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Gird Your Mind

My wife and I were recently comparing the wording in different Bible translations, when we came across 1 Peter 1:13. While the N.I.V. was easier to understand, I do think the A.S.V. had a more colorful description and sent me down the path of truly pondering this verse...

Wherefore, girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13). A.S.V.

The American Standard Version made me wonder what, "Girding up the loins of your mind," meant. I knew the general idea but I also wanted to look up the word in other verses to see different contexts. A quick search through the concordance allowed me to see that, in all cases, it was a preparation for something. In a majority of cases, it was used as a phrase to prepare yourself for battle. In other instances it revealed something you would do before you ran or needed to move quickly. (Elijah, girded his loins, before he made a mad dash down Mt. Carmel before God's rain ended the three year drought in 1 Kings 18:46)

So we understand, "Girding up the loins" means to prepare yourself. Therefore, "Girding up the loins of your mind," must mean to prepare your mind. However, remember what else I said; girding usually meant to prepare for battle. This tells me that the task which is spelled out for us, is going to be a battle! We need to prepare our minds to be nimble and be able to grasp the mission and know how important it is. "What is the mission?" should be your next question. God's inspired word tells us to, "Set your hope perfectly on the grace given through Jesus Christ." The context tells us we must be willing to go to battle to secure it!

You may think this is an odd thing for us to be so prepared for, unless you remember our adversary. Satan's goal is to fill our lives with so many other things (good or bad, whatever is the most successful) that we forget where our hope lies. When you look at it that way, keeping Christ at the forefront of our lives truly is a battle, and one we have to gird for. Also remember another meaning of gird. In construction, a girder is a beam or brace that holds up everything else around it. This is exactly what Christ does in our lives. Consequently, placing our hope in Christ sounds like a worthy task to, "Gird the loins of our mind," for doesn't it?

Wade McKnight
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Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the “people in the box”-- the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri
For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel
For the victims of the recent cyclones in Burma and the earthquake in China

Continuing Requests for Rick Richmond, Alex Cram and his family.

Praise Report: The screw in Patsy Graff’s arm stopped moving and she will be able to return to work this Wednesday.

Annette Coriell is in Heartland, Room 421. She is doing much better.

Deanna Duduit (Troy Gahm’s sister) had surgery on Wednesday to remove a tumor. She is being evaluated for treatment at this time.

Hazel Hutchinson (David Graff’s grandmother in law) has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Family is requesting prayer.

Geneva Miller has been recuperating at home, doing some rehab, but still dealing with pain.

Ellen Lemon has her second chemo treatment in Columbus on Tuesday.

Emerson Coriell completed his first week of chemo-radiation and seems to be tolerating the treatments well.

Alex Cram was in Cleveland and Columbus this week for more testing and consultation concerning the spinal fluid pressure issue. Alex is being given conflicting reports and not many good options for treatment.

Penny Ball has a knee replacement surgery sometime in July. She is being tested by the cardiologist now.

Sharon Rogers had her foot surgery on Friday at SOMC. She is in much pain. May get to come home on Sunday.

Rick Richmond, a continuing request for healing.

Donnie Lykins, dealing with a liver condition that may require a transplant.

Garrett King, Jr (Cheryl Sims’ uncle) diagnosed with cancer, at Riverside in Columbus.

Bud Blair (Penny Ball’s uncle in Marion, Ohio) suffering with leukemia.

Verse of the Month

My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. John 10:27



Shepherds’ Prayer

Session

Thursday, June 19, 7:30 pm. Get your requests to one of the elders before the session.

Rick Fyffe Visiting

Rick Fyffe, executive director of Hope for Haiti’s Children, will be with us on Sunday, June 22, for the evening Bible study time. Rick will be giving us an update on the work in Haiti and about recent changes in the structure of HFHC. **Students from junior high on up will be meeting in the auditorium. Classes under junior high will be meeting as usual.**

New Church Directory

If you are interested in helping Gary Glispie compile a new photographic church directory, please let him know. 776-4279.

VBS Guide and Support Meeting

This evening after Bible Study, we will be having a short meeting of all those who are serving as Guides and Support People in VBS. Find your spot on the sign up sheet, sign up and be sure to show up for this important meeting. Steve Miller

VBS Flyers and Registration Cards Available

On the table in the foyer you will find VBS flyers and registration cards. If you have friends or neighbors with kids in the VBS age range, tell them about our VBS and invite them to come or maybe even volunteer to bring them. This year’s VBS is going to be a great one. Keep on praying and planning.

VBS Cookies

We cannot have VBS without lots of cookies—homemade preferred but store-bought will do. We have a sign up sheet in the foyer for VBS Cookies.



VBS Support Workers and Guides Needed

The VBS Support Worker chart is posted. It’s time for anyone and everyone who can help with VBS to sign up for a slot. We have 3 extra classes this year and are anticipating a crowd of about 200 kids. We need people to be class guides, kitchen helpers, cookie bakers, bell-ringers, cotton candy makers, shaved ice cone makers, decorators, set-up and clean up people, etc. **We also need Tent People**—Tents go up on Friday, June 20 and come down on Saturday, June 28. We need about 4 people to help out with this. Sign up on the window. It’s going to take a lot!!!! of people. Would you be a helper?

VBS Leaders and Planners

We have a blue sheet located by the front doors that tells what age groups will be visiting your “city” during VBS. This is a sheet you will definitely want to have.

Angel Food Orders

Last opportunity for the June order is today. Delivery is Saturday, June 28.

VBS Nearly Upon Us

In just one week, VBS will be here. Please be praying about the whole effort and about our need to reach out to all the new families that will be walking through our doors because of our VBS. The theme is Lost Cities of the Bible. We know the stories of the Bible fairly well, however, the cities and places where these stories happened are "lost" to us. We don't know the locations. We're going to tell the stories but we'll also be spending a little time talking about the locations, the Lost Cities of the Bible. Date is June 23-27, with Friday, June 27 being our inflatables-picnic-program night. The other 4 days our kids will be visiting all the Lost Cities of the Bible and learning about our Lord.

Missions Meeting

At 5:30 pm on Sunday evening, June 22, there will be a meeting here at the building for any and all who are interested in going on a mission trip to Haiti in the future. You can ask questions and get basic information. See Aaron Kallner for details.

Water Color Art Class



Toni Ruch, professional water color artist from Memphis, has been visiting with us recently and is willing to teach an introductory water color art class (flower painting). The class starts Thursday, June 18, 10 am, in the annex here at the building. Small fee for materials, less than \$10.00. Class size limited to 12. Teenage to Adult. Sign up on the pad on the table in the foyer. No drawing or art experience necessary. For more information see Judi Allison or Serena Miller.



Bible Study Curriculum

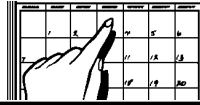
Sunday

6/15 Rick Fyfe - HFHC
6/22 1 Corinthians 1
6/29 PM Youth Service

Wednesday

6/18 Genesis 7:1-24
6/25 Genesis 11:1-9
7/2 Genesis 11:10-14:24

COMING EVENTS 6/23-27 Vacation Bible School @ Sunshine
7/13-19 Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Camp



A Foolish Trade

Here's one from the "stupid criminal" file:

A man walked into a convenience store, put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register.

The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving his \$20 bill on the counter.

So, how much did he get from the drawer? Fifteen dollars.

I read that and started thinking, "How often have I done the same thing?" Many times we've given up something of value in an attempt to get something else of even more value, only to be disappointed in what we ended up with.

Do you remember Esau? He left his birthright on the counter as he grabbed a bowl of stew and ram. Wasn't a very smart trade, was it?

We must remember that any time we trade God's favor for the popularity of men, we do the very same thing. Any time we trade an eternity with God to "live for the moment," we do the very same things. Any time we trade our character and reputation for a few moments of passion or pleasure, we do the same thing.

"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace...Be careful that no one takes part in sexual sin or is like Esau and never thinks about God. As the oldest son, Esau would have received everything from his father, but he sold all that for a single meal" (Hebrews 12:15a, 16)

Don't make foolish trades. Keep holding on to that which is most important.

William Eudy
Southside Church of Christ
Mineral Wells, TX



Our Mission: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Your Mission: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 Lord's Supper –Bread
 Wine
 Server 1
 Server 2
 Server 3
 Server 4
 Server 5
 Server 6
 Message
 Closing Prayer

June 15

Wayne Gampp
 Nick Davis
 Troy Gahm
 Gabe Coriell
 Aaron McCray
 Jeff Hayward
 Chuck Allison
 Barry Gampp
 Josh Coriell
 Matt Gampp
 Jack Jennings
 Bill Gammon
 Steve Miller
 Jason Coriell

June 22

Tom Kelley
 Ralph Gamp
 Steve Williams
 David Gampp
 Zach Coriell
 Dewey Cordle
 Eric Copas
 Price Gammon
 Barry Hayward
 Michael Dixon
 Spike Ferrell
 Lane Raiser
 Jamie Riley
 Mark Risner

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Mark Gampp
 Matt Hoskins
 Gary Glispie
 Ryan Coriell
 Greg Coriell
Rick Fyfe - HFHC

Shawn Gragg
 Bob Havens
 Don Ramey
 Ira Coriell
 Jason Coriell
I Corinthians 1

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
 Don Ramey
Genesis 71-24

Jacob Miller
 Aaron Kallner
Genesis 11:1-9

Children's Bible Time

June 3/5: Brandy Gampp, Debbie Raiser, Derria Kelley
 June 6/8: JoAnn Miller, Beth Miller, Jennifer Gampp
 July 3/5: Christy Veach, Paige Jacobs, Holly Hayward
 July 6/8: Jane Ruggles, Janie Ruggles, Garnet Lindeman

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

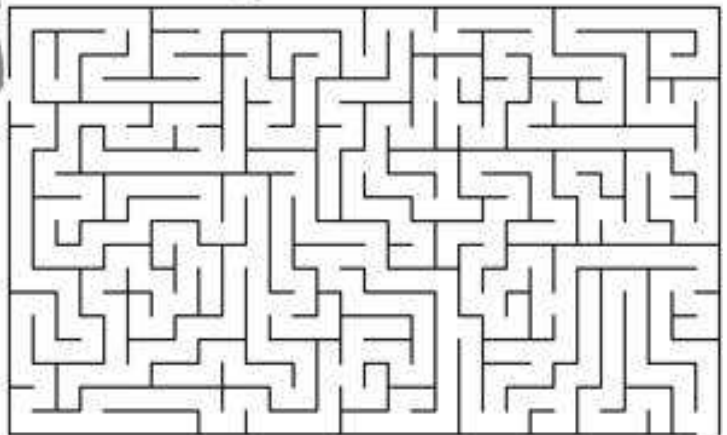


Father's Day Puzzles

Find the different words for "Father" in the grid, then help dad get his golf ball in the hole.



Help Dad Golf



Happy Father's Day

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

ABUELITO
 APA
 BABBO
 DAD
 DADDY
 FATHER
 GRANDFATHER
 GRANDPA
 ISA
 NAGYAPA
 OPA
 PADRE
 PAPA
 PAPPAS
 PATER
 POP
 PREDEK
 VAARI
 VANAISA
 VATER