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**Sunday, November 11, 2007**

**Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: *The height of your accomplishments will equal the depth of your convictions.*** —William F. Scolavino

Are you following any of the college or professional football games this fall? If you have a favorite team to root for, it can be a lot of fun — or heartache — to follow their progress or their troubles.

I read not long ago about a pastor who enjoyed sports and even liked to attend the games in person whenever he had a chance. He really got excited about the crowd enthusiasm, and the high energy experience, and the wonderful spirit of a large group of people united for a single purpose — to cheer their team to victory.

But then, suddenly, he stopped going to the games. When asked why, he produced a list of ten reasons why he wouldn't go back to the football stadium or even support the team in any way. He wouldn't even watch the games on TV, and he never read reports in the newspaper. He was totally turned off by the game. And here's what he said:

1. Every time I went, they asked me for money.
2. The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
3. The seats were too hard and not comfortable.
4. The coach never came to call on me.
5. The referees made decisions with which I could not agree.
6. Some people came only to see what others were wearing.
7. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
9. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
10. I know sports, I think that I know more than the coaches anyhow.

**Prayer: O God, my "team" needs my prayers! Help me to be as supportive as I can for those who labor diligently to serve You. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 23-25

Monday: Acts 26-28

Tuesday: Ephesians 1-3

Wednesday: Ephesians 4-6

Thursday: Philippians 1-4

Friday: Colossians 1-4

Saturday: Psalms 130-132

# PROVERBIAL ANIMALS

Many expressions in our language use animals as metaphors.

Consider, for example, "Wise as an owl," or

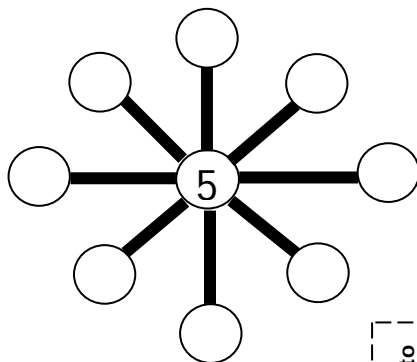
"To take the bull by the horns."

Below are more of these expressions. Unscramble the words to find the animals in these sayings.

PAE _____	1. To go _____ over something.
EBRAEV _____	2. An eager _____ .
RDIB _____	3. To sing like a _____.
GOD _____	4. To be in the _____ house.
FOWL _____	5. To be a _____ in sheep's clothing.
RUYTEK _____	6. To talk _____.
RUIQSER _____	7. To _____ away your money.
SMUPOS _____	8. To play _____ (pretend to be dead).
LEMU _____	9. Stubborn as a _____.
NOLI _____	10. _____ -hearted.

## NUMBER FUN

**Directions:** Arrange the numbers 1-9 (except 5) in the circles so each circle, when connected with its opposite, totals 15.



**Answers to Proverbial Animals:**  
1. ape  
2. beaver  
3. bird  
4. dog  
5. wolf  
6. turkey  
7. squirrel  
8. possum  
9. mule  
10. lion

**Solution to Number Fun:** Start at any point, but the pairs should read: 1-9, 2-8, 3-7, 4-6.