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GRUMBLE MUCH?

There was a chronic grumbler who couldn't find anything about which to give thanks or praise. Although financially he was a very successful farmer, because of a very sour attitude, no one enjoyed his company. Nothing seemed to please him.

At the time of the potato harvest, the disgruntled farmer enjoyed a bumper crop. Wanting to strike a more cheerful note, an acquaintance suggested, "I understand you've had a tremendous season with potatoes this year. That certainly must be cause for rejoicing!" The chronic complainer never even smiled, but sourly responded, "The harvest has been good; but my problem is, I don't have any bad potatoes to feed my pigs."

Have you ever heard anyone complaining because their freezer was too full, and they had no place to put anything? Have you heard someone complaining because their closet was too full to hang anything? Rather than complaining, let us have grateful hearts lest we be destroyed by the destroyer.

If we will but look around us, we will see we all have ample reasons to be grateful for the many wonderful blessings we have in our lives. We oftentimes focus on what we don't have, rather than noticing the riches we do have.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which

also you were called in one body; and be thankful.” - Colossians 3:15

“Nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.” - I Corinthians 10:10

- David Riggs

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I am thankful for sleep. Our bodies are designed to need rest. Most of us need about 7-8 hours of sleep to recharge and refresh. Many of us get fewer hours; some get more. But there's nothing like the feeling you have after going to bed at a decent hour, sleeping uninterrupted, and awaking when your body is ready. As rare as it may be, it is truly wonderful.

Now having said that, I am also thankful that our God **never** sleeps. It is a bit ironic that the one who designed us to need sleep needs no rest himself. That is good for all of us.

“1 - I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?

2 - My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 3 - He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 - Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.” - Psalm 121:1-4

This “restlessness” of God is part of his eternal vigilance on behalf of his creation. Because he is not bound by time and unaffected by weariness and toil, night and day are alike to him. He is always alert, always watching, always present.

For today, get some rest, and be thankful for the One who never does.

- Cloyce Sutton II

THE MOST CARING CHILD CONTEST

“Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For

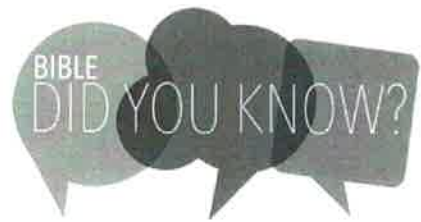
they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him. And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.” - Job 2:11-13

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child, and the winner of the contest was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little

boy said, “Nothing, I just helped him cry.”

As it says in Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” As brother and sisters in Christ, we must be like this child and be there for each other in the good times and the bad. Let's make this a practice every day in our Christian walks through life.

- David Riggs



Each of the books of the Bible, except 5, are divided into chapters and verses. The 5 which aren't divided by chapters are Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude. These books only have verse divisions.

Chapters were introduced to the Bible in 1238 by Hugo de S. Caro. Verse divisions were not added until 1551 by Robertus Stephanus.

THE **ULTIMATE** WORD of GOD **SEARCH**



FAMOUS OBJECTS OF THE BIBLE

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FIND THE FOLLOWING BIBLICAL OBJECTS:

1. a place of sacrifice and incense (Genesis 8:20)
2. this object helps one "wear" righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)
3. without love we are which clanging instrument (I Corinthians 13:1)
4. another word for clothing that God made Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:21)
5. Jesus broke five of these to feed the masses (Luke 9:16)
6. this ceased when Israelites ate produce from Canaan (Joshua 5:12)
7. a good name is better than a precious one of these (Ecclesiastes 7:1)
8. a reaping instrument used on the earth (Revelation 14:16)
9. angels will use this instrument to make a call (Matthew 24:31)
10. what Elisha saw pulled by horses upon the mountain (II Kings 6:17)