

“A Lesson Learned the Hard Way”

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1 John 5:2,3

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Introduction:

- A. We all make our share of _____ and some of the lessons we learn, we have to learn the _____ way.
- B. The lesson we want to learn today is one that God’s people have to learn in every _____, including our own.

I. The Story

- A. David became the king of all Israel in God’s good _____.
- B. The people of God at the time had become more and more _____.
- C. David decided that the _____ of the Lord should be brought up to Jerusalem.
- D. The Ark of the Lord was Israel’s national _____ and most _____ object.
- E. The Ark denoted the very _____ of the Lord.
- F. The Ark was so important to the Lord that He gave Moses very specific details of how to _____ it, what was to be in it, where it was to sit, and how it was to be _____.
- G. The word “ark” simply means a “_____” or a “_____.”
- H. Inside the Ark were three important objects: a golden jar of _____, Aaron’s _____, and the _____ of the Law.
- I. David decided to transport the Ark on a _____.
- J. By impulse Uzzah reached out to steady the Ark and instantly he fell _____.
- K. David went home and did his _____. (1 Chron. 15:11-15)
- L. David had the _____ carry the Ark with the _____ on their _____ as commanded by the Word of God.

II. The Application

- A. One Lesson: The _____ of the Lord are to be _____.
 - 1. Matthew 15:9
 - 2. The best proof of our love for the Lord is _____ to His Word (1 Jn. 5:2,3; Jn. 14:15; Jn. 8:31,32)
 - 3. The importance of the Word (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-4:4)

Answer Key: Intro.: A. mistakes, hard. B. generation. I.A. time. I.B. pagan. I.C. Ark. I.D. treasure, sacred. I.E. presence. I.F. build, transported. I.G. box, chest. I.H. manna, rod, stone, tablets. I.I. cart. I.J. dead. I.K. homework. I.L. Levites, poles, shoulders. II.A. Commands, Obeyed. II.A.2. obedience.