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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”



Newsletter #8

Spurs

Spurs are a tool most people associate with the cowboy. The spur fits or is strapped to the heel of a boot and extends back varying lengths. Some spurs are simple straight shanks (necks) ending in a point. Others have a rowel (wheel with points) at the end. Usage of spurs dates back to the Celts, Romans, and Arabs. Above all other uses, the predominant historical usage of the spur is as a prod to guide a rider's horse. Specifically designed for battle, the spur enabled the rider to busy his hands with weaponry while maneuvering his horse with his spurs and legs. Spurs have additionally been worn for looks or style, being a variety of metals, jeweled, or designed to jingle. Another usage is to indicate rank or class; in fact, the phrase “earned his spurs” looks back to a time when spurs were awarded those who were knighted. Spurs were even awarded by the Pope to those belonging to the militia group “The Order of the Golden Spur”.

Considering the predominant usage of the spur as a guide or prod, there are some helpful Biblical applications which can be made. The words exhort, beseech, provoke, and encourage are similar to the word spur and the Bible uses these terms quite often. The apostle Peter exhorted the people on the day of Pentecost toward salvation (**Acts 2:40**). The apostle Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to live in a way that would please God (**I Thessalonians 4:1**). The writer of Hebrews exhorted Christians to “*exhort one another daily*” so they would not be overcome in sin (**Hebrews 3:13**). Christians could be called the spur of God. They are to prod one another to love and good works (**Hebrews 10:24**) and not let up (**Hebrews 10:25**). Spurs guide man to take the proper steps down the right path.

It has been said that God must like cowboys because he made so many wide open spaces. Perhaps now, it can also be seen that God also appreciates good quality spurs.

To Do List:

A small list of tasks for you,
A little reminder of work to do,
Each month will add something new,
Check this list when you're through.

- Attend a gospel meeting.
- Ask a young person if they study the Bible.
- Read Philemon.
- Thank the preacher for his time and effort.
- Call your mother.
- Leave a hand written Bible Verse to encourage someone.

Can Someone Tell Me?

I have been dating a man who is really nice and very handsome. How long should we date before it is acceptable to get closer and enjoy petting and kissing? I am sure we will eventually get married, should I wait until then?

James 1:14-15 - but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death.

1 Corinthians 7:4 - The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body, but the wife.

Two Psalms the Same, but Different.

The first four verses of two psalms are the same.

The first of these psalms has one more verse than the second.

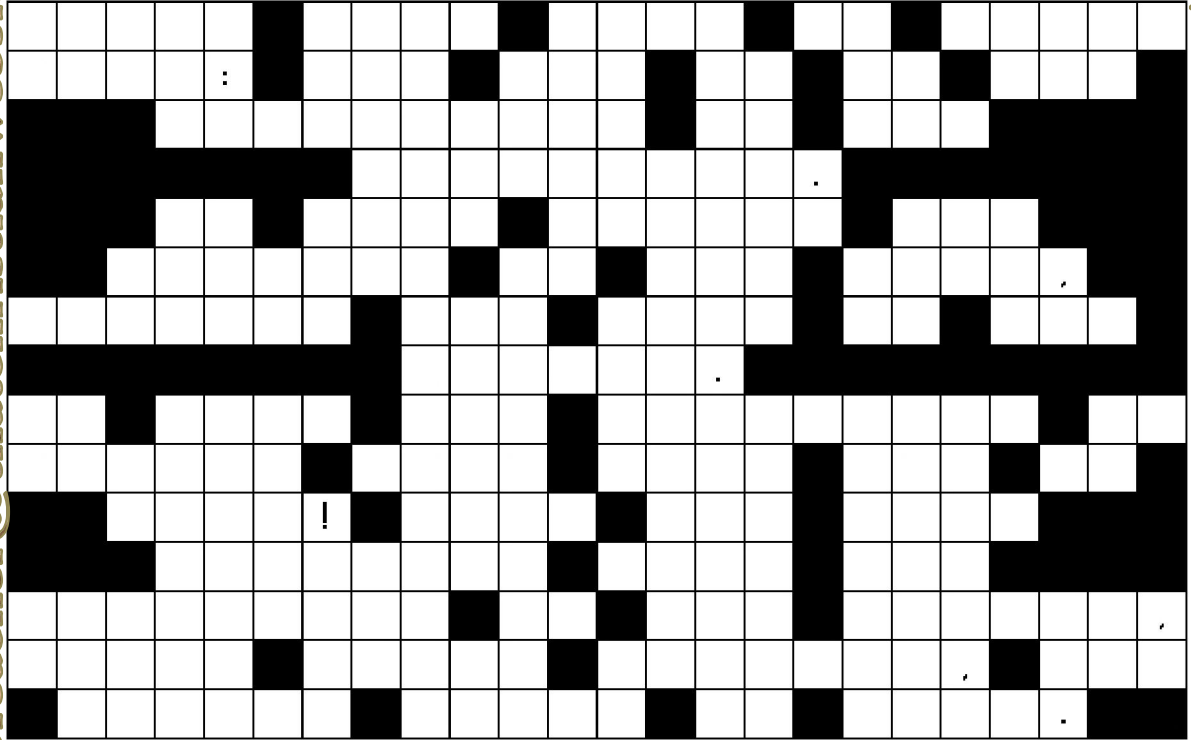
Fill in the last three verses of the first psalm in the puzzle below.

What are the two psalms?

Psalms are from the KJV translation of the Bible. Answers posted online in May.

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First Psalm - _____ Second Psalm - _____

For What Does the Bible Say We are Responsible?

Responsible for Our Own Salvation
Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Responsible for Knowing the Scriptures
2Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Responsible for a Heart Inclined to Jesus
Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

Responsible for an Active Faith
James 2:17 - Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Responsible for Asking God for Help.
Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Responsible for Spotting Danger!
Act 20:31 - Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Responsible for the Souls of Men
Mark 16:15 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

Responsible for the Well Being of Mankind
Galatians 6:10 - As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Responsible for a Child's Growth in the Lord
Ephesians 6:4 - And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

EMBRACE RESPONSIBILITY!