

*Is the saying fools rush in where angels fear to tread supported by Scripture?*

The idiom is not scriptural. *For fools rush in where angels fear to tread* was written by Alexander Pope in 1711.

Other saying which do not come from the Bible include: *Cleanliness is next to godliness; Hate the sin, love the sinner; Money is the root of all evil; This too shall pass; The lion shall lay down with the lamb;* etc..<sup>1</sup>

Words of wisdom come from the scriptures (Col 1:28, 2 Ti 3:15–17). One would do well to study the word of God so that he is able to competently minister to others (2 Ti 4:2). He can be a workman who does not need to be ashamed (Ex 36:2, 2 Ti 2:15). The Christian's work will be examined (Ga 6:4).

Poetry is a lovely thing; but, God's word is lovelier still; for it is a source of joy (Ps 119:47, 97, 162) and new life (1 Pe 1:23). It is the believer's spiritual food (1 Pe 2:2).

God's wisdom is valued because it: gives happiness (Pr 3:13), its benefits are many (Pr 4:5–10), keeps one from evil (Pr 5:1–6), is better than rubies (Pr 8:11), above gold in value (Pr 16:16), should be acquired (Pr 23:23), excels folly (Eccl 2:13), gives life (Eccl 7:12), makes one strong (Eccl 7:19), is better than weapons (Eccl 9:18), insures stability (Is 33:6) and produces good fruit (Jas 3:17).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> What are the most common things people think are in the Bible that are not actually in the Bible? Got Questions Ministries. Copyright 2002-2021. Web. 6 Jun 21: <https://www.gotquestions.org/not-in-the-Bible.html>

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 652). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.