

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

*Humility is not thinking less of yourself,
it's thinking of yourself less. —Rick Warren*

Do you sometimes have trouble taking orders, following directions, doing what you're told? Oh, not *all* the time; just sometimes?

I feel that way at times when I just want to do things my way and at my own pace. I resent being rushed, or listening to someone tell me there's a better way.

I was reminded of this when a friend from southern California visited us at our home in Oregon. He told me a story about his trip north, the last 100 miles of which involved driving in the evening from Interstate 5 to the Oregon coast.

"I was driving west on Highway 20," he said, "and it was getting dark fast. I noticed that about five cars were following me. My speed was about 60 mph, and I wasn't comfortable going faster on a winding road with which I was unfamiliar.

"Finally, I pulled over in a small town, and the cars went by. Then, I began to follow them, and it was easy to follow them because their red taillights showed me the way. Every time we approached a curve in the road, I knew if I needed to brake or slow down. They showed me the path.

"In short, I was able to travel faster and more safely when following others than when trying to lead them."

This was a good lesson for me to remember. *One needs to know when to lead and when to step out of the way.* No one does *everything* better than everyone else. We all can learn from other people. We should not be embarrassed to step aside and follow and learn from someone else.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, keep me from pride. Help me to accept the help that others offer. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Luke 14-17
- Monday:** 1 Samuel 4-7
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 8-10
- Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 11-13
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 14-16
- Friday:** 1 Samuel 17-20
- Saturday:** Psalms 43-45

Verse to Remember

“Why are you cast down, O my soul ... Hope in God.”

—Psalm 43:5

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HIDDEN MESSAGE

Using the clues provided, write the answers in the spaces provided. The first letter of each word should reveal a hidden message when read from top to bottom.

1. King of the beasts _ _ _ _ _
2. Short for margarine _ _ _ _ _
3. Montpelier is its capitol _ _ _ _ _
4. Electrical fish _ _ _ _
5. Greasy _ _ _ _ _
6. Counterpart to monk _ _ _ _
7. Second book of the Bible _ _ _ _ _
8. Continent south of Europe _ _ _ _ _
9. Ark-builder _ _ _ _ _
10. Egg-shaped _ _ _ _ _
11. A levy on one's income _ _ _ _
12. Top of human body _ _ _ _ _
13. Associated with tides _ _ _ _
14. Decay _ _ _ _

Message:

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Below are four 5-letter words. ALL of the letters are used only twice. Notice that there are two O's, so you can't use another O. Notice the J in the first word, for example. There's another J in these four words. Where is it? Fill in the blanks.

J _ _ T _ _ Y

_ _ O _ _ R _ _

B _ _ A _ _ D

_ _ N _ _ O _ _

Answers to Double Trouble:
 JETTY
 BOARD
 BRAND
 ENJOY

Answers:
 1. lion
 2. oleo
 3. Vermont
 4. eel
 5. oily
 6. nun
 7. Exodus
 8. Africa
 9. Noah
 10. oval
 11. tax
 12. head
 13. ebb
 14. rot
Message:
 Love one another.