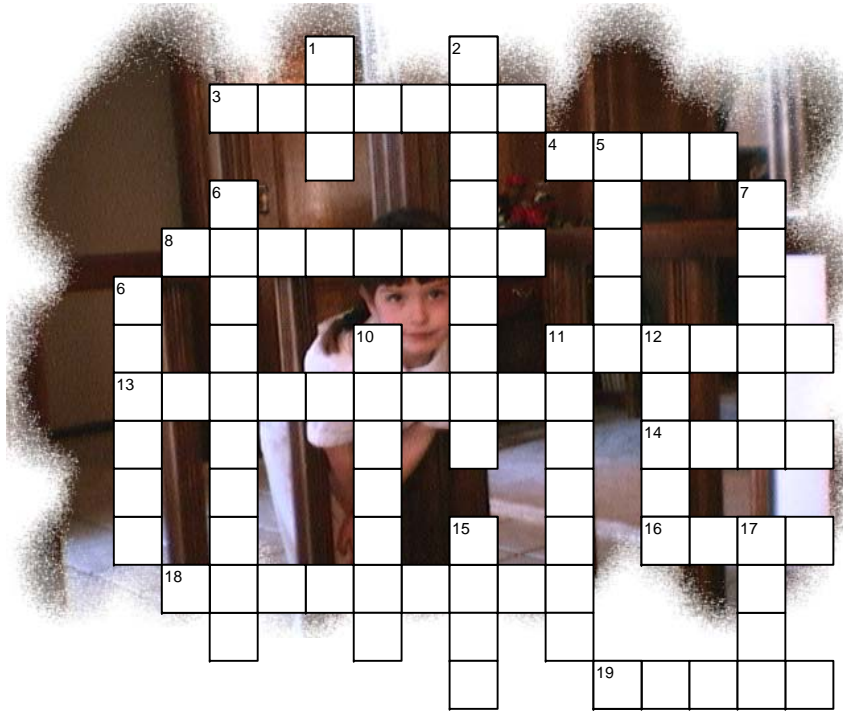


Crossword Puzzle

Man in God's Creation

- Lesson Twenty -

Care of the Mind, Feelings and Will (2)



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| <p>3. We make these with our will.
 4. We have a _____ will, we are not robots.
 8. We should not have a _____ will.
 11. We need a _____ will to resist evil.
 13. We know what is right by our _____.
 14. We should not be other people's _____.
 16. Adam chose the wrong _____.
 18. We also make these with our will.
 19. We also know what is right from the _____.</p> | <p>1. He gave man a free will.
 2. If we have a strong will we can _____ to do what is right.
 5. We must determine to do what is _____.
 6. We should pray that the Lord would _____ us to do what is right.
 7. These have no mind, emotion and will.
 9. With our will we _____.
 10. Man has the _____ mind, emotion and will.
 11. We should not have a _____ will, wanting everything our way.
 12. We have a free will, we are not a _____.
 15. We must decide what is right and _____.
 17. We must resist what is bad and _____.</p> |
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I. Overview.

In this lesson we see how God gave man a free will, so he could choose and make decisions. As we grow up we need to learn to make the proper decisions and carry them out. When we are with others we need to have a flexible will to go along with them. We should never have a stubborn will that cannot learn to be guided. When we are tempted to do anything wrong, we should have a strong will to resist, even praying and asking the Lord to help us.



When mountain-climbers decide to get to the top, they must have a strong will, being determined to make it all the way up!

When we are trying to carry out a right and good decision we have made, but meet with frustration and discouragement, we should have a strong will to persevere and press on.

II. Scriptures for Memory.

“I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man according to My heart, who will do all My will.”

(Acts 13:22)

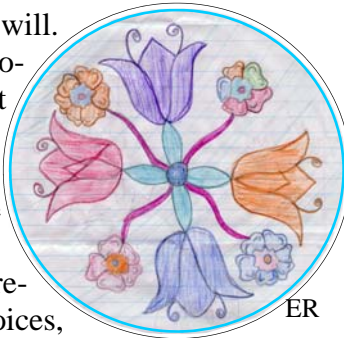
III. Lesson.

God Created Man with a Will

God created man with a free will, not as a robot with no will of his own. God gave Adam the freedom to choose which tree he would eat of, the tree of life or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Plants have no mind, emotion or will.

The animals have some mind, emotion and will. Man has the highest mind, emotion and will of all God's creation. Because man has a will, he is able to govern his own life and even to determine his destiny. With our will we can choose or refuse, we can make decisions, choices, and even determinations. Although our thoughts and feelings influence us a lot, eventually we decide and act according to our will's decisions. For this reason we need to take care of our will so that it will make the right decisions and choices, and so it will be strong enough to stick to them.



We Must Take Care of Our Will

We should make our decisions and choices based on what is right and best, not based on our feelings, likes and dislikes. We know what is right because of our parents' instructions, the laws of our society, the Bible, and our conscience. Our will should be flexible regarding most matters. We should be able to go along with others as long as they don't lead us into sinful or harmful things. When we do things with others we should learn not to have a stubborn will or a selfish will, always making others do the things that we want to do, or the way we want to do them. We should allow others the same freedom of choice that we ourselves like to have.

A Strong Will to Persevere and Resist Evil

We should have a strong will to do what is right, even if our "friends" make fun of us or try to convince us not to. After we have made a good and proper decision, we often get discouraged, tired, or bored and want to quit. At these times we should give in to our weakening thoughts and feelings.

We should be strong in our will and determined to carry out our original decision. If we pray to the Lord and ask Him to help us, to strengthen us so that we will not be moved, He will meet our need and answer our prayer. A person with a proper will is a person who can be very useful to the Lord.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What do we do with our will?

2. What is a flexible will?

3. Describe what having a stubborn will means?

4. Is it wrong to have a strong will? Why?

5. What should we do if we are tempted to do something wrong? _____

Parents Initials:

