

As Hopeful looked behind them, he saw Ignorance following, and suggested they wait for him to catch up again. When he came close enough, Christian asked Ignorance, "How stands it between God and yourself now?" Ignorance replied, "I hope well; for I am always full of good thoughts that come into my mind to comfort me as I walk."

"What good thoughts?" Christian asked.

"I think of God and Heaven. And I desire them."

"But so do the devils, and condemned souls, and many that are never like to come there," said Christian.

"But," said Ignorance, "I think of them, and leave all for them."

"That I doubt," replied Christian, "For leaving all is a harder matter than many are aware of. But why are you convinced you have left all for God and Heaven?"

"My heart tells me so!" replied Ignorance.

"The wise man says in Proverbs 28:26, 'He that trusts his own heart is a fool.'"

Ignorance replied, "This is spoken of an evil heart, but mine is a good one. It comforts me in hopes of Heaven. My heart and life agree together, and therefore my hope is well grounded."

"Who told thee that thy heart and life agree together?" Asked Christian.

"My heart tells me so." Was Ignorance's reply again.

"Except the Word of God has witness in this matter, other testimony is of no value." Said Christian.

"But is it not a good heart that hath good thoughts? And is not that a good life that is according to God's commandments?" Asked Ignorance.

"Yea," said Christian, "But it is one thing to have these, and another to only think so."

Ignorance asked Christian to explain further, and Christian explained that good thoughts are those that agree with the Word of God. "When we pass the same judgment upon ourselves which the Word passes. The Word of God saith, 'There is none righteous, there is none that doeth good.' It saith also, that 'every imagination of the heart of man is only evil, and that continually.' Now then, when we think thus of ourselves, then are our thoughts good ones, and agreeing with the Word of God."

"I will never believe that my heart is that bad," Protested Ignorance. Then he asked Christian to explain good thoughts concerning God.

Again, Christian explained that our thoughts about God should agree with the Word of God. That we should realise He knows us better than we know ourselves and can see sin in us when we can see none, and all our righteousness stinks in His nostrils.

Ignorance protested that he was not a fool. He said, "I believe that Christ died for sinners; and that I shall be justified before God from the curse, through His gracious acceptance of my obedience to His law. Or thus, Christ makes my duties, that are religious, acceptable to His Father, by virtue of His merits; and so shall I be justified."

"Your faith is a false faith," Warned Christian, "Because it taketh justification from the personal righteousness of Christ and applies it to thy own righteousness. This faith maketh not Christ a justifier of thy person, but of thy actions; and of thy person for thy actions' sake, which is false."

"What!" Asked Ignorance, "Would you have us trust to what Christ has done without us?" This would allow us to do anything we desired; for what matter how we live, if we may be justified by Christ's personal righteousness from all, when we believe it?"

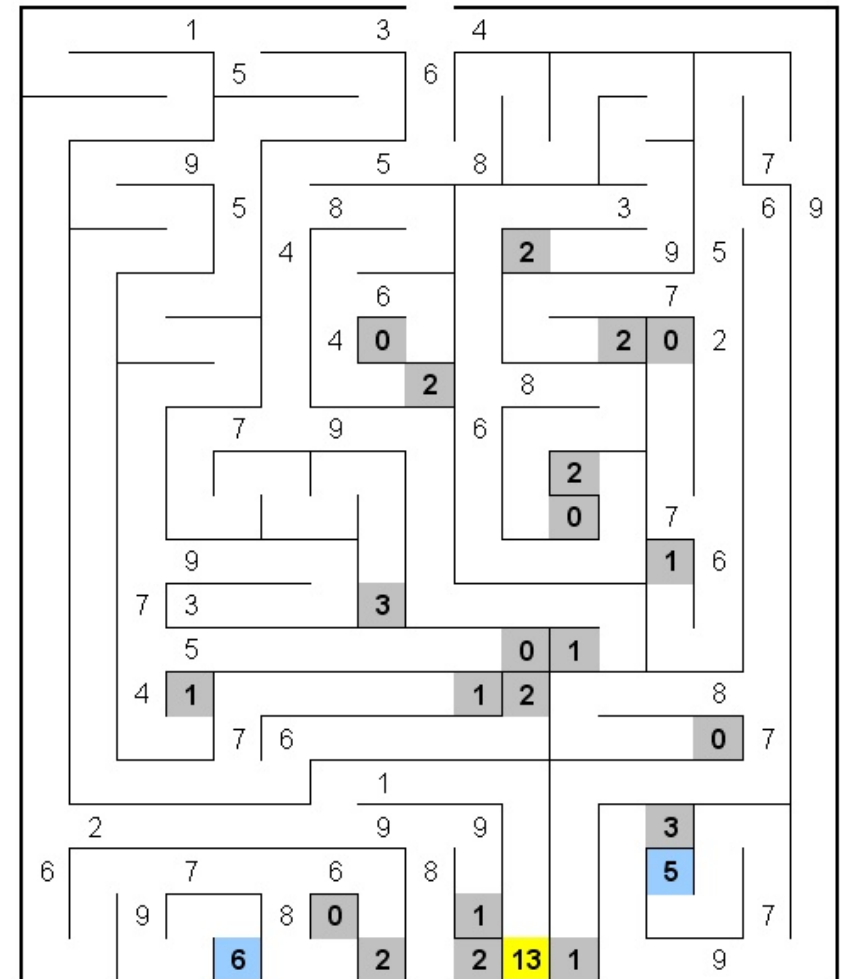
"Ignorance is thy name, and as thy name is, so art thou. Yea, thou also art ignorant of the true effects of saving faith in Christ, which wins over the heart to God, to love His name, His Word, ways, and people."

Then Ignorance said, "You go so fast, I cannot keep pace with you. Do you go on before; I must stay a while behind."

Treasure in Heaven

Sabbath

Choose a path in the maze and see what number you end up on. Can you figure out how to get to the highest number?



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Refer: Matthew 21:28-32; Mark 10:17-30 NLT; *The Desire of Ages* p518-523, 547, 548; *The Bible Story* vol9 p15-18

Sunday

One day a young man came running up to Jesus, he knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus said, "You know the commandments: 'You must not murder.



You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honour your father and mother."

The man said, "I have obeyed all the commandments since I was young."

Jesus said, "Go and sell

everything you own and give the money to the poor, then come, follow me, and you will have treasure in heaven."

But the young man walked sadly away because he was very rich.

Jesus said to His disciples, "It is very hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!" They were amazed, but Jesus said, "It is not easy to enter the Kingdom of God. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were stunned! "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.

Jesus said, "With God, everything is possible."



Friday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

The rich young man was counting on his obedience of the Ten Commandments to save Him and so was Ignorance.

Look up these verses to and fill in the missing words, then solve the crossword.

Proverbs 29:26^{NASB} "One who _____ s (9 across) in his own heart is a fool."

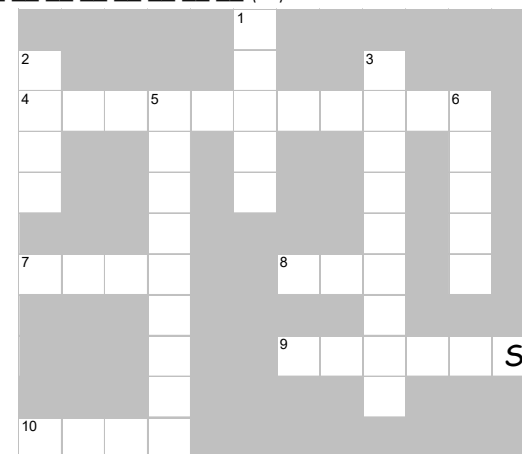
Romans 3:10^{NIV} "There is no one _____ (3 down) not even _____ (8a)."

Isaiah 64:6^{NIV} "...All our _____ (5d) acts are like filthy _____ (10a)..."

As Christian said to Ignorance, "All our righteousness stinks in His nostrils." Can you image how bad someone wearing dirty rags might smell? Even the rich young man, all his 'righteous deeds' of following the Ten Commandments, were like filthy rags compared to the righteousness of God, and this is true of even the best things that I do, and the best things that you do.

Our prayer needs to be the prayer of King David, in Psalm 139:24^{NLT}, "Point out anything in me that offends You, and _____ (2d) me along the path of _____ (4a) life."

Ephesians 2:8-9^{NLT},
"God saved you by His
_____ (6d) when you
believed. And you can't
take credit for this; it is a
_____ (7a) from God.
Salvation is not a reward for
the good things we have
done, so none of us can
_____ (1d) about it."



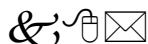
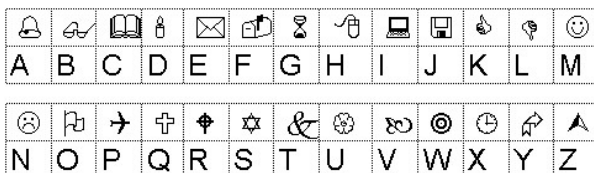
Thursday

Here are some things that might become more important to you than God.

Books, clothes,
computer games
friends, movies,
music, phone
games, playing,
school, shopping,
sports,
technology, TV

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Jesus said something
very important about
where your treasure
is in Matthew 6:21^{NLT}



Monday

Peter said to Jesus, "We've given up everything to follow you."
"Yes," Jesus replied, "But everyone who has given up anything for My sake, will be rewarded one hundred times; whether they have given up house, family or property. And they will have eternal life in heaven."



One day the priests and elders tried to trap Jesus by asking Him by whose authority He did miracles.

Instead of answering, Jesus asked them first, by whose authority John had baptised. They realised they couldn't say John was from God, or Jesus would ask why they didn't believe John, nor could they say John wasn't from God, because many people believed John was a prophet and they might riot. So, they refused to answer.

Then Jesus told them a story about a man who told his two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The oldest boy said, "No, I won't." But later, changed his mind and did work. The younger son said that he would go, but then he changed his mind and didn't.

Jesus asked, "Who obeyed his father?"

When the people said it was the first son, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, tax collectors will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. John the Baptist pointed the way; you didn't believe him, but they did."

Tuesday

$1 + 2 = 1$

$3 - 3 = 2$

$3 \times 1 = 3$

$2 + 2 = 4$

$10 \div 2 = 5$

$2 \times 3 = 6$

$3 + 4 = 7$

$2 \times 4 = 8$

$10 - 1 = 9$ ✓

$8 \times 1 = 10$ ✗

The rich man said he kept all the Commandments.

Find out which ones he had wrong by marking the test below.

The last two are already done for you.



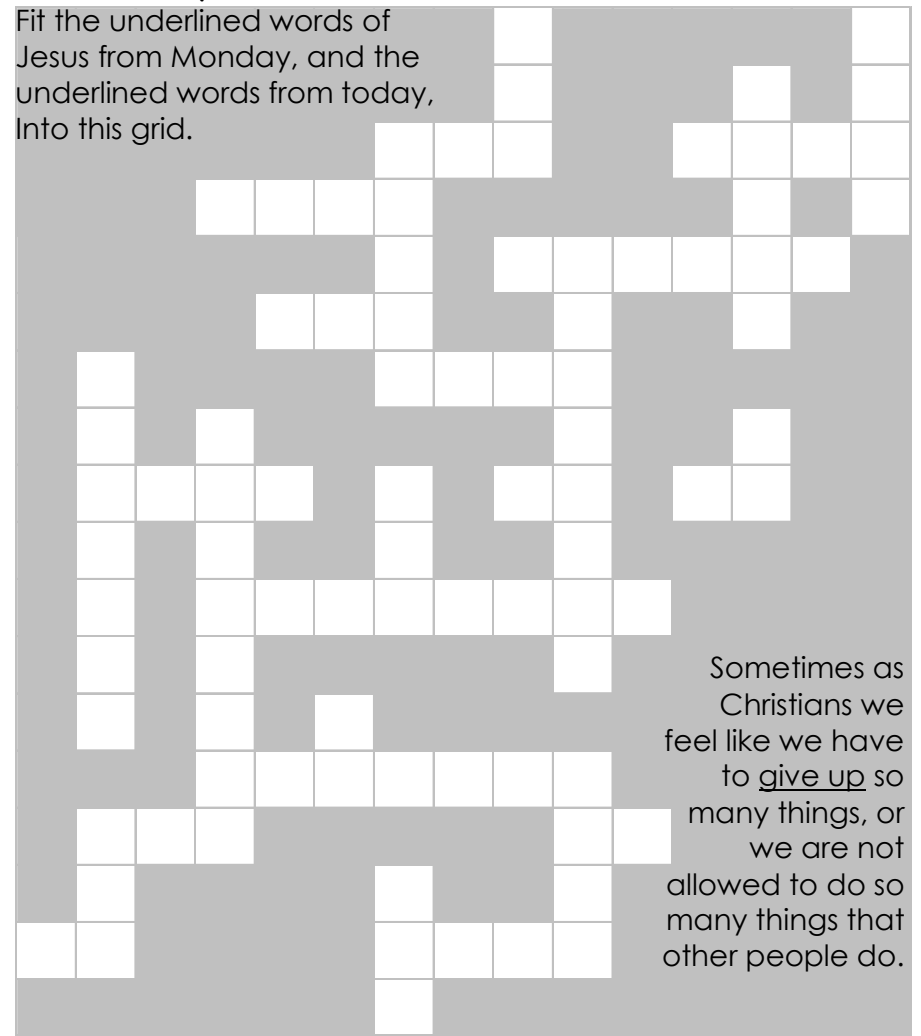
Is it more important to obey with your words or your actions?

Words / Actions

One son said he would obey, but didn't, the other, although he initially said he wouldn't obey, changed his mind and followed through with his actions. The Pharisees and the rich young man said that they loved God, and some of their actions even suggested that they did. But in their hearts, and in their secret actions, they did not. Money and prestige (looking important) were more important to them than God.

Wednesday

Fit the underlined words of Jesus from Monday, and the underlined words from today, Into this grid.



Sometimes as Christians we feel like we have to give up so many things, or we are not allowed to do so many things that other people do.

But as Romans 8:18 NLT says, "Since we are His children, **we are His heirs**. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. And what we suffer now is **NOTHING** compared to the glory He will reveal to us later.