



Peel Valley Congregation

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Luke 16:1-13 (NLT)

Parable of the Shrewd Manager

16 Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money.

2 So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.'

3 "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg.'

4 Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.'

5 "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?'

6 The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.'

7 "And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.'

8 "The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.

9 Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

11 And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?

12 And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NLT)

Instructions about Worship

2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

3 This is good and pleases God our Saviour, **4** who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

5 For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

7 And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1, Psalm 79:1-9



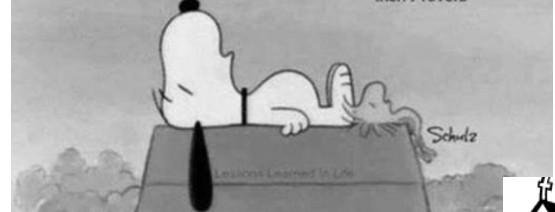
26 September ~ **Carol Thompson**

29 September ~ **Athol Whitten**



A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

Irish Proverb



CHURCH SERVICES

25 September

There will be no service at West Tamworth. We will be joining City Church at 10:00am for their 150th anniversary service. It will be followed by lunch.



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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Meg's Musings



This morning I threw some fertiliser pellets around our garden, as good rain is forecast for tomorrow.

I thought that the rain would be very welcome in the Tamworth area, as the gardens are looking beautiful, and some rain will keep the flowers and blossoms at their best for a bit longer.

But the rain which we welcome may not be as well received in other areas of NSW. Along the coast the ground is already quite wet, and most of the rain will run off, and potentially cause more flooding issues.

People who are living in tents and caravans find it difficult to cope with the prospect of further rain.


Perhaps the best way of coping with the weather variability is to give thanks for the good we receive, and to pray for the people who are finding that the weather is creating problems for them.

Hay runs and flood relief donations are other ways in which people can show love and support to those "doing it tough".

Whether we are in flood, drought, or somewhere in between, God is with us. Thanks be to God!

Blessing from Meg

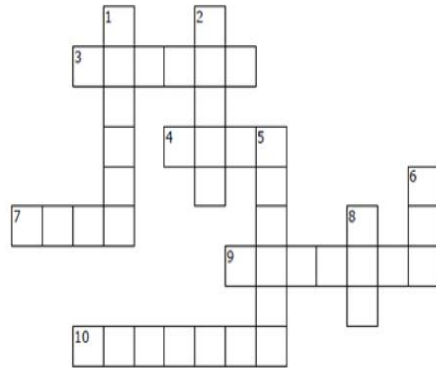
IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the wonderful season we are having.
- We pray for Shirley Whitten, who continues to make slow progress. She is enjoying being at home after so many months in hospital.
- We pray for Mary. She is hoping that she will return to worship when it is a bit warmer. 
- We pray that Ian Brown recovers well from his surgery.
- We pray for Noreen Dobbie, and for other Alblas residents suffering from colds and 'flu at the moment.
- Our prayers for the people of Ukraine continue.

The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
4. A very large amount
7. To like something very much
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
10. A person who performs duties around the home of a master

DOWN

1. A very small amount
2. The Son of God
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
8. To make a hole in the ground with a shovel

I have a choice each and every day of my life.
I choose to feel BLESSED.
I choose to feel GRATEFUL
I choose to be EXCITED.
I choose to be THANKFUL.
I choose to be HAPPY.
I choose to SMILE and
THANK GOD for this beautiful blessing called LIFE.

Kelly's Treehouse



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
Open 9:30 to 1:00pm, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

SPRING - Plants for sale during September.

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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Things I'm Super Good At.

- 1 Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
- 2 Putting things in a "safe" place and then forgetting where that is.
- 3 Digging through the bin to find the jar I tossed, because I forgot the directions.
- 4 Writing a grocery list and leaving it at home.

~ from Gamma's Funnies

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