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**Sunday, September 14, 2008**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: What worries you, masters you.**

**—Haddon W. Robinson**

I have a new coat. It was designed by God and given to me by Jesus Christ. I find it fits me perfectly unless I allow myself to become puffed up with foolish pride; then it's too tight. If I walk with my head high, trying to be above those about, then it is too short. But if I walk humbly as I should before God, it fits me just right.

How is the coat made? The shoulders are wide and roomy so that I can help others carry their burdens. The collar is made of God's mercy; yes, the mercy of God's promises. First, that I may be a child of God and second, that I will one day dwell with God in that home prepared for God's children.

The cuffs are narrow, so that there's no room to tuck away grievances and hard feelings toward my neighbors. The pockets are oversized: One is for the love of God; the other is to hold my love for my neighbors and all humanity. There are three buttons on my coat which stand for faith, hope and charity. I check on them often so that none becomes loose or lost.

The lining is made of God's forgiveness, which I need so often that I want it next to me at all times. The belt is made of God's love that encircles me every day. The material is thick enough to protect me when the storms of life come my way, but not too thick that I will not be able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides me.

There are many threads in my new coat, but not one thread of doubt that God's promises are true. I will need my coat all through life. When I travel through the valley of death and when I view the future, I will always wear my new coat. —Author unknown

**Prayer: Gracious God, thank You for providing for my daily needs. Please remember those today who suffer because of want or neglect. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

# ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of September 14, 2008

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** 1 Thessalonians 1-5

**Monday:** 2 Chronicles 7-9

**Tuesday:** 2 Chronicles 10-13

**Wednesday:** 2 Chronicles 14-16

**Thursday:** 2 Chronicles 17-19

**Friday:** 2 Chronicles 20-22

**Saturday:** Psalms 100-102

## VERSE TO REMEMBER

*For the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

—Psalm 100:5

## PROVERBIAL MIX-UP

The proverbs below have been split in half and rearranged. Match the phrase in the column on the right to the proper beginning in the column on the left.

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| ___ 1. All that glitters ...         | A. ... is not gold.         |
| ___ 2. Live and ...                  | B. ... make light work.     |
| ___ 3. Practice makes ...            | C. ... perfect.             |
| ___ 4. Where there's a will ...      | D. ... has a silver lining. |
| ___ 5. From little acorns ...        | E. ... saves nine.          |
| ___ 6. A stitch in time ...          | F. ... nothing gained.      |
| ___ 7. Don't count your chickens ... | G. ... don't make a right.  |
| ___ 8. Nothing ventured ...          | H. ... before they hatch.   |
| ___ 9. Two wrongs ...                | I. ... there's a way.       |
| ___ 10. Every cloud ...              | J. ... than never.          |
| ___ 11. Out of sight ...             | K. ... let live.            |
| ___ 12. Honesty ...                  | L. ... big oaks grow.       |
| ___ 13. Many hands ...               | M. ... is the best policy.  |
| ___ 14. You can't have your cake ... | N. ... out of mind.         |
| ___ 15. Better late ...              | O. ... and eat it, too.     |

**"To watch over mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble."**

—Proverb 21:23

Answers: 1A, 2K, 3C, 4I, 5L, 6E, 7H, 8F, 9G, 10D, 11N, 12M, 13B, 14O, 15J.  
Hidden proverb: The proof is in the pudding.

## WHAT PROVERB DO YOU SEE IN THE LETTERS BELOW?

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