

Now I saw in my dream, that Christian and Hopeful walked faster, leaving Mr By-ends behind. But one of them looking back, saw three men come up to Mr. By-ends. The men's names were Mr. Hold-the-world, Mr. Money-love and Mr. Save-all, men that Mr. By-ends had formerly been acquainted with for they were school-fellows and were taught by one Mr. Gripeman, a schoolmaster in Love-gain which is a market town in the county of Coveting, in the north. This schoolmaster taught them the art of getting, either by violence, trickery, flattery, lying, or by putting on a disguise of religion, and these four gentlemen had attained much of the art of their master so that they could each of them have taught such a school themselves.

Mr. Money-love said to Mr. By-ends, "Who are they upon the road before us? Why did they not stay, that we might have had their good company?"

Mr By-ends replied, "The men before us are so rigid and love so much their own ideas, caring little for opinions of others that if he jumps not with them in all things, they thrust him quite out of their company."

"In how many and what things wherein did you differ," asked Mr Save-all?

"Why," said Mr By-ends, "They conclude that it is duty to rush on their journey in all weathers and I am for waiting for wind and tide. I am for taking all advantages to secure my life and estate. They are for holding, though all other men are against them, but I am for religion so far as the times and my safety will bear it. They are for religion when in rags and contempt, but I am for him when he walks in his golden slippers in the sunshine and with applause."

"Aye," agreed Mr Hold-the-world, "Since God has bestowed upon us the good things of this life would He not have us keep them for His sake? Abraham and Solomon grew rich in religion."

Mr Save-all said, "I think that we are all agreed in this matter."

Then, for something to do as they walked, Mr By-Ends proposed a question, "Suppose a man should see an advantage to get the good blessings of this life, if he appears to become extraordinary zealous in some point of religion - may he not use this means to attain his end and yet be a right honest man?"

Some discussion followed the conclusion being that "the man that gets these by becoming religious, gets that which is good, of them that are good, by becoming good himself." And because, as they thought, no man was able to contradict it, and because Christian and Hopeful were yet within call, they jointly agreed to assault them with the question as soon as they overtook them.

Mr. Hold-the-world asked the question to Christian and his fellow, and bid them to answer it if they could. Then said Christian, "Even a babe in religion may answer such questions. For if it be unlawful to follow Christ for loaves, how much worse is it to use religion to get and enjoy the world! Nor do we find any other than heathens, hypocrites, devils, and their followers, that are of this opinion.

"The hypocritical Pharisees were of this religion; long prayers were their pretence; but to get widows' houses was their intent; and greater damnation was from God their judgment. Judas was also of this religion; he was religious for the bag of money; but he was lost, cast away. Also a man that takes up religion for the world will throw away religion for the world, for so surely as Judas designed the world in becoming religious, so surely did he also sell religion and his Master for the same. To answer the question therefore affirmatively, as I perceive you have done; and to accept of, as authentic, such answer, is both heathenish, hypocritical, and devilish; and your reward will be according to your works."

Then they stood staring one upon another, but had no answer.

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Sabbath

Read Romans 12:14-21 from the NIV or NLT Bible and solve the crossword.

"_____ (12 across) those who _____ (7a) you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in _____ (3d) with each other. Don't be too _____ (1d) to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable. Do all that you can to live in _____ (10a) with

_____ (6d). Dear friends, never take

_____ (5a). Leave that to the righteous

anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back,"

says the _____ (13d). Instead, "If your

enemies are _____ (9d), _____ (4a) them.

If they are _____ (8d), give

them something to _____ (2a).

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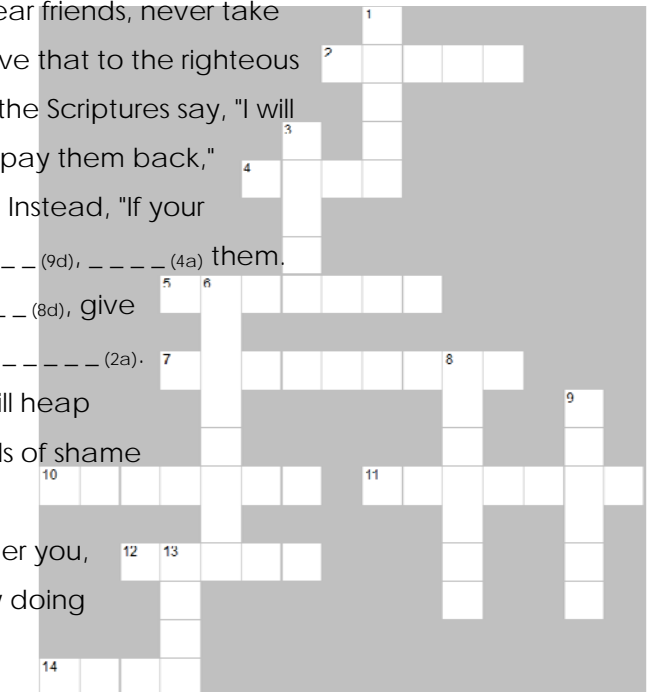
_____ (11a) coals of shame

on their heads.

Don't let evil conquer you,

but conquer evil by doing

_____ (14a). NLT



Sunday

One day Jesus said: "If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there with them."

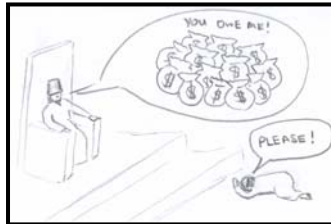
Jesus said: "If a Christian friend sins against you, speak to them alone and tell them what you are upset about. If they will not listen, take one or two others with you and try again. Then if they still won't listen, take your case to the church leaders."

Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive someone who wrongs me? Seven times?"

Jesus said: "No, not seven times, but seventy times seven!"

Jesus told this story:

"A king demanded payment from a man who had borrowed lots of money.



The king was sorry for him, and forgave his debt. But when the man left the king, he went to another man who



owed him only a few thousand dollars and when he couldn't pay, threw him in jail. Someone saw this, and went to the king and told him what had happened.

Then the angry king sent the man to prison until he had paid his entire debt."



Jesus said: "This is what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive other people."

Friday

The Town of Fair-speech: 'Fair-weather' means pleasant weather. So Fair-speech means pleasant speech. Christian's question to By-ends was not pleasant and such talk would not be allowed in Fair-speech.

Look up the verses and summarise them in your own words. Draw arrows to show which verses can be used to answer each person.

Mr Save-all: There are some people, like Mr Save-all who believe everyone will be saved, even if they never choose to ask for forgiveness and salvation, even if they do not want to be saved.	Romans 6:23
Mr Any-thing: Chances are, Mr Any-thing will do anything and say anything if he thinks it will benefit him. Or maybe, like Mr Save-all, he believes that people can do anything they want to without consequences.	Luke 12:8, 9
Mr Turn-about: To turnabout means to change direction or opinion. Mr Turn-about will do this whenever it suits him, to make life better.	Numbers 23:19
Mr Time-server: The Collins English Dictionary says a timeserver is someone who compromises and changes his opinions or way or life to suit the current fashions.	John 3:16
Mr Facing-both-ways is like Mr Turn-about but Mr Facing-both-ways sees no problem with holding two differing opinions or going two different directions at the same time.	Matthew 7:14

Thursday

Read the Pilgrims Progress story from the back page.

Mr By-ends: Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary says to 'have a by-end' means to have a private end or interest, a secret purpose or selfish advantage in mind. Mr By-ends is a 'Christian' only when it is easy to be one and it is profitable.

Pr Two-tongues: The Farlex Dictionary of Idioms, says that double-tongued means to be deceitful, especially in speech; claiming one set of beliefs or intentions but acting according to another.

Mr Smooth-man: The Collins English Dictionary says smooth can mean persuasive, especially suggesting insincerity. Like Mr Fair-speech, Mr Smooth-man will tell you whatever he needs to, to get his own way.

Mr Gripe-man: The American Heritage dictionary says that gripe is an old-fashioned word, meaning to grasp, seize, or hold firmly. He taught them to use whatever means necessary, including, violence, trickery, flattery, lying and religion.

Mr Money-love will do anything to get and keep money

Mr Hold-the-world will not give up, the pleasures offered by the world.

Luke 9:25_{NLT} says, "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?"

Luke 16:13 says, "No one can serve two masters... you cannot serve both God and money."

Leviticus 19:11 says, "Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another."

Fit the underlined words into the grid.

Monday

Pilgrims Progress continues:

Now I saw in my dream that after a time in prison Christian continued his journey and one whose name was Hopeful joined him. Hopeful also told Christian, that there were many more of the men who would follow.

So I saw that quickly after they were got out of the Fair, they overtook one that was going before them, whose name was By-ends; so they said to him, "What countryman, Sir? And how far go you this way?"

He told them, that he came from the town of Fair-speech, and he was going to the Celestial City. "I am a stranger to you, and you to me: if you be going this way, I shall be glad of your company; if not, I must be content."

"This town of Fair-speech," said Christian, "I have heard of, and as I remember, they say it is a wealthy place."

"Yes, I will assure you that it is; and I have very many rich kindred there. Almost the whole town is related to me. My Lords Turn-about, Time-server and Fair-speech, also Mr Smooth-man, Mr Facing-both-ways, Mr Any-thing; and the parson of our parish, Mr Two-tongues, is my uncle. I am a gentleman of good quality, yet my great-grandfather was but a waterman, looking one way and rowing another, and I got most of my estate by the same occupation. My wife is Lady Feigning's daughter; she came of a very honourable family.

"It is true we somewhat differ in religion from those of the stricter sort, but only in two small points; first, we never strive against wind and tide; secondly, we are always most zealous when religion goes in his silver slippers; we love much to walk with him in the street, if the sun shines, and the people applaud him."

Then Christian said, "Is not your name Mr By-ends, of Fair-speech?"

"It is not my name, but a nickname that is given me by some that cannot stand me."

"Did you never give an occasion to men to call you by this name," asked Christian?

"Never, never!" Said By-ends, "The worst that ever I did was always have the luck to jump, as I judged, with the present way of the times, whatever it was, and my chance was to get thereby; but if things are thus cast upon me, let me count them a blessing; but do not let the nasty load me with reproach."

Christian said, "I thought, indeed, that you were the man I heard of; and to tell you what I think, I fear this name belongs to you more properly than you are willing we should think it does."

By-ends replied, "Well, I cannot help it. But you shall find me a fair company-keeper, if you will still admit me your associate."

"If you will go with us," said Christian, "You must go against wind and tide; which, I perceive, is against your opinion; you must also own religion in his rags, as well as when in his silver slippers; and stand by him, too, when bound in irons, as well as when he walketh the streets with applause."

Then said By-ends, I shall never desert my old principles, since they are harmless and profitable. If I may not go with you, I must do as I did before you overtook me and go by myself, until some other overtake me that will be glad of my company.

Tuesday

What did Jesus say we should do when a Christian friend sins us? Perhaps they have taken something that is yours, or lied about you. Put the answers to the math problems in each box and then draw arrows to join the boxes in order of the answers.

$$9 \times 4 \div 12 =$$

If they won't listen,
ask one or two of
your friends. If they
agree, take them to
talk to the person
who upset you.

$$100 - 3 \times 11 \times 3 =$$

Get them alone
and tell them
how they have
upset you.

$$4 \times 9 \div 6 \div 3 =$$

If they will not
listen, take your
case to the
church.

When someone upsets you, it is always a good idea to discuss it with a parent or trusted adult as well as God. They can help you understand why you are upset and advise you.

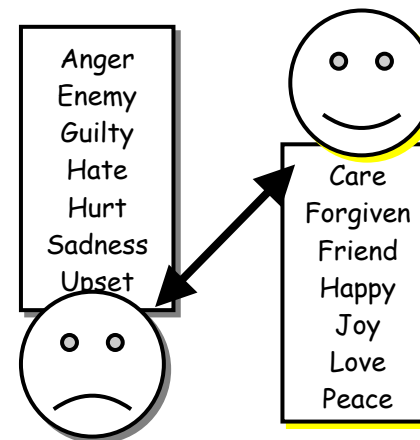
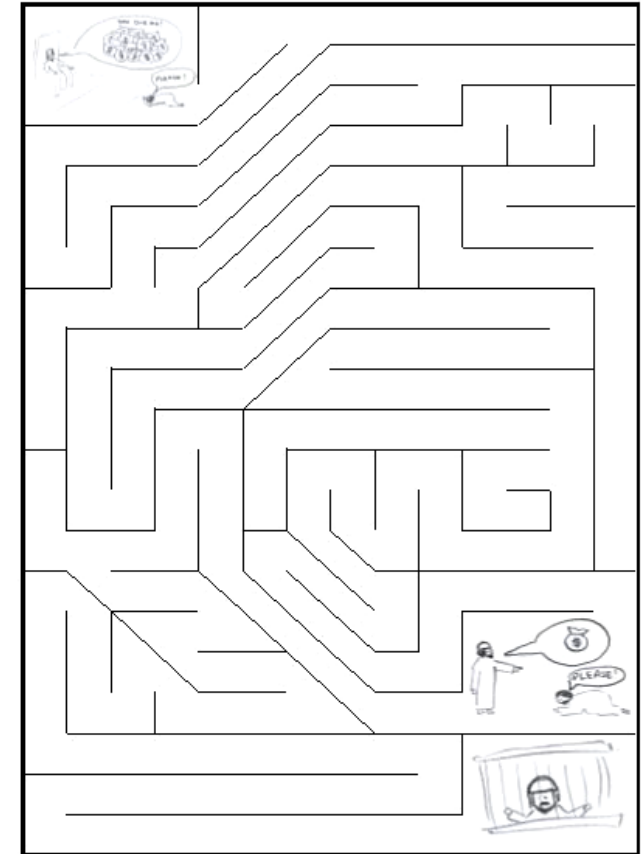
- There will be times you can use the above process with your friends and classmates.
- There will be times when you are upset about something which is not a sin. In these cases it may not always be helpful to approach the other person.
- There will be times when you must place the whole situation into God's hands and let Him deal with it.
- There are certain sins that must be dealt with by authorities—this is very important to prevent further harm. This is why it is important to talk to a trusted adult, and if they do not believe you, talk to other trusted adults until someone listens. Parents, grandparents, church and school teachers, pastors etc.

Wednesday

The king forgave the man, but when he did not forgive the other man who owed him, the king was angry and threw him in jail.

Find the path that the man took from the king to jail.

When we do not forgive, the upset, hurt, guilt or anger stays inside us and grows into hate. It causes sadness and turns friends into enemies. Much better to forgive and experience God's love, joy, peace and so on. What do you want to be? Find these words



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