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## Feet Running to Mischief?

### MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET, HEBREWS 12:13

The Bible uses the word “feet” 326 times. In Proverbs alone the words “feet” and “foot” are used sixteen times. Solomon, a wise man, said in Proverbs 4:26-27, “Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.” He was more specific in his warning in 6:18, “An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief.”

Remember the story of Jonah? God told Jonah to go *east* to preach in Nineveh – Jonah went *west* to hide in Tarshish. Did he consider what drastic events would take place while he was on the boat? Probably not! God sent a storm, nearly sinking the ship. Jonah’s reason for running was discovered and He was thrown overboard – just because he failed to take responsibility for a job assigned to him by God! Becoming close to drowning has to be a terrifying experience. Jonah’s *feet* were swift in running to mischief!

But God sent a great fish to swallow Jonah. Can you even imagine what it would be like to be swallowed by a large fish? Was he safer in the fish than drowning in the waters? He spent three days in the fish’s stomach. Jonah was conscious as to his predicament, to the point that the weeds were wrapped about his head, Jonah 2:5. God came to the rescue, as He has promised, and had the great fish vomit Jonah out onto land. Do you think Jonah ever thought about what got him there? It was sin, pure and simple. He didn’t follow God’s instruction.

Who was working with Jonah in making the decision to go opposite from God’s instruction? SATAN! Satan keeps opportunities at hand – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” Sin is always at the door leading to the broad road, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat,” Matthew 7:13. This was Jesus speaking of the outcome of sin.

It’s easy to book passage for a trip to “Tarshish,” - to go opposite of what God dictates. “My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: for their feet run to evil..., Proverbs 1:15-16. Being underage doesn’t hinder teens from buying beer or cigarettes; an older friend will get it for them or an unscrupulous business man will sell it to them under the table. If dirty jokes are told, there are plenty of people who will laugh; not remembering the words of Romans 1:32, “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” If you want to go places and do things your parents forbid, there will be friends that will lie to your parents for you, “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,” 2 Timothy 3:2. It’s not hard to find someone who can and will make drugs available. It’s easy to find a willing partner to start a sexual relationship, Proverbs 9:14-17. It’s Satan in his most scheming form.

Sin is progressive. It’s a slide down a slippery slope that goes down, down, down. Jonah went down to Joppa, down into the ship, down into the sea, down into the fish’s mouth, and down to the sea bottom. Consider sin’s downward progression:

- Walking with the ungodly leads to standing with sinners; standing with sinners leads to sitting with the scornful (Psalm 1:1; 1 John 3:15).
- Anger leads to violence; wrath leads to hatred; hatred leads to murder (Genesis 4:6, 8; Proverbs 27:3; Daniel 2:12; 1 John 3:15).
- Jealousy and envy lead to cruelty, slander, and vengeance (Proverbs 6:34; 27:4; Song of Solomon 8:6; Judges 19:29, 30).
- Disobedience to parents leads to lying to parents (Romans 1:30; Ephesians 4:15; cf. Genesis 26:7; Colossians 3:9).
- One lie leads to more lies (cf. John 8:44).
- Covetousness leads to stealing and violence (Joshua 7:21; 1 Kings 21:1, 15; Micah 2:1, 2; Mark 7:22; Ephesians 4:28; 2 Peter 2:3).
- R-rated movies leads to X-rated movies; soft-core porn leads to hard-core (Matthew 5:28; 1 Peter 2:11).
- Pornography leads to sexual sins, often even rape and child molestation.
- Lust leads to fornication (Matthew 5:28; 1 Timothy 6:18); dancing and petting lead to fornication (cf. Galatians 5:19-21).
- Perverted thoughts lead to homosexuality (Romans 1:26, 27; cf. Genesis 19:5; Leviticus 18:22; Judges 19:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10; Judge 7, 10); homosexuality can lead to pedophilia (child rape/molestation) (cf. 2 Timothy 3:13).



- Smoking cigarettes precedes smoking marijuana (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20); smoking marijuana precedes to harder drugs Romans 6:13).

A sinful life is a disorderly, tumultuous life. Be a Christian – If you are faithful unto death, it isn't because the opportunities were not there to sin; it will be because you had *backbone to say no to sin* and *faith to say yes to God*. Be careful of “occasions” leading to sin!

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## BIBLE QUIZ – (Answers on Back Page)

1. Which disciple brought his brother to hear Jesus speak?

- Paul
- Phillip
- Andrew

2. To whom did Jesus say: “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God’?”

- The Pharisees
- Peter
- Satan

3. What did Judas do for thirty pieces of silver?

- Sold the power of God
- Betrayed Jesus
- Bought forgiveness for his sins

4. Other than blood, what flowed from Jesus’ side when He was pierced on the cross?

- His life-force
- Water
- Forgiveness for the sins of all mankind

5. Who was a tax-collector?

- Matthew
- Luke
- John

6. How did Pilate try to show the people he wouldn’t accept the blame for the death of Jesus?

- He spat on the ground
- He washed his hands

He offered to set him free

7. Who are we to remember when we read the following verse: “This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me.”

- God the Father
- Isaac
- Jesus

8. Who does the following refer to: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?”

- The Holy Spirit
- Elijah
- Jesus

9. How did Judas show the priests which man was Jesus when he betrayed Him?

- By pointing to him
- By kissing Him
- By shaking hands with Him

10. Jesus gave Peter the keys to this:”

- The upper room
- The kingdom of Heaven
- The book of Revelation

11. What unusual place did Jesus tell Peter to find money to pay the temple tax?

- In a lion’s carcass
- In a fish’s mouth
- Mixed in with ointment in a box

## History of Instrumental Music in Churches – Part 2

We continue our study of using mechanical instruments in worship – history of religious groups who use them in their worship services. What authority is given in the Scriptures? As stated in the last issue, we base our writing on the Scriptures, along with research by Allen Webster, [www.HouseToHouse.com](http://www.HouseToHouse.com). We find no authority for the use of mechanical instruments in New Testament study. Some refer to Old Testament readings, 2 Chronicles 29:25, but as we read its history according to prominent leaders and thinkers of prominent religious groups, we see that they **all** spoke very strongly against the use of mechanical instruments accompanying the directive to “sing praises and hymns” as we worship God. As Christians, we are to give an answer when questioned as to why the churches of Christ do not use mechanical instruments, and we stand on the instruction given by the inspired writers of the New Testament. Webster’s research brings the opinions of the well known spokesmen among their respective religions.

We know from the Scriptures that “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.

At the scene of the Transfiguration, where Moses, Elias and Jesus stood, God spoke out of a cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him,” Matthew 17:1-5. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments,” Matthew 14:15. Apostle Paul, speaking to the church at Colossi of a Christian’s freedom from the judgment of men and made alive in Christ, said, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” From the day of the crucifixion, all men have been under the New Covenant; laws and traditions of the Old Testament were no longer in effect.

### Methodist Church

The Methodist church once opposed instrumental music. Adam Clarke<sup>1</sup> (1762-1832), commentator and widely respected Bible scholar, a master of both Hebrew and Greek, as well as several other languages, wrote in his notes on 2 Chronicles 29:25: “And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, **according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king’s seer, and Nathan the prophet:** for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. – **Moses had not appointed any musical instruments to be used in the divine worship; there was nothing of the kind under the first tabernacle.**” [emphasis added]. Cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 6. Clarke thought David was wrong to use instrumental music in Old Testament worship. He goes on to say that even if some divine authority could be found for musical instruments under the law of Moses, they still ought not be used in Christian worship.

He wrote: “The whole spirit, soul and genius of the Christian religion are against this [use of instrumental music]: and those who know the Church of God best, and what constitutes its genuine spiritual state, know that these things have been introduced as a

substitute for the life and power of religion; and that where they prevail most, there is least of the power of Christianity. Away with such portentous baubles from the worship of that infinite Spirit who requires his followers to worship him in spirit and in truth, for to no such worship are those instruments friendly.” He added, “Music, as a science, I esteem and admire; but instruments of music in the house of God I abominate and abhor. This is the abuse of music; and here I register my protest against all such corruptions in the worship of the Author of Christianity.”

In Clarke’s commentary on Amos 6:5, he wrote: “The use of such instruments of music, in the Christian Church, is without the sanction and against the will of God ... they are subversive of the spirit of true devotion, and ... they are sinful.” His commentary also notes on page 248, “The singing, as practiced in several places, and heathenish accompaniments of organs and music instruments of various sorts, are contrary to the simplicity of the gospel, and the spirituality of that worship which God requires, as darkness is contrary to light.” Clarke includes an exchange of views with John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, when Wesley commented, “I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen.”<sup>2</sup>

Going back to the reading in 2 Chronicles 29, verse 30 reflects “Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to **sing** praise unto the Lord with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they **sang** praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

### **Baptist Church**

According to Webster’s research, The Baptist World, [www.parentalguide.com/Documents/Baptist\\_world.htm](http://www.parentalguide.com/Documents/Baptist_world.htm), this denomination was founded around 1610 by John Smyth, who originally was a bishop in the Church of England. Roger Williams founded the first Baptist church in America around 1639 in Providence, Rhode Island. For a period of almost two hundred years, most Baptists worshipped by unaccompanied congregational singing. The change gradually took place between 1825 and 1900. Most members of this largest Protestant group would be surprised to learn that their denomination once sang without accompaniment; their preachers argued against instrumental music!

Noted Baptist historian David Benedict (1779-1884) wrote *Fifty Years Among the Baptists*.<sup>3</sup> In it, he revealed: “In my earliest intercourse among this people congregational singing generally prevailed among them” (page 281), explaining how small instruments of music were gradually accepted in some Baptist congregations. He continued: “The changes which have been experienced in the feelings of a large portion of our people has often surprised me. Staunch old Baptists in former times would as soon have tolerated the Pope of Rome in their pulpits as an organ in their galleries, and yet the instrument has gradually found its way among them.”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon has been described by many as “the greatest Baptist preacher who ever lived.” He could be called the “Billy Graham of the nineteenth century,” because he was comparable in influence in his time to that which Graham has had in the last generation. He commented on the phrase, “Praise the Lord with harp” (Psalm 33:2) by saying, “Men need all the help they can get to stir them up to praise. This is the lesson to be gathered from the use of musical instruments under the old dispensation. Israel was at school, and used childish things to help her to learn; but in these days, when Jesus gives us spiritual manhood, we can make melody without strings and pipes. We who do not believe these things to be expedient in worship, lest they should mar its simplicity.” On the phrase, “sing unto,” he continues: “this is the sweetest and best of music. No instrument like the human voice.” Continued on Page 5

## **SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY – ENJOY WHOLESOME CHRISTIAN RECREATION**

Summer months are soon upon us. Warmer weather will provide additional opportunities for recreation and entertainment. Many of you will be faced with choices raised by the question: “How does the Christian determine in which activities to engage?” Mental health authorities say that balanced living includes work, recreation, companionship, and religion. The Lord even recognized this truth when He instructed the Twelve to take time for leisure activities (Mark 6:31). The problem is not just finding something to do, but finding suitable recreation in which Christians may participate. Many varied activities are suitable. What guidelines should we follow when making a decision? Does it matter? Many things present themselves invitingly. You must make a decision about them according to your convictions, and Christians should base their convictions upon biblical teaching and principle.

### **Twelve Bible Principles**

The following Bible principles can successfully guide you in everyday living as a Christian. Ask and answer the following questions for yourself when determining your choice of recreation and entertainment.

*Will this activity violate my conscience? (Romans 14:22–23)* If you offend your conscience because you do something without faith, to you it is sin. Study your Bible to assure yourself that what you do is in accord with God's will. When in doubt, don't. However, ignorance is not bliss. An untrained conscience cannot hurt, but neither can it warn. The fact that you did not make a wise and reasoned choice will not prevent whatever harm may result (Proverbs 14:29b; 19:2).

*Will doing it cause others to fail or stumble in their faith? (1 Corinthians 10:23-33)* Though one having strong faith may participate in an activity without offending his own conscience, he must consider the conscience of another who does not have the same knowledge and faith. Do not risk leading a weaker or younger Christian away from Christ by your example.

*Can I glorify God in my body while doing it? (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)* Man's purpose on earth is to glorify God. Christians know that their bodies belong to Christ. We should never make use of our bodies in such a way as to defile it as a temple for God or encourage others to sin.

*Will it bring me under an evil influence? (1 Thessalonians 5:22)*

You must be constantly on guard so that you are not led into wrong practices by your friends. If you think you have strong enough faith to resist temptation, take heed, you can fall (I Corinthians 10:12). The Bible warns that evil companions corrupt good morals (I Corinthians 15:33).

*Will it conflict with my duty to God? (Matthew 6:33)* There are many things that are right of themselves that become wrong because they compete with our obligation to God and His kingdom. Jesus called these things “the cares of this life” (Luke 8:14). We become entangled in these otherwise wholesome activities and begin to crowd God and the church out of our lives. Put God and his kingdom first.

*If I do it, will it bring reproach on Christ or His Church? (I Peter 4:14-16)* Reproach may fall on us because we are Christians, but we must never bring reproach upon Christ because we behave hypocritically. We must be certain that the activity is consistent with our profession of Christ. Some activities are held at inappropriate locations, or in conjunction with immoral activities. Other activities are endorsed and upheld by obviously unwholesome and immoral sponsors.

*Will my efforts at self-control be strengthened or weakened? (I Corinthians 9:27)* Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit of God which dwells within Christians (Galatians 5:22–24). Self-control can be learned, and it needs to be practiced. Yet, there are some activities which work against self-control. Some activities bring us in contact with people and behavior that weaken our resolve to maintain our self-control (cf. Proverbs 7:10; Isaiah 56:12; I Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9).

*Is it a work of the flesh? (Galatians 5:19-21)* Some things are inherently wrong even though many folks find them enjoyable and acceptable (Hebrews 11:25). Drunkenness, fornication, gambling, dancing (revelry), and such like are works of the flesh. Other things become sinful because they are corrupted by being brought into association with works of the flesh. Take care that you are not blindsided by sin.

*Will it arouse the indecent? (Philippians 4:8)* Reading books and magazines or viewing television and movies, which create indecent desires is contrary to Christianity. Paul said, "Whatsoever things are pure ...think on these things".

*Will this weaken my influence as a Christian? (I Corinthians 10:33)* We want to get along with everyone and recognize that we cannot force our will on others. However, we cannot violate our own conscience and sin against Christ in order to please men. We may have to refuse and accept the consequences. In the long run, our associates will recognize we are serious about our faith.

*Is it legal and does it respect community standards? (Romans 12 and 13)* There are some things which may not be inherently evil, but they are nevertheless illegal or inappropriate. These laws and customs are there for the general safety and peace of the community. To disregard them is disrespectful and may endanger peoples lives and property. The Christian recognizes this and is compliant with law and custom.

*Does it violate my parent's wishes? (Ephesians 6:1-4)* There are young people who would still have their health, and others who are dead who would be alive today, had they listened to their parents whom they considered "square." Wisdom and experience should be respected when making any decision. A Christian will defer to such (Proverbs 1:5; 9:9). May God bless you in making these principles part of your life. Jeff Asher, Northside church of Christ, Carthage, Texas

## **History of Mechanical Instruments in Worship, Continued from page 3**

Spurgeon’s notes on Psalm 42 read, “David appears to have had a peculiarly tender remembrance of the singing of the pilgrims, and assuredly it is the most delightful part of worship and that which comes nearest to the adoration of heaven. What a degradation to supplant the intelligent song of the whole congregation by the theatrical prettiness of a quartet, the refined niceties of a choir, or the blowing off of wind from inanimate bellows and pipes! We might as well pray by machinery as praise by it.” This is not an isolated historical set of circumstances; he was a widely recognized scholar within the Baptist fellowship.

Men still living can remember the time when organs were seldom found out of the Church of England. The Methodists, Independents, and Baptists rarely had them, and by the Presbyterians they were stoutly opposed.<sup>5</sup> By the middle of the nineteenth century, the use of the instrument in worship gradually made inroads.

### **New Testament**

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,” Ephesians 5:19. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord,” Colossians 3:16.

What explanation can be offered for this almost universal change? Have new truths in God’s Word been uncovered? Or have men gradually adopted the use of mechanical instruments in worship because they want to use them, whether or not New Testament authority exists for such? Jesus warned against the blind leading the blind, Luke 6:39.

God’s Word should have the final say in all religious matters (Isaiah 8:20; 55:8; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; John 12:48; 2 Peter 1:3). Today, all men are living under the gospel (New Testament) and not under the law of Moses (John 1:17; Galatians 3:24-25; Colossians 2:14; Romans 1:16). Paul wrote, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ,” Colossians 2:14-17. To practice something in religion that is not commanded is to add to God’s Word, Revelation 22:18-19. We must not put opinions “above that which is written” (1 Corinthians 4:6), knowing that men can be wrong (1 John 4:1; 2 John 9; Galatians 1:6-9; Mark 7:7-9).

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear,” 1 Peter 3:15.

May this historical information provide you with a scriptural and knowledgeable answer to those who ask you the question, “Why do the churches of Christ not use instrumental music in their services?”

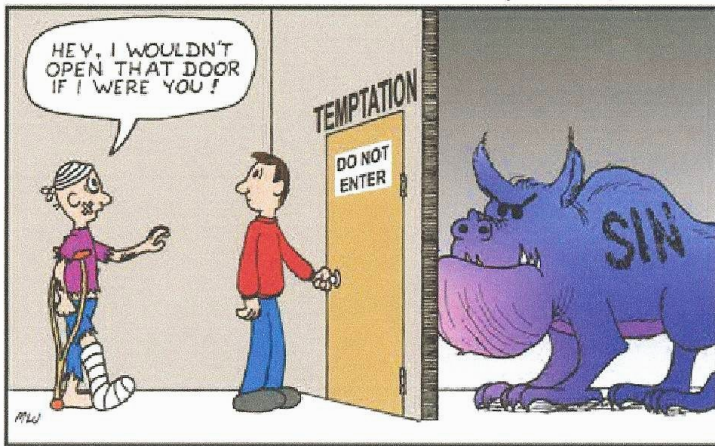
We must rely only on what instructions for worship we have under the New Testament covenant. Paul wrote, “And whatsoever ye do in word of deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him,” Colossians 3:17. To practice something in religion that is not commanded is to add to God’s Word, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you,” Deuteronomy 4:2 – “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it,” Deuteronomy 12:32; see Revelation 22:18-19. [Editor’s Note: “History of Instrumental Music,” tracts 1 and 2, can be ordered from <http://www.HouseToHouse.com>].

<sup>1</sup>Wikipedia; <sup>2</sup>Clarke’s Commentary, Vol. 4, page 684; <sup>3</sup>This 448-page book is still in print and available from such sellers as Barnes & Noble (online). Original publishers: New York: Sheldon and Company; Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1860; <sup>4</sup>John Gaines, sermon published in The Leonard Street Light, Pensacola, FL; <sup>5</sup> for more study: <http://www.piney.com/MuHistor.html>.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience [and perseverance] the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; ...” Hebrews 12:1-2a.

### DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. – GENESIS 4:6-7 MSG

1. **Assert Determination** – Bad friends may hamper your running, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners,” 1 Corinthians 15:33. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,” Ephesians 5:15
2. **Be Dedicated** – Run the race with patience, be disciplined. Paul ran his race, “but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: ...,” 1 Corinthians 9:27a. Discipline is major when striving for dedication.
3. **Grasp Direction** – The Hebrew writer exhorts that as we run be “looking unto Jesus,” keeping eyes fixed on His great example. Peter’s faith weakened when he attempted to walk on water to Jesus during the storm (Matthew 14). Direction must always be set vigilantly toward Jesus and God’s Word.

Remember the conflict between the Spirit and the flesh, Galatians 6:16-26.

## Dedicated To Mothers

May 10<sup>th</sup> is a special day set aside to honor Mothers! The Scriptures speak highly of Mothers. In Ephesians 6:2, we read, “Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.” Through the wisdom of Solomon, we read, “... hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother,” Proverbs 6:8.

The following speaks of a “loving” mother:

### The Meanest Mother

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other children ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you may guess, my supper was different from other children’s also. But at least I wasn’t alone in my suffering. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times ... you’d think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we’d be gone an hour that we be gone one hour or less ... not one hour and a minute. I am dearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once,

but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed?

Now you can begin to see how mean she really was! While the other girls were wearing miniskirts and smoking cigarettes we had to be little grandmas and were called old-

fashioned. Mother would not even let us go to the drive-in movies. How could she be so MEAN!

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced or beaten his mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. And whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You’re right ... our mean mother!

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### You Know You're a Mom When:

1. Your feet stick to the kitchen floor ...and you don't care.
2. Popsicles become a food staple.
3. Your favorite television show is a cartoon.
4. Peanut butter and jelly is eaten at least in one meal a day.
5. You're willing to kiss your child's boo-boo, regardless of where it is.
6. Spit is your number one cleaning agent.
7. You buy cereal with marshmallows in it.
8. The closest you get to gourmet cooking is making rice crispie bars.
9. When the kids are fighting, you threaten to lock them in a room together and not let them out until someone's bleeding.
9. You're so desperate for adult conversation that you spill your guts to the telemarketer that calls and HE hangs up on YOU!

Look what all we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, nor to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one things that other children did.

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us, and it nearly did.

She forced us to grow up into GOD-FEARING, EDUCATED, HONEST ADULTS. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me MEAN!

### Things My Mother taught me –

My mother taught me LOGIC

Like – “If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me.”

My mother taught me MEDICINE

Like – “If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way.”

My mother taught me ESP

Like – “Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?”

My mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE

Like – “Where's your brother and don't talk with food in your mouth. Now answer me.”

My mother taught me HUMOR

Like – “When that lawnmower cuts your toes, don't come running to me.”

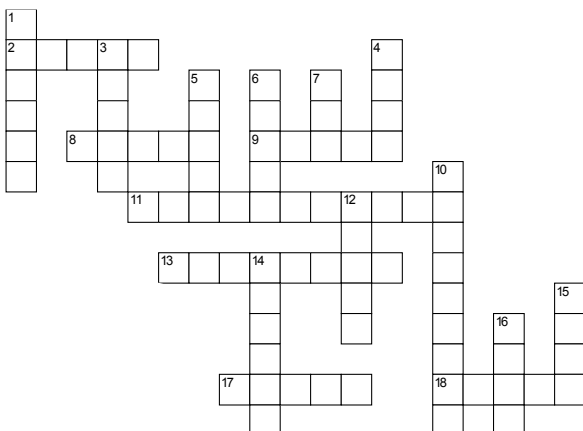
My Mother taught me CONSEQUENCES

Like – “You're grounded and this is what is best for you. You'll thank me one day.”

Written by Bobbie Pingaro (1967)

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.



**Down**

- 1 Place Christians will reside for eternity
- 3 In a parable, one of these had great price
- 4 New Testament book recording conversions of people to Christianity

- 5 Sold Jesus for the price of a slave
- 6 Denied Christ three times
- 7 Transgression of God's law
- 10 Word describing the woman brought to Jesus because she had been caught in the act of adultery
- 12 "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a \_\_\_ of life."
- 14 Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are accounts of the \_\_\_
- 15 Another name for Jerusalem
- 16 Woman's name of an Old Testament book

**Across**

- 2 Mary and Joseph fled to this land after Christ's birth
- 8 This, in unleavened form, is used in the Lord's Supper to represent Christ's body
- 9 Paul was a maker of these
- 11 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ on third day after His crucifixion.
- 13 Third of Revelation's seven churches
- 17 He was the King of Judea at the time of Christ's birth
- 18 Tempted Jesus

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

**The Judges**

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- OTHNIEL
- SAMSON
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- TOLA



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# Luke 17:3

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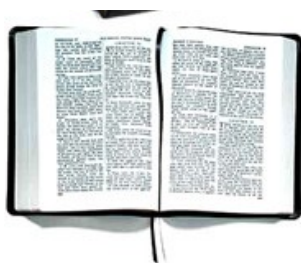
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## WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND . . . THAT BEING A GOOD PERSON IS SUFFICIENT FOR SALVATION?



Luke, the beloved physician, who wrote the third book of the gospel and the book of Acts, describes a certain man living in Caesarea as a “good” man. He calls him a “devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always...a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews...” (Acts 10:2; 22). The Dictionary defines “devout” as, “deeply devoted to divine worship or service; expressing devotion to piety, sincere or hearty.” And, “just” is defined as, “adhering to what is fair, honest, and moral; in accordance with correct principles; agreeable to truth or fact; given or awarded rightly.” Cornelius, this “good” man in Caesarea, was all this, but he lacked something, for an angel of the Lord appeared to him and told him to send for a man “who will tell you words by which you and all your household will

be saved” (Acts 11:14). Cornelius, then, was not a Christian, he was not saved. All his prayers, all his giving and helping the poor, all his good reputation among the nation of the Jews, his fearing God, and all his goodness, would not save him, there was something he had to do in order to be saved. The apostle Peter was summoned to the house of Cornelius and preached the gospel of Christ to him and all his household. The gospel is the “power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16), and Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; ...” (Mark 16:16). These were demonstrated here in the house of Cornelius, they heard the gospel, the gospel produced faith, and “faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of God” (Rom. 10:17), and their faith worked in their obedience to the gospel, and as Jesus had commanded (Matt. 28:19), Cornelius and all his house were baptized into Christ (Acts 10:48). There are many “good” people today, in our own family, among our friends, and throughout the world, but “goodness” alone will not save them. God’s Word still stands: Believe (John 3:18; 8:24); Repent (Acts 17:30); Confess (Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37); Baptism (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21). Goodness without being a Christian is not profitable to God; but goodness as a Christian is acceptable and pleasing to God. —Where In The Bible Will I Find..., I. D. Byars, Volume 1, p. 177.

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### Call Center of Samsung Electronics

Caller: “Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?”

Operator: “I’m sorry, sir, I don’t understand who you are talking about.”

Caller: “On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number of Jack?”

Operator: “I think it means the telephone plug on the wall.”

**Bible Quiz:** (1) Andrew, Jn. 1:41-42; (2) Satan, Matt. 4:7; (3) Betrayed Jesus, Matt. 26:14-16; (4) Water, Jn. 19:34; (5) Matthew, Matt. 10:3; (6) He washed his hands, Matt. 27:24; (7) Jesus, Lk. 22:19; (8) Jesus, Jn. 1:14; (9) By kissing him, Matt. 26:49; (10) The kingdom of Heaven, Matt. 16:19; (11) In a fish's mouth, Matt. 17:27.

**Double Puzzle:** rebuke; repent; heed; forgive; thee – “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him,” Luke 17:3

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