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Many good things in evidence

But this study is about dangers on the
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 - “Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Col 3:16)

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 - No time for family Bible reading, prayer or family table

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- ▣ Entertainment world -Music, movies, TV, facebook, twitter, etc.

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 - Do 2 Peter and Jude belong in the Bible?

- ▣ Let's preach "whole counsel of God" and keep back nothing that is "profitable."
- ▣ "Put on the whole armor of God" because we have an "adversary"
(I Pet. 5:8)