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# Just Not Your Turn

Haiti. All the slots had been filled, except one. I had signed up to go. So had Stacy. Two women, one slot. My beloved, the pastor, was going to flip a coin to see which of us got to be on the team.

Before he did, I came to my senses. I had been on several trips before; Stacy had not. I was concerned that it might hurt her deeply if her pastor's wife knocked her out of going. I could go another time. It just wasn't my turn.

My beloved told Stacy she would be going. She was ecstatic! Because STACY went to Haiti and I did not, a baby's life was saved! No kidding.

Stacy is a baby holder. I am not. If she saw you this minute and you held even an ugly baby, she would beg you to hold it. I would not.

One day while that mission team was serving in Haiti, a long line waited to see the doctors. Stacy had finished with Bible school activities and had returned to the clinic to help. As she passed the long line of Haitians, sure enough, she spotted someone with an infant. She automatically asked, "May I hold your baby?"

As she took the baby boy in her arms, Stacy learned that it was actually his aunt who'd held him; he had been abandoned by his mother. He wasn't there to see the doctor, but the aunt was. Stacy knew right away that something was

wrong with the baby. He was lifeless. She told the aunt through an interpreter that the baby was extremely sick and would need to be seen right away. Making her way through the crowd, Stacy presented him to the doctors. They found that he was dangerously dehydrated. IVs were started STAT. He had IVs that day and several following days. Many prayers were uttered. Though it was unlikely at first, he survived! Praise the Lord! Because it was STACY'S turn to be in Haiti and not mine.

God has a plan for us. It is unique and specific for us. It's not someone else's plan. He will open doors for us. When He does, we will praise His Name and probably share it on social media.

When God closes doors, let's stop knocking on them, trusting He is up to something else.

Of course, it's disappointing when we don't get to do what our heart desires. Knowing that God is a kind and gracious God Who puts our daily puzzle pieces together can help alleviate the frustration and give us a heavenly perspective.

Moses didn't lead the people into the Promised Land. Daniel wasn't in the fire with his three friends. David did not build the temple. It just wasn't their turn, and it was OK. God had a different plan.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

ROMANS 8:27

**And** he who **searches** our **hearts** **knows** the **mind** of the **Spirit**, **because** the Spirit **intercedes** for God's **people** in **accordance with** the **will** of **God**.

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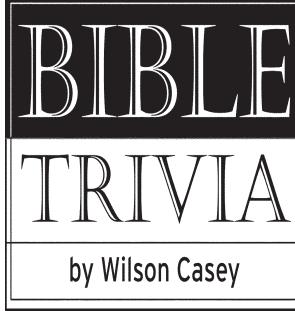
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12



1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who did the people of Malta think was a god when he was unaffected by the viper's bite? Job, Paul, Timothy, Stephen
3. To whom did Naaman the Syrian ask for forgiveness after worshipping

the god Rimmon? Saul, Christ, Elisha, Darius

4. From John 3, who was a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews? Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Judas, Peter

5. Who was known as the "Supplanter"? Aaron, Moses, Jacob, Hosea

6. What was the name of David's first wife? Rachel, Priscilla, Michal, Ruth

**Answers on bottom of Page 12**

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## Entering the Kingdom

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In **Luke 13:22-35**, our Lord was asked this question, "*Lord, are there few that be saved?*" And then he gave this reply, "*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*"

The emphasis I wish to dwell on in this article is, "Will anyone ever enter into Heaven by simply believing in Jesus without ever engaging in the work of attempting to win souls?" This question should cause one to reflect upon other things Jesus has said about such. This well known passage found in **2 Timothy 2:15** should stimulate our thinking, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" All the study and knowledge of it will never gain one soul for Jesus unless we make applications of it through teaching and preaching; plus, living publicly in its principles. **Matthew 5:16 says so!**

In Matthew 7:13-14, here it is telling us that few there be which find the narrow gait; so, we must become one that is willing to guide them. Also, in **Matthew 9:36-38**, when Jesus "*saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*" This caused him to say, "*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.*" If you claim to be a Christian, then you need to be engaged in the harvest. But, I am truly convinced that not many will involve themselves in doing so. **Lask**, "Can we expect to receive a good reward in Heaven without every performing as a Christian?"

Then, in **2 Peter 3:15**, "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*" **Lask**, can you do this? Can you take the Holy Scriptures and show people what it says?

I read something that is very interesting in **1 Cor-**

**inthians 15:37-49**, where Paul is speaking concerning the stars in relationship to earthly man. Here, he speaks about the "*glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars,*" how they all give illumination and are different in glory, but they all give some light. Then, he said, "*So also is the resurrection of the dead.*" Here, he is reminding us of what he said in **Matthew 5:16**, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" **Lask**, "Can we expect to inherit a home in Heaven without doing so?"

Adam Clarke wrote in his commentary about **1 Corinthians 15**, saying, "*How very few love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; and their neighbour as themselves! How few mature Christians are found in the Church! How few are, in all things, living for eternity! How little light, how little heat, and how little influence and activity are to be found among them that bear the name of Christ! How few stars of the FIRST magnitude will the Son of God have to deck the crown of his glory! Few are striving to excel in righteousness; and it seems to be a principal concern with many to find out how little grace they may have, and yet escape hell; how little conformity to the will of God they may have, and yet get to heaven!*"

He goes on to say that he "*perceived it to be the labour of many to lower the standard of Christianity, and to soften down, or explain away, those promises of God that himself has linked with duties; and because they know that they cannot be saved by their good works, they are contented to have no good works at all.*" Adam Clarke Commentary

So, we all ought to press every Christian to remain faithful in all things to go on to perfection and expect to be saved at the end, only if we are engaged in the work of saving souls, and to receive the fullness of the blessings of Christ at the last day where he will say to the faithful, "*Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*" **Matthew 5:24**

Also, read in **Revelations 22:12**, "*And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*"

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*Sincerely, Bob Casey*



Missionaries who travel to visit distant tribes in the most remote villages of the world seem to have a similar experience: when the natives learn and understand that there is only one God whose story is told in the Bible and whom they can come to know through Jesus Christ, they lose their fear of "their gods." Most of them have many different gods whom they do not know nor understand - only fear. So, they live lives filled with fear - afraid that they will displease the god they have created who may punish or kill them, their families or tribe at any time. So, they live lives that are haunted, not helped by their beliefs. How different is the God of the Bible whom we can

come to know, love and understand. Our God has the heart of a loving Father. The Psalmist described Him in wonderful, gracious terms when he wrote, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear - stand in awe of - Him."

He has compassion on us when we are weak and need His strength to make it through difficult days and long nights. He has compassion on us when we hurt and need His hope and healing. He has compassion on us when we have failed Him and need His forgiveness.

One day two fathers were talking. "If your son was my son, I would never speak to him again for what he's done to you." "Yes," replied the father who was filled with grief, "but he's not. He's my son and I'll always love him." How like our compassionate Heavenly Father.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Measurement
- CHIN
- Delight
- TATER
- Disfigure
- FECADE
- Magma
- STABAL

### TODAY'S WORD

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



I recently returned from a trip. Today is Friday. I returned four days before the day after the day before tomorrow.

On what day did I return?

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