

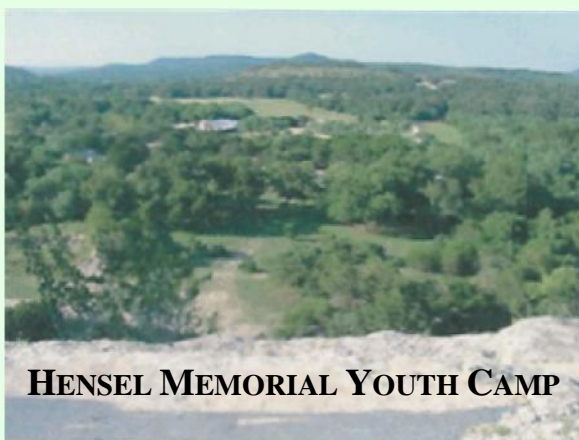
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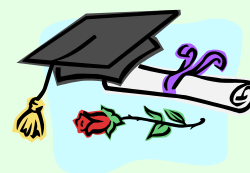
What are your plans for July 24-29, 2005? It's not too early to plan your summer activities!! We hope they include Bible Camp at Hensel Memorial Youth Camp. This is a time for fun and relaxation as we give time to our Lord for the study of His Word in a setting away from all distractions of the world.

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We look forward to seeing you there!! Kirk Tooley



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Bible Search – Salvation

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1. Has everyone sinned?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Romans 3:23-24

2. Can man save himself?

- A. No.
- B. Yes

Romans 3:24

3. Was Cornelius saved by his goodness alone?

- A. Yes
- B. No.

Acts 10

4. Did Cornelius have to hear the words whereby he and his household could be saved?

- A. No.
- B. Yes

Acts 10

5. Can anyone be saved by works – earn salvation?

- A. No
- B. Yes

Ephesians 2:8-9

6. Does God extend the exceeding riches of His grace and kindness toward us in Christ or outside of Christ?

- A. God extends His grace and kindness to us in Christ.
- B. God extends His grace and kindness to us outside of Christ.

Ephesians 1:3; 2:7

7. Is God's grace given to us in Christ?

- A. No.
- B. Yes

2 Timothy 1:9; 2:1, 10

8. Is salvation in Christ?

- A. No.
- B. Yes

2 Timothy 2:10

9. Since grace and salvation are in Christ, must we be in Christ to be saved?

- A. Yes
- B. No

2 Timothy 2:1, 10

10. Is the gospel God's power unto salvation? Did Paul say that we must believe this gospel?

- A. Yes Yes
- B. No Yes

Romans 1:16

11. Does faith come by hearing God's word?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Romans 10:17; John 20:30-31

12. Does God require us to believe in Jesus? Can we go to heaven if we do not believe in Jesus?

- A. Yes No.
- B. No Yes

Hebrews 11:6; John 6:28-29; 8:24

Transitions!! – Graduates 2005

You are approaching a new chapter in life! If you are one of the high school graduates or in the last years of public education, you have probably been asked the question, “What do you want to do with your life?” That is one of the questions asked when visiting college campuses; they are interested in directing you to classes and activities that will benefit you as you begin writing this new chapter.

You’ve taken preparatory courses, ACT and SAT tests, got involved with extra curricular activities, and community work toward this next step. College applications require an essay of your foundation toward your applying for acceptance. It’s importance lies right next to your test scores. You are a high school graduate, you’ve applied for college, got accepted, and now it’s time to be off to college. Most of your high school years were structured toward admission to college. If you are not planning on attending college, but plan to work, the transition is the same.

You are off to college or to work!! What’s next? If it’s college, you have to buy books, get stuff for your dorm room, pick up a sweatshirt with the logo of your college, etc. But there are some changes you will face as an “adult” that you have probably not thought of. A look at some of these now may make that first year an easier transition.

You made a lot of good friends as you that they won’t be going to the same it’s always good to hear a your classmates are going to as you can. Take down their e-small talk when you get settled don’t forget your siblings - you away from them, but it’s nice to Remember that they will be that goes for Mom and Dad you will be smart to keep in



went through high school and chances are college as you. As you make new friends, familiar voice and to chat. Find out where school and get that information as soon mail address and you can exchange into your new surroundings. And may be thinking how nice it is to be know they are there if you need them. missing you from the home. And also. If they are the financial support, touch!!

If you are going far away for you might want to work on a might want to practice doing your own laundry! The grunge look is long gone. Laundry is not a hard skill to master, and you will remember the look on Mom’s face when you ask her to teach you how do to your own. And Mom will surely put in an iron for pressing [not curling] and a sewing kit to repair rips and sew on buttons. Even if you are living at home, you should be responsible for your needs.

And, being your own banker is very important. Those credit card accounts have to be paid eventually. The bigger the charges made, the richer the company is. Making minimum payments while continuing to charge will never equal a zero balance. If you have student loans and think they are lifetime debts, just remember that credit card balances are dependent on being a good steward of your money. It’s so-o-o easy to “just charge it,” but so hard to make those payments. Mom and Dad still have the same expenses and responsibilities they had when you were home.

Now, it’s time to get serious and look at some things that really matter! It is assumed that your desire to go to college or “get out on your own” rests on wanting to be independent and begin a life of personal responsibility. What better beginning than to call on God through prayer for guidance in all you do. We are told to “Pray without ceasing,” 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Jesus tells His disciples, “All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive,” Matthew 21:22. But, in order to have the privilege of prayer, God expects continued obedience, “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination,” Proverbs 28:9. “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us,” 1 John 5:14. Be always faithful in your worship and love for God. If you are away from home, find a sound congregation – make your friends there.

There will be STRESS, -- surveys document it – more deadlines and more work. Meditate with the Scriptures, take 30 minutes for workouts at the gym, take a walk around campus, resist munching on unhealthy snacks. One survey documented that 75% of freshmen [most were women] going off to college experience a weight gain in their first year because of the added stress and freedom to eat when and as they please.

Focus on your purpose, and love God more than the world.

HOMOSEXUALITY – What Is The Truth?

The pressure is on from the world to recognize and accept homosexuality, gays and lesbians, as a lifestyle considered to be “normal.” For many years those who practiced homosexuality did so in secret, hiding this shameful act of sin. There are parades throughout our country exhibiting with great flourish their perversion. Denominations are placing homosexuals in high places of their services. This is not “loving” them – this is condemning them to an eternal punishment. Today there are protests against the Texas Legislature in this session because a bill has been filed to prevent “foster children,” who are wards of the State and tax dollars funded for their welfare, from being placed in the homes of homosexual couples. States are working to enact laws banning the legality of same-sex marriages, using language “a marriage will be between a man and a woman.” Some states have legalized same-sex marriages and in order for “partners” to be legally eligible for “civil unions.” Same-sex marriages or civil unions are desired benefits now provided for married couples. Protests and pressure is working in some areas. Ordinances are being passed which grant homosexuals, gays and lesbians, and formation of gay churches, and ordination of gay priests and ministers are seen in mainstream Protestant denominations. There is a homosexual denomination in the United States called the Metropolitan Community Church. Homosexuals see a need for God – they want God to “draw near” to them instead of them “drawing near to God.” *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.* James 4:8



You, as the future, can have a great effect on bringing an end to the ignorance of your peers concerning this issue. We have all heard the reasoning that they were “born homosexuals.” It isn’t just the homosexuals that are involved in their thinking this way; “liberal thinking” heterosexuals also close their minds to this objectionable behavior. The purpose of this article is to have available answers when you have an opportunity to help someone from this sin.

A “Christ-Like” Approach

It seems that God’s Word has been pushed away and man’s desire rears its ugly head. It is important that we as believers in God’s power and authority know what God has given us in His inspired Word concerning the practice of this way of life. It is a Christian’s responsibility to openly and willingly face this problem.

First, we need to speak the truth in love, Ephesians 4:15. It isn’t just this issue that “speaking the truth in love” is appropriate. This sin is classed with liars, thieves, murders, and others; all which need to be admonished to turn away from. Premarital sex is fornication – homosexuality is fornication. Thinking becomes fuzzy when we consider all moral issues that are being abused today. *And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will,* 2 Timothy 2:24-26. If the attitude of self-righteousness and arrogance are used, we sin at the same time we are trying to lead others out of sin.

What causes homosexuality? In the “nature or nurture” debate currently going on, most people would say that the cause of homosexuality is either genetic or environmental. Though a person is not “born homosexual,” there are genetic factors that can make some individuals more likely to develop a “predisposition” [tendency –ed.] toward homosexuality. Homosexuality is deeply ingrained in some, and face extreme difficulty if they choose to abandon it. Longsuffering and love will aid in helping to bring an understanding. Paul’s instructions to the Galatians can serve as a good beginning: *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ,* Galatians 6:1-2.

In a spirit of gentleness we need to be able to show them how, and to provide the encouragement they will need along the way.

Determining the Truth About Homosexuality

To know the truth about homosexuality, one must first determine the real source of truth itself. Many believe that the source of truth, which governs this issue, comes from the research of scientists. Scientific research of testing, evaluating and interpreting of the evidence is often flawed by the personal agendas of those on both sides of the issue. Total objectivity is rarely seen, especially among scientific circles who often must be “politically correct” in order to receive the grants necessary to conduct their research.

The Christian recognizes and appeals to a different “source” of truth and, with time and true objectivity, this “source” will be confirmed by “scientific” sources. Jesus says, *I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me,* John 14:6. The truth which is in Jesus says much about what constitutes righteousness and true holiness, Ephesians 4:17-24. Jesus by virtue of His resurrection provides the ultimate reason that, when He speaks, we should listen! Until modern day scientists, sociologists and philosophers speak with assurance that homosexual conduct is a morally acceptable lifestyle and can present similar proof, the choice is to look to God for our answers. God gave us the truth through the Law and the prophets in the Old Testament, and as acknowledged by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:17-19. Jesus Himself spoke the truth while on earth, *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,’* John 8:31-32. Jesus didn’t reveal all the truth Himself while on earth, John 16:12-13; the Holy Spirit completed the work, revealing the entire will of Christ through His apostles, which is our source of truth and recognized by Jesus, John 13:20. In accepting Jesus as the ultimate source of truth, we accept His apostles who made it clear that their message was not their own. See 1 Corinthians 14:37, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, and 1 John 4:6.

Some denominations claim that the Spirit of God has led them to accept homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle. This is without scriptural basis; it is human spirits who are looking to accommodate themselves to the pressures of society. The Word of God, the Bible, is the source of truth, John 17:17.

From a purely physical viewpoint, homosexuality is an extremely dangerous practice. The Bible calls it “unnatural,” Romans 1:26-27.

What the Bible Teaches About Homosexuality

Statements have been made from so-called intellectual people and those who admit they are not knowledgeable of the Scriptures that the New Testament of inspired writers has nothing to say about homosexuality. Not many will deny the Old Testament denouncement, *You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination* [sin], Leviticus 18:22; *For whosoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people, Leviticus 18:29; If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them,* Leviticus 20:13. At this point, they will say that we are not held under the Old Law, [in other matters, they hold to the Old Law, i.e. the Ten Commandments, etc.].

Homosexuality is denounced in the New Testament. In Matthew 19:4-5, Jesus Himself repeats the law of marriage between a man and a woman, *Have you not read that he who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man shall leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* The apostle Paul, in speaking of moral corruption, exhorted the Christians in Rome, *For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature, [cf. Leviticus 18:22 -ed.] Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another; men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due,* Romans 1:26-27. And to the church at Corinth, Paul addressed morality, *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor homosexuals [effeminate, KJV], nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.* The definition of “fornication” is “human sexual intercourse other than between a man and his wife: sexual intercourse between unmarried people.”

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the first example of homosexuality, stands forever to illustrate God’s wrath against the wicked. The fires that burned Sodom are cited as forerunners of the threatening fires of hell, 2 Peter 2:6-9.

The law of the Old Testament is re-acknowledged by the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 1:8-10, *But we know that the law is good if a man use it lawfully; knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.*

Paul uses two terms that are translated above as “homosexuals” and “sodomites.” The first term, translated “homosexuals” (“effeminate” in the KJV) is “malakos”, and is defined as “effeminate, not simply of a male who practices forms of lewdness, but persons in general, who are guilty of addiction to sins of the flesh, voluptuous (Vine’s Expository Dictionary). The word translated as “sodomites” (“abusers of themselves with mankind” in the KJV) is “arsenokoites” referring to the male homosexual partner who takes the active role (Vine’s).

Homosexuality is a sin! Punishment under the Old Testament laws called for extremely harsh punishments, Leviticus 20:13. Under the New Covenant, much harsher punishments for similar crimes **unrepented of** are delayed until the Day of Judgment, Revelation 21:8; cf. Hebrews 10:26-31; see Romans 1:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Homosexuals, gays and lesbians [men and women], i.e. fornicators, who **do not turn** from their lifestyle, will be judged by the Scriptures. The Gospel of Christ condemns sexual relations between unmarried heterosexuals; sex between unmarried homosexuals is wrong as well. As for “married” homosexuals, as we have stated previously, the institution of marriage which was begun and defined by God, only allows for sex between a man and a woman (cf. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6). Romans 1:18-28 deals with the sin of homosexual conduct. Those who reject evidence of God’s existence and power as revealed in nature, if religious at all, make God over into an image of their own choosing. Today there is a tendency to “recreate God in our own image,” so that He thinks like us, and acts like us. To counter this, Isaiah 55:8-9 says, *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

Those who are not willing to honor God as God degenerate into moral decay, see Romans 1:26. Then in verses 27-28, Paul writes, *Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.* When people choose to reject God, or to recreate Him in their own image, God “gives them up” to “go on their way.” They gravitate into levels of immorality, involving heterosexual immorality, such as premarital sex [fornication] or adultery. For others, it includes homosexuality and lesbianism.

An editorial in the New York Times* speaks of AIDS, “Gay Americans who watched their friends and neighbors die in large numbers in the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s learned a tragic lesson about disease transmission and the dangers of unprotected sex. But the lesson seems not to have endured: Young people are returning to dangerous sexual behavior.” It continues about a gay man infected with a strain of HIV that is resistant to virtually all of the standard drugs and appears to lead to a rapid onset of full-blown AIDS: “The patient is believed to have had unprotected sex with hundreds of people in recent months, sometimes at parties stoked by methamphetamine, a drug that lowers sexual inhibitions. *** The first step, however, should be to teach another generation to avoid risky behavior – like the plague.” *Austin American-Statesman, February 19, 2005. [All scripture is from NKJV. Material from Homosexuality: A Christian Perspective, Mark A. Copeland aided in preparation of this article. [To Be Continued Next Issue]

PAYING A HIGH PRICE FOR A FOUL MOUTH

While most of Leviticus relates God's law as given to Moses on Sinai, it also relates a historical incident that conveys a valuable lesson. An Israelitsh woman's son, whose father was an Egyptian, *strove* (fought) [Leviticus 24:10] with an Israelite man. During this strife, "the Israelitsh woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses" [Leviticus 24:11]. Moses, being judge of the people [Exodus 18:13], conferred with God about the matter. Leviticus 24:14 records the Lord's judgment: "Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him." For having a foul mouth, this man paid a high price – he lost his life.

We can learn two valuable lessons from this son of an Israelitsh woman: One, the incident illustrates God's view toward a foul mouth – He hates it. Proverbs 8:13 records Solomon's words: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." If God hates foul language, Christians should too.

Among brethren today, the subject of sanctification is an area of existing danger that many seem to be avoiding. The Christian is one who separates himself from this world's cares; however, with many brethren this separation is barely noticeable. Many Christians dress like the world, talk like the world, and are entertained like the world. Teenagers participate in revelry, attend concerts, and go to R-rated movies, all under a "We don't let it affect us" guise. God's people need to be reminded of the woe Isaiah pronounced in 5:20, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" God's people are called to be separate from the *world* [2 Corinthians 6:17]. Christians are to have their senses exercised to discern between good and evil [Hebrews 5:14]. Parents, teenagers, and children ought, when they hear foul language, to be offended instead of saying "it doesn't affect us."

The second lesson we learn from the son of the Israelitsh woman of Leviticus 24 is that we should detest a foul mouth. When we understand God's view of cursing and sin, we too will detest, rather than be entertained, by it [Deuteronomy 7:26]. In my Bible, I underlined the phrase "let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head," [Leviticus 24:14]. On the Day of Atonement the priests would lay their hands on the *scapegoat*, thereby symbolically transferring the people's sins to the innocent animal. In like manner, the laying on of the hands in this passage is significant. "*The hearers or witnesses were to throw off them themselves the blasphemy which they had heard, and return it upon the head of the blasphemer, for him to expiate*" (Keil and Delitzsch, pg. 623). Does that not tell us how careful we ought to be about what we allow

ourselves to listen to? God is teaching us the danger of placing in our minds evil words that may end up coming out of our mouths?

Entertainment is not wrong; however, choosing worldly entertainment can be fatal. When we choose to let filth enter our minds, do we not sin? Those who do have lost their sanctification. David said, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes...." Why is it that Christians not only set wicked things before their eyes, but also are not offended by the foul mouths they purposely contact through their associations? Brethren, hearing God's name used in a vain way ought to cause us great indignation. It ought to cause us righteous anger [Ephesians 4:26].

The son of the Israelitsh woman made a fatal mistake. And he paid for it with his life! Shall I lose my soul, a much higher price, over a desire to be entertained by the filthy language being used in today's movies and by stand-up comedians? In the long run, is entertainment that important? I hope not. Learn to hate sin as God hates sin; and therein, you will find peace that far surpasses any entertainment you can experience on earth. Many in the world today use God's name as often as they say "the" or "and." It is the word of choice for many comedians, song writers, actors, actresses, singers, politicians, radio disc jockeys, news reporters, sports figures, and the public at large. How often do you hear someone take the Lord's name in vain without even giving it a second thought? Even worse, many of us have become *accustomed* to such language, and it doesn't even bother us!

What's my point? Can I control how the world talks and the language it uses? Probably not. But, I can make my voice heard in other ways. I can be careful of the types of music I buy or the movies I rent. How about telling someone you don't appreciate the Lord's name being used in such a flippant way? "Oh, I couldn't do that; they might get mad." Who should we choose to offend – them or the Lord? ***

Yes, we must live in the world, but we are not to be like the world [Romans 12:1, 2]. Let's be careful not to allow the world's carefree attitude to become our attitude. Correct those who use foul language in your presence. Maybe next time, they will be more careful and think before they speak. Doesn't our Lord want us to be examples, not only in deed, but also in words? John C. Robertson - Knollwood church of Christ, Beavercreek, Ohio



Lateral Thinking - Can You Explain?

To answer these questions, you have to let your brain think in different ways than you may be used to. Here's an example:

Question: A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

Answer: She was walking.

See if you can let your brain switch directions to answer these questions:

- How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it?
- Two students are sitting on opposite sides of the same desk. There is nothing in between them but the desk. Why can't they see each other?
- There are only two T's in Timothy Tuttle. True or false?

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The Fun Page

Inspired Writers of the Bible

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JOEL	JOHN	JONAH
JUDE	LUKE	MALACHI
MARK	MATTHEW	MICAH
MOSES	NAHUM	NEHEMIAH
OBADIAH	PAUL	PETER
SAMUEL	SOLOMON	ZEPHANIAH

TRUE / FALSE

- In Pharaoh's dream seven gaunt cows ate seven sleek cows. T F
Genesis 41:4
- King Herod gave the head of John the Baptist to his wicked wife. T F
Matthew 14:6-11
- King Belshazzar had Daniel tossed in the lions' den. T F
Daniel 6
- Solomon was made king before David died. T F
1 Kings 1:43
- Jesus was 33 years old when He started His ministry. T F
Luke 3:23
- Noah's son Japheth was older than his brother Shem. T F
Genesis 10:21
- After Jesus left the tomb, the first person who saw Him was John. T F
Mark 16:9
- It took Elisha just one try to set fire to his drenched sacrifice. T F
1 Kings 18:35-37
- Aaron died on Mount Hor, after he gave his clothes to his son. T F
Numbers 20:28
- Elisha saw Elijah take off from west of the Jordan River. T F
2 Kings 2:8

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, the young boy answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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Number & Math Play - What's Your Sign?

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In the equation below, replace each question mark with one of the four mathematical signs: +, -, ×, or ÷. Each sign can be used only once. Fill in the blanks to solve the equation. (Hint: the first sign is +.)

$$7 ? 5 ? 4 ? 7 ? 6 = 15$$

My Way or No Way

When things don't go your way, do you pout and dig in your heels? Do you take a stubborn attitude that resists authority and insist on your own way? That's the response that Dathan and Abiram had to Moses' invitation to a meeting (Numbers 16:12). Moses wanted to settle differences raised by Korah (Numbers 16:1-3). But Dathan and Abiram refused to show up. Their attitude seemed to be in the all-too-common one of "My way or the highway!"

That's a perilous mind-set to have in any organization or group setting. It puts a chill on communication, stifles constructive dialogue, and poisons everyone's outlook. It can only lead to more conflict and confrontation, as the dramatic ending of Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and the rest of their band of rebels illustrated (Numbers 16:31-33, 35).

The tragic outcome of Korah's rebellion is a lesson in conflict resolution. Stubbornness can be a valuable asset in overcoming obstacles. But when the "obstacle" standing in one's way is a divinely appointed authority, as Moses was, then resistance is not

Lateral Thinking Puzzle Answer

1. Throw the ball straight up in the air.
2. The two students have their backs to each other.
3. True. There are only two "T" (upper case).
There are also three "t's (lower case).

the right course. How different the outcome might have been if Korah and the others had brought their concerns to Moses and the Lord and discussed them in an open, honest way.

How do you go about resolving conflict and dealing with disappointment? Have you worn out your shoes – and your relationships – by digging in your heels too many times? Why not try a different approach?

Are you a good friend? Good friendships are a great treasure. While some people play at friendships, a true friend "sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). A good friend is one who makes honest commitments, and acknowledges it when those promises cannot be fulfilled (Proverbs 3:28-29; 6:1-5). A good and true friend forgives, and then lets the matter rest. He does not keep bringing up past mistakes and failures (Proverbs 17:9, 14). A good friend will sing one's praises to others (Proverbs 27:1-2).

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Number and Math Play Answer
 $(7 + 5) \div 4 \times 7 - 6 = 15$

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