Trivia Isn't Always Trivial

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Introduction: 1. The Bible sometimes used the phrase, "To what shall I liken..."

- a. (Mark 4:30) To what shall I liken the Kingdom of God?
- b. (Matthew 11:16) To what shall I liken this generation?
- c. (Isaiah 40:18) To whom shall we liken God?
- 2. Well, tonight I would like to liken the word of God to a swimming pool.
 - a. Deep end for the experience swimmer.
 - b. Shallow end for the beginner.
- 3. Tonight, I want to wade into a little deeper water to draw attention to some things everyone has read, but not everyone has considered.
- 4. Not everything that is small, or overlooked is trivial.
 - a. Flight 401 1972, 101 people died because of a light bulb.

I. For Me, For Me?

- A. (Zechariah 7:5).
- B. (Haggai 4:4).
- C. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
- D. Motives Matter!

II. So

- A. (John 3:16).
- B. So is an adverb of:
 - 1. Extent.
 - 2. Manner.
- C. While God loves us supremely, this is not a verse about the extent of God's love, but the manner in which it was expressed (John 3:14-16).

III. The Father

- A. (John 14:6).
- B. Why do you want to go to Heaven?
- C. Our love for God should grow to the extent that he is the reason we want to go to Heaven.

IV. The Word

- A. (John 1:1, 14).
- B. (1 John 1:1-4).
- C. (Hebrews 4:12-13).
 - 1. The written word?
 - 2. The living Word?

Conclusion:

- 1. Friends, study your Bible.
- 2. When you think you know it all, you're mistaken. There's a whole other end of the pool you haven't explored.
- 3. (2 Timothy 2:15).