

HomeTouch

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Orange Coast Church



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Sunday, March 25, 2007

Scripture Reading: John 12:1-8

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *The second half of a man's life is made up of nothing but the habits he has acquired during the first half.*

—Fyodor Dostoevsky

Bad habits. You can break 'em, all right. But they're never far away. That's the point of this story.

A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher. "I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle," said the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around a little while said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower back to the parsonage, and prepared to mow the lawn. He tried to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start."

The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I am a minister of the gospel, and I cannot cuss. It has been so long since I have been saved that I do not even remember how to cuss." The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya!"

The moral of the story? Get rid of the lawn mower. It's not worth it.

Prayer: *Thank You, O God, for making me a better person, for helping me to turn around, to turn away from my sins and move toward Your grace. I don't want to go back! Amen.*

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Numbers 18-20

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WORD SEARCH

Find the words listed below
that are from the readings in the
book of Numbers.

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AARON
ATONEMENT
BALAAM
BARAK
CANAAN
CLOUD
DAN
DESERT
ELDERS
FIRE
ISRAEL
JOSHUA
JUDAH
KORAH
LEVITES
MANNA
MERIBAH
MIRIAM
MOAB
MOSES
NAPHTALI
PASSOVER
PRIESTS
QUAILS
REUBEN
SERPENT
SIMEON
SINAI

Remember that the words are hidden forward,
Backward, vertically and diagonally.

VERSE TO REMEMBER

*Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose
temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.*

—Psalm 32:9