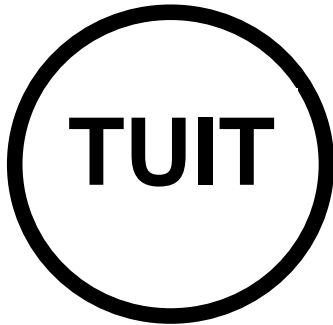


ROUND TUIT

Scripture Reading: Read Acts chapter 24



You've probably seen one of these items on the left, haven't you? It's a "Round Tuit." The origins of the Round Tuit are unknown. Sometime in the 20th century, a poem was written (author unknown) that explains its purpose. *"This is a round tuit. Guard it with your life! Tuits are hard to come by, especially the round ones. It will help you become a much more efficient worker. For years you've heard people say "I'll do that when I get a round tuit." So now that you have one, you can accomplish all those things you put aside until you got a Round Tuit."*

Felix, the governor of Judea, could have used a Round Tuit. Notice how he responds to Paul's discourse on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come in Acts 24:25. He became afraid and said to Paul, *"That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you."* Paul's anointed message hit home with Felix but he didn't want to go there with Paul and sent him away. For the next two years, the pattern continued. Felix listened to Paul but as far as we know, he never got around to responding to the gospel message. In other words, he never got a Round Tuit 😊!

Sadly, there are people today who are following in Felix's footsteps. They've heard the gospel preached. They have attended church. They may even have learned some of the Bible stories, but they never got around to responding to the call of repentance and faith. Paul makes it clear in II Co 6:2 that *"now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."* It's important not to wait until we get a Round Tuit. It may be too late then.

This message, though, is not only for those outside the church. Sometimes we're guilty of the same "Round Tuit" excuses too. "I'll read the Bible when I get around to it." "I'll come regularly to church when I get around to it." "I'll serve in ministry when I get around to it." "I'll pursue a deeper walk with Christ when I get around to it." We're kidding ourselves folks. There is no better time than now to get a Round Tuit. As Paul says in Ephesians 5:15-16, *"Be very careful, then how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity."* Or, as the King James Version puts it in verse 16, *"redeeming the time."* In other words, it's time to get a Round Tuit.

Action Step & Prayer Focus: Have you repented of your sins and put your faith in Christ? If not, today is the day to get a Round Tuit and commit your life to Christ. Are there any spiritual disciplines, character traits or tasks of obedience that you have not yet developed and/or accomplished in Christ? Consider the Round Tuit image above to be your challenge to get around to starting those things in your life (and finishing them 😊). Begin by repenting for any disobedient procrastination and ask the Lord to empower you to get a Round Tuit from this day forward!

Take-a-way: *Don't put off till tomorrow what God is calling you to do today. Get a Round Tuit now!*