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## Losing Your Grip

**R**ex, our dog, when he was alive, loved to play tug of war. He would grab his towel and bump it against my leg. This was his way of saying he was ready to play. When pulling on the other end of the towel, it was all I could do to hold on. He was quite stout, and if not careful, he would pull me over.



In the course of play, if I was holding on too tight and he was not making much progress, he would let go and once again grip the towel closer to me (often quite near the fingers) in order to obtain a better grip. Sometimes he was successful in acquiring a firmer grip, but often the second grip was a lot weaker than the first. Maybe he didn't get as good a grip in his mouth, or the towel is grabbed at a weak point where it starts to rip. In these cases, he would have done better to just maintain his original grip.

How often are people like this? They have so much going for them in life. They have a faithful mate, good children, a fine house, a secure job, etc. They grow weary in well doing and start desiring better situations. They feel a move to a new and bigger house or a change of job will benefit them. They grow tired of the automobile

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that has been trouble-free for many years. Some even feel a different mate will make them happy.

They, often after much heartbreak to others, obtain their “second grip” on life or possessions, and find out it is not nearly as good as they thought it would be. The “grass” was not greener on the other side. They often desire to go back, but it's too late

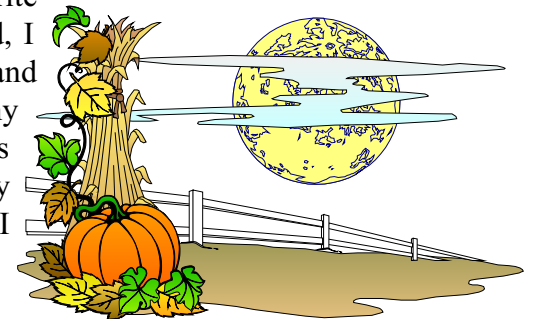
Let's not lose our grip on the good things and happiness the Lord has blessed us with. The phrase “be not weary in well doing” is found written by Paul twice in the New Testament— Galatians 6:9 and II Thessalonians 3:13. Paul also wrote in Philippians 4:11, “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content.”

Certainly, as all the Bible is, this is timeless advice. We would do well to examine how much we have been blessed and how good life really is for us. Let's not lose our grip and end up in a far worse condition.

—Marty Edwards ❖

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**O**ctober is my favorite time of year. Granted, I was born in this month, and as I was growing up, my love for the month was certainly enhanced by birthday activities. As I became an adult though, the beauty of the leaves, the crisp azure-blue skies, and the cool weather following the oppressive heat of late summer enhanced and solidified my love for the month.



Numerous times this fall I have heard others comment how beautiful the weather is. I couldn't help but think, that if this world can be so beautiful, how beautiful Heaven must be.

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Vicki McDaniel, and Alroy McDaniel.**

—There will be a lasagna dinner for the congregation this afternoon at the home of **Shirley Parson** at 3:30 p.m.

—You can have copies of the bulletin and Wednesday night Bible lessons emailed to you.

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When John described Heaven in the book of Revelation, terms were used that we could understand and to which we could relate. Living in this mortal realm, we simply are not capable of understanding what Heaven has to offer. It is comparable to explaining a vast computer system or color television and their functions to someone who lived in Biblical times. They need to see it to understand it.

The beauties of Earth, as breathtaking as they can be, wane in comparison to Heaven. Let's do all we can to make sure we



go there and take as many as will go with us. May we always give thanks to the Lord for the beauties here and the glories of Heaven awaiting the saved, for it was He who “. . . *made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is . . .*” (Psalm 146:6)

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, October 16, 2011		
Classes	16	Luke 12:1-7
Preaching	21	John 17:1-26
Contribution	\$316.00	
Evening	15	Jonah 1:1-17
Wednesday, October 19, 2011		
Classes	16	Deuteronomy 2:1-37

Visitors—  
 Oct 16 (AM) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY);  
 Lurline Mires (Rex, KY)  
 Oct 19 (Wed) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Jonah said the LORD made what?

Last Week's Answer— Stars (Obadiah 1:4)

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### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)