

# HomeTouch

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Orange Coast Church



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**Sunday, December 16, 2007**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:2-11**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day. —Helen Steiner Rice**

Dennis and Tamie Leporin bought a couple of bikes for themselves at Christmas. They thought they could ride them with their little boy. But one day, their bikes were stolen! Thieves had brazenly taken their bikes right from the front lawn!

Dennis and Tamie were upset, to say the least. So they posted a sign on the lawn to let the thieves know that they weren't too happy about the thievery. "I hope U crooks enjoy our bikes U stole; Merry X-Mas," the sign read.

But the next night, there was a knock at the door, and when they answered it no one was there. But there was an envelope. Inside the envelope was \$200. They looked up in time to see a pick-up driving away. The note said: "For every crook, there are 1,000 good people." Wow!

Later Dennis and Tamie said that they had been so focused on their misfortune that they had forgotten about the meaning of Christmas. The kindness of strangers touched them deeply. This certainly is one lesson of Christmas.

**Prayer: Merciful God, thank You for loving us, even though we were "strangers" and alienated from You. You sent Jesus as a child to Bethlehem. You lived among us. Thank You for this incredible gift, and may I remember the strangers who come my way. Amen.**

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Psalms 142-145

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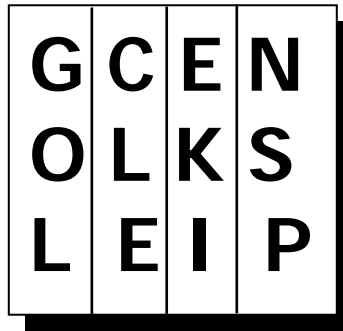
Tuesday: Psalms 148-150

Wednesday: Revelation 13-15

Thursday: Revelation 16-18

Friday: Proverbs 8-11

Saturday: Proverbs 12-14



FIND THE WORD!

If you start at the correct square, and move from square to adjoining square, and using all the letters, you will find a musical instrument.

DASH TO THE FINISH!

Directions: Complete the dashes to make five words. Clues for these words — in no particular order — are: baby, flower, Monday?, total breakdown, indicator.

— — L T D — — —

— — G N P — — —

— — X G L — — —

— — F S P — — —

— — E K D — —



Answers:  
meltdown,  
signpost,  
foxglove,  
offspring,  
weekday