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# *Insight...*

***Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.***

1 Peter 5:8-9

- **These are real answers...**from students from a parochial school, compiled by a teacher over a period of years.
  - *In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so He took the Sabbath off.*
  - *Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals come on in pairs.*
  - *Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.*
  - *Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.*
  - *Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.*
  - *Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.*
  
- **High school French teacher**, Stanley Woodworth, once described the peculiar passion for his own vocation in the following terms: "The joy of teaching lies not in one's own enthusiasm or the students, or even for the subject matter, but rather for the privilege of introducing the one to the other." If this is true of French, chemistry, or history, how much more is it true of the (Christian's) passion, which is not simply love of God or love of people, but rather the love of introducing the one to the other?  
[Kevin Vanhoozer, in *The Pastor as Public Theologian*]
  
- **In Polls we Trust?** In a recent post on First Things, Princeton professor Robert Wuthnow calls into question the value of religious polling: "From the beginning," Wuthnow notes, "polling was in the business to make headlines, and that is pretty much what it continues to do today. The seeming accuracy of results to the tenth of a percentage point doesn't stand up to basic methodological scrutiny, nor does the content of the questions themselves. If the devil is in the details, the details about religion polls are devilishly difficult to trust."
  
- **Bullied bullies** – During a freshman English class at Acalanes High School in Lafayette, CA, 14 and 15 year-old students were lectured to by the school's Queer Straight Alliance. Among other things, students were instructed to stand in a circle while being asked about their personal beliefs on the subject of homosexuality. According to the Pacific Justice Institute (PJI), students who didn't toe the politically

correct line were ridiculed and humiliated. The PJI is representing several families angry about the incident and about the fact that parents were not notified about the LGBT lecture. [Leadership Journal, Summer 2015, pg. 33]

- **Trivia Question:** True or False? The prophet Amos was a “teacher of young minds.”

How much?

*I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give.  
I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.*

C. S. Lewis

**Trivia Answer:** False. He was a herdsman and a dresser of figs.” Amos 7:14-15