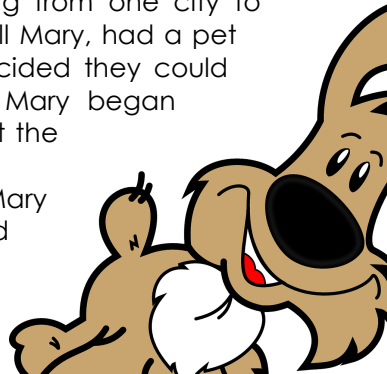


The following is from Pr Glenn Coon's study, ""The Science of Prayer, it's ABCs" which is available from archive.org/details/GlennCoonBooks

How not to pray: A family was moving from one city to another. The little girl whom we will call Mary, had a pet dog named Troubles. Her parents decided they could not to take Troubles with them; but Mary began praying, "Dear Jesus, when we arrive at the new city have Troubles there."

When they arrived at the new city Mary told her new friend at school, "I prayed to Jesus. I told him that when we arrived in this city to have Troubles here. But Jesus disobeyed me."



A husband and wife needed to move and had spotted the perfect house. They were praying that God would provide their need, as He promises in Philippians 4:19, by making this perfect house available. Now, in Philippians 4:19, God does promise to supply our needs, but He doesn't necessarily promise to do it exactly the way we want or expect. God knows a lot more than we do, and God has many more ways of answering our prayers than we know about. It is not our place to tell God exactly what to do, how to do it or when to do it – we need to leave these little details up to Him, and know that whatever He gives us will be the best in the long run.



When our daughter Juanita was a toddler, I walked in one day just as she was in the process of putting a razor blade (similar to a Stanley knife blade) in her mouth! God gave me a quick idea, and I smiled, hoping she would imitate me. She did, and I walked towards her, smiling all the time, calling, "Nita, Nita." She continued to smile broadly and didn't close her mouth, and I picked out the razor blade, then said, "Juanita, that blade would have cut your mouth up!" She thought she wanted to eat a razor blade, but I knew a better way and gave her food instead. When God doesn't answer our prayers the way we expect or want, we can trust that He knows a better way too.

Not What They Expected

Sabbath

Some interesting facts about the human brain from www.thethinkingbusiness.co.uk/brain_facts.html

- The brain is about 2% of your total body weight.
- Your brain uses approximately 20% of the total oxygen pumping around your body.
- The brain itself cannot feel pain.
- Your brain consists of about 100 billion neurons.
- A baby's brain weighs about 350 to 400g at birth and contains almost all of the brain cells it will ever have.
- If the blood supply to the brain stops, unconsciousness will occur after 8-10 seconds.
- Your brain is approximately 75% water.
- The human brain is roughly 140mm x 167mm x 93mm.



Sunday

Jesus travelled with his followers through the region of Galilee, preaching, healing, and casting out demons.

Now the son of a government official in Capernaum became very sick. When the father heard that Jesus was in Cana, He travelled there and begged Jesus to come and heal his son, who was going to die. Jesus said, "Your son has been healed!" The man believed and started home.

On the way, one of his servants met him to tell him that his son was now alive and well and it turned out that the boy had begun to get better at the exact same time that Jesus had spoken!

One day Jesus came to the village of Nazareth, where He had lived as a boy. On Sabbath, He went to the synagogue (or church) like He always did. The men would take turns reading from the Bible each week. And this time, Jesus stood up to read. They gave Him the scroll of Isaiah the prophet, and Jesus read: "The Spirit of the Lord has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to release the prisoners and to make the blind see."

Jesus rolled up the scroll then said, "This verse has come true today!"

The people realised He was talking about Himself! Some said "How can this be true? Isn't He the carpenter Joseph's son!"

Then Jesus said, "You are wondering why I haven't done miracles here. But no prophet is accepted in his own town. There were many needy widows in Israel when Elijah was the prophet, but Elijah was sent to a foreign widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, but only Naaman, the Syrian was healed by washing in the river."

When they heard this, the people were angry. Jumping up, they grabbed Him and dragged him to the edge of the hill.

They were going to push him over the cliff. But suddenly the people could not see Jesus anymore and He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.



Friday

Sometimes it can seem impossible to break a habit. But with God anything is possible, and with the support of friends and a step-by-step plan – we can do it.

Have you ever watched stories on TV where someone did something really brave and then the reporter asks them if they were scared? They usually say they were, but they did it anyway.

How we feel is not as important as how we act. We can choose to act, in spite of how we feel.

Fit these words into the grid below.

(Hint: Start with the groups of words that only contain 1 word)

8 letter words: **INSTINCT, TRAINING**

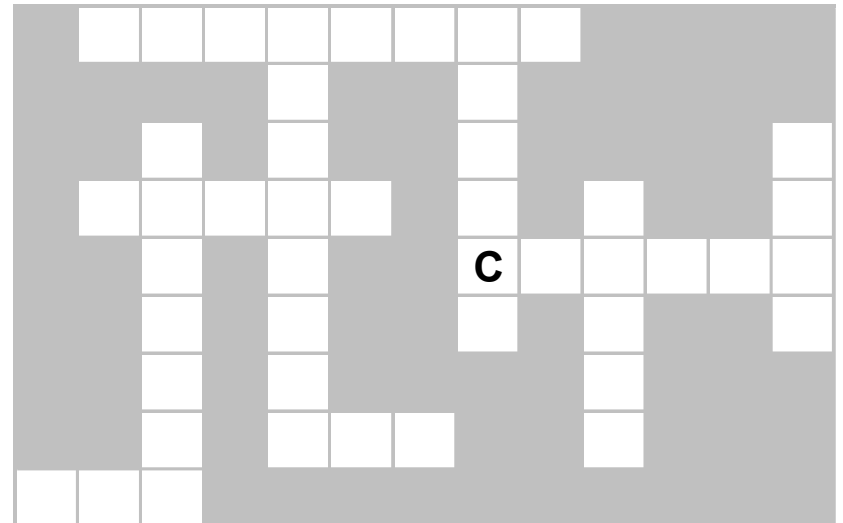
7 letter words: **PROTECT**

6 letter words: **CHANGE, CHOICE**

5 letter words: **BRAIN, HABIT**

4 letter words: **FEEL**

3 letter words: **ACT, GOD**



Thursday

God gave humans the power of choice. Animals on the other hand, learn by instinct and training. Humans also learn from their environment and training. - A child learns by watching his parents and when he does something regularly it becomes a habit. **But humans have the choice to say, "No! – I am going to change" – and then do something about it.**

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Find the words in bold in the grid.

Do you know anyone who has made a dramatic change in their life? Do you know anyone who has made the following changes?

- ☐ Changed their diet and weight or clothing size.
- ☐ Stopped smoking.
- ☐ Started a new sport or exercise.
- ☐ Changed jobs or started a training course.
- ☐ Something else: _____

Monday

If you did a survey asking people if they believed that their thoughts could affect their body - many of them would agree that they could.



The obvious example is someone thinking about a scary situation, and feeling their heart beat faster. Ask a nurse, and they will most likely tell you, that when a person comes into hospital expecting the worst - their body takes a lot longer to heal than a person who has a positive attitude.

The Helmet of Salvation is the next part of the Armour of God. Why do people wear helmets? - To protect their heads.

Why is your head so important? - Because it holds your brain; the part of you that thinks, feels, and controls the rest of your body.



What happens when a person's brain suffers damage?

Sometimes the physical control of their body is affected (like with a stroke) and at other times, they lose their short-term or long-term memory, or their ability to think clearly. Brain injuries may also make changes to a person's temperament, moods, or feelings.

How can your brain be injured? The most obvious way of course is by physical injury, for example, a car accident or a fall. The brain can also be injured by some diseases and certain drugs. What you might not realise is that your brain can be injured by repeated, negative thoughts! When thoughts like "I am no good... I am a failure..." etc are repeated regularly, the person gets stuck in a cycle of negative thinking. This negative thinking affects the whole body and is another way that Satan attacks people.

Do you have an attitude of "I can't do this; this is too hard; I will give up?" Satan is using these thoughts to stop you from reaching your full potential. Use the helmet of Salvation and say, "When I believe Jesus. Jesus said He has saved me. Jesus loves me. With Jesus help. I can do everything He wants me to!"

Tuesday

When the father really believed, his actions proved that he believed - and his son was healed.

Who did the people of Nazareth believe that Jesus was?

The news of the amazing miracles that Jesus had performed would have reached Nazareth, but they still chose not to believe. Use the code to see what they said.

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Wednesday

Unscramble things that might injure your brain. The answers are on the bottom of the page.

RUDGS

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Lack of **RATEW**

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Lots of **NUKJ** **OFOD**

