart; it is life and is to be incorporated into our very existence. Thus received, the word of God will humble man at the footstool of mercy and separate him from every corrupting influence. *(Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p. 374)*