

Psalm 34:8, “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

Here are a few statements I found concerning the number 34, which is our chapter number.

- *34 = 3 + 5 + 7 + 19 is the smallest number which is sum of distinct primes whose digits are odd. Note that all the odd digits are used, without repetition.*
- *The first 34 odd numbers (concatenated) is prime.*
- *There are 34 five-digit primes formed from the five odd digits. This means there's a Fibonacci number of Fibonacci-digit primes formed from the Fibonacci number of odd digits.*
- *First occurrence of a run of exactly 34 consecutive integers with an odd number of prime factors has never been found.*

If you enjoy numbers, you may find these interesting. Otherwise, you may be shaking your head about now and saying, “What”?

Whether you understand the math lingo or not, there are a few interesting things that we can use as comparisons to help us remember the reference:

- As a new Christian reads the Bible, the Holy Spirit begins teaching them the prime subjects. As they grow, He increases their learning. As you sum up the knowledge He gives, you agree with the psalmist, “The Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”
- I like how there are even and odd numbers. Sometimes I feel like an even number. I fit in with everyone else at church and at home. We get along in harmony. But there are also times when I feel like an odd number. It may be because I am dealing with a stronghold in my life or a spiritual storm is raging. When those days come, it’s good to know that I am still a prime thought in God’s mind. He is holding me together.
- Fibonacci may have dreamed of numbers in his sleep. There are others like him who spend their lives looking for numerical patterns, hoping to solve unsolvable math problems, and desiring to discover some new mathematical wonder. We owe much to these math genesis’s who have contributed to our society through innovation and medical technology. As Christians we must have a desire like these men to find wonders in the Word of God, to give God sufficient time each day to teach us something new.
- There is no knowledge or wisdom that can be compared to the knowledge and wisdom the Holy Spirit teaches in His Word. Nothing comparable has ever been found.

So let’s determine to “taste and see that the Lord is good” and be able to say, “I ‘8’ the scripture this morning!” (‘8’ being the verse reference).

1 Peter 2:2-3, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the LORD is gracious.”