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In this week's Confidence Corner I am going to ask you to allow me to share some of my wonders. This may seem odd given the article on the inside of this week's Caller with a focus

on the importance of an objective standard, but nonetheless, I hope you will get my point.

I wonder if after all the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted if the person who loves to shop will say, "Do I really have to go to the store and shop?"

I wonder if the football fan will say, "Do I really have to go watch a football game?"

I wonder if the outdoorsman will say, "Do I really have to go to the lake and fish?"

I wonder if the family who loves to camp will say, "Do I really have to go camping?"

I wonder if the baseball fan will say, "Do I really have to go to the ball park and watch a game?"

I wonder if the woman or man who loves to go to the gym will say, "Do I really have to go workout today?"

Thank you for allowing me to wonder about a few things.

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Sunday's Sermons:

AM — IS GOD YOUR FATHER

JOHN 8:39-47

PM — 5 SECONDS

ROMANS 1:16-17

Where Do We Find the Answers?

Where do you go to find the answers to the questions that plague your life? Today it seems that many turn to the Internet. If you want to find an “expert” today, you can go to the Internet and find someone who has set up their own blog page and will provide “expert” advice. It used to be that people needed credentials to be considered an expert, but today anyone, and it seems close to everyone, thinks they have all the answers. So they share their wisdom with the world.

Today, like most days, Facebook is alive with those who have all the answers (most likely they don’t even have all the information...let alone the answers). Often those “answers” are based on human opinion and as such are subject to being judged in their content by others who hold differing opinions. Do you ever notice how often even Christians can be so unloving when their opinion is different from someone else? Since this part of this article is written from a subjective viewpoint, there are many who will criticize what I write... and honestly they have a right because I am not necessarily using an objective standard.

So how can we avoid all the fighting on Facebook? How did we avoid conflict before the Internet? The answer is clear—return to the only objective standard! God’s Word is the revelation of an all-loving and all-powerful God to the people He created! He knows what we need! Scripture provides the truths we need to guide our lives. If we follow the principles contained therein, the result will be a wonderful world (or at least Church) where we can have peace.

The problem today stems from the fact that people are using worldly wisdom to seek answers. In 2 Cor. 4:4 we are told that the worldly wisdom stems from the god of this world, Satan. Ephesians 2 indicates that even the Christians at Ephesus at one time walked in the wisdom of the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience. Paul even stresses throughout the early chapters of I Corinthians that there is a wisdom of this world (truly foolish wisdom) that is obtained apart from God’s inspired message. Paul through inspiration then contrasts the worldly wisdom with true wisdom (the true wisdom is what the people of the world think is foolish). This true wisdom is derived from God’s Word and brings about unity rather than division. We wonder why people who are of the world object to our posts on Social Media. It is because they are guided by the father of lies (John 8:44)

James discusses the subject of conflict in chapter 4. There James points out that conflict comes from human selfish desires. He continues to provide the solution to the problem of conflict when he writes, Subject yourselves to God—draw near to Him. Then in verse 10, he encourages, “Humble yourselves in the sight of Lord, and He will exalt you. James encourages sober thinking and a desire for mankind to subject themselves to God and His will.

I’ll adapt the question from the title and ask, “Where do I go for answers?” My answer is the Word of God. How about you?

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