

**SIMPLE AND PURE**

**“But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness,  
your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of  
devotion to Christ”**

**2 CORINTHIANS 11:3**

# **“It’s just too complicated!”**

- **The Bible is not designed to confuse, but its content makes it a target for people’s derision.**
- **God knows we can understand (Matt. 21:45, Eph. 5:17, 2 Tim. 2:15).**
- **Attitude has a lot to do with perception. Scholars might scoff at its content, but the heart of a child receives the message of the “kingdom of God” (Luke 18:17).**

- But is our approach really so “complicated”? Are we overthinking the Bible by approaching it the way we do?
- The Bible prescribes the simple approach (2 Tim. 1:13, 1 Corinthians 4:6, 1 Thess. 4:1-2, 1 Tim. 1:3-7).
- We need to check our own motives, though. Do they line up with 2 Corinthians 11:3?

**“Christians complicate  
Christianity”**

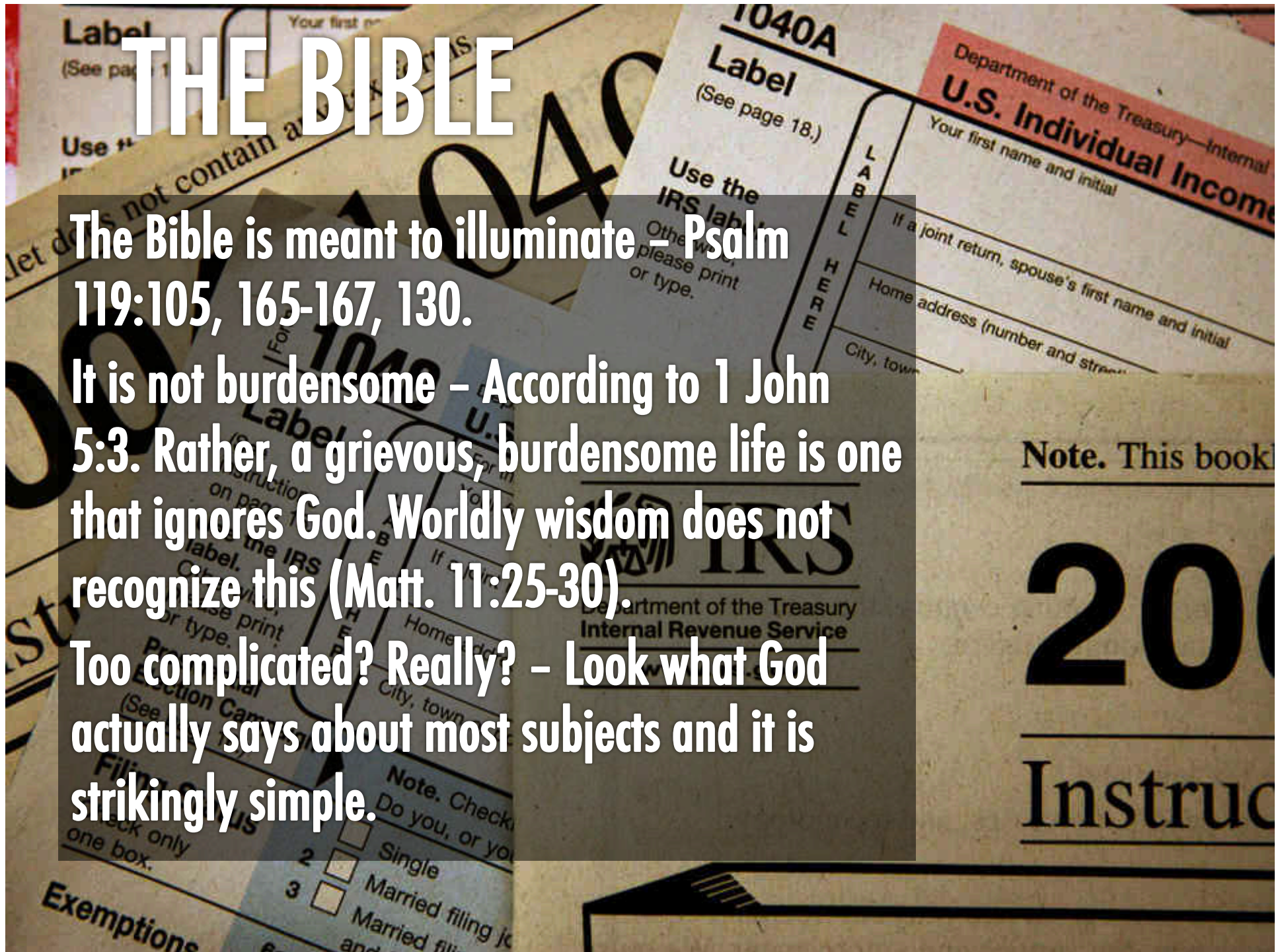


# THE BIBLE

The Bible is meant to illuminate – Psalm 119:105, 165-167, 130.

It is not burdensome – According to 1 John 5:3. Rather, a grievous, burdensome life is one that ignores God. Worldly wisdom does not recognize this (Matt. 11:25-30).

Too complicated? Really? – Look what God actually says about most subjects and it is strikingly simple.



# DISTORTION IS A POSSIBILITY

## 2 Peter 3:16

- Some things are hard to understand because we are “unstable and untaught.”
- Even when the message seems to be problematic, an honest heart will always win out:
  - John 14:15
  - John 7:17
  - John 18:37
  - Luke 8:15