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Wishing a healthy, prosperous
and happy 2003 for all ---

“DRAW NIGH TO GOD IN RELATIONSHIPS”

By Travis Parks

To the avid sports’ fan, the phrase “home field advantage” carries with it a special meaning. Since the home field part of it speaks for itself, let us consider why playing at home is an advantage. Here are three advantages of playing sporting events on the home field.

First of all, the familiarity of playing at home means that there are no surprises on the field; every one of Major League Baseball’s outfielders can tell you precisely how many steps they must take to any given part of the fence in their home park. You may think that sounds silly, but it is their **job** to know where they are. The only way to learn a ballpark this well is to practice until finding the wall is as simple as breathing. Just think of the consequences of not knowing your home field! If an outfielder drops enough balls running into fences, or stopping short of where he needs to go, he’ll be looking for another line of work!

Second, every sport has fans, and these fans know where to find their team...at home! The energy, cheers, and mere presence of fans can be better than having an extra man on the field. Sure, there will be a small number at home that are for the other team, but even then they are easy to spot [look for the ones not cheering when your favorite hometown player makes the great play].

Last, the player at home knows that his real home is not far away. After a physical contest that drains every ounce of strength from its players, home is the only thing that any of them want. Nothing can replace the comfort of home, especially when the alternative is a long trip on a plane or bus to somewhere else that isn’t home. Traveling away from home can wear down even the strongest of athletes.

If you are still reading this saying, “I thought this was supposed to be about relationships,” then your wait is over. Athletes can describe their sports’ home field down to the finest detail, but can you do the same with the Christian’s home field? The relationships at home are what will win or lose the contest for your soul. Do you know your home field? When a possible convert hits a question deep in the field of Christian doctrine, we must know the answer as the Bible teachers! To teach anything short or long of it is simply dropping the ball. “Relationships?” you say again. The outfielder practices with his teammates and coaches to master the dimensions of his field; Christians must practice together as well in order to master the doctrine of theirs [II Timothy 2:15]. An athlete knows that his home crowd does not wish for him to fail, and knowing this inspires them. Do you know this as a Christian? Compare the differences in the parties of Christians and non-Christians. The home crowd doesn’t want you to fail by drinking, doing drugs, or having sex before marriage. By having strong relationships with Christian friends, you’ll be less likely to make mistakes [Ecclesiastes 4:9-10]. At the end of a tough contest, the athlete playing at home knows that rest is waiting just around the corner. What do you think of the Christian home waiting for us? First of all, the church on earth serves as a temporary home for us [I Timothy 3:15; I Peter 2:5]. It is our duty as Christians to go out and teach others [Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20], and this means going “on the road” and facing the opposition in some of the hardest places for a Christian to visit [visit, not stay ... Christians must carefully choose their exposure to the fiery darts of Satan (I Peter 5:8)]. There is no better place for us to look for help when our souls are tired, the times that we are certain [yes, this time absolutely certain] that life cannot get any harder. Establish relationships with people your age for help in [continued on back page]

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Talk

What Are You Listening To?

By Kevin Marr A student at University of Texas and a member of University Hills church of Christ, Austin, Texas



I don't know about y'all, but I know a topic that has come up many times recently at University Hills is prayer. But let me ask you this: Is prayer a placebo to you or any of your friends? Now some of you are scratching your heads saying, "placebo?" To spare you a trip to the dictionary, it simply means a drug that doesn't do anything. An easy example is Dumbo's feather – he didn't really need it to fly, it just helped him have the confidence to fly, and he did. So on with the article. How many of you truly believe in prayer? Now I'm sure at one time or another we have all questioned just how truly effective prayer is, but what I'm referring to is different. What I want to know is whether you, or perhaps friends of yours, trust that God will truly come through for you, or if prayer is more of a "just in case" kind of thing.

Now many of us know the verse, James 5:16, that tells us that prayer avails much. But it does not say just any old prayer – it says, *the effectual fervent prayer.* This means a prayer that is heart felt **and** also a prayer that is zealous. If you want more faith, more patience, or if you want your friend to obey the gospel, you're going to have to pray sincerely and repeatedly for it. Man, it is just too easy to think, "I've waited six months for this, and it has not happened, just forget it." I personally have had this one request in prayer for a few years now, but what keeps me fervently praying for it is the knowledge that if God wills it, then it will eventually happen.

That actually brings me to the next point regarding making sure prayer is not a placebo. If you constantly pray for something and think, "I know God will come through for me eventually," but you aren't going to do anything about it, don't expect it to happen. The feather didn't fling Dumbo into the air; rather he had to flap those ears for it to happen. So, along with remembering to trust God, and being patient in waiting for Him to answer prayer, you need to do your part. That means if you want that best friend of yours, who's not a Christian, to become a Christian, you need to invite them to services and perhaps find a method of teaching them the gospel too [such as through the Fishers of Men course or other personal evangelism courses]. Also, sometimes the answer to prayer comes through God's providence; so if you're looking for more patience, start by giving people the benefit of the doubt. Or, if you want more knowledge of God's Word, maybe crack that Bible open for an extra hour more than you usually do.

Now some may be thinking, "Well, yeah, I basically knew all that," but, as my dad still likes to say to me sometimes, "remember 2 Peter 1:12." We all need a friendly reminder sometimes, so please take it as such. If you aren't trusting that God answers prayers, or you find that the only time you pray is before meals and at bedtime, then consider praying more often and more fervently. You may just be surprised at how soon your prayers are answered if you have faith and don't watch the clock waiting for the answers to your prayers.

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 2 Peter 1:12

By Rachel Marr – A member of University Hills church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Who here likes to listen to music? I love listening to music. It has a great beat. It helps me get through things faster. It fills the quietness of being home when nothing else is going on. However, music is not just about the beat or rhythm. Music also includes songs with words. Do we just listen to the music because it has a cool beat or rhythm, or do we actually listen to the words and message it portrays? I love the beat and rhythm of music, but I also try to listen to the words. If I can't understand the words, then I go to a Website that has the lyrics of the song. If the song doesn't have acceptable words or an acceptable message, then I don't listen to the song anymore. However, if all the words are appropriate and the message is appropriate, then I will listen to it.

Now, how do we judge what is and what is not appropriate or acceptable? To answer our question, we need to look to the Bible. The Bible, God's word, has all the answers for all our questions. So, where do we look to find if a song is acceptable or not? Well, let's start off with an easy subject. A lot of songs nowadays have curse words in them. Those of you who know me know that I don't curse. I feel that using curse words and other words that sound like curse words are bad. I Timothy 6:10 says, *"...avoiding profane and vain babblings."* A couple of verses we can look at are James 3:8-10. If songs have curse words in them, we should not listen to them. If we listen to those songs, then



there's a good chance that we'll say the curse words, because a lot of people love to sing to songs. I also feel we shouldn't listen to songs with curse words because people want to change the curse word to another word more appropriate, but that doesn't change the fact that the curse words are still in the song. Also, if we do listen to songs with curse words, then we'll get immune to them and, when we hear someone say it, we won't stop them because we feel it's okay to hear the curse words when it's really not. Society has brainwashed us into thinking curse words are alright, but they aren't. So please don't listen to those songs.

We shouldn't just listen to songs that don't have curse words either. There are a lot of other songs that talk about stuff that is against God's will and don't have curse words in them. I tend to refrain from songs that talk about dancing, sex, drinking, and other things that go against my conscience and God's will. Here are some great verses that we can look to for things that go against God's will, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:1-8, and Romans 2:29-32. I also tend to refrain from songs that talk falsely about God, heaven, angels, and so forth. For example, there are songs out there that refer to a person being like an angel or angels having halos and wings. Human beings are not like angels, and we don't know if angels do have halos and wings. Also, there's a song out there that says, "we're in heaven." We are not in heaven. The list goes on. If a song goes against your conscience and knowledge of God's will, I really think that you shouldn't listen to it.

Now, how do you know if it goes against your conscience? If you are listening to a song that you have never heard before, try and listen to the lyrics. If the lyrics in the song make you question whether you should listen to the song or not, it's [continued on back page]

“Teen Talk” Articles

We are beginning a new year in our publication. Truth for Teens is an avenue open to anyone desiring to write articles for the Teen Talk feature. If you would like to present a message to your peers, inspirational, spiritual or covering everyday issues, you can send it on www.truthforteens.org, or mail to P.O. Box 581, Manor, Texas 78653, or email to tftpub@austin.rr.com.



Space is limited to one column length [approximately 600 words in 11 point type]. It must include your name, address, school classification and place of worship.

Editor’s note: We reserve the right to exclude items we deem unacceptable, using God’s Word as our guide.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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We are on the Web!!

We have a web site, www.truthforteens.org.

Translations

There are numerous translations of the Bible available in bookstores and on the Internet. Paraphrased versions of the Scriptures are popular. Paraphrase versions are more commentaries than translations and are what the translator “thinks” is being said in a certain passage. “A ‘Dynamic Equivalent’ attempts to use the original language as a guide in translating, and then ‘elaborates’ to enhance understanding. A ‘Word-for-Word’ translation attempts to add the fewest number of additional words to the translation and generally place the added words in italics. A “Paraphrase” simply attempts to put the meaning of the text into modern day English, sometimes with little regard to the actual context of the original passage, which can be a very dangerous concept.” What Do the Scriptures Say? Mike Scott, minister Mt Vernon church of Christ, Prescott, AZ, www.scripturessay.org.

No Bible translator or any particular translation was ever inspired by God. The Old Testament is translated from Hebrew Texts. The New Testament is translated from Greek manuscripts

The Living Bible

The Living Bible was translated by one; man, Kenneth Taylor and for a while was a number one best selling paraphrase version. This is one man’s rendition of what he thinks God’s word says. A reference of Premillennialism is seen in the paraphrase of Isaiah 2:3 where it says “‘Come,’ everyone will say, ‘let us go up the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Israel; there he will teach us his laws, and we will obey them.’ For in those days the world will be ruled from Jerusalem,” while the Word of God in KJV says, “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Quoting from a preface as adapted from the preface to the first edition of *Living Letters*, it reads: “There are dangers in paraphrases, as well as values. For whenever the author’s exact words are not translated from the original languages, there is a possibility that the translator, however honest, may be giving the English reader something that the original writer did not mean to say. ... a paraphrase is guided not only by the translator’s skill in simplifying but also by the clarity of his understanding of what the author meant and by his theology.”

A couple of other examples follow:

Mark 1:4 – “This messenger was John the Baptist. He lived in the wilderness and taught that all should be baptized as a public announcement of their decision to turn their backs on sin, so that God could forgive them.”

[KJV] “John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”

1 Peter 3:21 – “(That, by the way, is what baptism pictures for us: In baptism we show that we have been saved from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; not because our bodies are washed clean by the water, but because in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts from sin.)”

[KJV] – The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

In the Garden of Eden, Satan changed God’s Word with the insertion of one little word! “Not”

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah.” Isaiah 55:8”

How Do I Defend the Truth?

Is The Bible Really Inspired?

Today this question is often asked, wanting proof of the evidence through the Scriptures.

What is “inspiration”? 2 Timothy 3:16-17 reads: *All [every holy] scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* The word “inspired” means literally “God-breathed.” Through the actions of the Holy Spirit, the writers of the Bible had the exact truth that God wanted revealed.

Second Peter 1:20-21 says, “ *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

In 1 Corinthians 2:11-13, Paul to the church at Corinth states, *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

God revealed through the Spirit, word for word, what He wanted man to have in the Scriptures.

Gutenberg’s Bible:

The World’s First Printed Bible

A German named Johann Gutenberg produced the first printed Bible in 1456. It was written in Latin, the language of the Catholic Church. Gutenberg experimented for many years in developing his printing press before he perfected what people called artificial writing. The University of Texas at Austin owns one of the few copies in existence today.

Evidences – I Believe Because . . .

In chapter 26 of Ezekiel, the great prophet, inspired by God and with strong words, prophesied in about the year 600 B.C., the city of Tyrus would be destroyed: Verse 3 notes that many nations would come against Tyrus; verses 4 and 12 foretells that the entire city would be destroyed and thrown into the sea, a destruction so complete that Tyrus would eventually become a bare rock. The Phoenicians were told in verse 14 that the city site would become a place for the spreading of fishing nets and that the city would not be rebuilt.

The Phoenicians were enemies of God’s people. The city of Tyrus was their capital city and one of the richest. In 586 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city, holding it captive for 13 years. The Phoenicians moved their city to a small island in the Mediterranean Sea. The city of Tyrus was abandoned. In 322 B.C., Alexander the Great conquered the coastal cities of the Mediterranean Sea He forced his captives to war against the new city of Tyre. Growing tired of slow progress, he ordered the old city of Tyre, the original city abandoned by the Phoenicians, to be torn down and thrown into the sea to make a causeway, or road, wide enough for two chariots, so the war could progress. Every building was torn down and thrown into the sea to build this road. When the entire city was torn down, the causeway still did not reach the new city. Alexander ordered the ground to be scraped to the bedrock to provide the material needed to finish the road. He marched his army over the new road and defeated the Phoenicians, and destroyed their new city.

The city that Ezekiel prophesied against is today a large bare rock. For hundred of years it has been a place where fishermen spread their nets. A part of the causeway can still be seen.

How could Ezekiel prophecy in specific detail things that he could not have known hundreds of years before it came to pass? Ezekiel was inspired by God.

Bible Search

Bible Firsts

1. Who was the first person to die?

- Cain
- Eve

- Abel
- Adam

[Genesis 4:8]

2. What was the first plague God sent upon Egypt?

- frogs
- lice

- water turned to blood
- flies

[Exodus 7:20-25]

3. What was the first animal sacrifice?

- goat
- sheep

- cow
- pigeon

[Genesis 4:4]

4. Who was the first king of Israel?

- Saul
- Solomon

- David
- Aaron

[1 Sam. 9:1, 2]

5. Who built the first altar to God?

- Adam
- Moses

- Abraham
- Noah

[Genesis 8:20]



PROFILE OF JOB [JOHB] – meaning, “persecuted” One Ever Returning to God

Job, known as the man of patience, a man of moral integrity, who feared God and shunned evil. “Job was perfect and upright, one who remained faithful to God both in times of prosperity and of adversity.” Know Your Bible, Frank J. Dunn, p. 188.

He lived during the patriarchal age in the land of Uz, located in the territory of Edom, southeast of the Dead Sea; a wealthy landowner having 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 hundred she asses and a large household. He and his wife had seven sons and three daughters. He lived 140 years

God praised Job as an example of human faith; Satan dismissed Job’s faith, saying that he was righteous only because God had blessed and protected him. Satan’s proposal was that if he lost his wealth and loving family, Job would curse God to his face. His good life turned to ashes because God allowed Satan to test Job’s faith. The calamities that befell Job’s possessions and family were orchestrated by the adversary; Satan, in an effort to prove that Job could be made to disavow God. Human enemies and nature’s fury were used as agents of destruction – Sabeans destroyed his oxen, fire from heaven consumed his sheep, the Chaldeans slew his camels, and a great wind destroyed the house, killing his children. Job’s wife was rebuked for foolish talk. Satan thought Job would curse God.

Job, through faith and prayer, persevered and survived his trials. Job sought God through a restrained prayer [15:4], purity of prayer [16:17], empty prayer [21:15], profitable prayer [22:27], blessedness of prayer [33:26], interceding prayer [42:8], emancipating prayer [42:10]. His losses were doubly recompensed. *Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters [42:11-13].*

The book, written in the 6th century B.C., is known as one of the poetic books of the Old Testament. It is a poetical drama based on historical facts. Tennyson called it “the greatest poem, whether of ancient or modern literature.” Its author is unknown.

For I know that my redeemer liveth,...[Job 19:25]

Old Testament Trivia

In ancient Israel, men closed a deal by exchanging sandals.

-- Ruth 4:7

King Solomon wrote 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs.

-- 1 Kings 4:32

Someone Needs You

If you’re feeling low and worthless,
There seems nothing you can do,
Just take courage and remember,
There is someone needing you.

You were created for a purpose,
For a part of God’s great plan;
Bear ye one another’s burdens,
So fulfill Christ’s law to man.

Are you Father, Son or Daughter?
You’ve a work none else can do.
Are you Husband, Wife or Mother?
There is someone needing you.

If perhaps in bed you’re lying,
You can smile and press a hand
Of the one who tells his story,
He will know you understand.

There are many sad and lonely,
And discouraged, not a few,
Who a little cheer are needing,
And there’s someone needing you.

Someone needs your faith and courage,
Someone needs your love and prayers,
Someone needs your inspiration,
Thus to help their cross to bear.

Do not think your work is ended,
There is much that you can do,
And as long as you’re on earth,
There is someone needing you.

■ Author Unknown

“It’s Not in the Bible”

All manner of sayings, numbers and things attributed to the Bible are not found anywhere in it.

The Bible does not say Eve sinned by eating an apple. It says that the woman ate a fruit from the forbidden tree. [Genesis 3:6]

All animals did not come to Noah in twos. Some came in sevens. [Genesis 7:2]

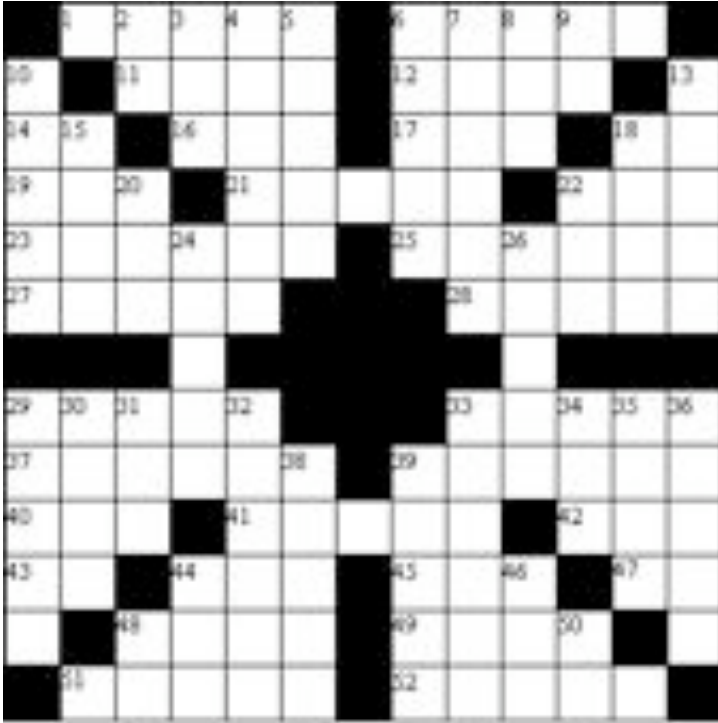
The Bible does not say that money is the root of all evil. It says the love of money is a root of all types of evil. [1 Timothy 6:10]

The Bible does not say that there were three wise men that visited the child Jesus. It only names the three gifts that they brought, and doesn’t number the men. [Matt. 2:1]

Jesus did not just feed five thousand with the loaves and fish. The Bible says that besides about five thousand men, there were women and children who also ate. [Matt. 15:21]

The maxim “God helps those who help themselves” is not found anywhere in the Bible

Fun Page



ACROSS

- 1 Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be ____ (Jer 30:10)
 6 crown upon her head, and made her ____ instead of Vashti. (Esth 2:17)
 11 lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall ____ him up? (Num 24:9)
 12 yoke from off thee, and will b ____ thy bonds (partial word) (Nahum 1:13)
 14 a name for the God of Israel
 16 there is but a ____p between me and death. (partial word) (1 Sam 20:3)
 17 as a fig tree casteth her untimely f ____ (partial word) (Rev 6:13)
 18 For only ____ king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants (Deut 3:11)
 19 and ____ him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn (Luke 10:34)
 21 Make ____, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem (Acts 22:18)
 22 They al ____e through the lusts of the flesh (partial word) (2 Pet. 2:18)
 23 be not thou ____: for in their anger they slew a man (Gen 49:6)
 25 that ye may be perfect and ____, wanting nothing (Ja. 1:4)
 27 to guide or direct
 28 When he had said ____ words unto them, he abode (John 7:9)
 29 Judge not, that ye ____ judged. (two words) (Matt 7:1)
 33 For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will ____ it? (Isa 14:27) (NKJ)
 37 Simon called Peter, and ____ his brother (Matt 4:18)
 39 now I ____ petition of thee, deny me not (two words) (1 King 2:16)
 40 Be not ____h with thy mouth (partial word) (Eccles 5:2)
 41 many ____ rejoice at his birth. (Luke 1:14)
 42 that he may dip the ____ of his finger in water (Luke 16:24)
 43 because there was no room for them in the i ____ (partial word) (Luke 2:7)
 44 I will let you go, and ye shall ____y no longer (partial word) (Exodus 9:28)
 45 small garden vegetable

- 47 Joseph's ____n brethren went down to buy corn (partial word) (Gen 42:3)
 48 Suffer me that I may ____ the pillars whereupon the house standeth (Judges 16:26)
 49 whom he hath appointed ____ of all things (Heb 1:2)
 51 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder ____ (Job 31:22)
 52 they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves ____ s (partial word) (Gen 3:7)
- ## DOWN
- 2 let ____ make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. (Ps 95:1)
 3 That which groweth of ____ own accord of thy harvest (Lev 25:5)
 4 to do ____ good or bad of mine own mind (Num 24:13)
 5 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall ____ shall be yours (Deut 11:24)
 6 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven ____ from me? (Job 6:13)
 7 the king's commandment was ____, and the furnace exceeding hot (Daniel 3:22)
 8 who am I ____ than the least of all saints (partial word) (Eph 3:8)
 9 Now rise up, said I, and g ____ you over the brook (partial word) (Deut 2:13)
 10 Then ____ called his disciples unto him (Matt 15:32)
 13 But neither so did their witness ____ together (Mark 14:59)
 15 this woman for the loan which is ____ to the LORD. (1 Sam 2:20)
 18 he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ____ only (1 John 2:2)
 20 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and ____ them about thy neck (Prov 6:21)
 22 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither ____ one to another (Lev 19:11)
 24 for after the ____ of these words I have made a covenant (Ex. 34:27)
 26 I ____ God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 7:25)
 29 So shall thy ____ be filled with plenty (Prov 3:10)
 30 of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of ____ (Num 10:27)
 31 thou shouldest be for salvation unto the e ____ of the earth (partial word) (Acts 13:47)
 32 proven
 33 he came and found them ____ again: for their eyes were heavy. (Matt 26:43)
 34 and his kingdom that which shall ____ be destroyed. (Dan 7:14)
 35 Endeavoring to keep the ____y of the Spirit in the bond of peace (partial word) (Eph. 4:3)
 36 being in Bethany in the house of Simon the ____ (Mark 14:3)
 38 like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a ____ in the seas (Ezek 32:2)
 39 I am ____ and Omega, the first and the last (Rev 1:11)
 44 Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the ____, very much (Gen 41:49)
 46 Behold the fowls of the ____: for they sow not (Matt 6:26)
 48 he shall ____y as an eagle, and shall spread his wings (partial word) (Jer 48:40)
 50 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither ____b him (partial word) (Lev 19:13)



Our Mission



This publication is an effort by a group of men and women striving to provide healthy, helpful information to our youth as they face concerns they deal with daily.

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A person with nothing to hide hides nothing.
-- Dr. Phil

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struggles that you share at school or with friends; look to adults for answers to questions that seem to have no answers [they might have asked them once upon a time, too]. These bonds between Christians pull us closer as a family, and push us to the ultimate goal, the final home of rest. Heaven itself can be the best reason for a Christian to stay on the home field while on earth. To spend quality time with a brother or sister in Christ is a preview of heaven itself; we must realize that only by being a noticeable group of people on earth will God call us His people in heaven. Our relationships on Earth with other Christians will be a key factor in deciding our place in eternity.

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probably better to not listen to it – just change the radio station or skip to another song on your CD. Let me finish up this article by quoting another scripture, I Thessalonians 5:21-22, which say, "Prove [test] all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil"

Quotes

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

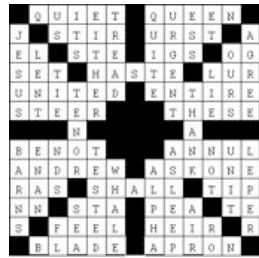
- Booker T. Washington

Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.

- Colin Powell

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 4, 2, 28, 44"?

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO, and the Cartoon Network!"



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