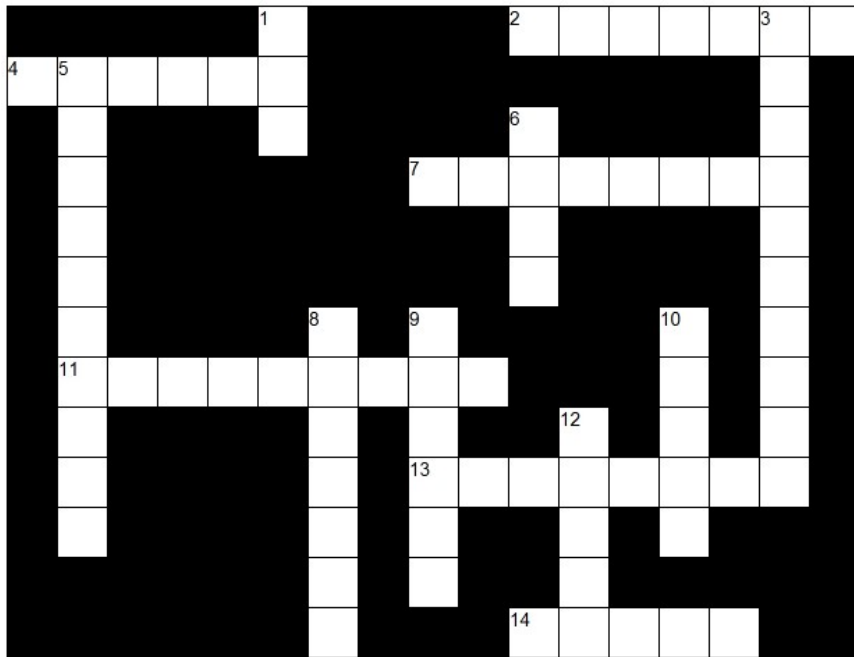


A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 10

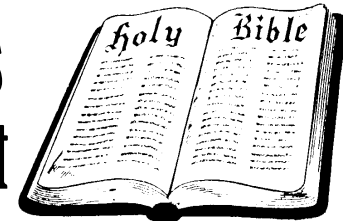


Across: 2. City where Paul met Aquila & Priscilla. 4. The proconsul of Achaia. 7. The adjective used to describe how Apollos spoke. 11. The Ephesian silversmith who started the riot. 13. The school Paul used to teach the gospel. 14. The seven sons of this chief priest where beaten by a spirit they failed to cast out.

Down: 1. Paul cut his hair in Cencherea because he had taken one. 3. Trade that Paul shared with Aquila & Priscilla. 5. Where Apollos was from. 6. Paul met a group of disciples in Ephesus who knew only this man's baptism. 8. The ruler of the synagogue in Corinth. 9. His house was next door to the synagogue. 10. The goddess worshipped at Ephesus. 12. At Ephesus, those who practiced this burned their books.

—All answers can be found in Acts 18-19, NKJV.

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Let Him Who Thinks He Stands

CNN has been reporting on an ironic story out of Mexico. A security expert named Felix Batista arrived in Saltillo, Mexico on December 6th to take part in a security seminar dealing with the growing problem of kidnappings.

In third-world counties where wealthy business people and tourists come to visit, kidnapping and piracy have become alarmingly common.

The 55 year-old Batista disappeared from a restaurant on December 10th. The irony of the event led to international headlines. The anti-kidnapping expert was kidnapped.

Sometimes the last person you would expect to be at risk is the very person meets disaster. Paul spoke to the Corinthians about the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites. After summarizing the sins of Israel, he writes, "Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted (1 Corinthians 10:6), and "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:11-12).

No one, no matter how highly esteemed they may be, is beyond temptation. Paul wrote of himself, "But I discipline

my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified" (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Don't fall victim to irony. Do you think you stand firm?
Take heed, and don't fall. —RAB

THE LAND OF PRETTY SOON

"I know a land where the streets are paved
With things we meant to achieve;
Walled with money we meant to have saved
And the pleasures for which we grieve,
Kind words unspoken, promises broken,
And many a coveted boon
Are gathered there in that land somewhere,
The Land of Pretty Soon.

"There uncut jewels of possible fame
Are lying about in the dust,
And many a noble and lofty aim
Are covered with mold and rust.
And, oh, this place, while it seems so near,
Is farther away than the moon;
Though purpose is fair, we'll not get there—
To the Land of Pretty Soon.

"The road that leads to that mystic land
Is strewn with pitiful wrecks,
The ships that sailed for its shining strand
Bear skeletons on their decks.
It's farther at noon than it was at dawn,
And farther at night than noon;
Oh, let us beware of that land down there
The Land of Pretty Soon."

—Author Unknown

Some Suggestions For Thinking Of Others During The New Year

1. Decide to attend some of the gospel meetings that are conducted in driving distance of your home this year.
2. Remember to consider your friends, brothers and sisters in Christ and those you interact with at work or at school – consistently. Speak a kind word to them.
3. Pray regularly for yourself and for others that you know of who are in need of prayers.
4. Volunteer to teach a Bible class. The teachers who are currently doing the work are always in need of help.
5. Join with others who volunteer to clean the church building and prepare the communion. This is a good and necessary work.
6. Occasionally, plan a visit to some of the shut-in. Try to visit all of the shut-in as opportunity is available.
7. Take an active role as a member of the congregation here at Chapman Acres. There is much work to do during this coming year.

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24).

Prayer List

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