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I just finished reading the book about the Robinson Family of the famous television show, "Duck Dynasty." After reading Willie and Korie's book, I have a new respect for their family.

The first time I seen Bob watching the program on A&E, I said, "Who in the world are those bearded men?" "They are crazy; I would never watch them." Well, I had to eat my words because one night I sat down and decided to see what they were all about and I loved the show. They are funny, adventurous and entertaining, especially Silas (Uncle Si). I was also impressed to learn that Phil asked the blessing before every family meal.

Granted they don't look so good, and they could stand a haircut and a beard trimming to meet my standards, but I told myself that I was looking at their outward appearance; find out what's on the inside.

I also took note of how their children and grandchildren respected their elders by answering yes sir and yes mam to the grandparents and parents.

My son-law, Steve had purchased one of their books, "The Duck Commander Family," and I began reading it and could not put it down. I changed my mind about those guys after reading the book.

I found out that faith, family and ducks have built a dynasty for the Robinson family; the best part being their faith in God, and the work they do in their church and community.

Phil Robertson, the founder of Duck Commander, spent his childhood on four hundred acres of farm land, where he and his brothers

Duck Dynasty

learned to fish and hunt for squirrels, quail, doves, ducks and fish on the nearby lakes and bayous.

Phil was also a football star and was a first-team, all-state quarterback and received a scholarship to Louisiana Tech to play football. He and Kay married at a very young age. She was only 16. He went on to college and started quarterback his sophomore year ahead of Terry Bradshaw. He gave up football for hunting but received a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1969 and his masters degree in 1974.

He taught school for a few years then turned to the wild side; drinking heavily. He nearly got a divorce, until one day he realized how much he missed his boys and family. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior; was baptized and turned his life around and started teaching at a Christian school. Kay forgave him and their three boys: Alan, Jase and Willie got their father back.

All the boys loved to hunt and fish just like their father and they were very interested in making duck calls. The boys sanded and dipped the duck calls, boxed and packaged the orders as young as six years old. Phil, Kay and the boys worked hard in the early days making duck calls and just barely getting by. Phil always said, "The Lord will always provide." At that time they were making all the duck calls at their house but later acquired a warehouse in town when the business became larger.

Willie and Jase attended seminary and their oldest brother, Alan is a preacher. Later Willie attended Harding University with Korie. They dated in high school and married a year after graduating. They lived in a one-room apartment while attending college eating fried bologna sandwiches, chicken strips and mac and cheese. After graduation Willie took a job at Ch-Yo-Ca church camp as a camp director and later became a youth minister.

During this time there was a pull for Willie to get more involved in the Duck Commander family business. Jase was already working at Duck Commander

and it was getting bigger and Phil wanted him to come on board. Jase loved making the calls and wanted no part of the business aspects of it; but Willie loved selling things and was a great salesman even at a very young age he bought candy and sold it in school and made a profit.

Willie soon started promoting the duck calls, established a website, made hunting DVDs and orders started coming via the internet. Willie established an on-line store, message boards and forums.

Anytime Phil and Willie had speaking engagements Willie would set up booths and sell their products. Willie started networking with all the gun companies, and Real Tree Camo clothing line to acquire contracts.

Phil was excited and told Willie he was the man and asked him to be CEO of the company. Willie accepted and expanded the business operations to include retail stores like Gander Mountain, Cabela's, Dick's Sporting Goods and Wal-Mart. Soon their duck calls and products flew off the shelves.

By now you know the rest of the story; Duck Dynasty is probably the most watched program on television with millions of viewers tuning in weekly. I can't begin to name all the products they sell now; everything from the ice tea glasses to pillows and posters. They went from dirt poor to millionaires. But it did take many years and hours of hard labor, blood, sweat and tears, but most of all their faith in God carried

them through. I give a lot of credit to Willie and his wife Korie for setting up a web site and going world wide to promote their products; but Si and Jase have been right in there too; it's a family affair.

Korie and Willie have five children John Luke, Sadie, Bella, and two adopted children, Rebecca and Will. Jase and Missy have Cole, Reed and Bailey, Other brothers, Alan, Jep and Jessica has Lily, Merritt, River, Carly, Priscilla and Mia.

Uncle Si is retired military after spending twenty-four years in service and he is married but I'm not sure how many kids he has; can you believe he was once an introvert? Willie said the show has really helped Si. He has stolen everyone's heart and now is the star.

From Louisiana's bayou, the Robertson family went from eating fried bologna sandwiches to eating filet mignon. Phil and Kay don't live in a mansion, but in the backwoods, where the Robertson's' Duck Commander has become a sporting empire by making top-of-the-line duck calls.

**On Sunday, September 29th Willie, Miss Kay, John Luke, Sadie and Alan (the older brother, who is a preacher), will share stories and testimonies of faith and family. All proceeds from the event will go to the Capital Campaign of the Frankfort Kentucky Christian Academy for a new science lab, locker rooms, and HVAC in the gymnasium. For tickets contact Ticket master.*



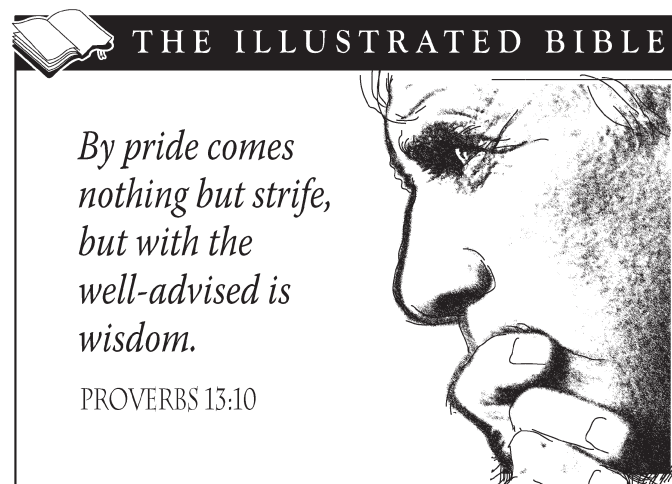
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Needmore Letter Box by Naughty Maudie

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each of the small 9-box squares contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the name of a ginseng hunter from Marbleyard, shown above, will be spelled out on two rows.

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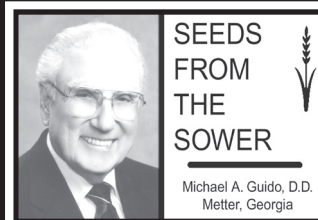
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PROVERBS 13:10

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hezekiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where does the Bible say, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism"?

3. From Exodus 17, the Lord will have war with whom from generation to generation? Hesbolah, Eliezer, Amalek, Pilate

4. Abigail, Michal and Ahinoam were all wives of whom? Solomon, Peter, Obadiah, David
5. Of these, which isn't a biblical nationality? Perizzites, Hittites, Canaanites, Pegamites
6. Who committed mankind's first murder? Seth, Cain, Lamech, Abel



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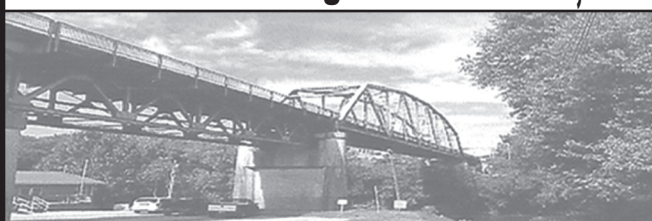
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The Wages of Sin?

by BOB CASEY, Preacher, Church of Christ

In **Proverbs 14:9** Solomon said: "fools make a mock at sin." Added to this Paul wrote **Galatians 6:23**, "The wages of sin is death." Friends, here he is talking about eternal death. Someone once accused me of not being very tactful in preaching the gospel. To the which I reply: "I never did know that I was supposed to slip upon someone with the truth." We are at the present living a time that the strongest, direct preaching may not shock the disobedient lives of some sinners. Paul also wrote in **II Timothy 3:13**, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived." But Paul knowing the hearts of men went on to say in **II Timothy 4:2-5**, "Preach the word, when it is convenient and not convenient, for the time will come, (and friends, that time is now) when men do not want to hear the truth that will save them and keep them saved when it is obeyed.) He goes on to say: "They shall turn away their ears from the truth." In spite of what Jesus says in **John 8:51**, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." Still a lot of people are ignoring him.

But one day, maybe soon, the time and day will come when no man will be able to ignore him. Paul wrote in **I Thessalonians 4:16**, "for the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God." And on this day all the unsaved shall cry and wail because they have failed to prepare. Oh sinner man, where are you going to run to on that day? (**Revelation 6:16-17**) says people will beg to the mountains to fall upon them, hide us from his face that is sitting upon his throne. Hide us from his wrath. But friends, it just won't happen. **II Corinthians 5:10** says we will all stand before Christ judgment seat to give an accounting according to the life we have lived. So being tactful it never occurred to me to soft soap the gospel (**John 5:25**). Jesus says "Verily, verily, I say unto you the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead (in sin) hear the voice of the son of God: and they that hear shall live." Friends, you know that I am telling the truth, so why put off making your calling and election sure. Call and we will help you to make this life changing decision.

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