

Now I saw that just on the other side of this plain, the Pilgrims came to a place where stood an old monument hard by the highway. At the sight of which they were both concerned, because of the strangeness of the form, for it seemed to them as if it had been a woman. Here they stood looking and looking, but could not for a time tell what they should make of it. At last Hopeful spied written above the head, a writing. He called to Christian to see if he could pick out the meaning and after a little laying of letters together, he found it to be this, "Remember Lot's wife."

Then they both concluded that that was the pillar of salt into which Lot's wife was turned, for her looking back with a covetous heart when she was going from Sodom for safety.

"Ah, my brother," said Christian! "How timely, after the invitation which Demas gave us to come over to view the Hill Lucre and had we gone over as he desired us, my brother, we may have been made like this woman, a sight for those that follow to see."

"I am sorry that I was so foolish," said Hopeful. "I wonder that I am not now as Lot's wife; for how was my sin different? She only looked back and I had a desire to go see. I am ashamed, that ever such a thing should be in mine heart."

Christian said, "Let us take notice of what we see here, to help us in future. This woman escaped one judgment, for she fell not by the destruction of Sodom, yet she was destroyed by another."

"True," said Hopeful, "And she may be to us both caution and example. Caution, that we avoid her sin and an example of what judgment will overtake those who do not. Like Korah, Dathan, and Abiram that perished in their sin, did also become a sign or example to others to beware."

"But above all, I wonder at one thing: how can Demas and his fellows stand so confidently yonder to look for that treasure, which this woman, but for looking behind her was turned into a pillar of salt. Especially since she is within sight of them."

Christian said, "It is a thing to be wondered at and it suggests that their hearts have grown desperate. I cannot tell who to compare them to so fitly. They are like thieves who steal in the presence of the judge, or under the gallows."

"It is said of the men of Sodom that they were sinners exceedingly. The land of Sodom was like the Garden of Eden yet despite this reminder they chose the sinful way. So it is most rationally to be concluded, that they were such as these are, those who sin despite the examples that are set continually before them, to caution them; so they must be partakers of severest judgments."

Hopeful replied, "Doubtless you have said the truth; but what a mercy is it, that I am not made myself this example! Let us thank God."

Then they went on their way to a pleasant river which David the king called, "The river of God," and John called, "The river of the water of life."

Now their way lay just upon the bank of the river. Here therefore, Christian and his companion walked with great delight. They drank the water of the river, which was pleasant and enlivening to their weary spirits. On the banks of this river, on either side, were green trees that bore all manner of fruit and the leaves of the trees were good for medicine and with the fruit of these trees they were also much delighted.

On either side of the river was also a meadow beautified with lilies and green all the year long. In this meadow they lay down and slept, for here they might lie down safely. Here they stayed several days and nights.

Only One Thank You

Sabbath

God gives us so many things (all good things come from God). Here are some things to thank God for.



Life, Water
Animals
Family
Friends
Health
Brains, Food
Nature

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Sunday

As Jesus was entering a town between Samaria and Galilee, 10 men, sick with leprosy stood in the distance and called out to Him.

Now, lepers were not allowed to go near well people but if a leper thought he was healed he had to go and show himself to a priest before he could go home.

Jesus said: Go and show yourselves to the priest!

The 10 lepers hurried off to the priest and as they were running, they found they were well again. When they saw they were healed, nine of them continued on to see the priests, but one man turned and went back to thank Jesus. This man was a Samaritan, not a Jew.



Didn't I heal ten men?
Where are the other nine?
Has no one returned to give
glory to God except this
foreigner? ...Go - your faith
has healed you. Luke 17:17-19 NLT



Praise God!
Thank you Jesus!

Jesus, Master, have mercy and heal us.



Friday

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul says, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Philippians 4:11^{NIV}

"Greedy people try to get rich quick but don't realize they're headed for poverty." Proverbs 28:22^{NLT}

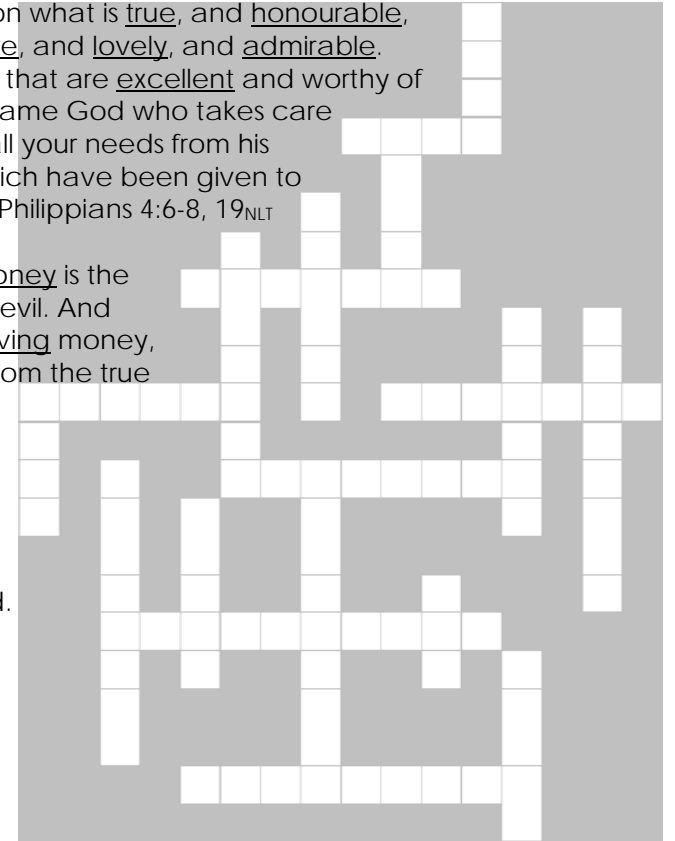
"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18^{NLT}

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing.

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise... And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-8, 19^{NLT}

"For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10^{NLT}

Fit the underlined words into the grid.



Thursday

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, lucre means, money or profits.

Read the following verses: 2 Timothy 4:10; Genesis 19:15-26; 2 Kings 5; Matthew 26:14, 15, 27:1-5 and solve the crossword.

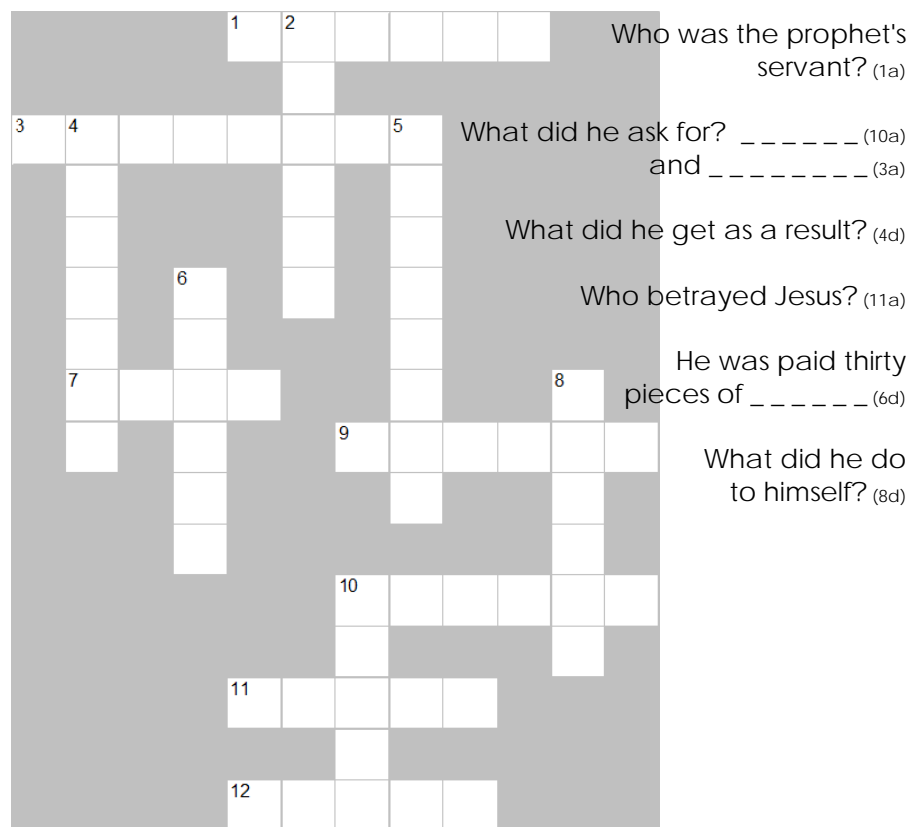
Who deserted Paul because he loved the things of this life?

Which cities were destroyed? _____ (10 down) and _____ (5 down)

When she looked back, what did she turn into? (7 across)

Who wanted to be healed of leprosy? (9a)

Which prophet did he see? (2d)



Monday

In Pilgrims Progress, Christian and Hopeful came to a delicate plain, called Ease, where they went with much content; but they were quickly over it.

At the further side of that plain, was a little Hill called Lucre and in that hill a silver-mine, which in the past some had turned aside to see. But the ground around it was deceitful and some going too near the edge had fallen.

Then I saw in my dream, that a little off the road, over against the silver mine, stood Demas to call to passengers to come and see. He said to Christian and Hopeful, "Ho! Turn aside and I will show you a thing."

"What thing so deserving as to turn us out of the way to see it," Asked Christian?

"Here is a silver mine, and some digging in it for treasure. If you will come, with a little pains you may richly provide for yourselves," replied Demas.

"Let us go see," said Hopeful.

But Christian said, "Not I. I have heard of this place and how many have here been slain and besides that, treasure is a snare to those that seek it, for it hinders them in their pilgrimage."

Then Christian called to Demas, saying, "Is not the place dangerous? Has it not stopped many in their pilgrimage?"

"Not very dangerous," replied Demas, "Except to those that are careless."

Then said Christian to Hopeful, "Let us keep on our way."

Hopeful agreed and added, "I will warrant you, when By-ends comes up, if he has the same invitation as we, he will turn in thither to see."

Christian agreed. Then Demas called again, "Will you not come over and see? Stay a little and then I will walk with you."

Then said Christian, "What is thy name? Is it not Demas?"

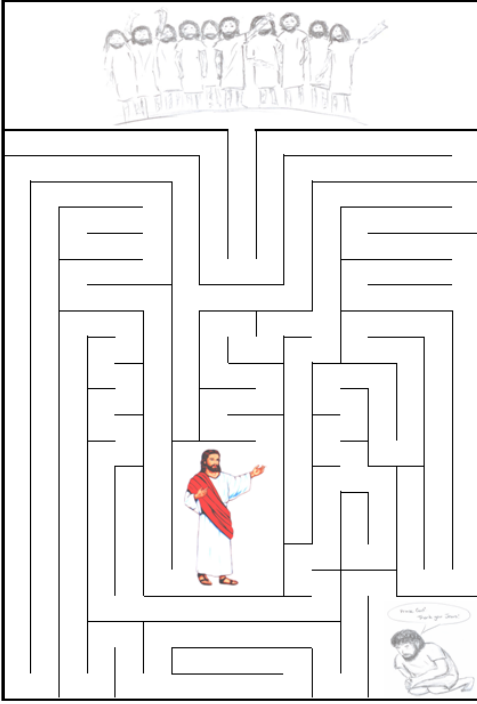
"Yes, my name is Demas; I am the son of Abraham."

Christian replied, "I know you. Gehazi was your great-grandfather and Judas your father and you follow their ways. Your father was hanged for a traitor and you deserve no better reward. When we come to the King, we will tell Him of your behaviour."

Thus, they went their way.

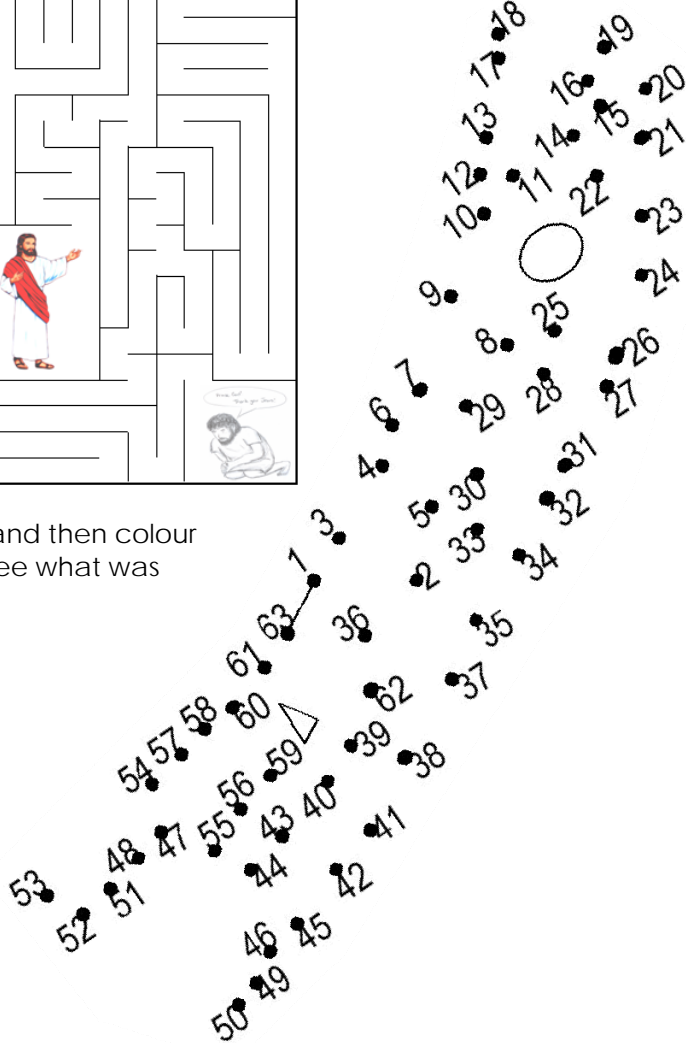
By this time, By-ends and his companions were come again within sight and they, at the first beckoning, went over to Demas. Now, whether they fell into the pit, whether they went down to dig or whether they were smothered in the bottom, of these things I am not certain; but this I observed, that they never were seen again in the way.

Tuesday



Find the way from the 10 lepers to Jesus and then to the one man who came back to say thank you.

Join the dots and then colour the shape to see what was important.



Wednesday

What should we remember?

Decode this message from 2 Chronicles 20:21^{NLT}

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Have you done this today?

Pray and thank God for all the good things you can think of.