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Losing Your Grip

Rex, 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 was grabbed at a weak point where it started 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 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

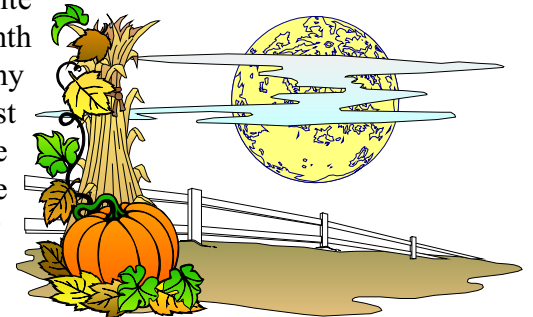
Let's not lose our grip on the good things and happiness the Lord has blessed us with. The phrase "*be not weary in well doing*" is found written by Paul twice in the New Testament— Galatians 6:9 and II Thessalonians 3:13. Paul also wrote in Philippians 4:11, "*Not that I speak in respect of want: for 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❖



October is my favorite time of year. This month is enjoyable to me for many reasons such as the harvest we have, the beauty of the leaves, the crisp azure-blue skies, and the cool weather following the oppressive heat of late summer.



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 **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Kenneth Compton. Shirley Edwards** continues to recover following a stroke and was able to be with us last Sunday morning

Shw is walking much better. **Mark Crabtree** is recovering from a broken arm. **Lillian Riffle** will need to wear a sling for one more weeks due to a fracture in her elbow.

—Our yearly bonfire and chili supper will be at the home of **Mitch & Sandy Duncan** next Sunday, October 30, at 5:00 p.m. We will have our evening worship there. Worship will begin at 5:00.

—On November 6, when we return to Standard Time we will return to our winter schedule with Sunday evening services at 4:00 p.m. This is the only services that changes time. When the time changes in March, we will go back to 6:00 p.m.

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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)

This time of year we enjoy the fruits of harvest. Heaven holds an everlasting harvest for us. Revelation 22:1-2 says,
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Sunday, October 16, 2016		
Classes	14	Ephesians 4:11-13
Preaching	28	II Peter 3:1-18
Contribution	\$803.00	
Evening	12	Proverbs 18:1-24
Wednesday, October 19, 2016		
Classes	19	Nehemiah 8:1-18

Visitors—
 Oct 16 (AM) Sam & Lisa Houry; Samantha & Caroline Wooten (Corinth, MS); Ryan Queen (Munfordville)
 Oct 19 (PM) Tim Bartlett (Berryville, Arkansas)

Bible Quiz

The people read in what book distinctly?

Last Week's Answer— A merry heart (Proverbs 17:22)

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)