



the
bread of life
devotional guide

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” - Luke 4:4

October 1, 2011

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ! At the start of October, we would like to ask you a question that will hopefully replay in your mind for the weeks to come: What will you do this month that will make a difference in eternity?

Who do you know that needs Christ? What ministry opportunity do you need to pursue? What can you do to further the cause of Christ? Plan to make a difference in eternity this month.

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Devotional Staff

Saturday

October 1

Read and Possess

Read Psalm 119:13-16

Any time is a wonderful time to read the Bible and enrich our lives in Christ. We can obviously live a lifetime and still have so much to grasp biblically. Joshua 13:1 says: **“There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.”** One of those areas is in the Word of God. Recently, I read from the book *Our Daily Homily*, by F.B. Meyer. I would like to quote a paragraph on his thoughts on the Bible:

“How many pages of our Bibles are unpossessed! We have not underlined any verses in them, or put any marks in the margin to indicate that God has spoken through them to our souls. They are as clean as when they came from the printers. It is well sometimes to consider this, and to resolve to master some unfamiliar portions of God’s Word, believing that no word of God is devoid of power. To many believers, the Bible, which God intended for their possession, is yet an unexplored continent.”

I will never forget the advice of my dad and my brother. I was raised in the sports-minded family with basketball as the emphasis. Of course, we played in the winter, but my dad and my brother taught me that the time to gain ground on all the other players and teams was during the summer when everyone else was playing something else. All of my improvement would pay off during the season. They were right; my time was not wasted.

So it is with the Bible; your time will never be wasted. Gain ground while you are able in this season of life. Set goals to read certain books of the Bible you may have never

Morning: *Isaiah 22-23*

Evening: *Ephesians 3*

studied. Read the notes in an annotated study Bible, and begin possessing new ground. Determine to meditate and delight in His precepts and statutes. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“Furthermore we have had _____ of our flesh which _____ us, and we gave them _____: shall we not much rather be in _____ unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our _____, that we might be partakers of his _____.”
Hebrews 12:9-10

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- How many daughters did Hannah have? (I Sam. 2:21)
A. 1 C. 4
B. 2 D. 5
- Dinah was the daughter of Jacob and which of the following women? (Gen. 30:19-21)
A. Rachel C. A concubine
B. Leah D. Hagar

Quote of the Day

“Perhaps there is no book more neglected in these days than the Bible. I believe there are moldier Bibles in this world than there are of any sort of neglected books. We have no book that is so much bought, and then so speedily laid aside and so little used, as the Bible.”
~Charles Spurgeon

Sunday

October 2

Light Separates Darkness

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” I John 1:6-7

Have you ever noticed when you take a candle into a dark room immediately the darkness is parted wherever the light is taken. This is exactly how the light of the gospel works. Whenever the gospel is allowed to penetrate the life of a person the result is the removal of darkness. How amazing! This truth brings even more power to the words of “Amazing Grace” that say, “I once was blind but now I see.” Eyes once darkened to sin have been opened, and the true light of salvation shines in the regenerated life.

Knowing this, how can a person claim to have been born again having been given the light and yet continue to walk in the darkness of sin? This is not to say that the believer will not experience times of trial and sin when darkness shadows their walk but that those times should be the exception not the rule.

To claim to have been born again and then to live like the world (indulging in all its various debaucheries), according to John, makes the person a liar. He is claiming to have been changed by the blood of the Lamb, and yet his life puts forth no evidence of such a change. He is a liar and cannot walk in continued, unrepentant sin without the chastening of the Lord and consider himself to be saved.

Morning: *Isaiah 24-26*

Evening: *Ephesians 4*

Several questions then come to mind. “Am I as a believer walking in the light?” “Have I stepped into darkness?” “If I am claiming to be saved, does my lifestyle reflect it?” “If I am claiming to be saved but am engaged in un-Christ-like behavior without the chastening of the hand of God, am I saved?” ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blanks: Complete each of the following verses.

1. **Isaiah 50:10**—“Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that (1) _____ the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him (2) _____ in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.”
2. **I John 2:9**—“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in (1) _____ even until now.”

Quote of the Day

“A hypocrite is a fellow who isn't himself on Sundays.”
~Anonymous

Monday

October 3

Morning: *Isaiah 27-28*
Evening: *Ephesians 5*

Rejoice!

“Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.” Psalm 33:1

It is so easy to get bogged down from the cares of this world. The checkbook balance isn't enough to cover the bills. The kids are constantly getting into trouble at school. The doctor wants you to get more tests. Your best friend's marriage is on the rocks, or maybe your marriage isn't running too smoothly either. Even though trials and concerns surround you, the psalmist calls God's children to rejoice.

There is so much in which to rejoice, but sometimes the tendency is to think upon the negative. The following is a list of things in which we, as Christians, can rejoice:

1. **Our Salvation** - *“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.” (Is. 61:10)*
2. **God's Greatness** - *“O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might. (Deut. 3:24)*
3. **The Gift of Life** - *“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” (Ps. 139:14)*

I challenge you today to continue this list. God has given us so many reasons to rejoice. What a disservice when we focus on the negatives of this world! **“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”** (Phil. 4:4)
~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Continue the list given in today's devotional. In the following spaces, write down some more things in which you can rejoice. Incorporate Scripture in your answers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Quote of the Day

“Cheerfulness and contentment are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks.”
~Charles Dickens

Tuesday
October 4

Morning: *Isaiah 29-30*

Evening: *Ephesians 6*

Proverbs

“The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; to give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.” Proverbs 1:1-4

A proverb is a short sentence often repeated, expressing a well known truth or common fact, ascertained by experience or observation; a maxim of wisdom conveying a moral truth. The teaching of Proverbs is one of the most ancient teachings and is considered as wisdom literature.

The structure of Proverbs is as follows:

- Title and Prologue (1:1-7)
- Main Text Divided Into Discourses (1:7-9; 18)
- Proverbial Sayings (10:1-22; 16)
- Thirty "Sayings of the Wise" (22:27-24:22)
- Additional "Sayings of the Wise" (24:23-34)
- Proverbs of Solomon copied by the men of Hezekiah (24-29)
- Sayings of Agur (30)
- Sayings of King Lemuel (31)
- Duties of a King (31:1-9)
- Praise of the Virtuous Woman (31:10-31)

In summary, Proverbs provides instruction on how to live wisely and successfully in the fear of the Lord. (1:7; 9:10) The fear of the Lord includes reverence for, trust in, and commitment to the Lord and His will as disclosed in His creation and as revealed in His Word.

~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be _____, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct word to complete the verse in Proverbs.

1. “A wise man will _____, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.” (Prov. 1:5)
A. Understand C. See
B. Contemplate D. Hear
2. “A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the _____ of his mother.” (Prov. 10:1)
A. Reproach C. Death
B. Heaviness D. Regret
3. “The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall _____.” (Prov. 10:7)
A. Perish C. Be mocked
B. Rot D. Cease

Quote of the Day

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

~James 3:17

Wednesday

October 5

A Called and Separated Servant

*“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”
Romans 1:1*

I think of Paul as the greatest of the apostles. He thought of himself as a servant of Jesus Christ. If Paul had not considered himself a servant, would I consider him a great apostle? He became great because he made a choice to be a servant. A servant is someone who obeys the will of his master. Paul was Jesus Christ’s servant. Are you?

Paul was also called to be an apostle. We are not called to be apostles, but the Scriptures tell us that we are called to be saints, called according to His purpose, called unto holiness, called to suffer for His sake, and called unto His eternal glory.

Paul was not only a servant with a calling, he was separated unto the gospel. To be separated means to be set apart. Paul had one purpose for his life. He served Christ to expand the message of the gospel. Because that was His purpose, he had to lay aside other plans and goals that would keep him from his highest calling—the promotion, expansion, and proclamation of the gospel.

I know that we are called by God, but have you set yourself aside as a servant of Christ for the proclamation of the gospel.? ~DLW

Morning: *Isaiah 31-33*
Evening: *Philippians 1*

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be _____, but _____: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- ____ 1. Paul descended from the tribe of Levi. (Rom. 11:1)
- ____ 2. Paul was born in the city of Rome. (Acts 9:11)
- ____ 3. Paul was baptized 6 months after his conversion. (Acts 9:18)
- ____ 4. Paul restored life to Eutychus, a young man who fell out of a window. (Acts 20:6-12)
- ____ 5. Paul had a vision that he would give testimony in Rome. (Acts 23:11)

Quote of the Day

“If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself.” ~D. L. Moody

Thursday

October 6

Morning: *Isaiah 34-36*

Evening: *Philippians 2*

God Commissions A Leader

“Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.” Joshua 1:1-2

Everyone is a leader of something or somebody. A man is the leader of his house. A lady is the leader of children. A teacher is the leader of a class. A captain is the leader of a team. Maybe one is the vice-president of his class at school, or maybe another holds an office in the Sunday School class. Since everyone is a leader, one should possess in his place of leadership, the certain qualities.

1. Proper respect should be shown to the previous leader.
2. Joshua was to be strong and of a good courage. (Josh. 1:6)
3. Joshua was still to obey his leader. (Josh. 1:7)
4. The leader is not to turn to the right or the left, so that he may prosper. (Joshua 1:7c)
5. A leader must claim the promises of God.

Each of us is a leader in some way. Joshua was commissioned by God to be a leader. It is important to note that Joshua had been an obedient follower and helper of Moses for forty years. He was well qualified to be the next learn to follow. Your opportunity to lead will come when you are ready, and God is the One

who will do the promoting. Whether following or leading, you must learn to be content with where God has you. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be _____, but _____: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the _____ fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- ____ 1. Joshua’s father was named Hoshea. (I Chron. 7:27)
- ____ 2. Under Joshua’s leadership, the Israelites were not able to conquer Ai on the first attempt because of Achan’s sin. (Josh. 7)
- ____ 3. Being deceived, Joshua made a treaty with the Gibeonites. (Josh. 9:3-27)

Quote of the Day

“The length and breadth of our influence upon others depends upon the depth of our concern for others.” ~Anonymous

Leadership Anyone?

By Norma Merrin

As an adult, I can vividly remember playing *follow the leader* as a child. I played with others at school, with my cousins, and with friends. It was so easy just mimicking the simple actions of the leader. Probably most of you remember this novel game. Many of you may now be called to be a leader, not in child's play, but in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. You may not be a pastor or deacon; but you may be a Sunday School teacher, a nursery worker, a ministry coordinator, or a departmental secretary.

The Apostle Paul was definitely a leader called out to reach the Gentiles. He took on his God-given role with such passion and reverence that he once quoted in I Corinthians 11:1: ***“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”*** Frankly, he is saying, “Imitate me.” Imitation is easy in child play, right? It's not so easy in this realm of being so Christ-like that you could actually have the confidence to say to someone, “Be like me.” Paul was SOLD OUT to live in such a way that others could imitate his actions and truly have success in their Christian walk. Thus, an effective leader is one who models behavior so that it is safe for others to mimic. As a godly leader, Paul verbally charged others in leadership with some specific commands. He took the young minister, Timothy, under his wing and gave him proper counsel. I would like to examine some aspects of his biblical counsel that we as leaders could apply to our lives.

First in I Timothy 6:11, Paul gives an imperative with continual action. Paul tells Timothy to flee. In the verses prior to this, Paul puts a strong emphasis on teaching the doctrines of Christ according to godliness. Timothy is to reject heresies and to withdraw himself from those asking questions that promote strife and

envy. Godliness with contentment was another subject in this passage. Since the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil, Paul warns Timothy to flee from coveting riches as it could cause him to err from the faith.

Next, Paul admonishes Timothy to follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. That's a big order. However, this verse can give us confidence and leverage if we utilize these standards of measuring when we are in the decision-making process. We can simply ask ourselves, “Is this godly?” “Would this be considered righteous?” “Am I exercising my faith?” “Am I motivated by love?” “Have I been patient long enough?” “Am I meek in heart?”

In verse 12, the next command is to fight. The Greek term means “to engage in a contest.” Fight to win the contest—the prize of the high calling of Jesus Christ.” (Liberty Bible Commentary Vol. II p. 640) Grab hold of this “eternal life” and let everything else pale in relation to winning the race.

Lastly, in the chapter, I love the exact wording of Paul: ***“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust.”*** Timothy had the gospel; he had the treasure of eternal life. As a leader to the generation behind him, Timothy needed to be faithful. His commission was a sacred one. It was his responsibility to keep pure doctrine, to evangelize, and to not err.

The stakes are high. It is our children and our children's children that will mimic their leaders. Please, everyone, keep the faith. It is our sacred trust.

Falwell, Jerry. Liberty Bible Commentary Vol. II. Lynchburg, VA: Old-Time Gospel Hour, 1982.

Friday
October 7

Morning: *Isaiah 37-38*
Evening: *Philippians 3*

The Cry of the Righteous

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”
II Chronicles 7:14

In principle, this Old Testament verse is applicable to us today. God’s people, believers in Jesus Christ, are called to humble themselves and pray. There is no where in Christianity for a proud heart. God will hear the humble cry of a believer.

We must also seek to know God. Paul said that he wanted to know Christ, the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering. It is a sad scenario for a Christian not to purpose in his heart to seek an intimate relationship with Christ.

Of course, we should always be sensitive to sin and willing to turn from it. We are so foolish to cry out to God with unconfessed sin in our heart. If we want total deliverance there must be total repentance and consecration.

THEN will I hear from heaven;
THEN will I forgive sin;
THEN will I heal their land.

These are conditional promises. We really can have God’s wonderful blessings, if we are willing to be obedient to His instructions. Why not take a moment right now and humbly surrender your heart to God. Ask to know Him in a deeper way, and turn from all known sin in your life. THEN wait patiently for God to answer. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be _____, but _____: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the _____ fruit of _____ unto them which are exercised thereby.”
Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?: Label each quote with its author.

_____ 1. “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” (Acts 17:15-24)

_____ 2. “Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me.” (Mt. 16:22-23)

_____ 3. “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?” (Jn. 18:23)

_____ 4. “Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.” (Acts 8:20)

Quote of the Day

“As a mother, I must faithfully, patiently, lovingly, and happily do my part—then quietly wait for God to do His.” ~Ruth Bell Graham

Saturday

October 8

God Will Make All Things Right

“Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you.” II Thessalonians 1:6

Occasionally, while I was growing up, my brother and I would get into disagreements. The truth is, we did not fight too much, but on rare occasions the pushing and shoving would happen, fists would be thrown and an all-out fight would happen. I can remember, on more than one occasion, saying to my mother, “Why am I getting in trouble, he hit me first.”

All too often the reply that I would get was this: “You already punished him by hitting him back. If you would just let me handle the punishment, I would deal with him and would not have to deal with you.”

For some reason, it was way too hard to allow my parents to hand out the punishment. It was easier for me to take matters into my own hands and get even.

The church at Thessalonica had been dealing with persecution and tribulation. Paul wrote to them in verse four: *“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.”* After he acknowledged their difficult state, he reminded them that God considers it *righteous* to recompense tribulation. If they would just be patient, God Himself would “get even” for them. They were simply to “rest.” (v.7).

Morning: *Isaiah 39-40*

Evening: *Philippians 4*

Although it may seem difficult as you watch the world around us become increasingly anti-God, be patient. *“When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,”* (vs.7-8) all will be right. For now, be patient unto the coming of the Lord. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be _____, but _____: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the _____ fruit of _____ unto them which are _____ thereby.” Hebrews 12:11

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) who does not fit in the Biblical account.

The Stoning of Stephen: Acts 6-7

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| A. Stephen | E. False Witnesses |
| B. Libertines | F. High Priest |
| C. Scribes & Elders | G. John |
| D. Saul | H. Mary |

Quote of the Day

“Wherever you are in the room, a well-painted portrait will be looking at you. Such is God. Wherever you are, the eye of God will be on you-as much on you as if there was not another person in the whole world.” ~Charles

Sunday

October 9

“I Will Walk Among You . . .”

*“And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.”
Leviticus 26:12-13*

I found myself yesterday taking my usual walk through the neighborhood and desiring so much that Christ Himself could walk beside me and talk to me. It was just an overwhelming thought. How marvelous it must have been for the disciples to literally walk and talk with God. How I longed for just a few moments to be alone with Christ, just He and I, walking along my dusty path conversing audibly.

I used to sing a little song especially during my teen years entitled “Walking with Jesus.” The words were: “Walking with Jesus, walking everyday, walking all the way; walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.” Some of you may remember that chorus.

We do not have the privilege today, as in Bible times, to physically walk beside Christ on our sidewalks. However, dare not one of us think that He is in heaven only. Our God is omnipresent. He is everywhere at all times. Not only this, our God dwells within our bodies. The Holy Spirit and I go everywhere together. Remember the promise in Hebrews 13:5, “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*”?

Walking with Jesus today is walking by faith— faith in His Word and faith in His promises. You have that; but when the days

Morning: *Isaiah 41-42*

Evening: *Colossians 1*

ahead get rough, you have to live what you know. When God seems to be silent, He is there. When it feels like you are all alone, He is walking beside you. God is orchestrating your world when you are even sleeping.

God has not called us to walk blindly. In our reading text for today, God says to Israel: “*I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.*” The assurance of God’s presence given to Moses in the book of Exodus gave him enormous strength which was passed on to the future generations.

We must keep walking and talking with Jesus. One day we will talk and walk together face to face. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”
Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following words which are located in the verses for today.

_____ 1. M N O A G

_____ 2. P I H R U T G

Quote of the Day

“Be dogmatically true, obstinately holy, immovably honest, desperately kind, fixedly upright.”
~Charles Spurgeon

Monday

October 10

What Love!

*“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.”
1 John 3:1*

What manner of love takes slaves and makes them sons or daughters? It is a love most certainly underserved. It is a love filled with mercy. It is a love that quite frankly is not completely able to be understood.

This love has been showered upon us by the Father through the Son and administered in the Holy Spirit. It is the redemption of the sinners to the glorification of the great three in one God. We, who do certainly not deserve it, have not just been provided a way of freedom from sin but have then been called the child and heir of the kingdom of heaven.

The rest of the verse reminds us that though we are heirs to the King of Creation through the blood of His Son we will also be joined with Him in rejection by this fallen world. It is a small price to pay compared to the blessings that we will enjoy both here and in heaven. Nevertheless, we should live in the knowledge of our redemption and future reward with a humble heart as our example Christ did. ~DJD

Morning: *Isaiah 43-44*

Evening: *Colossians 2*

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Refer to John 21:1-23.

- ____ 1. After Jesus’ resurrection, He appeared to some disciples who were fishing on Sea of Tiberias.
- ____ 2. Jesus told the disciples to cast the net to the right side of the ship and they caught 53 fish.
- ____ 3. When Peter realized the man on shore was Jesus, he paddled to the shore as fast as he could.
- ____ 4. This was the first appearance Jesus made to His disciples.
- ____ 5. Jesus asked Peter, “Lovest Thou Me?” four times after they had eaten.

Quote of the Day

“When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart not the head.” ~Anonymus

Tuesday

October 11

A Swine's Snout

“As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.”
Proverbs 11:22



Discretion means discernment which enables a person to judge critically of what is correct and proper. In the above passage, Solomon gives the comparison of a woman without discretion. She is compared to a gold ring in a pig's snout. This woman is without taste or judgment; she has no common sense, in essence, she is a fool. Her fairness, or in other words, her outward beauty is like a gold nose-ring.

Solomon's visual of this woman and a pig with a gold nose ring seems outlandish. One might think that it is inappropriate; they just do not go together. The little piece of jewelry is grossly insufficient to overshadow the pig's real problem: he's dirty and ugly and disgusting. So too with the woman without discretion. Her looks and clothes will never overshadow her real problem: she's ugly on the inside! The only thing that will change that is a new birth. If she is already saved but has an ugly spirit, she needs to repent.

This proverb illustrates a truth about human nature. We are inclined to try to cover up and make self look good, rather than be good. Good looks, fancy clothes, or expensive jewelry will never overshadow an ugly heart. A Proverbs 31 woman is beautiful and is a woman who fears the Lord. Now that's a woman with real beauty. ~KAH

Morning: *Isaiah 45-47*

Evening: *Colossians 3*

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What animal was cursed to crawl on its belly? (Gen. 3:14) _____
2. What animals destroyed the two young men that mocked Elisha? (II Ki. 2:24) _____
3. Samson caught how many foxes and lit them on fire to cause much damage? (Jdg. 15:4-6) _____
4. Ahab made a house of what animal material? (I Ki. 22:39) _____
5. What animals are mentioned in I Kings 10:22 that were part of King Solomon's zoological collections? _____
6. Which creature did the Philistines make out of gold as part of a trespass offering for the Israelites? (I Sam. 6) _____

Quote of the Day

“Words—so innocent and powerful as they are, standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become, in the hands of one who knows how to combine them!”

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Wednesday

October 12

Morning: *Isaiah 48-49*
Evening: *Colossians 4*

Be Part of the Company

*“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.”
Psalm 68:11*

I am so thankful for the Word. As a teenager I trusted in the Lord as my Savior. At that time, the Word of God not only became part of my life, it changed my life. It was the Word that taught me about My Savior. The Word helped me to change my lifestyle from one of sin to one that honored God. Through the years, I have been blessed by verse after verse that have directed and encouraged me as I have tried to serve the Lord. I am so thankful that God gave His Word and that someone gave it to me.

This verse not only tells us that the Lord gave the Word but that the company of people who published the Word was great. This is so awesome. God considers it a great and valuable thing to spread His Word. It is a great message with a great influence that changes lives today. It will also transcend time and impact eternity. It promotes a great Savior and has great results.

God considers those who spread the Word to be in great company. You and I have the opportunity to be named among the prophets and apostles if we simply are willing to spread the Gospel. ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking _____ lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. In the following space, write a verse that has ministered to you this past week.

2. Why has it been special to you?

Quote of the Day

“First I shake the whole [apple] tree, that the ripest might fall. Then I climb the tree and shake each limb, and then each branch and then each twig, and then I look under each leaf.”

~Martin Luther

Thursday

October 13

Morning: *Isaiah 50-52*

Evening: *1 Thessalonians 1*

Our Defender

“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.” Psalm 5:11

During high school, I grew in a neighbourhood close to Toledo Hospital. Right across the street was a park. My family used to take bike rides on a trail that wound its way through the park. It was not the safest area, but my brother and I always had one of our parents with us when we rode the trail. On one particular day, I got ahead of my dad and brother. A group of boys was near the path. Upon approaching them, they ran me off of the trail. I was helpless. Then, came my dad around the corner. He started yelling and scared the boys away. Dad told me and my brother to make a beeline for home. Then, he went to find the ruffians. My dad was my defender. Once he showed up at the scene, I knew I was safe. Earthly fathers cannot always be there when trouble arises. Thankfully, on that day, my dad came to my rescue, and I was not harmed.

The verse for today says, *“Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice . . . Because Thou defendest them.”* Our Heavenly Father is our Defender. REJOICE! What a comfort to know that there is a watchful eye on us at all times!

Psalm 5 was written by King David. This song was given to the chief musician to be played on a nehiloth which is believed to be a wind instrument of some sort. David’s prayer

in this song is that God would protect him from his enemies. Then, he finishes the psalm with this verse: *“For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.”* He has confidence in His Lord for protection.

Fellow follower of Jesus Christ, it is such a privilege to have the King of kings watching us! Are you trusting Him to defend you today? Are you resting in His protection? ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking _____ lest any man fail of the _____ of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

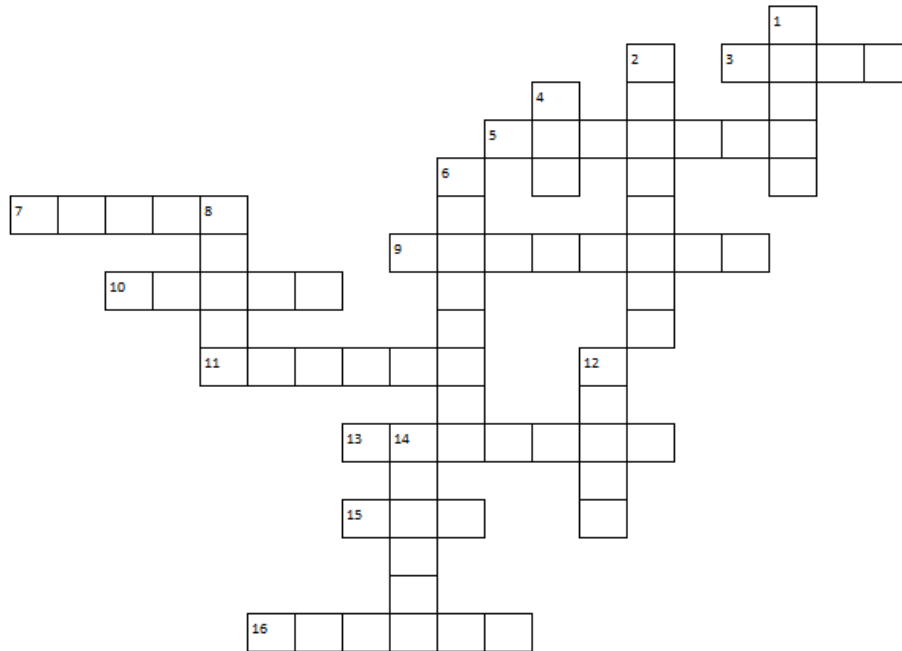
- “For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in ____.” (Ps. 5:4)
A. Sin C. Righteousness
B. Wickedness D. Acts of revenge
- “The ____ shall not stand in thy sight.” (Ps. 5:5)
A. Evil C. Self-righteous
B. Foolish D. Murderers

Quote of the Day

“Lord, make me more like Yourself, less like myself.”
~Anonymous

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Life of Moses



ACROSS

3. Moses died in this land. (Deut. 34:1-6)
5. Moses' rod turned in this. (Ex. 4:1-3)
7. This man led a rebellion against Moses. (Num. 16)
9. Moses did this to an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew (Ex. 2:11-12)
10. Moses' spokesman (Ex. 4:27-31)
11. Hid in this as a baby (Ex. 2:3)
13. First son of Moses (Ex. 2:15-22)
15. He was not able to go to the promised land because of his rebellion in this desert. (Num. 27:12-14)
16. Moses' Successor (Num. 27:22-23)

DOWN

1. Moses didn't eat for this many days while receiving the ten commandments. (Ex. 34:28)
2. First wife of Moses (Ex. 2:15-22)
4. Israelites went through this sea on dry land. (Ex. 14 & 15)
6. The relation of his adoptive mother and Pharaoh (Ex. 2:5-10)
8. This is where God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. (Ex. 3:1-2)
12. During the first plague the water turned to this. (Ex. 7:20)
14. Appeared with this man to Peter, James, and John on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-8)

Friday
October 14

Standard of Christian Living

“Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” II Thessalonians 1:11-12

Why in the world is it so important to make sure that I live according to the Bible? Is it so important that others think that I am a good person? Why is it that when I want to do some “fun” things; my church, my parents, my friends, all deem those “fun” things as wrong? Who cares if others do not agree with my lifestyle? Just because they say it is wrong for them, why is it wrong for me?

Perhaps the attitude and thinking of the previous questions has entered your mind. Who really cares how you live? You trusted Christ as your Saviour and you are going to Heaven; why not enjoy certain things in life even if others do not approve?

The truth about why there is a standard for behaviour that must be followed is found in Paul’s second letter to the Church at Thessalonica. After revealing his prayer for them to be counted worthy of God’s calling and that they would live right, he reveals that the reason why he prays these things has nothing to do with them and everything to do with Jesus.

As Christians, our lives should glorify Jesus Christ. It is impossible to glorify Him and

Morning: *Isaiah 53-55*
Evening: *I Thessalonians 2*

participate in activity that does not “*fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith.*” Living right has nothing to do with you and how others see you, but has everything to do with how others see Christ through you. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking _____ lest any man fail of the _____ of God; lest any _____ of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the city with the description.

- ____ 1. Caesarea
- ____ 2. Damascus
- ____ 3. Babylon

- A. The home of Philip (Acts 21:8)
- B. Peter wrote from this city. (I Pt. 5:13)
- C. Paul was let down over this city’s walls in a basket. (II Cor. 11:32-33)

Quote of the Day

“When the Spirit of God comes into a man, He gives him a world-wide view.”
~Oswald Chambers

Saturday

October 15

The Faithful Reap Rewards

“And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.” Luke 19:17

If you are saved before the rapture of the church, you are going to live right here on this earth for one thousand years under the perfect theocracy of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will be the King of kings and Lord of lords, ruling with absolute authority. You will rule and reign with Him.

Your position and responsibility will be determined by your faithfulness during this life—faithfulness in Bible reading, obedience, service, giving, witnessing, forgiving, and living. God has a plan for your life, and He has given you the necessary ability to accomplish every task.

Your reward may be great or small. Some will rule over ten cities, some five, and no doubt some will rule over one or two. I even believe there will be lesser rewards such as precincts, small neighborhoods, individual streets, and maybe even single homes.

One thousand years is a long time to rule and reign. A wise steward will invest his short lifetime in the things of God. A foolish steward will not invest his time well. Why not ask yourself today, “If you were tried in court for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you.” ~RKM

Morning: *Isaiah 56-58*

Evening: *I Thessalonians 3*

Scripture Fill-In

“Follow peace with _____ men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking _____ lest any man fail of the _____ of God; lest any _____ of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be _____.” Hebrews 12:14-15

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following words used in today’s devotional.

_____ 1. E V A S T R N

_____ 2. R L E U

_____ 3. L S L A M

_____ 4. L N P A

_____ 5. W E R R A D

_____ 6. E R I N G

Quote of the Day

“Rationalization: It’s what we do when we substitute false explanations for true reasons . . . When we cloud our motives with a smoke screen of nice-sounding excuses.”

~Charles Swindoll

Sunday

October 16

Morning: *Isaiah 59-61*
Evening: *I Thessalonians 4*

God's Simple Plan to Witness

1. Believe God. *"The harvest truly is plenteous."* (Mt. 9:37) When I hear people talk about how hard people are and that no one wants to hear, I know they have not been planting very many seeds. I am overwhelmed at how people are so open to hear the Gospel. They don't all get saved, but I am amazed at how many do.

2. Ask for souls. *"Ye have not because ye ask not."* (James 4:2) Pray for souls EVERYDAY.

3. Obey God. Be like Peter who said, *"We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."* (Lk 5:5) He caught the biggest catch of his life. Preach the Gospel to EVERY person you possibly can. Giving good gospel tracts are the best way that I know to plant seeds and open the door to share the gospel. Everyone cannot get on TV and preach the gospel, nor on the radio or in a pulpit. However, everyone can graciously offer a tract to the waitress, clerk, salesman, or anyone at your door.

4. Give the gospel. Share how Christ died for our sins, paid our debt in full, was buried, rose again, and was seen by hundreds of people. PLEASE don't talk to them about church or religion or doctrine. Just give the gospel. If they are not interested, just thank them and leave them alone. Look for the ones God has ready.

5. Rejoice. *"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine*

just persons, which need no repentance." (Lk. 15:7) Someone has been praying for him a long time; they will be rejoicing. It will fill you with more joy than anything else you can ever do. Rejoice and thank the dear Lord. ~SW

Scripture Fill-In

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. Who was the last person you personally witnessed to? _____
2. How can you become a more effective witness? _____

3. Are you actively searching for people who need Christ? _____
4. Do you faithfully give gospel literature to people in which you come in contact? _____
5. When is the last time you invited someone to attend church with you? _____

Monday
October 17

Safety to Those Who Trust in God

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

This psalm was sung while the Jews were traveling. It deals with God’s care for His own as they travel to the promised land.

We are God’s people. We too are bound for a promised land, traveling toward heaven. We can be sure in this life that help will come from the Lord (vs. 2); He will not allow our foot to slip (vs. 3); He will be our protector (vs. 5); and He will save us from all evil (vs. 7).

Once we start the journey toward the promised land, it is God’s job to care of us until we arrive safely. How good God is to care for us as we journey on earth toward His heaven! We should learn to trust our Father as little children trust their parents.

Finally, all of these promises are good both day and night, for we read in verse three that God never sleeps. **“He that keepeth thee will not slumber.”** And verse four says, **“He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”** We can rest safely in His protection.
~OV

Morning: *Isaiah 62-64*
Evening: *I Thessalonians 5*

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Refer to Joshua 2:1-24.

- _____ 1. Joshua sent two men to spy Jericho.
- _____ 2. Rahab, who was a linen seller, hid the spies on the top of her roof.
- _____ 3. Rahab did not believe in God.
- _____ 4. The spies were let down the wall in a basket.
- _____ 5. The spies promised to spare Rahab and her family.
- _____ 6. Rahab bound a scarlet cord out her window.
- _____ 7. The spies returned safely to Joshua and gave report.

Quote of the Day

“I’ve read the last page of the Bible. It’s all going to turn out all right.” ~*Billy Graham*

Tuesday
October 18

Morning: *Isaiah 65-66*
Evening: *II Thessalonians 1*

Evaluate Your Friends

“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”
II Thessalonians 3:6

Who are your friends? Stop for a minute and make a list of the people with whom you enjoy spending time. Now, one by one, evaluate the list. Ask yourself: “Does this person claim the name of Christ?” “Does that person draw me closer to Christ?” “Does this person live according to Biblical standards?” (By the way, before you ask these of your closest friends, ask them of yourself. Your friend may be reading this devotional and asking these questions of you.)

The Apostle Paul gave some rather difficult instructions to the Church at Thessalonica. Rather emphatically, Paul commanded the church, *“in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”* In order to obey this command, one must evaluate his friendships. In doing so, however, it is important that one keep a few truths in mind. First of all, Paul commanded to withdraw from “brothers” (fellow Christians) that walk disorderly. Secondly, this “brother” has to be someone who has “received” the instruction. You should not assume that all Christians have been taught “the same way you have.” Finally, it is important to realize that holiness is the

point here. Paul is not giving any of us the right to judge and belittle others for not “living like we do.” Rather, the command is to help: 1. those who live Biblically to continue to do so and 2. those who do not live biblically to begin to do so. The standard for living is the Bible, not your life. The goal: live biblically and surround yourself with others who live biblically. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be _____, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.”
Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the Biblical character with his/her description.

- ___ 1. Palti
- ___ 2. Zippor
- ___ 3. Noah
- A. One of the 12 spies sent into Canaan (Num. 13:9)
- B. Father of Balak (Num. 22:2)
- C. Daughter of Zelophehad who was involved with special legislation in regards to inheritance (Num. 27:1-7)

Wednesday

October 19

POP!

*“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”
I John 5:4*

There is a moment caught on VHS that has haunted my mind for years. It took place on my 7th birthday party. A group of my friends and I were outside, and we decided to play a game with the balloons taped to the mailbox. When we went to retrieve the balloons, one of them popped. The girls were disappointed, but I said with an upbeat attitude, “That’s all right; we’ll make do.” Maybe that is a silly memory, but I have often wondered where that little girl went. She was so optimistic about life, the world, and the future.

It is not that I have completely changed my personality. Instead, I believe that as we grow older this sinful world doesn't look appetizing. Throughout life, people disappoint us, and we lose our faith and trust in others. As a child, dreams seem easily obtained, but as an adult the hard work to accomplish that dream becomes a reality.

If we are not careful, though, the disappointments and struggles of life can completely devastate; and we can settle for a life of complacency. Oh dear friend, this is not what God intends for us. He wants us to have a life full of joy.

You may be saying, “You have know idea how hard life has been for me.” To each and every one of you believers, I say that through the grace of God and faith in the finished work

Morning: *Jeremiah 1-2*

Evening: *II Thessalonians 2*

of Jesus Christ, you have overcome the world. The victory has been won! No trial, hardship, temptation, or difficulty is greater than the power you have within you. Fellow believers, don't settle for a life of lukewarm, pessimistic mediocrity; God has so much more for you.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, your future is unbelievably promising! So, the next time your balloon pops, live in the hope and promise that you have overcome the world! ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be _____, let us have _____, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) who does not fit in the Biblical account.

Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison Genesis 40

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| A. King of Egypt | D. Butler |
| B. Grounds Keeper | E. Joseph |
| C. Captain of the Guard | F. Baker |

Quote of the Day

“God doesn't seek for golden vessels, and does not ask for silver ones, but He must have clean ones.”
~D. L. Moody

Thursday

October 20

At Calvary

“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.” Luke 23:33

“At Calvary” is one of my most favorite hymns. The memory of its melody ringing in the rafters of my father’s first church still brings a smile to my face. My own voice is now joined with the others in praise of my Savior. The simplicity of its text is such that both child and adult can understand the message of Christ’s redemption. We were once lost and far away from God, but Jesus has bridged the gap.

The song begins as a sinner looks back upon a life lived in sin never realizing the tender forgiveness of Christ Who willingly gave His life for them. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, he is confronted with the darkness of his sin. Repentance is then the natural result as he turns from sin and into the forgiveness of his Savior. Finally, with a soul that can’t help but sing, he surrenders all to this One Who has loved him so much. Only now is the vast divide that once separated him from his Redeemer understood. And in awe, he once again sings in worship to Christ who died “At Calvary.”

Mercy Great – Taking away our just punishment, His sacrifice paid our debt.

Grace was Free – Out of the abundance of God’s goodness, we inherit the blessing of the children of the King even though we were once poor and wretched beggars.

Morning: *Jeremiah 3-4*

Evening: *II Thessalonians 3*

Pardon Multiplied – God extends forever to His children as we repent.

Burden Lifted and Liberty Gained – Not only has our death sentence been removed from the charges against us, but we have been freed to live out a life of worship to our heavenly Father. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be _____, let us have _____, whereby we may serve God acceptably with _____ and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Jesus was crucified on Calvary. Another name for Calvary is Golgotha which means what? (Mt. 27:33)
 - A. A place of a skull
 - B. Predetermined death
 - C. An important landmark
 - D. Unjust punishment
2. Jesus was crucified with how many criminals? (Lk. 23:33)
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

Quote of the Day

“There is more joy in Jesus in twenty-four hours than there is in the world in 365 days. I have tried them both.” ~R. A. Torrey

Live Like He's Always Here

By Monica F. Vernot

My little puppy, Bentley, is turning into a wonderful dog; his first birthday was last month. He has definitely learned the word, "No," and the rules of our home. However, like any dog, or child for that matter, Bentley has his weaknesses. One temptation is especially trying for him—SHOES! He loves shoes: dress shoes, tennis shoes, flip-flops, and heels. I am constantly retrieving one from him.

Almost instinctively, directly after my husband leaves for work, Bentley goes and finds a shoe. I think his mind reads something like this: "The real boss is gone. Phew. Now I can go find me a tasty shoe." Minutes later, to my dismay, Bentley comes trotting in the living room just daring me to do something about it.

Well, this morning, my husband had to go in and out of the house a few times before leaving. Little Bentley was thrown off of his routine. Like usual, he ran to retrieve a shoe. He came pouncing into the living room, and I said, "Oh, I got you now. Daddy's still here. You are in big trouble." At the moment, my husband walked into the living room and commanded Bentley to drop the shoe. Immediately, he released the shoe and ran away.

Just as my husband was leaving for work, he said, "Bentley, live today like I was here." You see our little dog knows who is the "real boss" of our home.

Jesus' last words before he left this earth were, "**Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**" (Mt. 28:20) Even though Jesus left this earth, He promised

that He would always be with us.

After a person is saved, he is indwelt by Holy Spirit. "**Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** (I Cor. 3:16) This is a benefit of salvation. There are many functions of the Holy Spirit, but we are going to look at three. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given power. "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**" (Acts 1:8)

The Holy spirit provides comfort. "**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**" (Jn. 14:16-17) "**Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.**" (Acts 9:31)

Finally, our salvation is sealed by the Holy Spirit. "**Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**" (II Cor. 1:22)

Live in the knowledge that you are never out of God's sight. He is ever-present in your life. He has sent the Spirit to give you power, comfort, guidance, and assurance. So the next time you are tempted to retrieve a forbidden shoe, remember you are being watched!

Friday
October 21

Mustard Seed

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” Matthew 17:20

Read Matthew 17:14-21

Mustard seeds are small, round seeds of mustard plants. The seeds are usually about 1 or 2 mm in diameter. So, as you can imagine, they are minuscule in size. The mustard seed exemplifies something which is small and insignificant; but when planted, it grows in strength and power.

From Matthew 17, I would imagine Jesus thought his disciples were small-minded. Small mindedness keeps us from seeing the grandeur, the expanse, and the plan of God. They couldn't wrap their minds around the big picture. The disciples lacked faith. They asked, *“Why could not we cast him out?”* (vs. 19) Jesus replied, *“Because of your unbelief.”* (vs. 20)

So many of us lose faith. Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take a lot -- just a mustard seed amount. Let your faith be cultivated today! *“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* (Rom. 10:17) ~KAH

Morning: Jeremiah 5-6

Evening: I Timothy 1

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be _____, let us have _____, whereby we may serve God acceptably with _____ and _____ fear: for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the event with the Scripture reference in which it can be found.

____ 1. Joseph sold as a slave to Egypt

____ 2. Paul tells of his conversion

____ 3. Gideon's prayer tests

____ 4. Peter's sermon at Pentecost

____ 5. Balaam's donkey speaks

A. Acts 22

B. Judges 6:36-40

C. Numbers 22:22-35

D. Genesis 37:27-28

E. Acts 2

Quote of the Day

“Faith and obedience are bound in the same bundle; he that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works, and he that is without works is without faith.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Saturday

October 22

The Light of the World

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

I believe that when Jesus made this statement the people listening understood that He was making a claim to be the Messiah, the Savior of the world, and God Himself. The Scriptures begin with God calling light out of darkness. The psalmist said, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”* The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the true light Who lights every man that comes into the world. And I John 1:5 tells us that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

The statement, *“I am the light of the world,”* reveals three important principles about Jesus and His mission. One is that He is the right person. I am the light... Jesus is the source of light that gives us life. He is the light of the world. He also is the only light. He said, *“I am the light.”* He is not one of many lights or ways to heaven. Jesus is the only light. Finally, as the light of the world, Jesus is the universal hope for the world. If anyone in the world is going to get saved, He is the way. He is also sufficient for all the world. Jesus is the answer for the world today. The problem is that this world of darkness needs to be introduced to the Light of the World. ~DLW

Morning: Jeremiah 7-8

Evening: I Timothy 2

Scripture Fill-In

“Wherefore we _____ a kingdom which cannot be _____, let us have _____, whereby we may serve God acceptably with _____ and _____ fear: for our God is a consuming _____.” Hebrews 12:28-29

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?: Label the each quote with its author.

_____ 1. “Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.” (Jdg. 6:15)

_____ 2. “See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?” (Acts 8:26-39)

_____ 3. “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (Jn. 1:45)

_____ 4. “Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.” (Ex. 15:21)

Quote of the Day

“Jesus is all we have; He is all we need and all we want. We are shipwrecked on God and stranded on omnipotence!” ~Vance Havner

Sunday

October 23

It Could Be TODAY!

*“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”
I Thessalonians 5:6*

Have you seriously considered that Jesus Christ is going to physically and literally return to this earth? Have you considered that it could be today? Have you taken time to self examine your soul’s readiness for this miraculous event? Imagine face to face with Jesus Christ—it will happen!

Let us not sleep means do not be morally indifferent or careless. A current opinion poll would probably indicate that a very small percentage of people are expecting His coming, therefore they will not be ready.

We are also told to watch and be sober (alert.) The unsaved will be totally caught off guard, just as if a thief would break into your home. Also, the sleeping Christian will be surprised and unprepared. That will produce sad results. The Bible even says some Christians will be ashamed at His coming (I John 2:28.) They will be ashamed because they are sinning when He returned.

The prepared Christian will be interested in His coming, watching for that great day; and he will always be alert. Suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, as lightning out of the east, Christ will return. What a wonderful day that will be. Are you prepared? ~RKM

Morning: *Jeremiah 9-10*

Evening: *I Timothy 3*

Scripture Fill-In

“Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. If you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow, what would you do TODAY that would impact eternity? _____

2. Are you living as if Christ could come tomorrow? _____
3. What spiritual changes do you need to make in your life? _____

Quote of the Day

“I have loved to hear my Lord spoken of; and wherever I have seen the print of His shoe in the earth, there I have coveted to set my foot too. His name has been to me as a civet-box; yea sweeter than all perfumes . . . And His countenance I have more desired than they that have most desired the light of the sun.”

~John Bunyan

Monday
October 24

Morning: *Jeremiah 11-13*
Evening: *I Timothy 4*

Ye Are . . . A Peculiar People

“Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” I Peter 2:9

The Creator of the universe takes abode in our lives once we open our hearts to Him and trust Him as Savior. We are bought with a price—the precious blood of Jesus. We are not our own. It is **not** OUR life anymore. It is all about Christ who lives and reigns in this mortal body. He should be the One governing our lives including our dress.

What we tend to forget is that God has called us to be a peculiar people to Him. Just as God chose Israel to be His holy nation, He has chosen us to be His holy people. The care and adornment of our bodies should reflect His holiness.

Standards of dress in America have generally dropped in many professions, businesses, schools, and etc. The church has also begun to feel the impact as well. Immodesty is more tolerated in all walks of life it seems than even ten years ago. This does not change the fact that we as Christians have a duty to resist going with the flow.

Our children especially need godly examples to follow in their homes and among their church leaders and families. Many of their secular role models bear a resemblance to what some would call the “heathen of unreached people groups.”

The unsaved world wants our walk to back up our profession of faith. They are repulsed when we look and act hypocritical. They want to see the real thing in a Christian. We should bear the resemblance of holiness. Some of us look peculiar all right, but not at all what God had in mind when He created the first man and woman.

God has graciously called us from darkness into His marvelous light. There should be a major distinction between our bodily adornment and that of the world. Is there in your life? ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Let _____ love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete the following verses.

1. **II Corinthians 6:17**—“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye (1) _____, saith the Lord, and touch not the (2) _____ thing; and I will receive you.”
2. **I Peter 1:16**—“Be ye (1) _____; for I am holy.”

Tuesday

October 25

Longing for the Communion of the Temple

“Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.” Psalm 84:4

The eighty-fourth Psalm has to do with the house of God. The Jews would sing it as they marched to the house of God, looking forward to arriving and enjoying the blessings of God. Let’s look at some other Scriptures that deal with the house of God.

1. The house of God was a friendly place. (Ps. 84:1)
2. People longed for the house of God. (Ps. 84:2)
3. The Jews would rather spend one day in God’s house than a thousand days somewhere else (Ps. 84:10)
4. To the Jew, attending the house of God was not just something for childhood, but for adulthood as well—in fact, for all the days of life (Ps. 27:4)
5. The Jew prepared themselves for the house of God. (Ps. 100:4)
6. The happiest day of the Jew’s life was the day that he was told to come to God’s house again. (Ps. 122:1-2)
7. The Jew realized what the house of God did for him. (Ps. 122:9)

In God’s house, we are taught the Bible, instructed on how to win souls for Christ, and encouraged in our spiritual growth. How thankful we ought to be for the house of the

Morning: *Jeremiah 14-16*

Evening: *I Timothy 5*

Lord, and how faithful we ought to be to the church! ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“Let _____ love _____. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following is NOT true about Melchizedek? (Gen. 14:18-20)
 - A. He was a priest.
 - B. He was the king of Salem.
 - C. He blessed Abram.
 - D. He sinned greatly and caused the Israelites to stumble.
2. Which of the following is not true about Jethro? (Ex. 2:15-22; 3:1)
 - A. He was the priest of Midian.
 - B. He had seven daughters.
 - C. He was Moses’ father-in-law.
 - D. He owned no livestock.

Quote of the Day

“At a deep level I sense that church contains something I desperately need. Whenever I abandon church for a time, I find that I am the one who suffers. My faith fades, and the crusty shell of lovelessness grows over me again. I grow colder rather than hotter. And so my journeys away from church have always circled back inside.”
~Philip Yancey

Wednesday

October 26

Application of God's Word

“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” II Thessalonians 3:10

One of the most important actions to take when reading Scripture is application. The Bible is the very Word of God and can change anyone's life. The key to such a life change is application of the principles found on its pages.

A good example of practical application of Scripture can be found in a short history lesson from the early 1600's. Captain John Smith was elected the leader of a small colony in Jamestown, Virginia. According to historical records, there was a shortage of food, productivity was low, and the prospect of death was all too real. Drawing on his knowledge of the Scriptures, Smith instituted a law for the colony, "He who does not work, will not eat." As a result of the application of Scripture, the colony survived. Ironically, Jamestown is a mere 150 miles from our nation's capital today which would "on a whole" balk at instituting such a work ethic.

At least two truths can be derived from this passage: 1. If you are not willing to work (to the extent that you are able), you do not deserve to eat. When you get hungry enough, you will work. Living with your "hand out" expecting others to provide for your well-being is not Biblical. The truth is, neither is it practical. Eventually, the source of food will run out if everyone lived expecting others to support them. In other words, "Don't be lazy." 2. The Bible must be more than just a book to

Morning: Jeremiah 17-19

Evening: I Timothy 6

be read. It must be applied. For John Smith and the colony of Jamestown, it is a good thing John knew and applied the Scriptures. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

"Let _____ love _____ . Be not _____ to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) who does not fit in the Biblical account. Circle the letters.

The Inhabitants of the Ark: Genesis 7

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| A. Noah | H. Ham's wife |
| B. Noah's wife | I. Moriah |
| C. Shem | J. Japheth |
| D. Shem's wife | K. Japheth's wife |
| E. Caleb | L. Abda |
| F. Caleb's wife | M. Abda's wife |
| G. Ham | N. Many Israelites |

Quote of the Day

"Think of the last thing you prayed about—were you devoted to your desire or to God? Determined to get some gift of the Spirit or to get at God? "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." The point of asking is that you may get to know God better. "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Keep praying in order to get a perfect understanding of God Himself."

~Oswald Chambers

Thursday

October 27

Encouragement from Jude

*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”
Jude 24*

This verse is underlined in my Bible, and underneath it I wrote the word ‘miracle.’ As Judas, the half-brother of Jesus, closes this book, he makes the profound statement that God is able to keep us from sinning and to present us completely clean before all of heaven with great joy. That is nearly an unbelievable statement!

Jude wrote this book as a warning to the church to beware of apostates and false teachers that were being integrated in the church. He closes by saying, *“Unto him that is able to keep you from falling.”* No matter what the situation, with God’s power, you can overcome temptation.

Secondly, Jude says, *“To present you faultless.”* I don’t have to think too hard to begin making an incredibly long list of my transgressions during this past month, let alone for the past thirty years. But yet, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, all those that have accepted Him have been completely washed clean by His blood. (Rom. 3:23-26) Our sin is forgotten, and Christ’s righteousness is seen. What a miracle!

Finally, Jude says, *“Before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”* In all of God’s glory, He will present His children as redeemed lambs. *“Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also*

Morning: *Jeremiah 20-22*

Evening: *II Timothy 1*

confess before the angels of God.” (Lk. 12:8) He will present you and me, as unworthy as we are, before heaven with great joy! ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“Let _____ love _____ . Be not _____ to entertain _____: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions based on today’s devotional.

1. Who was the author of Jude and what relationship did he have with Jesus?

2. What was the purpose for writing this book? _____

3. How are the apostates defined in verse four? _____

4. Read verses 17-25. What is one of the exhortations that spoke to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Quote of the Day

“Do you know how Peter fell? He fell as thousands of people fall, because they don’t confess the Son of God.” ~D. L. Moody

Friday
October 28

God Is Trusting You

*“According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”
I Timothy 1:11-12*

Our Gospel is God’s glorious plan that decided to allow the righteousness of One pay for the unrighteousness of all. There have been countless lives gloriously transformed as a result of that plan.

Maybe the most glorious thing about our Gospel is that God chose to spread our Gospel through those who have been changed by it. Paul said that the Gospel has been committed to his trust. It has been committed to your trust as well. We all have the gloriously awesome task of proclaiming the Word to a lost world. We have not only been entrusted with the truth revealed in the Gospel, we have been entrusted with the task of revealing the truth of the Gospel.

You may think to yourself, how can I accomplish such an enormous task. The good news is that you do not have to do it in your own power. Paul said in verse 12 that it was God Himself Who enabled Paul to conduct his ministry. God understands our limitations, and He is capable of giving us the courage, wisdom, strength, knowledge, and whatever else we might need to complete our mission. All we have to do is to present ourselves and be determined to fulfill His will. ~DLW

Morning: *Jeremiah 23-24*

Evening: *II Timothy 2*

Scripture Fill-In

“Let _____ love _____ . Be not _____ to entertain _____; for thereby some have _____ angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Name That Tune: Match the lyrics to the hymn in which it belongs.

- ____ 1. “Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.”
- ____ 2. “Praise the Lord; praise the Lord. Let the earth hear His voice.”
- ____ 3. “Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.”
- ____ 4. “Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.”
- ____ 5. “Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.”

- A. Jesus Paid It All
- B. Doxology
- C. To God Be the Glory
- D. All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
- E. Holy, Holy, Holy

Quote of the Day

“Praying is spiritual work, and human nature does not life taxing, spiritual work. Human nature wants to sail to heaven under a pleasant breeze and a full, smooth sea.” ~E. M. Bounds

Saturday

October 29

Morning: *Jeremiah 25-26*
Evening: *II Timothy 3*

Eternal Hell

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” Matthew 25:41

The Greek word for “everlasting” is “aionios.” It is the same word that is used for everlasting life. The everlasting fire of hell is as eternal as the everlasting life.

This verse is the judgment of the Gentiles following the Battle of Armageddon. There will be many unsaved remaining after the battle, and God will deal with them.

Notice these things about hell. First, it is separation from God, “...Depart from me.” There will be a great gulf fixed between heaven and hell that no one will be able to cross.

Second, hell will be a place of fire. You can not dismiss this fact—a place of torment and literal fire. Matthew 13:42 says, **“And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”**

Third, the fire and torment are forever. There will be no end to the suffering. There is no purgatory. There will be no relief; there is no second chance once you are in hell.

Finally, my dear reader, this horrible place of torment was not meant for any human being, but for the devil and his angels. No living soul has to go to eternal hell; it is only by failing to trust Christ as Savior that a person will reap the results of their sin. Please solemnly examine your own salvation. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“Let _____ love _____ . Be not _____ to entertain _____: for thereby some have _____ angels _____.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

- Name five people that you believe are unsaved.

- Are you praying for them on a daily basis?

- What can you do this week in an effort to win these 5 souls to Christ? (ie. Ask one of them over for dinner. Pray for them on a regular basis.)

Quote of the Day

“The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.”
~ A. W. Tozer

Sunday

October 30

The Proof of Love

“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.” I John 1:4-6

How do people know that my children belong to me? There are several ways. They look like I do. They speak using words and phrases that they have heard me use. They look, speak, and behave like I do because they share my DNA. They have also spent time with me in good and in difficult circumstances observing the way each joy and trial is handled.

The same should be said of each of us as we walk with Christ. This was true of the disciples. When people observed them they said, “These are ones who have been with Jesus.” The observers were saying, “We see Jesus in them.”

It is natural to expect my children to obey the commands that I have laid before them. I do not expect other people’s children to heed my words like I do my own. In like manner it is natural for Christ to expect us to obey His commands. In doing so, we prove that we are His and that He has our heart. We demonstrate our love for Jesus with our willingness to make His desires ours. In fact, this passage of Scripture says that as we keep His words (commands) the love God is perfected in us. In other words, the more we obey Jesus the more

Morning: Jeremiah 27-28
Evening: II Timothy 4

the perfect love of Christ is manifested in our lives and set as an example to the world around us. Jesus said *“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”* Will you? ~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” Hebrews 13:5-6

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with his description.

- ___ 1. Abiasaph
- ___ 2. Peter
- ___ 3. Ephron
- ___ 4. John the Baptist

- A. He was beheaded by King Herod. (Mk. 6:16-29)
- B. He was one of Korah’s sons. (Ex. 6:24)
- C. He sold Abraham the field containing Cave Machpelah. (Gen. 23:8-17)
- D. Bar-Jona was his surname (Mt. 16:17)

Quote of the Day

“Each of us will eventually give away all of our earthly possessions. How we choose to do so, however, is a reflection of our commitment to the kingdom of God.” ~Charles Stanley

Monday
October 31

Morning: *Jeremiah 29-30*
Evening: *Titus 1*

The Call of Samuel

“And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.” I Samuel 3:1,4

Most of the great men in the Bible had some time of serious backsliding in their lives. Some good examples of this would be David, Peter Solomon, Samson, Saul, and many others. Note however, that we have no record in the Bible of Samuel ever backsliding. He is one of the most admirable men in the Bible. I would like to call him “the Paul of the Old Testament.”

Let me stress to you the importance of not going into sin. Too many people emphasize the testimonies of people who have been in sin and were delivered. It is good to be delivered from deep sin, but it is better to be kept from sin—just like Samuel.

You see, Samuel realized the will of God for his life and stayed very sensitive always to God’s call. Wouldn’t it be wonderful for us to stay in the will of God always and not backslide? We must learn to live like Samuel did. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“Let your _____ be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” Hebrews 13:5-6

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- _____ 1. Samuel was the firstborn son to Hannah. (I Sam. 1:7-20)
- _____ 2. Samuel had a dream that Eli and his family would prosper for years to come. (I Sam. 3:1-18)
- _____ 3. Samuel became the judge for Israel. (I Sam. 7:15-17)
- _____ 4. Samuel made his two godly sons judges over Israel. (I Sam. 8:1-3)
- _____ 5. Samuel anointed both Saul and David as kings of Israel. (I Sam. 9:10; 16)
- _____ 6. Samuel was buried in Ramah. (I Sam. 25:1)
- _____ 7. The witch of Endor brought up the spirit of Samuel at the request of King David. (I Sam. 28:3-20)

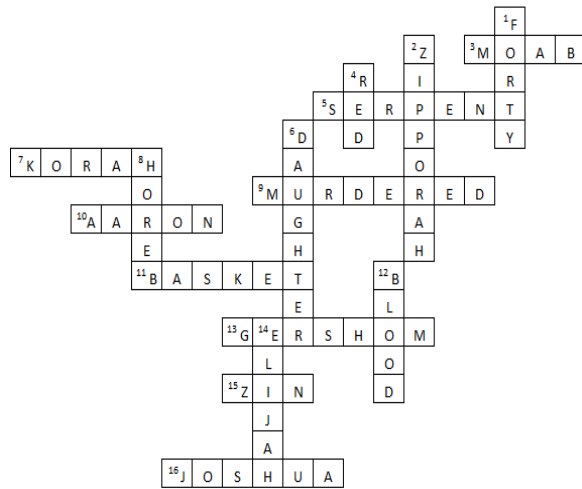
Quote of the Day

“Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace . . . If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness, you will know what His will is.”

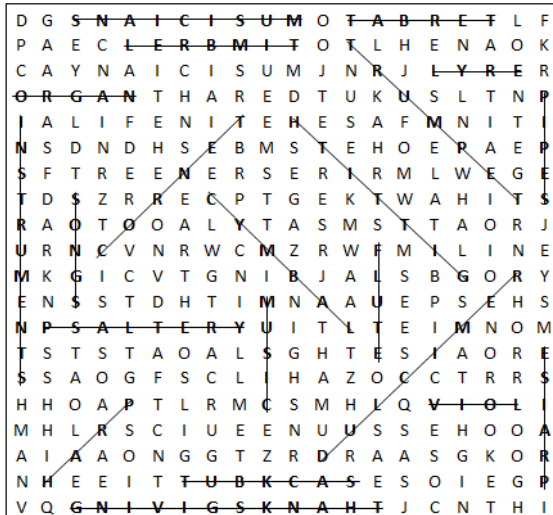
~Amy Carmichael

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

- Oct. 1 Pg. 2 1. B 3. B
 Oct. 2 Pg. 3 1. Obeyeth, trust 2. Darkness
 Oct. 3 Pg. 4 Answers will vary.

Bible Quizzes

- Oct. 4 Pg. 5 1. D 2. B 3. B
 Oct. 5 Pg. 6 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. T
 Oct. 6 Pg. 7 1. F 2. T 3. T
 Oct. 7 Pg. 9 1. Paul 2. Jesus 3. Jesus
 4. Peter
 Oct. 8 Pg. 10 G & H
 Oct. 9 Pg. 11 1. Among 2. Upright
 Oct. 10 Pg. 12 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. F
 Oct. 11 Pg. 13 1. Serpent 2. Bears 3. 300
 4. Ivory 5. Peacocks & Apes
 6. Mice
 Oct. 12 Pg. 14 Answers will vary.
 Oct. 13 Pg. 15 1. B 2. B
 Oct. 14 Pg. 17 1. A 2. B 3. C
 Oct. 15 Pg. 18 1. Servant 2. Rule 3. Small
 4. Plan 5. Reward 6. Reign
 Oct. 16 Pg. 19 Answers will vary.
 Oct. 17 Pg. 20 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T 6. T
 7. T
 Oct. 18 Pg. 21 1. A 2. B 3. C
 Oct. 19 Pg. 22 B only
 Oct. 20 Pg. 23 1. A 2. B
 Oct. 21 Pg. 25 1. D 2. A 3. B 4. E 5. C
 Oct. 22 Pg. 26 1. Gideon 2. Ethiopian eunuch
 3. Philip 4. Miriam
 Oct. 23 Pg. 27 Answers will vary.
 Oct. 24 Pg. 28 1. Separate, unclean 2. Holy
 Oct. 25 Pg. 29 1. D 2. D
 Oct. 26 Pg. 30 E, F, I, L, M, & N
 Oct. 27 Pg. 31 1. Jude, half-brother of Jesus
 2. To warn the church of
 apostates and false teachers
 3. Ungodly men who turn the
 grace of God into lascivi-
 ousness and deny God and
 His Son 4. Answers will
 vary.
 Oct. 28 Pg. 32 1. B 2. C 3. A 4. D 5. E
 Oct. 29 Pg. 33 Answers will vary.
 Oct. 30 Pg. 34 1. B 2. D 3. C 4. A
 Oct. 31 Pg. 35 1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. T
 7. F