

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:11-12

For he will **command** his **angels concerning** you to **guard you** in **all** your **ways**; they **will lift** you up in **their hands**, so **that** you will **not strike** your **foot against a stone**.

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Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

J H S T S N I A G A
 T H A T O N X T N S
 V D I D R H Y F I L
 Y W N R W I N I N E
 R O H A R A K L R G
 I H U U M **F Y E E N**
 E A F G A M O S C A
 H N O D L X O R N I
 T D O L L I W C O D
 O S T S T O N E C A

Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded"? Paul, John the Baptist, Ahab, Job

4. From Proverbs 31, which king was taught sayings by his mother? Lemuel, Neco, Ben-Hadad, Jehu

5. In Genesis 27, who said, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son"? Adam, Isaac, Seth, Moses

6. Who was the father of Gideon? Job, Jeremiah, Josiah, Joash

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"Test Your Bible knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

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And those who grow in His grace and are filled with His mercy have much to live for and share with others. Imagine the satisfaction of having lived a life that honors God's Word, lives God's gospel and expresses His love. Can there be anything more important for the Christian than becoming stronger in our faith, clearer in our convictions, warmer in our love, purer in our thoughts and kinder in our words and deeds as we grow older and more mature in Christ?

We live in a broken world. Everywhere we look, we see people who have been betrayed by those whom they dearly loved and trusted. We see people writhing in pain and anguish as they search for someone to offer them hope and encouragement. We dare not let them down.

What a wonderful opportunity God has given us.

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Watching children grow into adulthood can be a marvelous experience. From crawling to walking, from uttering sounds that make no sense to carrying on an intelligent conversation is almost breathtaking. Growth is a gift of God and can bring blessings and happiness - especially when we grow into the likeness of Christ and share His grace with those around us.

The Amplified Bible provides a rich translation of Psalm 92:14. "Growing in grace," writes the Psalmist, "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of spiritual vitality and rich in expressing trust, love and contentment."

Growth, for the Christian, is a lifelong journey.



by Dawn Reed
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Because of my obsession with Noah, our Wednesday Nite Kidz are doing a six-week series on the ark. The more I read this familiar, this very KNOWN story, the more it blows my mind.

This week, our focus was on the animals. The kids loved it. For them, it was about giraffes, zebras, elephants, etc.; two of each, of course. For me, there was a different lesson.

God had called Noah to build the ark. He gave him exact instructions on how it should be done. And Noah followed them to the letter. His life and the lives of his family depended on it.

Noah knew what his first job was: build the boat. And so he did. Day in, day out.

Noah's second job was to store

Letting God Do His Job

food for the journey. And so he and his family did. The amounts would have been clearly communicated by the Lord since they would be on the ark for over a year-plus the food for the animals. (A trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY, can put this in perspective.)

Noah also knew what his job was not. He did not need to gather animals. That would be God's job. The Lord knew he had his hands full already, building and storing. So Noah did his job and God did His.

Genesis 7:1-24 tells much of this incredible true story. Verses nine and fifteen both record that the animals "came to Noah and entered the ark". Can you picture the line?! A male and a female of each species CAME TO THE ARK. (There were more of the "clean" animals.) Imagine the time Noah could have spent away from the ark if he had been distracted by animal gathering. His building would have suffered. Had he not stayed on task, it would have meant sure ruin for him and those he loved.

Noah did his job and God did His. That may not be impactful to you, but it was definitely an "Ah ha!" moment for me.

How many times have I tried to do my job and then help God

do His job, too? I want to do my work and then help Him run the universe and work out His plan. I need to let Him be God and me NOT be God.

I am reminded of the faith Noah had. In the middle of nowhere, so far from water, he was building a vehicle of salvation. Did he ever doubt? What did his wife or sons say? In the middle of ark work, did they suggest to begin gathering animals? Did he tell them to wait?

In ministry and in the Christian life, it is important to know what is and isn't our job. Noah's job was to build and store up food, but not to gather animals.

My job is to serve at my church, but not to be the pastor.

My job is to plant the seeds of the gospel, but not to be the Holy Spirit.

My job is to wait on God's timing, but not to rush ahead.

My job is to trust Him, but not to be afraid.

Noah finished all of his work. Taking off his tool belt, he laid down his hammer. Just when the story couldn't get any more interesting...two giraffes appeared on the horizon, and two zebras and two elephants...(It gives me chills!)

God definitely knows what He is doing!

Is our life making a difference within the lives of others?

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Written in **Philippians 1:26-26**, we find this information. Paul writes, saying, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. ²³For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: ²⁴Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. ²⁵And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; ²⁶That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again."

Here in this passage of Scripture is imposed a question for every Christian, "to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Verse 24

During the Mid-70's, I sat in a series of Bible lessons to try to tell brethren, "How can I make my life more effective for Christ?" I still remember many points of those sermons. But, when I consider for myself and over fifty years of attempted teachings, preachings, and struggling to get the right example of Christian virtues, I ask myself, "Has your life made any difference within the lives of others?"

"My prayers is that, 'yes, I have,'" and how can I know this? By the lives of those who obeyed the Gospel and were baptized for the remission of their sins and are presently still living faithful to the confession of their faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Saviour of mankind. Acts 4:12 says so.

Paul in **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**, said to the Corinthian church, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: ³Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

So, Paul says that those of Corinth that were still obedient Christians were his continual witnesses to his work. Then, he went further to say in **2 Corinthians 4:5-7**, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

Sadly, I sat in a funeral service one day and heard a man say more than once, "I can't wait to die." I pondered this for some time; this man claimed to be a preacher. But how sad it still is, that this man did not believe the plan God gave to save men; still, he said, "I can't wait to die." Let me repeat this: no man should pray to die; and especially if he is a preacher. Paul knew the danger that he was facing, but he persisted in the work of preaching the Gospel that others might hear it and obey it.

Many elderly preachers preach some of their best sermons within the sunset years of their life. In **James 5:20**, it is written, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Also, in **Proverbs 11:30**, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

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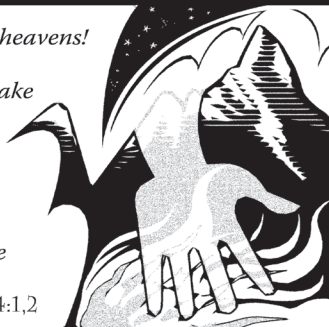
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But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ISAIAH 64:6



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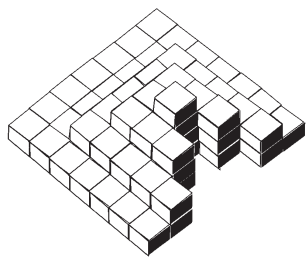
Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! — ISAIAH 64:1,2



Stickler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic] by Terry Sticklers

How many cubes are in the stack below? Assume that all rows and columns continue unless you actually can see them end.



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"First, Miss Hubble, you must learn to

_____."

Scrambler's Answer on Page 12

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Departed
EXDIET _____
 Novelty
FILTER _____
 Paltry
AMERGE _____
 Gear
CHATTER _____

TODAY'S WORD
