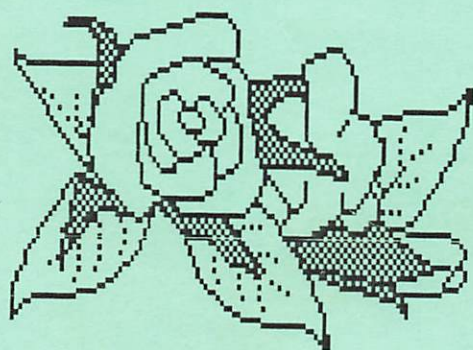


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Introduction

Welcome to this Ladies' Class study, "**Heart Adornment For Godly Women.**" This is a study designed to stimulate your thinking toward God's word and the characteristics needed in your life to please Him.

The expository Scriptures are taken from my **Self-Teaching New Testament**, published by Quality Publications, Abilene, Texas. You will notice that these verses have many references, and in your preparation for your class, you are encouraged to read and study these.

The illustrations and quotes from famous authors are included to help you think deeper into the subjects. Appreciation is expressed to all these writers.

The crossword puzzles are designed to help you spend more time in your Bible. The majority of the answers can be found in the **King James Version (KJV)**, and the others are indicated (**NKJV**) when found in the **New King James Version**. As you search for the words to the puzzle, please take a few moments and study the context. In class, when the puzzles are graded, the teacher should ask each student to not only give the answer, but be prepared to make a comment on each answer.

It will always be my sincere prayer that this study will be a special blessing to your life. Remember, God always blesses those who love Him, and who study and live by His word.

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As A Friend

Lesson 1

Memory Verse: A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (**Prov. 18:24**).

Expository Verses

John 15:13 Greater love [Greek *agape*] has no man than this, [Rom. 5:7,8] than to lay down his life [He chose to die for the lost, John 10:11, 15, 17] for his friends [our Lord passed the ultimate test of love at the cross].

- A. How much do we love Jesus?
- B. Name some ways you can sacrifice as a Godly woman
- C. How does your love for friends compare to Jesus?

Example: A little brother agreed (after hesitation) to give his dying brother a kidney. While waiting in operating room, he asked, "How long will it be now before I die?"

Luke 15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'

- A. Review this parable (**Lk. 15:3-7**)
- B. Why do we wish to share good news with friends?
- C. Do we share Jesus with unsaved friends?
- D. What is the greatest gift one can give a friend?
- E. How can we rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (**Rom. 12:15**)?

Example: We want to share good things that happen to us with close friends. Also, want the same friends to know when we are in pain. Why? Because of love and the close bond of friendship.

Quoting: "A friend is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away!" —Knight.

A. Discuss the meaning of this quote

John 15:14 **You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you** [the test of friendship with Jesus is to obey Him].

- A. We sing, "I'll be a friend to Jesus?"
- B. Do we show friendship by obeying Him daily?
- C. Discuss friendship of Judas Iscariot (**Mt. 26:49,50**)
- D. What is the difference between Jesus being our friend, and us being a friend to Him?

John 15:15 **No longer do I call you servants;** [as He had previously done before they were fully instructed] **for the servant does not know what his lord [master] is doing;** [Jesus has told them of His plans of death, etc.] **but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard of My Father I have made known** [explained] **to you** [they had been taken into His confidence as friends].

- A. Why does sharing, bond friendships?
- B. Name some ways that you can share with Jesus

Quoting: But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life; and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine.

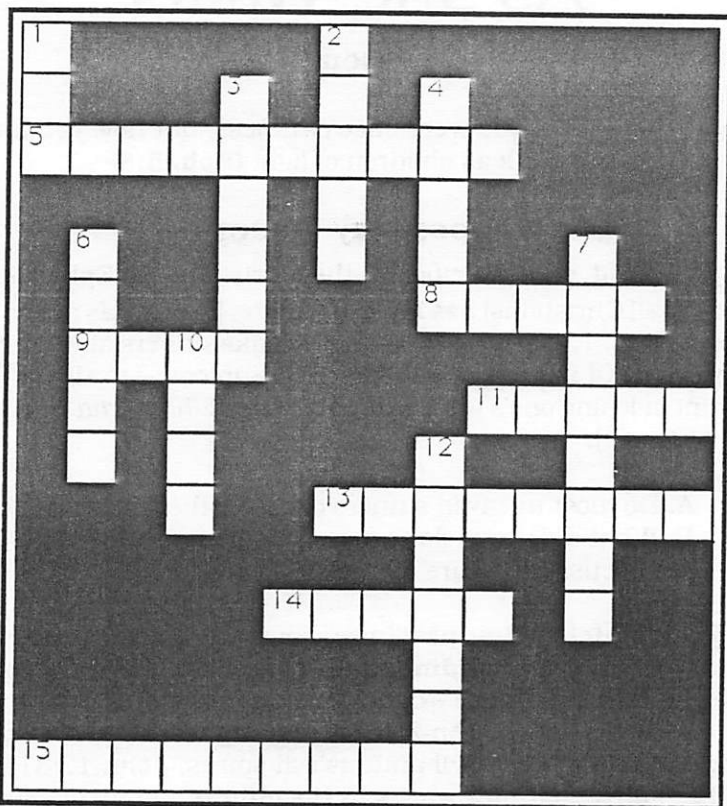
— Thomas Jefferson

James 2:23 **And the Scripture** [Gen. 15:6] **was fulfilled** [fully completed] **which says,** "Abraham believed God, [to the point of making an effort to offer his son, Gen. 22:1-19] **and it was imputed to him** [reckoned or accounted] **for righteousness,**" [right-doing, 1 John 3:7, 10] **and he was called the Friend of God** [God's friend, 2 Chronicles 20:7;—when we obey the Lord's commandments, we are friends of Jesus, John 15:14].

- A. Was this title honorable to Abraham?
- B. How was Enoch God's friend (**Gen. 5:22**)
- C. Is making friends a sound investment today?

Quoting: The happiest business in all the world is that of making friend — And no investment on the street pays larger dividends, For life is more than stocks and bonds, and love than rate percent, And he who gives in friendship's name shall reap what he has spent.

As A Friend Puzzle One



ACROSS

- 5 A friend to one getting married (John 3:29)
 8 Something sent to elders and friends (1 Sam. 30:26)
 9 Those who have many friends (Prov. 14:20)
 11 To whom said, "Friend, why do you come?" (Mt. 26:47,50)
 13 Something spoken to friends (Job 17:5)
 14 A man who told something to wife and friends (Esther 6:13)
 15 Another name for tax collector (Lk. 7:34)

DOWN

- 1 A man with three friends (Job 2:11)
 2 A friend to Pilate (Lk. 23:12)
 3 That which makes many friends (Prov. 19:4)
 4 A Characteristic of a friend (Prov. 17:17)
 6 Something done with friends (Lk. 15:29)
 7 A characteristic of being brotherly (2 Pet. 1:7)
 10 An item that caused rejoicing with friends (Lk. 15:8,9 NKJV)
 12 A special friend to Jesus (John 11:11)

As She Walks

Lesson 2

Memory Verse: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, Walk as children of light (**Eph. 5:8**)

Expository Verses

Eph. 2:1 **And you** [specifically the Christians at Ephesus, but applies to all Christians] **has He made alive**, [Jesus was raised from the dead, Eph. 1:20;—now He is able to make sinners alive from sin] **who were dead in trespasses** [Greek: *paraptoma*—to slip or fall to the point of losing one's way] **and sins**, [Greek: *hamartia*—to miss a mark or target].

- A. Do most unsaved sinners consider themselves dead?
- B. What did Jesus do to assure us life?
- C. Discuss the figure of missing God's target

Eph. 2:2 **in which in time past** [now shows how they trespassed and sinned] **you walked according to the course of this world**, [of that which gives fleshly council—opposite to the council of God, Ps. 1:1; Rom. 12:2; Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15] **according to the prince of the power of the air**, [the devil and his evil spirits, John 12:31; Eph. 6:12] **the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience**, [Col. 1:21; 3:6].

- A. Christians must be careful where they walk
- B. Must follow in Jesus' steps (**1 Pet. 2:21**)
- C. Name some ways to follow Jesus' steps
- D. When in His steps, we avoid dangers

Example: There is a story told of a man who was once walking through a dangerous swamp in the night time and was startled to find that his little boy had followed him. Turning about, he said, "My son, don't you know that a mis-step anywhere here might cost you your life?" To which the little fellow replied, "Father, I am stepping right in your foot-prints, then I know I will be all right."

- A. How import is example to our children?
- B. Discuss: "training and admonition" (**Eph. 6:4**)

Eph. 4:1 **I therefore, the prisoner of [for] the Lord**, [Paul was in prison because he was a servant of the Lord, Eph. 3:1; Philemon 1,9] **beseech** [urge or entreat] **you that you walk worthy** [following Jesus is a daily walk with Him in light, 1 Thes. 2:12; 1 John 1:7; cf. Mt. 5:14,16] **of the vocation** [calling] **with which you were called**, [all Christians are called by the gospel to walk a new life in Christ Jesus, 1 Thes. 2:12; 2 Thes. 2:14; cf. Rom. 6:4; 1 Pet. 2:9].

- A. How is one called by the gospel?
- B. Saint: "Holy ones set apart for God"
- C. How should saints walk?
- D. Consider: "newness of life," "new creation" (**Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17**)

Eph. 4:2 **with all lowliness** [humility, Acts 20:19;—Jesus taught humility when He washed the disciples feet, John 13:5-9; cf. 1 Pet. 5:5; Phil. 2:3] **and meekness**, [gentleness] **with longsuffering**, [patience] **forbearing to** [bearing with] **one another in love**, [Greek: *agape*—this is the way love will act, 1 Cor. 13:4].

- A. Instead of defining love, Paul showed what it will do
- B. When we mistreat someone, is love absent?
- C. When there is haughtiness, rudeness, and impatience, is love absent?

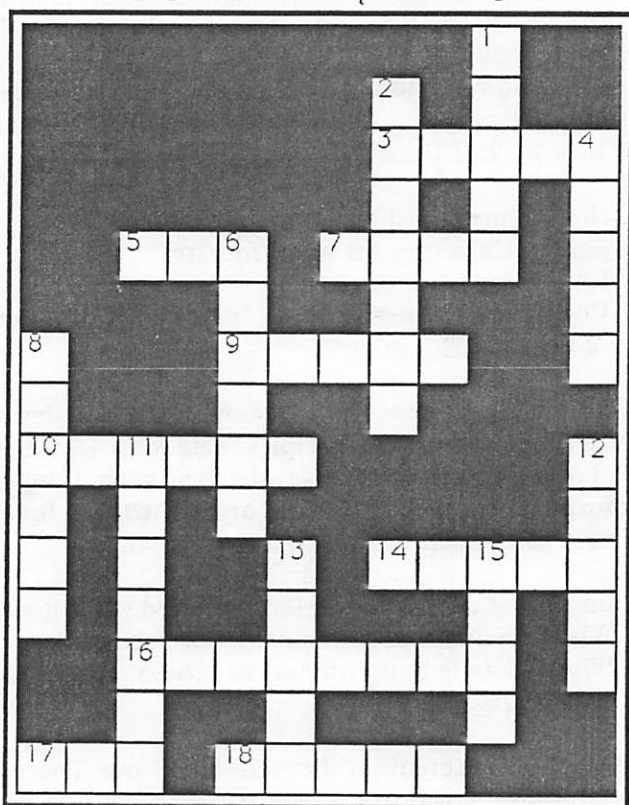
Quoting: Everything in creation obeys the law of love. There is no tree that bears fruit for its own use; the sun does not shine for itself. It is only man and the devil who in everything seeks their own. — Anders Nygren.

- A. What is meant by walking in love? (**Eph. 5:1,2**)
- B. Why mention "as dear children" in (**vs. 1**)?

Eph. 5:8 **For you were sometimes** [formerly] **darkness**, [the devil and the power of darkness, Col. 1:13] **but now you are light in the Lord** [they had been called out of darkness into His marvelous light, cf. 1 Pet. 2:9]. **Walk as children of light:** [Christ is the light of the world, John 8:12; to turn again to darkness would mean that they would leave Christ, the way to the Father, John 14:6; cf. Eph. 5:15,16].

- A. What does it mean to let your light shine? (**Mt. 5:16**)
- B. How do Christians walk in light? (**1 John 1:7**)

As She Walks Puzzle Two



ACROSS

- 3 Where one should walk (Isa. 2:3)
 5 A word associated with liberty (Jas. 1:25)
 7 What the prophets of Jerusalem walked in (Jer. 23:14)
 9 A walk that illuminates (1 Jo. 1:7)
 10 A lower place to walk (Ps. 23:4)
 14 Where to walk to stumble (John 11:10)
 16 Those who walk in God's special road (Isa. 35:9)
 17 Associated with goodness (Prov. 2:20)
 18 How the worthy will walk with Jesus (Rev. 3:4)

DOWN

- 1 A cause of darkness (1 John 2:11)
 2 A position of walking (Ps. 84:11)
 4 The way to walk close to Jesus (Rom. 4:12)
 6 Enoch's relationship to God (Gen. 5:22)
 8 The aim of the devil as he walks about (1 Pet. 5:8)
 11 A walk of freedom (Ps. 119:45)
 12 An unusual place to walk (Mt. 14:29)
 13 Where Christians should not walk (Rom. 8:1)
 15 Something that one should not walk after (Jer. 7:6)

As A Worker

Lesson 3

Memory Verse: Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going (**Eccl. 9:10**)

Expository Verses

Mark 14:3 **And being in Bethany** [a city two miles southeast of Jerusalem—six days before the Passover, John 12:1] **at the house of Simon** [along with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, John 12:1,2] **the leper**, [probably had been healed of his leprosy by Jesus, but continued to be identified as Simon the leper] **as He sat at meat**, [the table] **there came a woman** [Mary, John 11:2; 12:3;—Martha, as usual, was serving, John 12:2] **having an alabaster box** [vase or jar—a pound, about a pint, John 12:3] **of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on His head** [also His feet, and dried them with her hair, John 12:3].

- A. It's a beautiful thing to show love for Jesus
- B. How do we show that we love Him today?
- C. There is none greater than Jesus

Quoting: I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life—the life of Christ. —Phillips Brooks

Mark 14:4 **And there were some** [His disciples, Mt. 26:8] **who had indignation** [specifically Judas who would betray Him, John 12:4] **within themselves, and said, "Why was the ointment thus wasted? [why this waste?]."**

Mark 14:5 **For it** [the ointment] **might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii**, [considered one year's wages, John 12:5] **and given to the poor"** [Judas had no concern for the poor, he was a thief, had the money bag, and had used it for himself, John 12:6; 13:29]. **And they murmured against her.**

- A. Do many today still criticize good works?
- B. Discuss the best ways to deal with critics

Quoting: Remember that nobody will ever get ahead of you as long as he is kicking you in the seat of the pants.— W. Winchell

Mark 14:6 And Jesus said, [He knew what they were saying] “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a good work on Me.

- A. Name some good works today for Jesus
- B. Are most Christians like Mary or these complainers?
- C. After good works are studied, they must be “done”

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, [defends His healing a man and doing good works on the Sabbath] “My Father has been working until now, and I too am working” [the work that Jesus did represented the work of His Father].

- A. How long should Christians work? (1 Cor. 15:58)
- B. What is meant by “work out your own salvation?” (Phil. 2:12)
- C. Is work for Jesus drudgery or pleasure?

Example: There is a story of a small boy who was seen going along the road with his shoulders bent under the weight of a younger child. Somebody commiserated with him, and the small boy replied, “He’s not a heavy load; he’s my little brother.” —Willie W. White

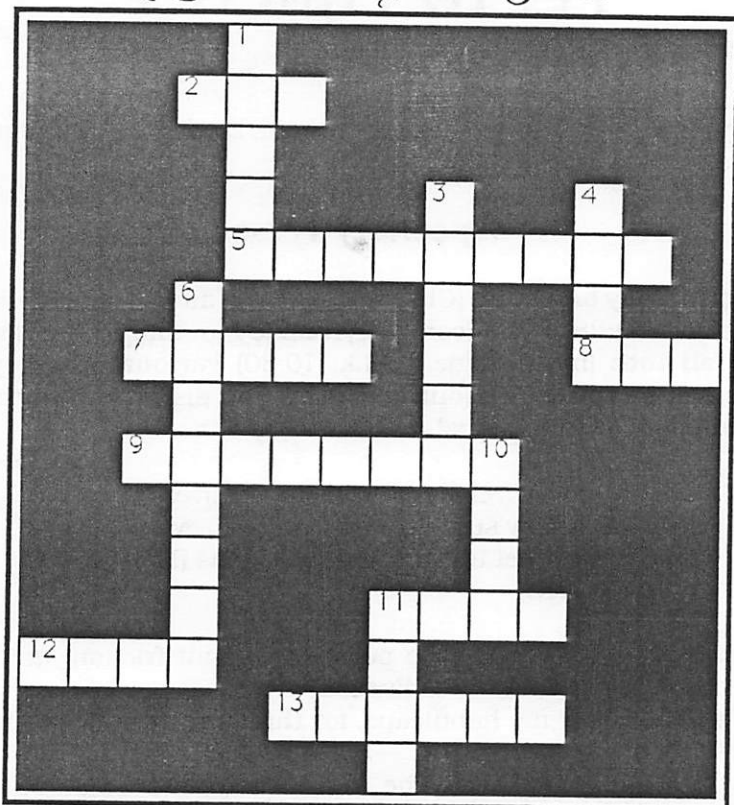
Titus 3:1 Remind them [those who are at Crete, Titus 1:5] to be subject to principalities [rulers, Rom. 13:1] and powers, [authorities] to obey magistrates, [governments, cf. 1 Pet. 2:13] to be ready for every good work, [fruitful in every work, Col. 1:10; complete in every good work, Heb. 13:21].

- A. How does one prepare for every good work?
- B. In what ways can Jesus use us?

A CHRISTIAN IS:

- A MIND through which Christ thinks,
- A HEART through which Christ loves,
- A VOICE through which Christ speaks,
- A HAND through which Christ helps.

As She Works Puzzle Three

**DOWN**

- 1 Instruments for work (1 Thes. 4:11)
- 3 The one who joined Jesus in work (John 5:17)
- 4 The result of all things working together (Rom. 8:28)
- 6 What seeks a perfect work (Jas. 1:4)
- 10 How one responds to the work (Jas. 1:25)
- 11 Something to do during the day (John 9:4)

ACROSS

- 2 A bonus from working (2 Thes. 3:10)
- 5 Should work for this with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12)
- 7 A special kind of work (2 Thes. 1:11)
- 8 A time to finish work (John 9:4)
- 9 A place of work (Mt. 21:28)
- 11 Something associated with good work (2 Thes. 2:17)
- 12 What will reveal one's work (1 Cor. 3:13)
- 13 One who was associated with work (Phil. 2:30)

As To Patience

Lesson 4

Memory Verse: I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry (**Ps. 40:1**).

Expository Verses

James 1:2 **My brethren**, [Christian brothers and sisters regardless of race, Gal. 3:28] **count** [consider] **it all joy** [nothing but joy] **when you fall into** [meet suddenly, Lk. 10:30] **various** [many types; manifold] **temptations**, [outward trials and distresses which can lead to inward temptations].

- A. How do we feel about trials in our lives?
- B. Do we allow such to tempt us to do evil?
- C. Can we meet temptations like Jesus (**Mt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15**)

Quoting: The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. —Chinese Proverb

I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work and my God. —Helen Keller

As threshing separates the wheat from the chaff, so does affliction purify virtue. —Richard E. Burton

James 1:3 **knowing this, that the trying** [testing or proving] **of your faith** [conviction or belief in God] **works** [produces] **patience** [endurance or perseverance, Rom. 5:3-5].

- A. Are we running with endurance? (**Heb. 12:1**)
- B. What are the weights that must be laid aside?
- C. Timothy was asked to pursue patience (**1 Tim. 6:11**)
- D. How patient are we with others who try us?

James 1:4 **But let patience** [steadfast endurance or perseverance, 1 Cor. 15:58] **have its perfect work**, [full effect or results] **that you may be perfect and complete**, [mature] **lacking nothing** [2 Tim. 3:16,17].

- A. Can we with patience suffer long?

B. Does prayer help us persevere? (**Rom. 12:12**)

C. In the Christian graces, why did Peter say, "to self-control perseverance?" (**2 Pet. 1:6**)

D. Are most Christians complete or mature?

James 5:11 Behold, [look or take notice] **we count them** [the prophets and others] **happy** [blessed] **who endure** [persecutions, Mt. 5:11,12]. **You have heard of the patience** [endurance] **of Job** [he suffered every aspect of human suffering, but remained steadfast, Job 1:21; 2:10; 13:15] **and have seen the end** [outcome] **of the Lord** [His dealings—after Job was tried, God gave him more than before his trials, Job 42:12] **that the Lord is very compassionate, and [full] of tender mercy** [He is full of compassion and merciful, Mt. 5:7].

A. In regard to patience, how do you compare to Job?

B. How do you develop patience?

C. Lack of patience can be harmful

Example: The fable is told of a man who wanted the beans in his garden to grow faster than his neighbor's. Therefore, each day he stretched the leaves. To his surprise, all of his beans died!

1 Thes. 5:14 Now we exhort [encourage] you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, [insubordinate or idle, 2 Thes. 3:6,7,11] comfort the fainthearted, [those who are timid and discouraged, cf. Heb. 12:12] help [uphold] the weak, be patient toward [with] all men [everybody, Gal. 5:22,23].

A. With whom is it easiest to be patient?

B. With whom is it hardest to be patient?

C. Are we made stronger by developing patience?

D. Those with faith and patience will inherit the promises (**Heb. 6:12**)

Quoting: Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amid joy. —Felicia Hemans

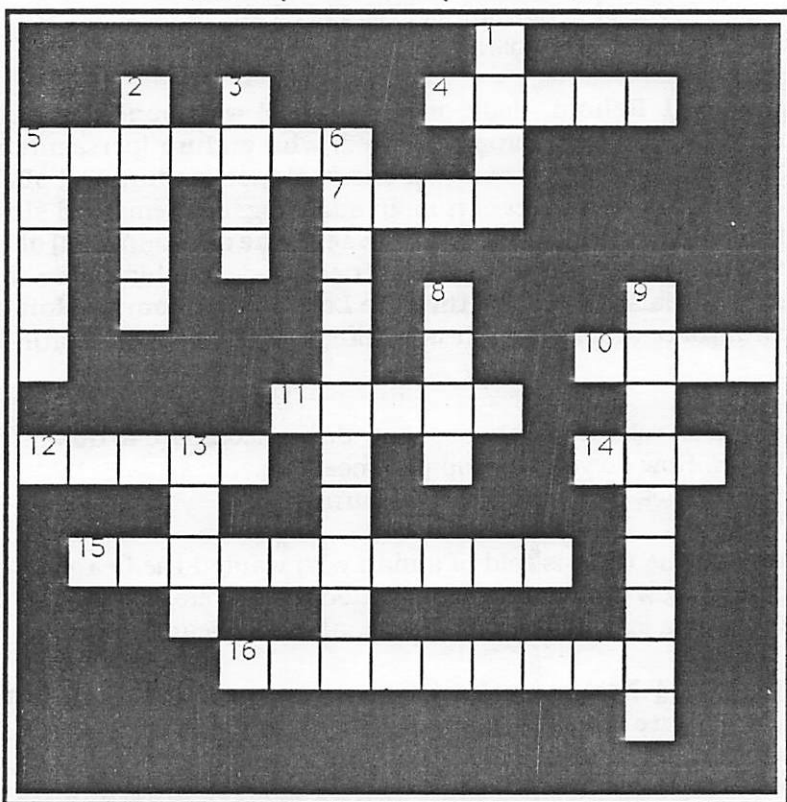
The two powers which in my opinion constitute a wise man are those of bearing and forbearing. —Epictetus

A. Consider (**Rom. 2:6,7**)

B. Can we gain eternal life without patient continuance?

C. To what point did Jesus continue faithfully? (**Phil. 2:8**)

As To Patience Puzzle Four



ACROSS

- 4 The right kind of faith (Titus 2:2)
 5 One who asked for patience (Mt. 18:26)
 7 Something to run with patience (Heb. 12:1)
 10 One waited patiently on (Ps. 40:1)
 11 A word associated with joy (1 Thes. 2:20)
 12 "Strengthened with all-" (Col. 1:11)
 14 The ones with whom to be patient (1 Thes. 5:14)
 15 What patience brings (KJV) (Rom. 5:4)
 16 How Paul identified himself (2 Cor. 6:4)

DOWN

- 1 What to pursue following faith (1 Tim. 6:11)
 2 Something born with patience (Lk. 8:15)
 3 What those with hope eagerly do (Rom. 8:25)
 5 What to possess with patience (Lk. 21:19)
 6 What Paul gloried in (Rom. 5:3)
 8 Something perfect sought by patience (Jas. 1:4)
 9 Something added to patience (2 Pet. 1:6)
 13 What patience and Scriptures bring (Rom. 15:4)

As A Neighbor

Lesson 5

Memory Verse: For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (**Gal. 5:14**).

Expository Verses

Luke 10:36 Now which of these three, [priest, Levite, Samaritan] do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" [the answer should be obvious to him].

Luke 10:37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him" [he answered correctly, but refused to say, 'the Samaritan']. Then Jesus said to him, "You go and do likewise" [when truth for Jesus is learned, it must be obeyed to be pleasing to Him].

- A. Review parable of the Good Samaritan (**Lk. 10:25-37**)
- B. Which character would you consider yourself?

Quoting: In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich. —H.W. Beecher

Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good actions; try to use ordinary situations. —Richter

Rom. 13:10 Love [Greek: *agape*] works [does] no ill to a neighbor; [love applies what is often called the golden rule, Mt. 7:12; Lk. 6:31] therefore love [Greek: *agape*] is the fulfillment of the law [all the commandments mentioned in vs. 9, when broken, are against another person—therefore love will motivate one to avoid such harm to others—love is the fulfilling of the law in respecting one's neighbor].

- A. Discuss how the sins forbidden in (**Rom. 13:9**) can harm one's neighbor
- B. Last part of (**vs. 9**) and if there is any other commandment, [summed up, cf. Ex. 20:13-17; Deut. 5:17-21] it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, "You shall love [Greek: *agapao*, Col. 3:14] your neighbor as yourself" [Mt. 22:37-40; Jas. 2:8].

- C. Is it possible to love our neighbor this way?
- D. Give some examples of how this can be done.

Illustration: The great violinist, Paganini, willed his marvelous violin to the city of Genoa, on condition that it must never be played upon.

Wood, while used and handled, wears but slightly. Discarded, it begins to decay. The lovely-toned violin has become worm-eaten and useless except as a relic. It is only a reminder that a life withdrawn from service to others becomes quite useless. —Church Newsletter

- A. How does this illustration apply to Christians?
- B. What is meant by: "We lose what we don't use?"

Rom. 15:2 Let every one of us please his neighbor [seek what is best for others even when we must deny ourselves as did Jesus, Phil. 2:4,5] for his good to his edification [cf. 1 Thes. 5:14; 1 Cor. 9:19].

- A. How does following Jesus make us please neighbor?
- B. What does James say is the royal law? (**Jas. 2:8**)
- C. Discuss some ways to edify a neighbor

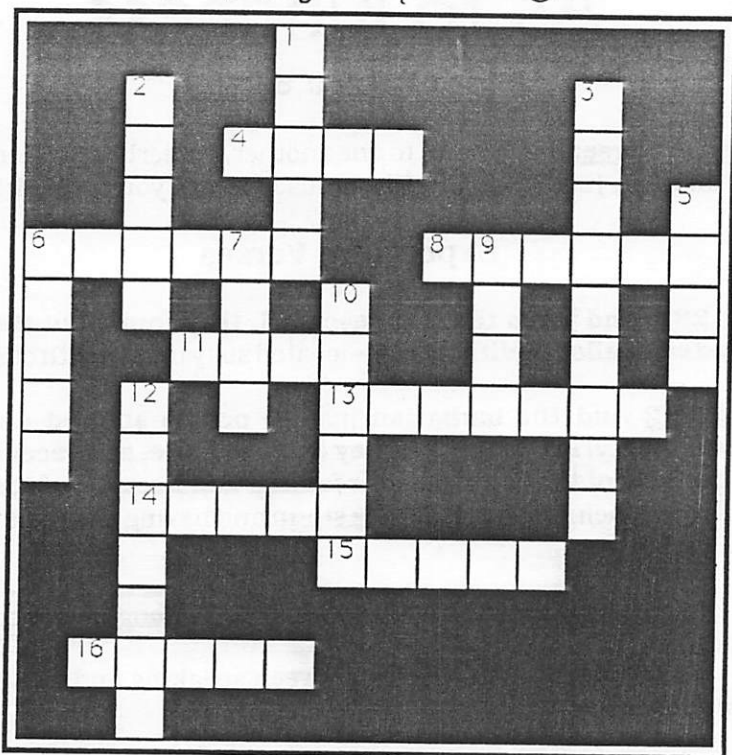
Quoting: Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors. —Rudyard Kipling

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much. —Erick Fromm

- A. To what extent are we our neighbor's keeper?
- B. Is a neighbor limited to next door?
- C. Observe the following rules to be good neighbors?

Rom. 13:9 For this, [he illustrates] "**You shall not commit adultery,**" [unlawful sexual intercourse with the spouse of another, Heb. 13:4; Ex. 20:14] "**You shall not kill,**" [murder—the taking of a human life motivated by malice and hatred] "**You shall not steal,**" [taking that which belongs to another without their consent] "**You shall not bear false witness,**" [giving testimony contrary to truth] "**You shall not covet;**" [to lust after in an evil way money or other material things] and if there is any other commandment, [summed up, cf. Ex. 20:13-17; Deut. 5:17-21] it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, "**You shall love** [Greek: *agapao*, Col. 3:14] **your neighbor as yourself**" [Mt. 22:37-40; Jas. 2:8].

As A Neighbor Puzzle Five



ACROSS

- 4 Something belonging to a neighbor (Job 31:9)
 6 What Job's friends did to him (Job 12:4)
 8 A good goal toward a neighbor (Rom. 15:2)
 11 Off limits—belonging to a neighbor (Prov. 6:29)
 13 Something proclaimed to a neighbor (Jer. 34:15)
 14 An evil witness (Ex. 20:16)
 15 Something evil given to neighbor (Habakkuk 2:15)
 16 Can do this in righteousness to neighbor (Lev. 19:15)

DOWN

- 1 Shall not stand against something of your neighbor (KJV) (Lev. 19:16)
 2 Something spoken to neighbor (Ps. 28:3)
 3 A good neighbor (Lk. 10:33)
 5 Standard of love (Jas. 2:8)
 6 What used to destroy neighbor (Prov. 11:9)
 7 Should never do this to neighbor (Ps. 15:3)
 9 Feeling toward neighbor (Mk. 12:33)
 10 What everyone did for neighbors (Isa. 41:6)
 12 One should not----neighbor (Lev. 19:13)

As To Kindness

Lesson 6

Memory Verse: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you (**Eph. 4:32**)

Expository Verses

Acts 28:1 And when they had escaped, they found out that the island was called Melita [Malta—located sixty miles south of Sicily].

Acts 28:2 And the barbarian [native] people showed unusual [extraordinary] kindness; for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the rain that was falling, and because of the cold [still experiencing effects from the storm and having to escape in the cold water].

A. Discuss how Paul found kindness among native people

B. What is the difference between speaking and showing kindness?

Quoting: Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand. —Christian Nestell Bovee

It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another, without helping himself. Both man and womankind belie their nature when they are not kind. —Bailey

Col. 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, [God's chosen people, 1 Pet. 1:2] **holy and beloved, put on** [gives some of the principles mentioned in the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22,23] **tender mercies**, [a heart of compassion, 1 John 3:17] **kindness**, [gentleness, Eph. 4:32] **humbleness of mind**, [Jesus taught His disciples to have humility, John 13:4-10; 1 Pet. 5:6] **meekness**, [gentleness, Mt. 5:5] **longsuffering**; [patience, Jas. 1:3,4].

A. Who are the elect of God?

B. Does this suggest that God demands kindness?

C. How does Humbleness of mind and longsuffering relate?

Example: The naturalist W.H. Hudson tells in one of his books about a thrush and a blackbird that always came together to the place

where food was put for birds. The blackbird would pick up the crumbs and put them in the thrush's mouth. Then it was noticed that some trap had cut off the thrush's beak close to its head, so that it could not pick up food, and the blackbird was coming to the rescue.

Can men afford to let a bird be kinder than they are? —Dr. Amos R. Wells.

1 Cor. 13:4 Love [Greek: *agape*—see vs. 1] **suffers long**, [is patient even when suffering, cf. 1 Pet. 4:8] **and is kind**; [Paul commanded kindness to the Ephesian brethren, Eph. 4:32] **love** [Greek: *agape*—see vs. 1] **does not envy**; [is not jealous, Gal. 5:26] **love** [Greek: *agape*—see vs. 1] **does not parade itself**, [does not brag] **is not puffed up**, [is not arrogant].

- A. Why is kindness a part of *agape* love?
- B. Does it cost longsuffering to be kind?
- C. Does kindness reward the one being kind?
- D. Why is kindness listed with Christian graces (**1 Pet. 1:7**)

Quoting: The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love. —William Wordsworth

Kindness is loving people more than they deserve. —Joseph Joubert

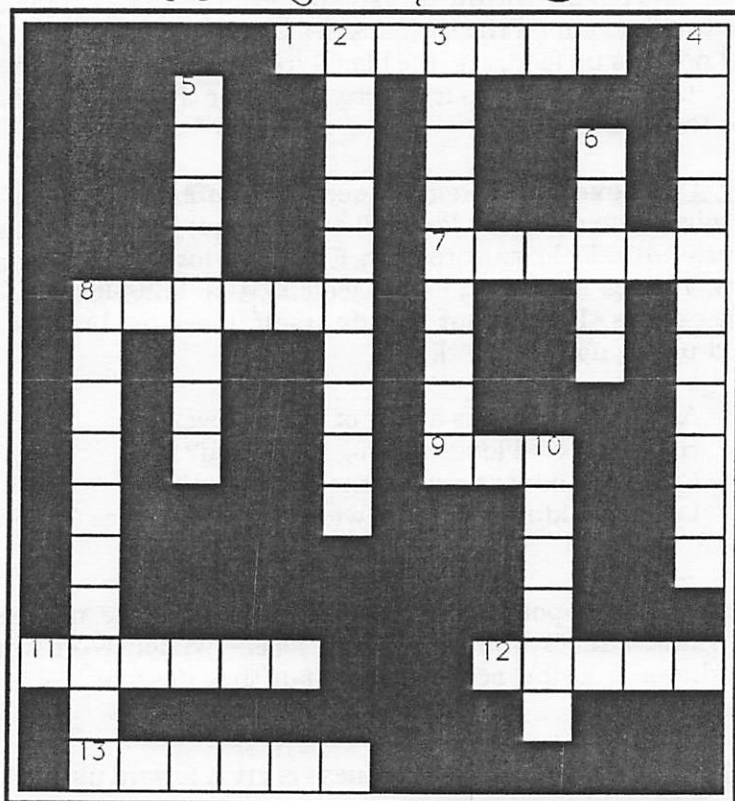
Ps. 117:2,3 For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

- A. Since we want God's kindness, shouldn't we be kind?
- B. Give examples of unkindness today in church

Quoting: You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

- A. Have you ever waited too late to show kindness?
- B. Can we really be happy without giving and receiving happiness?
- C. Worthy woman: **Prov. 31:26** She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.
- D. Will you set your goal for more kindness?
- E. Discuss the many blessings one receives when following kindness

As To Kindness Puzzle Six



ACROSS

- 1 What love does a long time (1 Cor. 13:4)
 7 Ones receiving kindness (1 Sam. 15:6)
 8 One who pleased the king (Esther 2:9)
 9 One abundant in kindness (Neh. 9:17)
 11 Where kindness is located (Prov. 31:26)
 12 God's kindness (KJV) (Joel 2:13)
 13 "God our-----" (Titus 3:4 NKJV)

DOWN

- 2 God is kind to these (Lk. 6:35)
 3 A word associated with being kind and tenderhearted (Eph. 4:32)
 4 A kindness that lasts long (Isa. 54:8)
 5 God's great kindness (Ps. 117:2)
 6 A king who forgot kindness (2 Chro. 24:22)
 8 How the Lord's kindness is described (Ps. 31:21)
 10 What God's kindness will never do (Isa. 54:10)

As To Example

Lesson 7

Memory Verse: For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (**John 13:15**)

Expository Verses

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man [no one] **despise** [look down on] **your youth**, [Timothy was much younger than Paul] **but be an example** [a pattern, Titus 2:7] **to the believers**, [Paul will now list some ways for Timothy to be an example to avoid being looked down on because of his youth, cf. Phil. 3:17] **in word**, [daily speech] **in conversation**, [conduct in daily life] **in love**, [Greek: *agape*] **in spirit**, [disposition] **in faith**, [an unshaken confidence in God, Heb. 11:1,6] **in purity** [the pure in heart will see God, Mt. 5:8;—these same attributes are needed today in the lives of all Christians].

- A. Can this command to Timothy apply to anyone?
- B. How can Godly women be a pattern (**Titus 2:7**)?
- C. In what way is purity by example important?

1 Pet. 2:21 For to this you were called, [the call of the gospel, 2 Thes. 2:14, is a call to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, 1 Cor. 15:1-4, to deny self, and follow Jesus, Mk. 8:34; cf. Rom. 12:1] **because Christ also suffered for us**, [this should be an incentive to suffer for Him] **leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps**: [if one is a Christian, he will follow Jesus even when such requires suffering—the only way to walk in the steps of Jesus is to go where He leads].

- A. Discuss Jesus as the perfect example
- B. What is required to walk in Jesus' steps?
- C. How much do we suffer today as Christians?

Quoting: Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow. —Chinese Proverb

The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

- A. Discuss difference between TELLING and LIVING an example

B. How does our example affect our children?

1 Cor. 10:5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, [because they murmured and did not fully believe in God's power to lead and deliver them, Num. 14:29,35] **for they were overthrown** [laid low—their bodies were scattered] **in the wilderness** [Num. 14:16,23,30].

1 Cor. 10:6 Now these things were [happened as] **our examples**, [warnings to us, cf. vs. 11] **to the intent that we** [Christians] **should not lust after evil things** [the church at Corinth had gone after many evil things as this letter suggests] **as they also lusted** [cf. Num. 11:4,34].

A. How does God feel about the sins of His people in all ages?

B. Are we learning from Israel's sinful example?

Example: Two young people were involved in an automobile accident. The young girl, a high school student, was badly injured and her companion was killed. Their parents found from the hospital attendants that the young couple had been drinking at the time of the accident. The girl's father flew into a rage and said, "Just let me get my hands on the person who sold them the liquor; I'll kill him!" After returning home, he went to get a drink to "quiet his nerves" but he found that his bottle was missing. —Selected

A. Discuss how our children follow our example

B. A father had a cigarette in his mouth and whipped his son for smoking. Was he successful?

Matt. 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, [betrothal in Jewish law was considered marriage and binding] **being a just man**, [upright, Job 1:1] **and not willing to make her a public example**, [by bringing her before the magistrates] **was minded to put her away** [give her a divorce, Deut. 24:1] **privily** [secretly].

A. Was Joseph right in guarding Mary's example?

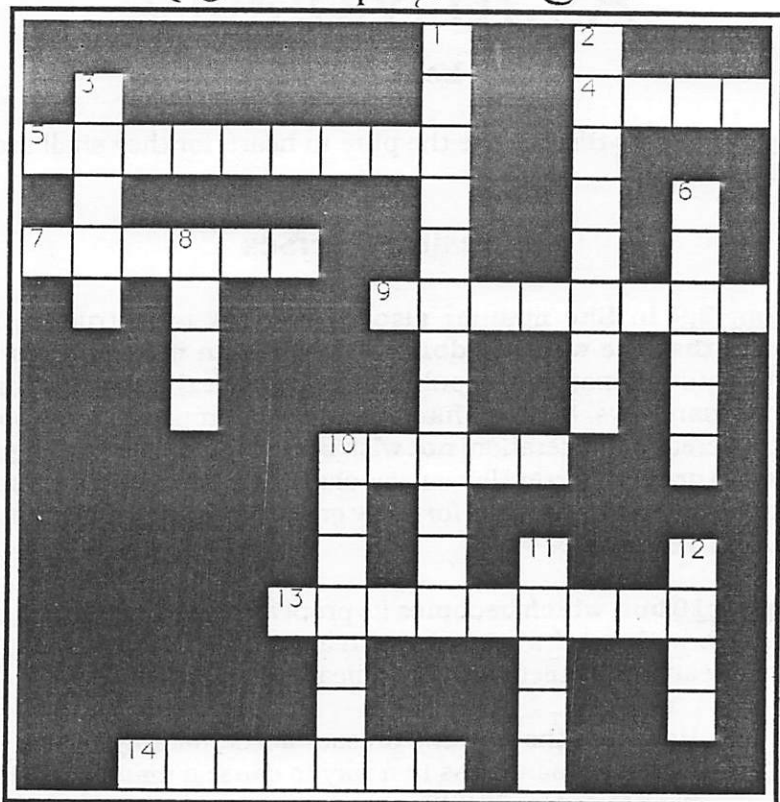
B. How concerned are we about our example and others?

Quoting: I am satisfied that we are less convinced by what we hear than by what we see. —Herodotus

Live with wolves, and you will learn to howl. —Sp. Proverb

A. Can children overcome the example of their parents?

As To Example Puzzle Seven



ACROSS

- 4 An example of one who is loyal (Ruth 1:16)
 5 Timothy was to be an example to these (1 Tim. 4:12)
 7 A kind of example considered by Joseph (Mt. 1:19 NKJV)
 9 Example of special things (Heb. 8:5)
 10 How to follow Jesus' example (1 Pet. 2:21)
 13 Where the word of God sounded forth (1 Thes. 1:7,8)
 14 What the Philippians had from Paul (Phil. 3:17 NKJV)

DOWN

- 1 An example that displeased God (Heb. 4:11 NKJV)
 2 God's spokesmen (Jas. 5:10)
 3 One who gave an example to follow (John 13:14,15)
 6 "Example of how you should----us" (2 Thes. 3:9 NKJV)
 8 Something to avoid when considering evil (1 Cor. 10:6)
 10 Unnatural sexual immorality and flesh (Jude 7)
 11 A pattern of something good (Titus 2:7)
 12 An example of one with the right priorities (Lk. 10:42)

As To Morality

Lesson 8

Memory Verse: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Mt. 5:8).

Expository Verses

1 Tim. 2:9 in like manner also, [turns now to instruction for women] that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, [that they dress modestly in public worship while the men are lifting up holy hands, vs. 8] with shamefacedness [propriety] and sobriety, [discretion, moderation] not with braided [plated] hair, or gold or pearls or costly array; [expensive clothing or garments—the kind of appearance that would be for show or would take from their inner beauty, 1 Pet. 3:4].

1 Tim. 2:10 but, which becomes [is proper for] women professing godliness with good works [dress in a way that does not hide the hidden heart—the quiet spirit that pleases God, 1 Pet. 3:3].

- A. How does the way one dresses affect morality?
- B. Can a woman dress in a way to cause a man to lust in his heart (Mt. 5:28)?

Example: In 1964 when women's miniskirts were introduced, crimes against women also increased. The following year, forcible rapes increased more than any other crime. Is there a correlation? Law officers say there is. Law enforcement officials in 50 states were asked, "Does the short skirt invite sex crimes?" Ninety-two per cent said yes. Mary Quant, London designer and mother of the mini, said in 1967, "Miniclothes are symbolic of those girls who want to seduce a man..." —Paul Harvey

1 Pet. 3:3 And let not your adorning [your beauty] be that outward adorning of plaiting [braiding] the hair, and of wearing gold, [jewelry or ornaments] or of putting on [fine] apparel; [dresses—in moderation, these can add to the beauty of a woman if such is modest apparel, 1 Tim. 2:9, but this is not her true beauty].

1 Pet. 3:4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, [this is the

only beauty that will win her husband to obey the gospel without a word, vs. 1,2] **in that which is not corruptible**, [imperishable] **even the ornament of a meek** [gentle] **and quiet spirit**, [this inward beauty is permanent, but the outward beauty will not last, 2 Cor. 4:16] **which is in the sight of God of great price** [very precious or of great value].

- A. In this evil generation, do men still appreciate hidden beauty?
- B. When is apparel right? When wrong?
- C. Define a meek and quiet spirit

Quoting: Morality does not make a Christian, yet no man can be a Christian without it. —Bp. Wilson

Morality is religion in practice; religion is morality in principle. —Wardlaw

- A. Have church members today lowered God's standard?
- B. How is morality religion in practice?

Titus 2:4 that they [older women] **may teach** [admonish] **the young women to be sober**, [sound mind—self-controlled] **to love** [Greek: *philandros*] **their husbands**, [husbands are also to love their wives, Eph. 5:25,28] **to love** [Greek: *philoteknos*] **their children**,

Titus 2:5 to be discreet, [sober minded and self-controlled] **chaste**, [pure] **keepers at home**, [homemakers, 1 Tim. 5:14] **good**, [in moral character] **obedient to their own husbands**, [submit to your own husband, Eph. 5:22; submit as is fitting to the Lord, Col. 3:18; cf. 1 Cor. 11:3] **that the word of God be not blasphemed** [reviled or spoken against, compare 1 Tim. 5:13].

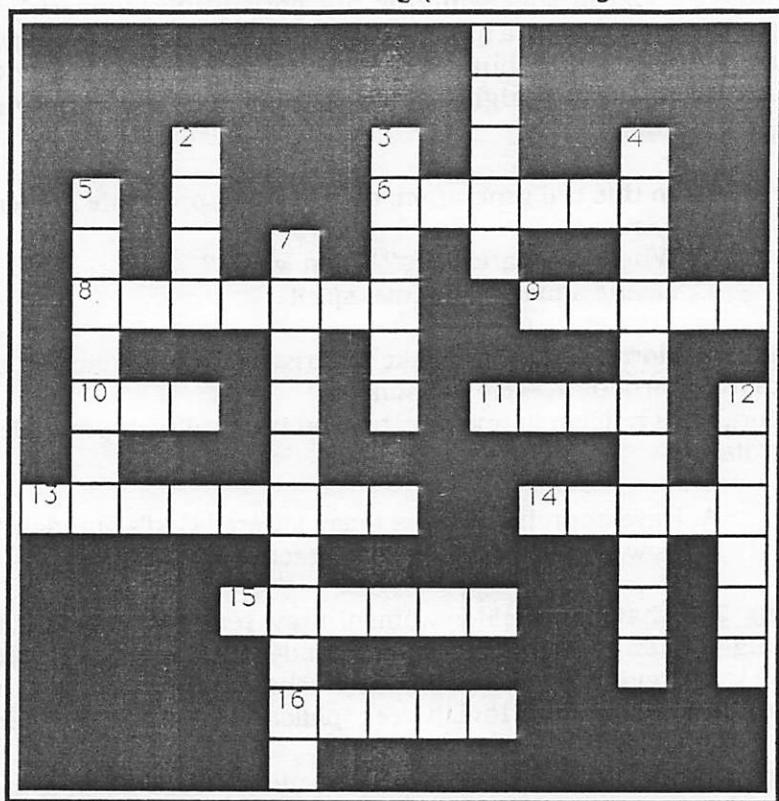
- A. Do older women teach the younger as they should?
- B. What is meant by discreet and good?

Quoting: To give a man a full knowledge of true morality, I would send him to no other book than the New Testament. —Locke

The health of a community, is an almost unfailing index of its morals. —J. Martineau

- A. What about the spiritual health of the church?
- B. Discuss how each member by his or her life can help keep the church pure

As To Morality Puzzle Eight



ACROSS

- 6 A special person (1 Pet. 3:4)
 8 Ones to love (Mt. 5:44)
 9 From what Paul was innocent (Acts 20:26)
 10 Something from which one must be pure (Prov. 20:9)
 11 Something associated with purity (Dan. 7:9)
 13 A destructive sin of the heart (Mt. 5:28)
 14 Peter sought to stir up something pure (1 Pet. 3:1)
 15 "by---, by knowledge," (2 Cor. 6:6 NKJV)
 16 Material for pure clothing for angels (Rev. 15:6)

DOWN

- 1 Something pure about the Lord (Ps. 12:6)
 2 How God shows Himself (2 Sam. 22:27)
 3 One thing to teach younger women (Titus 2:5)
 4 What Christians must deny (Titus 2:12)
 5 Something pronounced on the pure in heart (Mt. 5:8)
 7 One of three things to be lived by Christians (Titus 3:12)
 12 Something from above (Jas. 3:17)

As A Wife

Lesson 9

Memory Verse: He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord (**Prov. 18:22**)

Expository Verses

Gen. 2:22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and he brought her to the man.

- A. How is woman one step farther from dust than man?
- B. Discuss how woman was different from the animals that Adam named (**Gen. 2:20**)

Matt. 19:4 And He answered and said to them, [what did Moses command you? Mk. 10:3] **"Have you not read, [Gen. 2:24] that He [God] who made them [man and woman] at the beginning [at creation] made them male and female,**

Matt. 19:5 and said, for this cause [reason] a man shall leave father and mother, [to be joined together] and shall cleave [be joined, united] to his wife, and the two shall be [or become] one flesh? [be as one body].

- A. How does vs. 4 condemn homosexuality?
- B. Show how both men and women can leave their God-given roles
- C. Give examples of how a wife does not leave parents

Matt. 19:6 Wherefore [so then] they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, [in marriage] let not man put asunder" [separate].

Quoting: A good wife is heaven's last, best gift to man,—his gem of many virtues, his casket of jewels; her voice is sweet music, her smiles his brightest day, her kiss the guardian of his innocence, her arms the pale of his safety, her industry his surest wealth, her economy his safest steward, her lips his faithful counsellors, her bosom the softest pillow of his cares. —Jeremy Taylor

Of all the home remedies, a good wife is best. — Ken Hubbard

Prov. 19:14 Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, [parents] but a prudent [one with understanding, practical wisdom] wife is from the Lord.

- A. How can men seek such wives?
- B. How can women train themselves to be such wives?

Example: Their boat was drifting idly, the sun shone above, and the sea was serene; while she was sitting snugly. Then he proposed. From the opposite end of the craft she gazed at him calmly. Then she said: "As a matter of common sense, realizing that we are in this boat, on water more than fifty feet deep, and if you were going to act as you should act if I accepted you, we would be capsized, I will decline your proposal at this moment—but, George, row as fast as you can to the shore and ask me again." That girl will make a good wife. —Hallock.

- A. Why is it important to really want marriage?
- B. Discuss results of those who do not consider the full seriousness of marriage

1 Cor. 7:10 And to the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord: [quotes what Jesus taught on this subject, Mt. 19:3-9; 5:32; Mk. 10:6-9] **Let not the wife depart from [leave] her husband.**

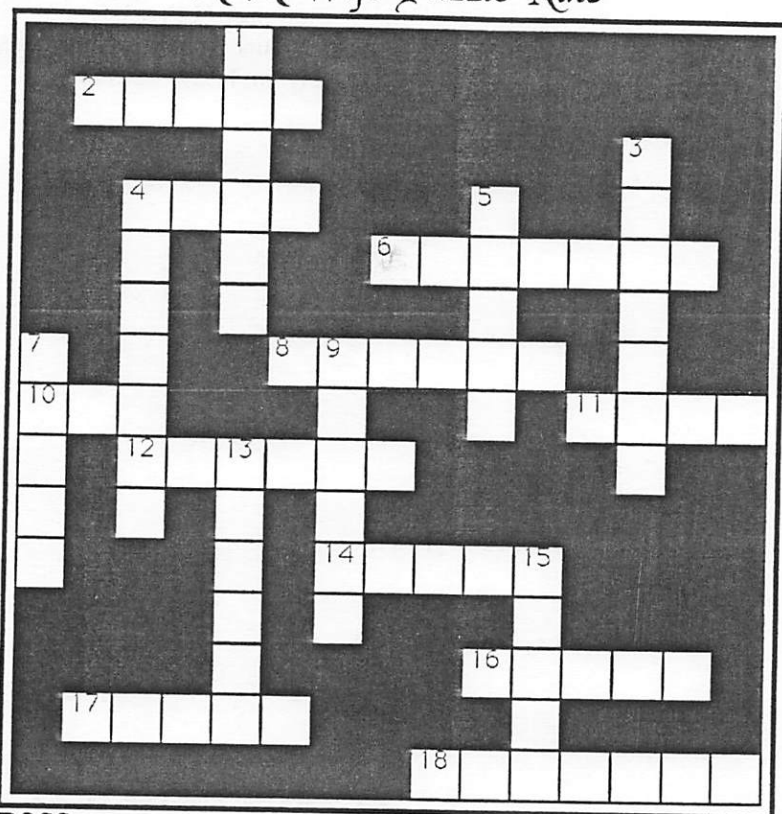
1 Cor. 7:11 But even if she does depart, [leave] let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband, and let not the husband put away [divorce] his wife [cf. Mk. 10:11,12].

- A. Has modern society outgrown this teaching?
- B. How does Paul's teaching compare to Christ's?

1 Cor. 7:39 The wife [the remarrying of widows seems to be another question asked in the earlier letter, vs. 1] **is bound by the law as long as her husband lives;** [compare this to Rom. 7:2] **but if her husband is dead, she is at liberty [free] to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord** [must marry a Christian or believer, cf. 2 Cor. 6:14;—it is the height of wisdom to marry in the Lord any time].

- A. Why is marrying in the Lord wise?
- B. Is one who marries out of the Lord living in adultery?
- C. How does such marriages affect one's Christianity?

As A Wife Puzzle Nine



ACROSS

- 2 That which a wife does not have over her body (KJV) (1 Cor. 7:4)
 4 The husband's position over his wife (Eph. 5:23)
 6 What a wife can receive from her husband (Prov. 31:28 NKJV)
 8 A man whose wife wept on him (Judg. 14:16 NKJV)
 10 A number associated with a wife (1 Tim. 3:2)
 11 Ruth was called, "the wife of the--" (Ruth 4:5)
 12 Something associated with divorce (Mt. 19:3)
 14 "He who---his wife (Eph. 5:28)
 16 What an excellent wife is to her

husband (Prov. 12:4)

- 17 Woman is to man (1 Cor. 11:7)
 18 The ones forbidden to take a harlot for wife (Lev. 21:1,7)

DOWN

- 1 Something the wife is not to do (1 Cor. 7:10)
 3 Man was not---for the woman (1 Cor. 11:9)
 4 Standard for loving wife (Eph. 5:28)
 5 Something a husband finds from the Lord (Prov. 18:22 NKJV)
 7 Something forbidden to the wife of a neighbor (Ex. 20:17)
 9 Husband of Priscilla (Acts 18:2)

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- 13 A word describing the strength of
a woman (1 Pet. 3:7)
- 15 A famous Old Testament wife
(Gen. 11:29)

As A Mother

Lesson 10

Memory Verse: And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living (**Gen. 3:20**)

Expository Verses

John 2:3 And when they wanted [ran out of] wine, [there were three kinds in Jesus' day—(1) fermented to a small degree and diluted with two or three parts of water. (2) unfermented juice. (3) an intoxicating drink called new wine, Acts 2:13] **the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."**

- A. Discuss the confidence she had in her Son
- B. Is there value in mothers going places with children?

John 2:4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, [not a rude title for His mother—compare John 19:25,26] **what have I to do with you?** [why involve Me?] **My hour [time] has not yet come**" [if applied to the immediate context, His time to do something about the shortage of wine had not come—if applied spiritually, His hour for death and His resurrection had not come, cf. John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 16:32;17:1].

- A. Compare Jesus' situation to all other children
- B. How did her conception by the Holy Spirit affect her thinking about her Son?

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it**" [she had confidence in Jesus and His power to meet this need].

Example: A native of the Congo prayed thus: "Dear Lord, you be the needle and I will be the thread. You go first, and I will follow wherever you may lead!" —Christian World Facts

- A. How anxious are we to obey Jesus?
- B. Discuss the importance of humility in obedience

Quoting: We are born subjects, and to obey God is perfect liberty. He that does this shall be free, safe, and happy.—Seneca

A. Take a personal obedience test

2 Tim. 1:5 when I call to remembrance [even apart from him, a flash back in memory of Timothy's life brought joy to Paul] **the unfeigned [sincere] faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that is in you also** [Paul preached to Timothy's home town on his first Journey, Acts 14:6,7;—on his second Journey, he chose Timothy to join him in the ministry of the gospel, Acts 16:1-4].

A. How important are mothers and grandmothers as to imparting faith to children?

B. Discuss some ways that mothers can develop a stronger faith toward God in their children

Quoting: Children are what the mothers are; no fondest father's fondest care can so fashion the infant's heart, or so shape the life.—Landor.

Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother.
—Lin Yutang

A. Are mothers more effective with the help of fathers?

B. Discuss the importance of (**Eph. 6:1-4**)

John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved [John] standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" [here is John, your son].

John 19:27 Then He said to the disciple, [John] "Behold your mother!" [John, here is your mother]. **And from that hour [time] that disciple [John] took her to his own home** [Jesus was asking John to look after his mother like a son, and John obeyed Him].

A. To what extent did Jesus respect His mother

B. Discuss the difference between respecting and worshipping Mary

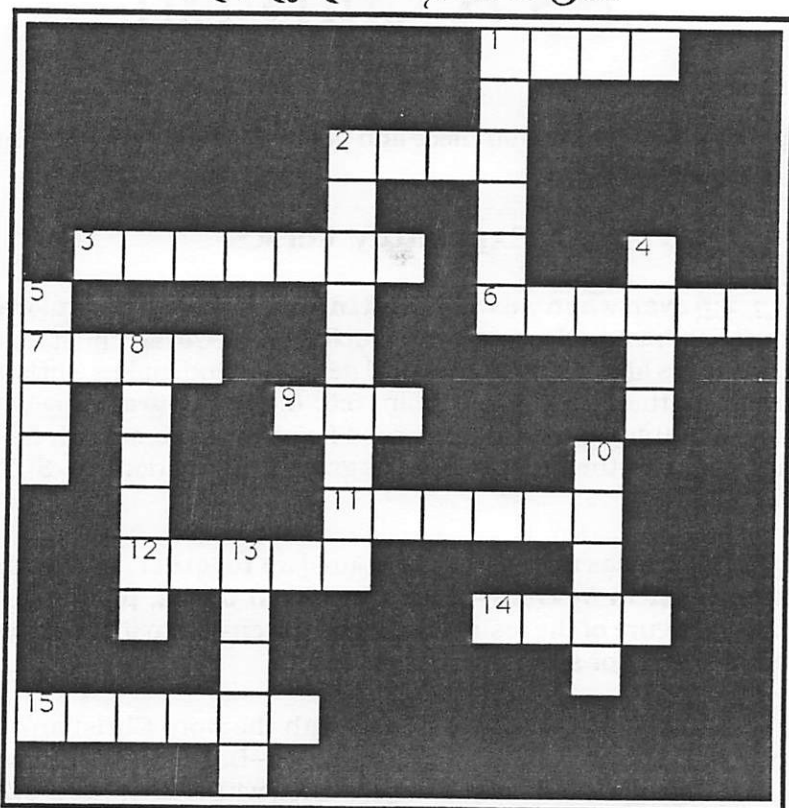
Example: A little boy who was told by his mother that it was God who makes people good, replied, "Yes, I know it is God, but mothers help a lot."—Christian Guardian

A. How are mothers co-workers with God?

B. Are many mothers today too busy for their children?

C. Discuss how mothers can *save* or *ruin* a nation

As A Mother Puzzle Ten



ACROSS

- 1 A mother mentions what son will be named (Lk. 1:60)
 2 Mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12)
 3 What a son must keep as to his father (Prov. 6:20 NKJV)
 6 Eve was the mother of someone (Gen. 3:20)
 7 An obligation of children to parents (Col. 3:20)
 9 Something a son must not forsake (Prov. 1:8)
 11 A man who made a mother happy (1 Kings 17:23)
 12 Where a faithful mother stood (John 19:25)

14 A place from which to be born (John 3:4)

15 One close to Samuel (1 Sam. 2:19)

DOWN

- 1 Another word for happy (Ps. 113:9)
 2 Something brought to a mother (Gen. 30:14)
 4 Something used to describe a mother (Ezk. 19:10)
 5 Where parents are to be (Eph. 6:1)
 8 A famous mother (2 Tim. 1:5)
 10 What a child can bring to its mother (Prov. 29:15)
 13 Who are to be exhorted as mothers (1 Tim. 5:2 NKJV)

As A Christian

Lesson 11

Memory Verse: For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (**Col. 3:3**)

Expository Verses

Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead in sins, [He loved the unlovable, Rom. 5:8] **has made us alive together with Christ**, [just as God made Jesus alive after His physical death, so God makes Christians alive from the death of sin, Rom. 5:6; 6:4,5] (**by grace** [by whose grace—an unmerited and unearned favor] **you are saved**), [obedience prepares the heart to receive grace for salvation, vs. 8; Titus 2:11,12].

Eph. 2:6 and has raised us [Christians] **up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, [Paul uses the beautiful figure of the resurrection and ascension to illustrate what God has done for sinful man, Eph. 1:20].

- A. What comes to your mind with the word Christian?
- B. **(1) Christ (2) I am** – belonging to—Belonging to Christ
- C. Paul said he had been crucified with Christ (**Gal. 2:20**)

Quoting: The only way to realize that we are God's children is to let Christ lead us to our Father.—Phillips Brooks

The Christian life is not merely knowing or hearing, but doing the will of Christ. —F.W. Robertson

Faith makes, life proves, trials confirm, and death crowns the Christian. —Hopfner

- A. Can one be a Christian without following Jesus?
- B. Discuss Jesus being the **ONLY** way to the Father (**John 14:6**)
- C. Discuss faith, life, trials, and death in last quote.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now [as Christians on earth] **we are the sons** [children] **of God**; [vs. 1] **and it has not yet appeared** [been made known] **what we shall be**, [in the future life—when with our heavenly

Father, 1 Cor. 3:9] **but we know that when He shall appear**, [Jesus at His second coming, 2 Thes. 1:7] **we shall be like Him**, [Phil. 3:20,21;—what more should any Christian want!] **for we shall see Him as He is** [cf. Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18].

- A. How are Christians like Jesus Now?
- B. How does this compare to being like Him at return?

Example: Over the years, ships that cross the great oceans have been equipped with special compasses that cannot be affected by the metal of the ship or iron ore in various islands. They always point accurately to the north. To be a true Christian, we must always point our lives to Jesus, and we will never go wrong.

- A. Discuss how Jesus is the true compass
- B. How does the cross of Jesus draw to Him? (**John 12:32**)

Gal. 2:20 **I am** [have been] **crucified with Christ**: [Rom. 6:6] **nevertheless I live**; [he died to sin—was buried and raised through baptism to walk in a new life, Rom. 6:1-5] **yet not I, but Christ lives in me**; [Rom. 6:8-11] **and the life which I now live in the flesh** [his daily physical life] **I live by faith in the Son of God**, [Rom. 10:10;—his daily steps are motivated and directed by faith in Jesus] **who loved** [Greek: *agapao*] **me, and gave Himself for me** [2 Cor. 5:15; cf. John 3:16; 1 John 3:16].

Gal. 5:24 **And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh** [Rom. 6:6; Col. 3:9; 1 Pet. 2:1] **with the affections** [its passions] **and lusts** [desires].

- A. What is involved in being crucified with Christ?
- B. How do the crucified with Christ walk?
- C. Discuss crucifying the flesh

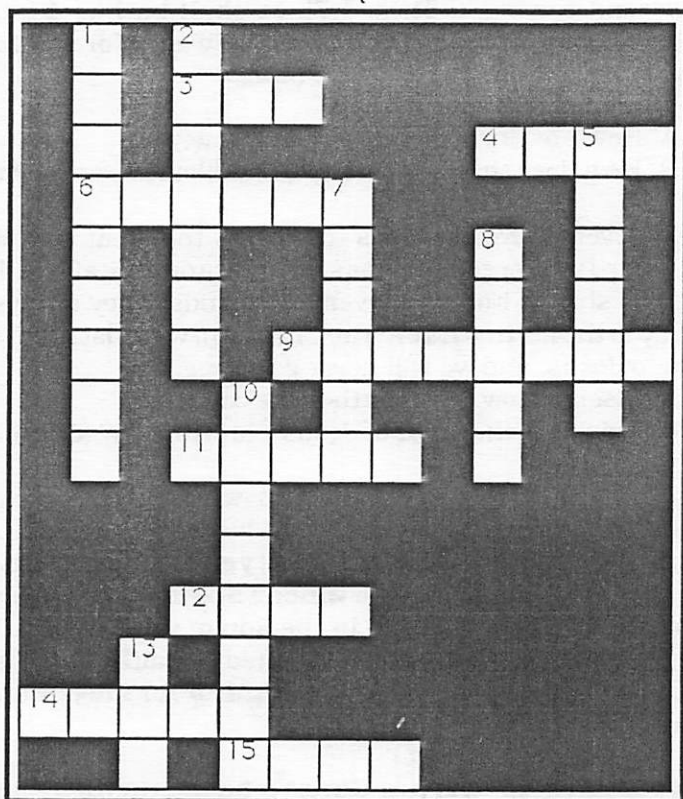
Quoting: If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere. —Henry Ward Beecher

Christianity does not remove you from the world and its problems; it makes you fit to live in it, triumphantly and usefully. —Charles Templeton

Christianity is a battle, not a dream. —Wendell Phillips

- A. Why can't Christianity be "On" and "Off"?
- B. How does Christianity help one live in a sinful world?
- C. Discuss the difference between a battle and a dream

As A Christian Puzzle Eleven



ACROSS

- 3 The kind of man crucified
(Rom. 6:6)
- 4 What Jesus said He would do
(John 12:32)
- 6 What one must be willing to do as
a Christian (1 Pet. 4:16)
- 9 Special places in Christ (Eph. 2:6)
- 11 An essential to please God
(Heb. 11:6)
- 12 Something pure needed for
growth (1 Pet. 2:2)
- 14 A salvation gift (Titus 2:11)
- 15 Something done for sinners
(Rom. 5:8)

DOWN

- 1 Jesus is this among many brethren
(Rom. 8:29)
- 2 Something Jesus will do before the
Father (Mt. 10:32)
- 5 These will accompany Jesus
(2 Thes. 1:7)
- 7 Essential for being converted
(Acts 3:19)
- 8 Christians compared to what
farmers use (1 Cor. 3:9 NKJV)
- 10 The way into Christ (Gal. 3:27)
- 13 The first of three things describing
Jesus (John 14:6)

As To Character

Lesson 12

Memory Verse: For as he thinks in his heart, so is he (**Prov. 23:7**).

Expository Verses

Matt. 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, [the inner person, emotions, and feelings, capable of love, sincerity, and faithfulness] and they defile [make unclean] a man.

Matt. 15:19 For out of the heart [the inner person, emotions, and feelings, capable of love, sincerity, and faithfulness] proceed [come forth] evil thoughts, [the source of all committed evils, Gen. 6:5: 8:21] murders, [the purposeful taking of human lives with malice] adulteries, [those who have or lust for an unlawful sexual relationship with the spouse of another] fornications, [sexual immorality] thefts, [stealing from others, motivated by covetousness, Mk. 7:22] false witness, [one who lies against another by giving false testimony, by concealing the truth] blasphemies [injurious speech, especially against God].

Matt. 15:20 These are the things which defile [make unclean] a man: [Mark adds: covetousness, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, an evil eye, pride, foolishness, Mk. 7:22] but to eat with unwashed hands [as the Pharisees teach] defiles not a man."

- A. Character: "One's moral strength." —Webster
- B. Discuss the inner person as to good and evil
- C. Can we determine the kind of character we have?

Quoting: Character is what you are in the dark. —D. Moody

Let us not say, Every man is the architect of his own fortune; but let us say, Every man is the architect of his own character. —George Boardman

- A. Does true character rise above all circumstances?
- B. Discuss how each person is the architect of his own character

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, [will give some final counsel] **whatever things are true**, [things that are true are associated with God and fully acceptable to Him] **whatever things are honest**, [noble, honorable, 2 Cor. 8:21] **whatever things are just**, [right between fellowmen] **whatever things are pure**, [chaste—God is pure and loves a pure heart, Mt. 5:8; Jas. 3:17; cf. 1 Tim. 5:2; 1 John 3:3] **whatever things are lovely**, [Greek: *prospheiles*—dear to anyone—love has this characteristic, 1 Cor. 13] **whatever things are of good report**, [admirable by even those outside of Christ—principles as courtesy, kindness, obedience to parents, and purity between brothers and sisters, cf. Col. 4:5; Heb. 11:2] **if there is any virtue**, [anything excellent or virtuous, 2 Pet. 1:3,4] **and if there is any praise**, [anything praiseworthy] **think** [meditate] **on these things** [meditate to the point of practicing them, Jas. 4:17].

- A. Are we what we think about?
- B. Discuss the six virtues in the above passage as to building a good character

Example: The story of one of the great presidents of Harvard College, Charles William Eliot, is worth recalling. Born with a serious facial disfigurement, he discovered as a young man that nothing could be done about it, and he must go through life with this mark. It is related that when his mother brought to him that tragic truth, it was indeed "the dark hour of his soul." His mother told him, "My son, it is not possible for you to get rid of this handicap. We have consulted the best surgeons, and they say that nothing can be done. But it is possible for you, with God's help, to grow a mind and soul so big that people will forget to look at your face." —The Pulpit

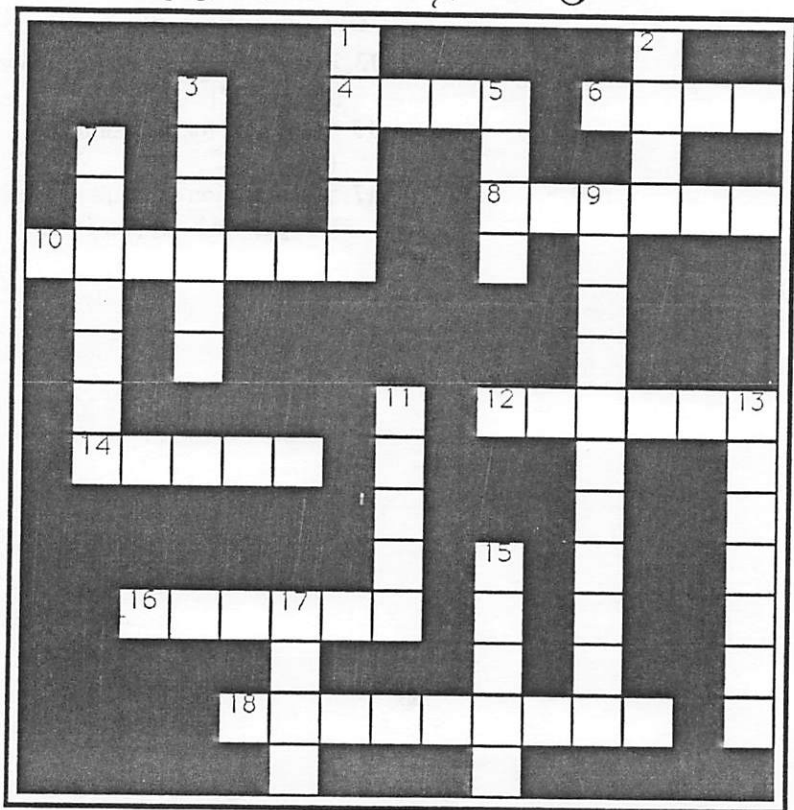
- A. How easy is it to accept the things we can't change?
- B. Discuss how true character is the metal of one's heart

Quoting: What you are thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

You must look into people, as well as at them. —Lord Chesterfield
Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character. —Henry Clay

- A. Can one fully hide his or her character?
- B. How does one seek to improve character?
- C. Discuss the importance of character in marriage

As To Character Puzzle Twelve



ACROSS

- 4 What God saw early in man's heart (Gen. 6:5)
- 6 Something that Christians do (Jas. 4:17)
- 8 A way that love does not behave (1 Cor. 13:5 NKJV)
- 10 Something to be honorable (1 Pet. 2:12 NKJV)
- 12 That which God did for mankind (Ps. 139:13 NKJV)
- 14 When to remember God (Eccl.12:1)
- 16 A special person of the heart (1 Pet. 3:4)
- 18 What is happening to our physical bodies (2 Cor. 4:16 NKJV)

DOWN

- 1 The kind of purity that pleases God (Mt. 5:8)
 - 2 Something important inside Christians (1 John 3:3)
 - 3 Something pure from heaven (Jas. 1:5)
 - 5 In whose sight honesty is practiced (2 Cor. 8:21)
 - 7 Results of good works before God (1 Pet. 2:12)
 - 9 How inward part of the evil is described (Ps. 5:9 NKJV)
 - 11 A responsibility to a child (Prov. 22:6)
- (Continued on next page)

DOWN (Continued)

- 13 How Paul felt toward God's law
(Rom. 7:22)
- 15 Something for the world
(Mt. 5:16)
- 17 A description of man's inward
thought and heart (Ps. 64:6)

As A Soul-Winner

Lesson 13.

Memory Verse: The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise (**Prov. 11:30**)

Expository Verses

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside [put away as filthy clothes, Isa. 64:6] **all filthiness** [all moral defilement] **and superfluity** [overflow] **of wickedness, and receive with meekness** [the only acceptable way to receive God's word] **the engrafted** [the implanted word in the heart as seed planted in the soil, Lk. 8:11] **word**, [God's will, Mt. 7:21] **which is able to save your souls** [because it is living and powerful, Heb. 4:12; it is the saving gospel, Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:23; it thoroughly furnishes one with all good works, 2 Tim. 3:16,17].

- A. Are we really convinced that souls are lost
- B. Are we fully persuaded that the gospel saves?
- C. Harmonize how both the gospel and Christ save

Quotes: The cross is the only ladder high enough to touch Heaven's threshold. —G.D. Boardman

One life; a little gleam of time between two eternities; no second chance for us forever more. —Carlyle

He that lives to live forever, never fears dying. —Penn

- A. Discuss ways to convince those who are lost the importance of the cross
- B. Why is the saving Gospel of value only during time?

Example: I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them and that is faith in Jesus Christ. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor indeed. —Patrick Henry's will

- A. Compare this concept to **Mark 8:36**
- B. How will recognizing the value of the soul make us more dedicated soul winners?

C. Discuss things left to children compared to salvation

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from the same Scripture, preached to him [the good news of] Jesus [showed that the prophet was speaking of some other man, Jesus, cf. Acts 18:28].

Acts 8:36 And as they went along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders [prevents] me from being baptized?" [one cannot completely preach Jesus without preaching baptism, because He commanded baptism, Mt. 28:19,20; Mk. 16:15,16; John 3:3,5, and submitted to baptism Himself, Mt. 3:13-17].

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may" [one cannot obey the command of Jesus to be baptized, Mk. 16:16, without believing Him to be the Christ—like this eunuch, one must confess with his mouth, Rom. 10:9,10]. And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" [the principle of confessing Jesus is taught in other Scriptures, cf. Mt. 10:32,33; 16:13-19; Rom. 10:9,10; 1 John 2:23; 4:15].

Acts 8:38 And he commanded [ordered] the chariot to stand still [stop]. And they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him [since baptism was a burial, Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12, it was essential for both of them to get into the water—the Greek word for baptism means to immerse].

A. Can we teach Jesus the same way today?

B. Why do many religions today reject this way to Jesus?

Example: I heard of an infidel who said that if he believed as Christians say they believe, that a man's life in the world to come depends upon his life here in this world, then he would give men no rest, urging them and entreating them to lead godly lives and to become men of faith that they might inherit eternal life. If this means much to us, then we must testify unto the world, and both by our lives and by our words persuade men to live godly lives, that they not only may get the most out of this life but also may inherit life eternal.
—Macartney

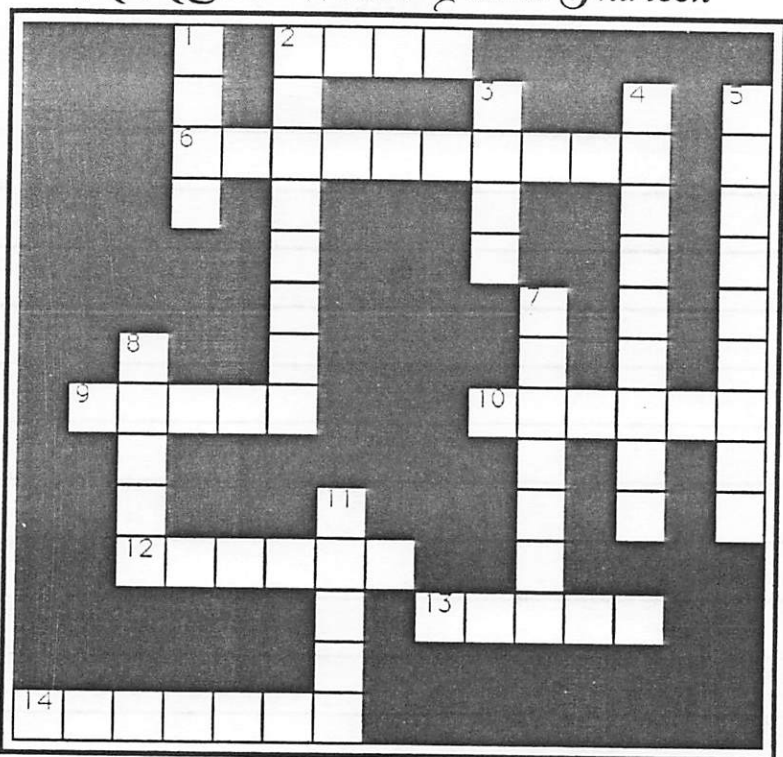
A. Why aren't we teaching the gospel more? (Mk. 16:15)

B. Can women today be like Priscilla? (Acts 18:26)

C. Discuss ways that women can help save souls

D. Are Christians sold on winning souls for Jesus?

As A Soul-Winner Puzzle Thirteen



ACROSS

- 2 What one must do to enter the kingdom (John 3:3)
- 6 Something associated with remission of sins (Lk. 24:47)
- 9 The scope of the gospel (Mk. 16:15)
- 10 Into where one is baptized (Gal. 3:27)
- 12 What Paul communicated (Gal. 2:2)
- 13 A lady who worshiped God (Acts 16:14)
- 14 A man born at Alexandria (Acts 18:24)

DOWN

- 1 What Timothy was to preach (2 Tim. 4:2)
- 2 Linked with salvation (Mk. 16:16)
- 3 Something done to affect sin (Acts 22:16)
- 4 A word suggesting forgiveness (Acts 2:38)
- 5 A change associated with repentance (Acts 3:19)
- 7 A feeling not to have toward the gospel (Rom. 1:16)
- 8 A specified age group to love their husbands (Titus 2:4)
- 11 The person whom Philip preached (Acts 8:35)

