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Thirty-fourth Issue

The Christian's greatest joy is found in letting God possess His own property.

Match'Em Bible Quiz

See if you can match the right answer to these quizzes. The answers will be in the next issue. Have fun!

- 1. Fattened calf.
 - a. Parable of the Lost Son
 - b. Parable of the Sower
 - c. Parable of the King's Ten Servants.
- 2. Venison.
 - a. Daniel's diet for seven days.
 - b. One of Isaac's favorite dishes.
 - c. What manna tasted like.
- 3. Lentil stew.
 - a. Served in the Parable of the Lost Son.
 - b. Served at the wedding in Cana.
 - c. What Jacob made Esau.
- 4. Grapes.
 - a. What Jael served to Sisera.
 - b. Produce carried back from Canaan by Israel's spies.
 - c. What Ahab choked on.
- 5. Fish.
 - a. What Jesus served some disciples for breakfast.
 - b. Created on the fourth day.
 - c. Created on the third day.
- 6. Vegetables.
 - a. Daniel's diet for ten days.
 - b. Esther's beauty secret.
 - c. What Ruth picked in Boaz's fields.
- 7. Corn.
 - a. What the Israelites ate with manna.
 - b. What Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ate for ten days.
 - c. What the Israelites ate after Passover.
- 8. Figs.
 - a. What Naboth grew in his orchard.
 - b. What God showed Jeremiah in two baskets.
 - c. What Eve gave to Adam.
- 9. Figs (again!).
 - a. What Lydia sold in the market in Thyatira.
 - b. What was given to Sennacherib as a poultice.
 - c. What Isaiah put on Hezekiah as a poultice.
- 10. Mandrake plants.
 - a. Jacob's favorite food.
 - b. What Leah gave Rachel in return for Jacob.
 - c. Used to make unleavened bread.
 - And in His law doth he meditate day and night.. Psalm 1:2

Big-Bang Theory

When a man's vehicle broke down on a highway, a woman pulled alongside him and asked if she could



push-start his car with her car. He said that his vehicle was an automatic and therefore needed to be pushed at 35 mph before it would start. The woman nodded, turned her car around and drove back down the street. She then did a U turn and hit the man's car...at 35 mph!

Fun With Friends Draw the Duck Game

Each person, in turn, is blindfolded, spun around three times, given paper and pencil and instructed to draw a duck. The duck's eye and tail must be included in the drawing. The results are hilarious!





Take Two!

Using the tiles from a Scrabble game, have each player take five tiles. Everyone works at the same time, making as many words with their five tiles as

possible. The first person to use all their tiles says, "Take two!" and everyone takes two more tiles. You can move your tiles around at any time during the game to make different words if you wish. The rules for making words is much like Scrabble; make your words from top to bottom and from left to right, no proper nouns are allowed like names of people, places, or things (that begin with a capital letter). The first person to use his last tile after all the tiles are taken wins. It is challenging and fun, and not as long as Scrabble.©



We are never alone... For **God** in His love, Makes our problems His own.

Whatever we face,

Mom's Page

A Devoted Heart 9s:

An understanding heart-"Apply thine heart to understanding" Pro.2:2

<u>A trusting heart-</u> "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart" Pro.3:5

<u>A guarded heart-</u> "Keep your heart with all diligence" Pro.4:23

<u>A tranquil heart-</u> "A sound heart is the life of the flesh" Pro.14:30

<u>A happy heart-</u> "He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" Pro.15:15 A righteous heart-

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer" Pro.15:28

<u>A wise heart-</u> "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth" Pro.16:23 A discerning heart-

"The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge" Pro. 18:15

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. C.H. Spurgeon



A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart. ~Charles Finney



9 Will Be Still

I will be still, Lord, As the dross is full consumed, That my will may meet its doom, And be cast into the tomb, I will be still.

I will be still, Lord, While my heart is being fed, By Your Word my steps be led, Not me now but You instead! I will be still.

I will be still, Lord, Teach me now to hear Thy voice, I have made Thy love my choice, Thou hast made my heart rejoice While I am still.

I will be still, Lord, As You make me poured out wine, Crushed and squeezed out from the vine, Broken bread, Oh, Hands Divine! While I am still.

I will be still, Lord, Still before Thee, Blessed One! Still before Thy Holy Throne! Still to hear Thy voice alone! I will be still.

I will be still, Lord, Though my heart would ne'er conceal, I will wait Thy nudge to feel To share things You do reveal While I am still. ~T. Miller

Rescue the Perishing

But others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire... Jude 23 While visiting her friend, Howard Doane, in Cincinnati. Fanny Crosby, the blind hymnist, was asked to speak to a group of blue collar workers. Near the end of her address, she had an overwhelming sense that "some mother's boy" before her "must be rescued that night or not at all." She mentioned this to the crowd, pleading, "If there is a dear boy here tonight who has perchance wandered away from his mother's home and his mother's teaching, would he please come to me at the close of the service?"

Afterward a young man of about eighteen approached her. "Did you mean me?" he asked. "I promised my mother to meet her in heaven, but the way I have been living, I don't think that will be possible now." Fanny had the joy of leading him to Christ.



Returning to her room that night, all she could think about was the theme "rescue the perishing," and when she retired that night she had written the complete hymn. The next day, Howard Doane wrote the music, and it was published the following year in his *Songs of Devotion*.

Many years later, Fanny was speaking at the YMCA in Lynn, Massachusetts, and she recounted the story behind "Rescue the Perishing." After the service, a man approached her, his voice quivering. "Miss Crosby," he said, "I was that boy who told you more than thirty-five years ago that I had wandered from my mother's God. That evening you spoke, I sought and found peace, and I have tried to live a consistent Christian life ever since. If we never meet again on earth, we will meet up yonder." He turned and left, unable to say another word. But Fanny later described it as one of the most gratifying experiences of her life.

This song served as a prelude to Fanny Crosby's second career. About age sixty, she began working in downtown rescue missions, spending several days a week in lower Manhattan, witnessing to the down-and-out. Despite her fame as a hymnwriter, she chose to live in near poverty in New York's ghettos, for she felt a calling to minister to the needy. Just a few blocks from her little tenement apartment was the Bowery, a haunt for alcoholics and where every kind of vice flourished. There Fanny would go day after day to rescue the perishing.

What Do You Think About That

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ:" 2Cor. 10:5

How many times have you been listening to someone either telling a story, talking about something, preaching a sermon, listening to your teacher, or any number of things and suddenly you realize that you have not heard a thing they have been saying? You pick back up on the conversation only to find in a few short minutes that your thoughts have wandered again and you have missed an important point that they have made. I do not know about you, but to me this is very frustrating. I want to listen and hear what is being said when suddenly my mind takes off on a train of thought about something that does not even matter.

Sometimes your "wool-gathering" (which is what some folks call it) can put you in a very embarrassing situation. Have you ever been in class and your teacher asks you a question when you have not been listening? How shameful to have to admit that you were not paying attention. It definitely does not make the speaker happy or think well of you. It can even be a painful situation, as it was for me when I was in first grade. I had been looking out the window and was deep in some dream world when the call came to take our seats. I did not hear my name being called but I sure did feel the swat of that paddle on my rear from my teacher, which got my attention quick enough.

Our minds work to remember things by association, which in most cases is a good thing and can help us remember facts and happenings that are important. I have used it many times in school to remember dates and events that I needed to remember on tests and also to remember people's names. Even Peter, by the hearing of the rooster crowing, remembered the words of Jesus about how that he would deny him. (Mark 14:72) We end up, however, letting this wonderful gift become a distraction that steals from us the truths of God's Word that would help us to follow Him. While association will cause us to remember things that are important and good, it will also cause us to remember things that are hurtful, sinful, and worthless.

We put all kinds of things in our minds as we read books, watch television or videos, listen to music, and even in our conversation and dealings with others. With my love for music, I find that often I can think of a song for about any phrase you want to say. In my youth, I listened to music that I should not have and the lyrics to these songs will pop into my head at any given moment and some of them will literally vex my soul. I do not want to think about those songs but they are recorded in my memory and will come whether I want them to or not.

A thought does not have to be wrong to be harmful, just unnecessary. Just this morning during our devotion time, Bro. Mike was reading to me about how that one person can hear something that makes sense to them while another person would not understand what is going on, such as a telegraph operator. As soon as he mentioned the telegraph operator, my mind remembered a scene from a silly video that I had watched with our children where someone went to a telegraph operator to send a message. The thought did not take three seconds but that quickly, I recognized what was happening and drew my mind away from the thought and back to the reading. Had I pursued the silly thought and kept thinking about the movie, I would have missed the message of the reading, "Listening for the still, small voice of God." The message was good and helpful to my soul and I would have missed it completely if I had not *captured* my thoughts. (Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2Cor. 10:5b) There are times that you just have to listen on purpose, focus your mind on what is being said or done and keep it there.

So how do we accomplish it? How do we bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ? With everything that is before our eyes and entering into our ears during the day, what can we fill our minds with that will help us to maintain the relationship with the Lord that He wants us to have? One thing that I have found very helpful in keeping my mind stayed on God is music. In Ephesians 5:19, it says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." The verses prior to this verse are instructing us on how to walk (or live) wisely, being filled with the Spirit, redeeming the time. When silly or bad thoughts come into your mind, begin singing a scripture song that you learned in Sunday school or one of the hymns that you especially like in church. Try singing songs like, "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!" or "Beloved, let us love one another" and see what happens. You do not have to carry a hymn book around with you, just memorize a verse or two of a good song and have it ready in your mind. Beware of choosing the wrong kind of songs, however. Avoid the "New Age" type or the rocky kind that you hear on the radio. Be choosy that is may help your soul and bless the Lord.

Memorize scripture a little at a time and bring that up when you do not have anything else to think about. I have been putting three or four verses on an index card that I can carry around with me so that I can read it from time to time during the day to help memorize them. This way I not only fill my mind with God's Word but I am also filling my "dart bag" to be able to fight the devil (Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps. 119:11).

Watch the things with which you fill your mind. If you like to read, as we do, choose your books carefully. Avoid novels as much as possible for they

put ideas into your mind that are not true. There are some authors that have written books that will emphasize a moral issue and bring out Biblical truths while weaving a story around it, such as George MacDonald, that I do not believe harmful. But your focus should be on biographies and autobiographies of Godly people and other stories that are true and edifying. These will help you to think on things that are true. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4:8) If you like to listen to music, find some good music to listen to that is joyous and happy, and that will help your soul. Be careful how you spend your time. If you play games on any type of computer, keep your games simple and clean and spend only a small amount of time on it. Games can be fun and relaxing but will steal your time away before you realize it, and time is too precious to waste. Besides this, sitting for long periods of time playing games is harmful to you physically and mentally. Beware of becoming obsessed with a certain thing, such as sports. I know some wonderful people that can not get together for five minutes without talking about games, players, scores, and any number of other things about their favorite team but can not memorize scripture or tell you of a blessing that the Lord has given them recently. It can become a problem before you realize it. I challenge you to take a good, honest look at your own life and see what you focus your time and effort on. Is what you are spending your time on helping you to draw closer to the Lord?

Whatever you do with your time and however you let yourself think is up to you entirely. It will determine how much you want to follow the Lord Jesus or how much you just want to do your own thing. What this world has for you is nothing to be compared to what the Lord is waiting to give you. The things of this world will only lead you into a messed up life that will end in regret. To love something else more than you love Jesus is like a wife loving another man more than she loves her husband. As I have said before, God gave us the example of marriage and the marriage commitment to show us how He loves us and wants us to love Him. It means that much to Him. If you can understand this wonderful truth it will help you to understand the very heart of God and will enable you to follow Him with the joy and peace that He longs for you to have. There is nothing like it.

If you would like to know more about what I am saying or would like to ask any question, please feel free to write to me using the address on the back of this paper or the web site found there. I would be more than happy to answer your letter and will answer your questions with the help of my dear husband and the Lord. Your life and soul are important to me and my prayers are with each of you. God bless you all.

Daniel's Wisdom May I Know

To the tune of "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Daniel's wisdom may I know, Stephen's faith and spirit show, John's divine communion feel, Moses' meekness, Joshua's zeal; Run like the unwearied Paul, Win the day and conquer all.

Mary's love may I possess, Ruth's great tender-heartedness; Peter's ardent spirit feel, James' faith by works reveal; Like young Timothy, may I Every sinful passion fly.

Job's submission may I show, David's true devotion know; Samuel's call, O may I hear, And God's holy name revere; Let Isaiah's hallowed fire All my newborn zeal inspire.

Mine be Jacob's wrestling prayer, Hannah's kind and loving care, Joseph's purity impart, Isaac's meditating heart, Abrah'm's friendship may I prove, Faithful to the God of love.



Remembering... Gives reassurance when we are

discouraged-

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. (Ps.143:5)

Reminds us that God is God-

Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me. (Is.46:9)

Strengthens us for hard times-

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions. (Heb.10:32)

Enables us to build on good, old foundations-

And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. (Is.58:12)

Lets us recover long-lost, precious truths-

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein.*(Jer.6:16)

Helps us stay humble under God's mighty hand-

And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.(Deut.5:15)

Teaches us the lessons of God's great deeds-

Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?(Mat.16:9)

Warns us against the folly of the foolish-

Remember Lot's wife.(Luke 17:32)

Stimulates repentance-

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent..(Rev.3:3a)

Shows what is truly unique and marvelous-

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it?(Deut.4:32)

Points to a glorious new and unprecedented future-

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the descript (Je 42:18, 10)

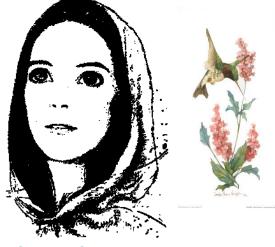
rivers in the desert.(Is.43:18-19)



Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

God-Honored Women of the Bible





Mary Magdalene

Of all the women in the Bible, I suppose that Mary Magdalene is one of my favorites. We are not given many details about her and there are many suppositions about her life and who she was. We do know that Jesus cast seven devils out of her, giving us the idea that she was quite a wicked woman at one time in her life. But as for many people, Jesus made a new person of her, a woman of virtue. One thing is perfectly clear: Mary Magdalene loved Jesus, and Jesus loved her. In fact, her story will forever remain entwined with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful to her Lord, Mary Magdalene was among the last at the cross to witness Christ's death and, following Joseph of Arimathea to see where Jesus' body would be laid, she was the last to leave His tomb after night had fallen. Intending to honor Christ by anointing His body with spices and perfumes, she was the first to visit the tomb on resurrection morning and the first to carry the news that Jesus had risen from the dead. What a great honor to be bestowed upon anyone!

Mary Magdalene owed much, gave much, loved much and served much. She is a wonderful example of a woman whose life was poured out in response to God's extravagant grace and of what God can do for anyone that will respond to His call, "Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Mat. 11:28). The horrible condition in which Jesus found her is not unlike the condition of many people today. If there was hope for this woman and this kind of love for her, there is just as much hope and love for anyone today that is searching for a way out of sin's bondage. There is hope! (Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb.7:25)

(I would like to apologize for a mistake I made in the last issue. Although Moses' mother's name is not mentioned in the account of his birth, Jochebed is recorded in Exodus 6:20 and also in Numbers 26:59. A wise man once said, "Haste makes waste" and sadly, that was the problem here. In my haste to finish the last issue I made a stumble and I humbly apologize.)

Crafters Corner

Materials: Size 30 crochet cotton; 12" ribbon of matching color, ¼" width; craft glue; No. 10 steel hook.

Flower: Rnd 1: Ch 13, sl st in first ch to form ring; ch 1, 24 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc. (24 sc).

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, (ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st) 11 times, ch 1, skip last st, join with dc in first sc (12 ch sps).

Rnd3: Ch 1, sc in same ch sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch sp) 11 times, ch1, join as before.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, 4 dc in same ch sp, sc in next ch sp; (for **petal**, 9 dc in next ch sp; sc in next ch sp) 5 times, 4 dc in first ch sp, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off.

Marker: Rnds 1-3: Repeat rnds 1-3 of Flower.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same ch sp, ch 2, shell in ch sp of last shell, turn.

Rnds 5-17: Ch 3, shell in ch sp of first shell, ch2 shell in ch sp of last shell, turn.

Rnd 18: Ch 3, 2 dc in first shell, ch 1, sl st in center st of any petal, ch 1, **2** dc in same shell, ch 2, 2 dc in last shell, ch 1, sl st in center st of next petal, ch 1, 2 dc in same shell. Fasten off.

Cut 4 ½" piece of ribbon. Weave through ch-2 sps of Marker. Fold ends to back, glue in place. Tie remaining ribbon in bow. Glue centered below Flower.





Blue-Jean Book Bag You will need: A pair of old jeans Scissors Sewing Machine, or needle and thread Cotton belt

1. Zip the jeans and turn them inside out. With a pair of fabric scissors (a parent's job), cut off both jean legs 3 inches from the crotch. Set aside. Next, fold the cutoff jeans, matching up the side seams as you would to press front and back leg pleats.

 Using a sewing machine (or a close, even hand stitch), sew closed each leg opening 1 inch from the cut edge. Trim the denim 1/2 inch from the stitching.

3. Turn the jeans right-side out. For a handle, thread a cotton belt through the belt loops and tie the ends together.

The belt helps to cinch the bag together when you carry it and the pockets give you room to stash more of your things.

Cooking Counter



Peaches and Cream Pops

1/2 cup peeled, chopped fresh peaches
1/3 cup peeled, pureed fresh peaches
2/3 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt
Puree 1/2 cup of peaches in blender or food
processor until smooth. Lightly swirl together
peach puree, yougurt and remaining 1/2 cup of
peaches together in a small bowl. Spoon into 4
popsicle molds and insert handle. Freeze for at
least 4 hours.

* For extra sweet pops, add 1-2 tablespoons of honey to yogurt before swirling.

Peach Pie Smoothie

2 fresh peaches, pitted and sliced 1 cup low-fat vanilla frozen yogurt 1/4 cup low-fat milk 2 teaspoons honey 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon 2 vanilla wafer cookies, crumbled Puree all ingredients except cookies in a blender until smooth. Pour into 2 chilled glasses and top with cookie crumbles, Serves 2.





Pita Chicken Sandwiches

4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts 1 medium onion, sliced thin

> 1 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper

1 tbsp. wine vinegar

- 1-1/2 tsp. chopped chives
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

1 small cucumber, shredded 4 pitas

1. In a nonstick frying pan, heat olive oil. Add chicken and cook about 6 minutes. Turn chicken, add onion, and cook about 6 minutes more or until onion is clear and chicken is tender. Remove from heat. Cut chicken into thin slices across the grain and place in bowl. Add sauteed onion; sprinkle with salt and pepper, mixing carefully. Add vinegar and chives; mix well. In small bowl, mix together yogurt and cucumber.

2. Split the pitas, making pockets. In each pita, spread 2 tablespoons yogurtcucumber sauce. Then place 1/4 of the chicken mixture into the pocket; close the pockets, wrap in plastic wrap and chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Repeat for remaining sandwiches. Cut in half to serve. Makes 8 servings.

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