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Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.* —Isak Dinesen

“The hardest thing about milking cows,” observed a farmer, “is that they never stay milked.” That’s probably true of many of the things in life that need to be done. The dishes don’t stay clean. The laundry doesn’t stay washed. The shelves and knick-knacks don’t stay dusted, and the lawn doesn’t stay mowed.

It’s no doubt true in our spiritual life as well. The mind doesn’t stay focused, the heart doesn’t stay pure, the love doesn’t stay strong, the prayers don’t stay prayed, the smile doesn’t stay a smile, and our acts of kindness don’t last forever.

Instead, keeping our minds on “things which are above, and not on things below” is — or should be — a daily activity. Keeping the heart pure is a daily discipline. Showing love is a daily ministry, prayer is a daily duty, smiling is a daily intentional action, and acts of kindness are a daily routine.

Read the Scripture text listed above. Notice that the two men “dressed in white” who addressed the wondering disciples when Jesus disappeared from their view said to the disciples, “Why do you stand here looking into the sky?” (NIV). In other words, they asked, “Why are you standing around?”

With Jesus no longer in their physical presence, the work that needed to be done would have to be done by them. Jesus — the Jesus they had lived with for three years — would no longer be with them. God’s work would have to be done by them. Jesus would have to work through them.

Fortunately, you don’t have to milk the cows. Someone else is taking care of the cows. But there are other things which you must do — daily. It’s not a chore; it’s a blessing!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to faithfully serve you — every day. In Your name. Amen.

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INCOMPLETE COUNTRIES

Directions: The numbered column (1,2,3, etc) contains a list of countries each with the first two and last two letters of the country missing. Supply the missing letters and write the name in the blank provided. Match the country with its scrambled capital found in the column to the right. Hint: Unscramble the capitals first, and then try to find the country with the missing letters. The first one is done for you.

Country	Capital	Country	Capital
AUstralia	Canberra	1. STRAL	RREBAANC
_____	_____	2. LGI	SELSSBRU
_____	_____	3. AZ	IALSIRAB
_____	_____	4. NA	TATAOW
_____	_____	5. NMA	GNEHANEOPC
_____	_____	6. Y	RIOAC
_____	_____	7. EE	NESHTA
_____	_____	8. RA	ELT VIAV
_____	_____	9. XI	XECIMO IYCT
_____	_____	10. THERLAN	TREMSAMDA
_____	_____	11. RW	SLOO
_____	_____	12. KIST	SMAABAILD
_____	_____	13. RTUG	BOSINL
_____	_____	14. ITZERLA	RENB
_____	_____	15. NEZUE	SACRAAC

Answers:
 2. Belgium (Brussels); 3. Brazil (Brasilia); 4. Canada (Ottawa); 5. Denmark (Copenhagen); 6. Egypt (Cairo);
 7. Greece (Athens); 8. Israel (Tel Aviv); 9. Mexico (Mexico City); 10. Netherlands (Amsterdam); 11. Norway (Oslo); 12. Pakistan (Islamabad); 13. Portugal (Lisbon); 14. Switzerland (Bern); 15. Venezuela (Caracas).