

**"YOU AND YOUR HONEY" or
"A LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE"**

TEXT: **Prov.27:7** *The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.*

INTRO.: A. Let me illustrate our text. You go into a restaurant & you are starved. Just about everything on the menu looks delicious. You can hardly wait to sink your teeth into that chicken parm or that steak, eat that twice-baked potato or mouth-watering pasta. You gorge yourself with the appetizer, a bowl of soup, the entrée & then the fantastic desert. *You are beyond full, you are satiated.* Now the owner of the restaurant comes to your table & hands you the menu again & says you can order anything you want & it is on the house! At this point, you don't even want to look at food!

B. Another text about honey comes to mind.

Prov.24:13 *My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:*

The contrast between these two texts about honey provides **"A LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE."** While I am speaking to the graduates tonight, the principles will apply to everyone here. The title **"YOU AND YOUR HONEY"** is not about your girlfriend, your boyfriend, your fiancé or your wife or husband. It is about your life & your future.

TRANS.: These graduates will either *become successful & spiritual* or *drop-outs & deadbeats!* Every person here will either *please the Lord* or *disappoint Him*. Every young person here will either *please his or her parents* or *dishonor & disgrace them*.

The choice is yours & it's all about **"YOU & YOUR HONEY."** *Many here will fail & the Bible uses honey to reveal the reasons why...*

I. **PREMATURE SATISFACTION:**

Prov.27:7 *The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.*

A. No Longer Hungry:

1. People feed on the wrong things early in life & no longer have an appetite for the right things; Solomon said it: **"...what can the man do that cometh after the king?"**
2. The average person today has seen it all & done it all & is bored with life; they have vicariously experienced everything thru TV, video games, movies, the internet, etc. & the thrill & excitement is gone.
3. Instead of approaching each new day as an opportunity to serve the Lord & to learn something new & enjoy whatever God permits or sends, they yawn.

ILLUS.: The answer to this is to approach each day in God's Word with an open heart to the Holy Spirit's leadership & direction. God has something wonderful planned for you each day if you are open to whatever that is. Wean yourself from the world & its ways as much as possible & you will not be disappointed & life will always be exciting. There is nothing boring about the Spirit-filled life of service to the Lord!

II. WRONG DIET:

Prov.25:27 *It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.*

A. Filled With Junk Food:

1. Solomon was a junkie; he so filled himself with every experience of life & indulged his every whim & appetite & became satiated w/life that nothing thrilled him anymore.
2. The problem was that he failed to fill himself w/the right things, spiritual things...the things God commanded him to do.

ILLUS.: He so filled himself w/all the world had to offer that his summary of life was "vanity of vanities, all is vanity!" How sad. Too much of anything will make you sick!
(See the text above - remember Solomon wrote the text, but failed to obey it!)

III. TOO MUCH, TOO SOON:

Prov.25:16 *Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.*

A. Misplaced Priorities:

1. There is an order in life which cannot be changed.
2. In a message titled: "Don't rush the washing machine" I listed many of those priorities, e.g., childhood before teen years, teen years before adulthood, college before marriage, salvation before baptism, etc., etc.

ILLUS.: This will probably fall on deaf ears, but it is not wise for parents to overindulge their children. It is wrong to place temptations in the path of children which makes them choose a good thing over the best thing . One parent bought his teen a corvette & all the teens were drooling over it & the boy asked his youth pastor to come & see it. His response was a cool "that's nice" & walked away. They were good friends & it hurt the teen. He said, "you're not happy...why?" He said "Your life is destroyed, you just sold yourself short" & kept walking. The boy said: "Don't do this to me. What should I do?" The youth pastor said: "Choose the car or choose God."

IV. SHATTERED EXPECTATIONS:

1 Sam.14:43-44 *Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die. And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.*

A. Dashed Dreams:

1. Don't trade your dreams for a few minutes of pleasure!
2. Don't sell yourself short by letting someone or some thing sidetrack you from reaching your goals.

ILLUS.: They called Joseph a dreamer, but no matter what others did (even his brothers & his own father, he was determined to fulfill those dreams...& he did!

3. Don't let some scheming female or some worldly male pluck your virginity prematurely & ruin all your dreams & force you into premature responsibilities.
4. Don't trade your dream for a lesser dream.

ILLUS.: God has a plan for you. If you are not careful someone will steal His plan for your life from you by offering you money, position, a marriage, a home, a car or something good, but not God's best.

CONCL.: It is **"YOU & YOUR HONEY"** that will make the difference in your life. I have tried to give you **"A LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE"** – what do you see?

- 1. Stay hungry.***
- 2. Don't fill up on junk food.***
- 3. Don't misplace your priorities.***
- 4. Don't allow anyone or anything to dash your dreams.***