

NEW HOPE HERALD

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*M*Y DOCTRINE SHALL
DROP AS THE RAIN,

*my speech shall
distil as the dew,
as the small rain
upon the tender herb,
and as the showers
upon the grass.*

DEUTERONOMY 32:2



HOME MISSIONS

by Nancy Moelker

We've learned about missions across the sea,
And given of our money to fulfill God's decree,
But a mission field's waiting—it's right at our door--
The children God's given, whom we love and adore.

Our children are watching with eyes open wide,
Watching our steps as they walk by our side.
Our children are hearing each word that we say.
They're learning their lessons from our lives day by day.

What will they hear, father, what will they see?
Are you missing church to watch sports on TV?
What things in your life take priority?
You're influencing lives for eternity!

Do you show that you love them? Do they know that you care?
Do you teach about Jesus and your faith with them share?
Do you tell the whole truth; do your lips never lie?
Do you promise your love to your wife 'til you die?

What will they see, mother, what will they hear?
Your tongue speaking gossip, or you shedding a tear
For the plight of a neighbor who struggles with sin?
Will you share words of life, or cause more grief within?

Will you do for your family the things that they need?
In patience and virtue will you take the lead?
Will you love your husband and do your very best
To make your home happy—a safe place of rest?

If we want our children to walk in God's way,
We must be good examples, and thus humbly pray
For grace that enables our weak wills to do
The deeds and the words He has called us to.

What is the deepest desire of our heart?
What gives us joy that will never depart?
It's seeing our children walk in God's way
In the deeds that they do and the words that they say.

“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” II John 4

MARCH

CHURCH CALENDAR

- March 5—Bible Study on Daniel at Dan and Ann Mejeur's
17—Morgan Ybema (birthday)
19—Bible Study
23—Jan Vander Klok (birthday)
27—Marian Klamer (birthday)
28—New Hope Potluck/Game Night, Dorr CRC, 6: 30 p.m.



SOARING

Sometimes God takes away our props
that we might lean on Him,
allows temptations, so we'll grow
and triumph over sin.

Sometimes He takes away our strength
for doing earthly things
to rest our bodies that our souls
may soar on eagle's wings.

Let's not resent it when He says,
"Come ye apart — Be still"
or chafe at disappointments
that are His sovereign will.

Oh, let's not doubt or question "Why?"
with unexplained delays,
but keep on soaring 'neath His wings
with gratitude and praise!

--Alice H. Mortenson

***While driving Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign. . . "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

The 7-Ups — Wake Up!

- 1. Decide to have a good day.**
' This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'
Psalms 118:24
- 2. Dress Up !!**
The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. 'The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' I Samuel 16:7
- 3. Shut Up!!**
Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. He who guards his lips guards his soul.' Proverbs 13:3
- 4. Stand Up!!**
. . . for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. 'Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...' Galatians 6:9-10
- 5. Look Up !!**
. . . to the Lord. 'I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me'.
Philippians 4:13
- 6. Reach Up !!**
. . . for something higher. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.' Proverbs 3:5-6
- 7. Lift Up !!**
. . . your Prayers. 'Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything..' Philippians 4:6

Beauty of Mathematics

Forwarded by Kenneth Kortman

Just the math part is good enough, the end is even better

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Brilliant, isn't it? And look at this symmetry:

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Mind Boggling...

Now, take a look at this...

101%

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%...

How about ACHIEVING 101%?

What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 + 15 + 18 + 11 = 98\%$$

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = 96\%$$

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = 100\%$$

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12 + 15 + 22 + 5 + 15 + 6 \div 7 + 15 + 4 = 101\%$$

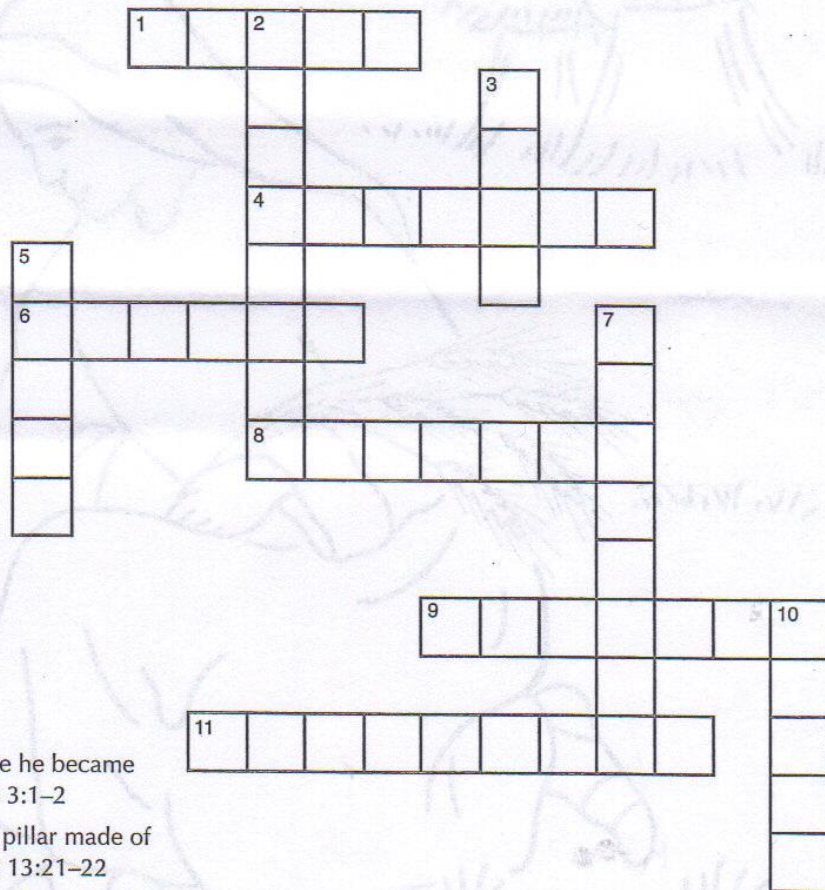
Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

See if you can solve this crossword puzzle about Moses.

ACROSS

1. Who did God choose to lead Israel from Egypt? Exodus 3:10-12
4. Who ruled Egypt? Exodus 3:10-12
6. What sea did the Lord lead Israel to? Exodus 13:17-21
8. What did Israel walk on when crossing the sea? Exodus 14:15-25
9. What 10 things did God send each time Pharaoh said "no" to Moses? Exodus 7:14-11:10
11. What did Israel mark with lambs' blood? Exodus 12

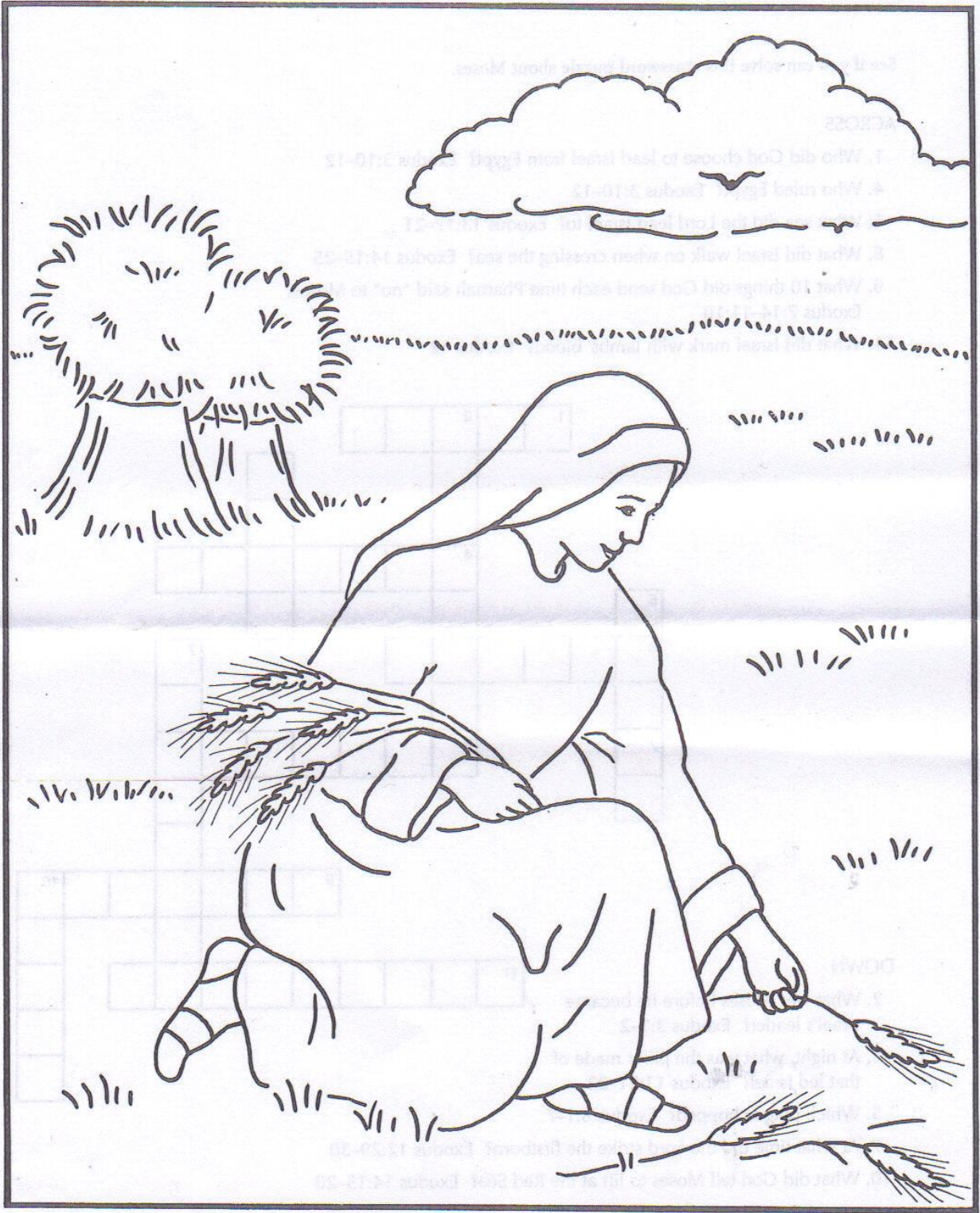


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2. What was Moses before he became Israel's leader? Exodus 3:1-2
3. At night, what was the pillar made of that led Israel? Exodus 13:21-22
5. Which plague hopped? Exodus 8:1-7
7. At what time did the Lord strike the firstborn? Exodus 12:29-30
10. What did God tell Moses to lift at the Red Sea? Exodus 14:15-20

19. Ruth Loves Naomi

Book of Ruth



Ruth picked up grain in the field of Boaz.