

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also
in him; and he shall bring it to pass."*

Psalm 37: 5

You Can Count on Me

You may have heard of a time when a man's word or handshake was just as valid as a signed contract. Sadly, that day seems to be just a memory anymore. Apparently some people agree to something with no real intention of ever following through. Perhaps it was just the easiest way out of a situation or they wanted to please someone at the moment.

True commitment takes effort and determination. Someone has wisely said, "It is not always the one with the most talent who succeeds but the one who follows through."

Most of us have heard some version of the fable about the tortoise and the hare. It seems that after challenging each other to a race, Mr. Rabbit believed he could easily beat the plodding turtle to the finish line so he stopped along the way to take a leisurely nap. To the rabbit's great surprise and embarrassment, the turtle had just steadily kept his slow and laboring pace, easily crossing the finish line first.

When the disciples of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room after His ascension into heaven, they had no idea how long they would have to wait for the promise of His Spirit. But, wait, they did! And while they were waiting, they prayed. ***"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting...And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," (Acts 2: 2-4.)*** While many others turned away before ever reaching the Upper Room, these 120 found that their commitment brought the gift of salvation to their hungry hearts!

In life we may encounter many people who seem more talented, more confident, more worthy. But God doesn't want us to compare ourselves with others. He just wants us to commit our lives to Him wholeheartedly and let Him choose the outcome. You might be surprised at what He can do with a willing vessel!

Family Prayer: *Dear God, forgive me for thinking I'm not good enough to be used by You. I realize that You have a plan that I can't even see, and all You need is a willing vessel. I commit myself to You today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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Looking



Inward

Read the story of the Tortoise and the Hare together. Younger children might even enjoy acting out the parts when you've finished. Discuss the fact that things are not always as they seem. We all need to do our best!

Let's talk

Have you ever been guilty of comparing yourself to someone else and feeling like you don't measure up? How do you think God sees this? What can you do differently?

This week's devotion really emphasizes commitment and follow-through. Have you made any commitments to God or others that you have not followed through on? If so, ask forgiveness, and begin again. Determine this week not to make commitments lightly, but to keep your word. Pray for God's help.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

The ant is a very small creature, but its commitment to hard work is admirable! Let's take a closer look at what God's Word has to say about this tiny creature with a big work ethic!

Proverbs 6: 6 – 8

- Who is scripture talking to in this passage?
 - _____ (lazy person)

- What is he told to do?
 - _____
 - Be _____

- It seems that the ant might be at a disadvantage by some standards because it has no...
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

- In spite of this seeming handicap, what does the ant accomplish?
 - _____
 - _____

- In your own words, what can we learn from this simple illustration?
 - _____
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Can God count on YOU?

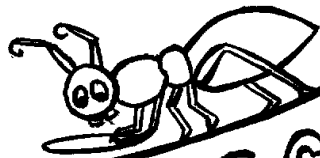
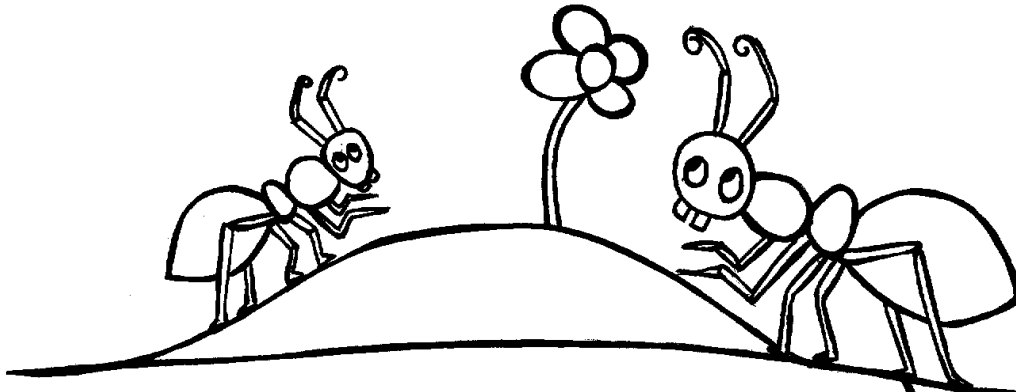
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Proverbs 6:6

"Go to the ant,
you sluggard!
consider her ways
and be wise!"

