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Acts 6: 4 ASV

R E C R E A T I O N

A Message for Adults

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- **R E C R E A T I O N**: the New American Webster Handy College Dictionary offers the following definition: (rek re a shun) *n.* diversion from toil; play. So many make time for recreation. They boat, swim, fish, golf, garden, go to the cinema, go to the park to play ball, watch television, and read. The list of choices is endless. Time devoted is staggering. Cost exceeds many Fortune 500 corporation budgets. Recreation is a big deal, not only in the United States, but globally.

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- **Text:** I Corinthians 2: 12-16 ASV

¹² We received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God.

¹³ Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words . ¹⁴ Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged.

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¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man. ¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

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- Here is a perfect example of the flesh wanting to go the way of the flesh: change the pronunciation to: (re kre a shun)? The meaning changes to: born again meaning the elect members of God's family through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. How many of you reading this never realized the things we speak, spiritual words that have been given freely to us, are foolishness to the natural man and he can not know them because they are spiritually judged.
21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue;

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And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18: 21 ASV

- God asked man for one-seventh of the nations time, as He asked for one-tenth of the nations earnings. God's request is modest. Six days shalt thou work. Six-sevenths of our time is ours for personal self advancement. That ought to be enough! There is something wrong with a man when he crowds God into one hour of his time during the Sunday school period, and then goes fishing and does not celebrate Communion or

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hear His Word. That man is a thief. The same man would holler to his union if management took time from his pay envelope. If we use recreation incorrectly on Sunday, might we have a problem with He that is spiritual and judgeth all things? The man who despises God's Word will be made an example. You can not tell God He is unreasonable or unfit to be obeyed. God is not mocked!

- Does God punish for contempt? When you purchase season tickets or go to the big game

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and the price is more than you give to the Lord, is that a problem? When you involve your children in activities that cost more than you give the Lord, in time or money, is that two problems? One for you and the other for your child? You can not run your home where each child questions your word.

- God can not run this earth any more successfully when you question His every Word. The same sun that softens wax will harden clay. The sun will warm you. It will

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provide light and heat. But it will also burn and blister you unmercifully. You have to respect it at all times. ¹ Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. ² Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is

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good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: ⁴ for he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil. ⁵ Wherefore ye must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing. Romans 13: 1-6 ASV

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- All the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, after their departing Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. The children of Israel said, would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to the full. In this wilderness we hunger. Said Jehovah to Moses, I will rain bread from heaven for you; the people shall go

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out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. (Exodus 16: 1-4 ASV) All the congregation of the children of Israel murmuring against Moses and Aaron was really contempt for God. Not one ancient was thankful and obedient to Jehovah, Moses or Aaron.

- What kind of society will maintain property value and make it possible for wives or children to walk down a street unmolested? The choice you make today may well be as it has been in

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the past. A Sunday or a Stalin. A Sunday or a Hitler. What kind of society do you prefer? Shall we follow God and the Bible or shall we each declare our own law? Is God using President Donald J. Trump, who is power ordained of God, to prove all the congregation of the United States of America, whether we will walk in His law, or not? ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

Revelation 3: 22 ASV **Amen.**