

## Lessons From A High School Manual

Several years ago, a member of the congregation gave me a 1970 edition of a book entitled, "Bible Study Course -- Old Testament" for use in Dallas high schools. One of the beginning quotes, penned by Robert Millikan, reads, "I consider an intimate knowledge of the Bible an indispensable qualification of a well-educated man. Contact with the finest influences which have ever come into human life can be obtained only in this way."

How sad it is that America has become such an accommodating society. It used to be that people saw the Bible as at least a profitable text from which to study, knowing that it can be a "*lamp*" and "*light*" to all who open and read it (Psalm 119:105). Now, for fear of offending perhaps one person in a school, the majority of school districts stay away from any Bible instruction.

Faithful Christians know the benefits of study and meditation, and heartily wish that more individuals could be exposed to the sublime, inspired thoughts of the scriptures. The Bible can make one "*wise unto salvation*" (2 Timothy 3:15), instilling a sense of morals and righteousness that simply can be found nowhere else. Few people would be willing for the Bible to be taught as a recruitment tool, but the truths contained in the scriptures can make immeasurably better citizens, which in turn makes a better society. And that is something from which everyone can benefit!

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