

WISDOM SESSION

A Lesson From the Bee

“The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is to know how to get along with people.”

Many people today seem to go through their day with their “stingers out,” ready to attack others or to defend their position at the slightest provocation. We all do well, however, to consider the full nature of the bees we sometimes seem to emulate.

Bees readily feed each other, sometimes even a bee of a different colony. The worker bees feed the queen bee, who cannot feed herself. They feed the drones during their period of usefulness in the hive. They feed the young. They seem to enjoy this social act of mutual feeding.

Bees cluster together for warmth in cold weather and fan their wings to cool the hive in hot weather, thus working for one another’s comfort.

When the time comes for bees to move to new quarters, scouts report back to the group, doing a dance very similar to the one used to report a find of honey. When enough scouts have confirmed the suitability of the new location, the bees appear to make a common decision, take wing, and migrate together – all at the same time – in what we call a swarm.

Only as a last-resort measure of self-defense do bees engage their stingers, and then, never against their fellow bees. We would do well to learn from them!

“See that no one plays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else.”
-Thessalonians 5:15

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David Trent believes that wisdom comes from continually seeking to learn and grow through relationships and reading, which leads to personal development. In an effort to inspire learning in others, David Trent sends out weekly Wisdom Sessions. He recommends purchasing and reading any book source used in these Wisdom Sessions.