

Cowgirl UP!



HANDBOOK Life-Lessons from an Old Okie Cowgirl

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This booklet of Devotionals & Life-Lessons reflects my own life-long observations of the Truth in God's Word's applied to everyday living.

*Dedicated to my Grand-daughters.
Time to Cowgirl UP!*

That Daily Walk:

1 Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing.

Psalms 68:19
**Blessed be the Lord, who
daily loadeth us with
benefits, even the God of
our salvation.**

You don't go a day without
eating unless you are sick.

Proverbs 8:34
**Blessed is the man that
heareth me, watching
daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.**



If you didn't feed your horse, he'd get down to bones and possibly die. That would be cruel. You also need spiritual food.



Matthew 6:11
Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:6
**But thou, when thou prayest, enter
into thy closet, and when thou hast
shut thy door, pray to thy Father
which is in secret; and thy Father
which seeth in secret shall reward
thee openly.**

Daily prayer, daily Bible time, & Quiet Time with Jesus VITAL!

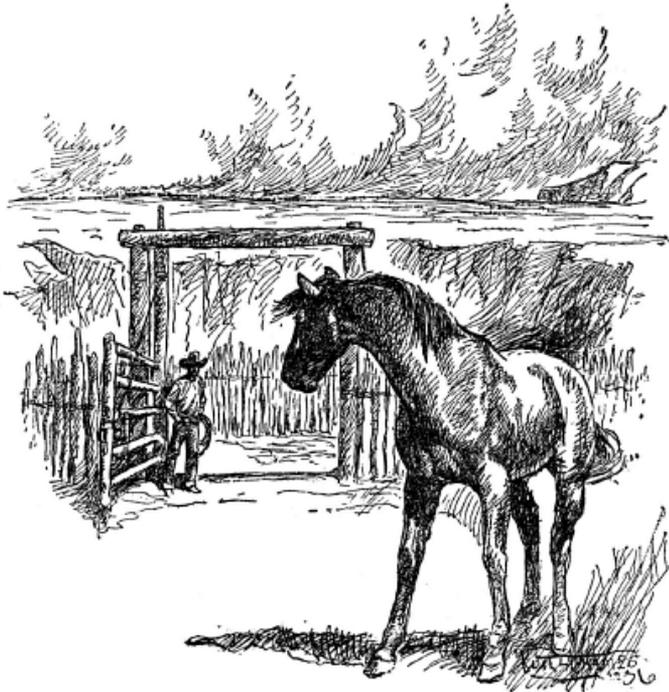
Cowgirl Heroine Rhoda of Acts 12 practiced that Daily Walk.

Integrity & Honesty

When I was young, a handshake was a contract between two people; honesty in the transaction was expected.

“A man’s word is his bond”; as they used to say.

I still “hold” to that philosophy because:



James 1:8

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Proverbs 12:19

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

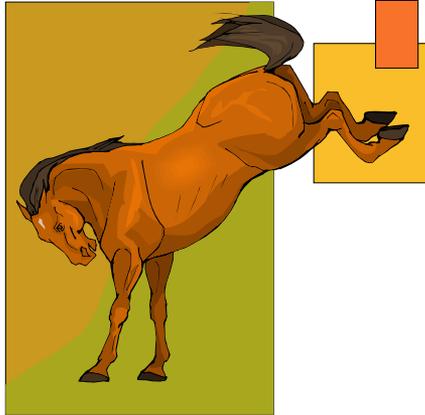
Ephesians 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor.

Testimony Matters

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.



1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

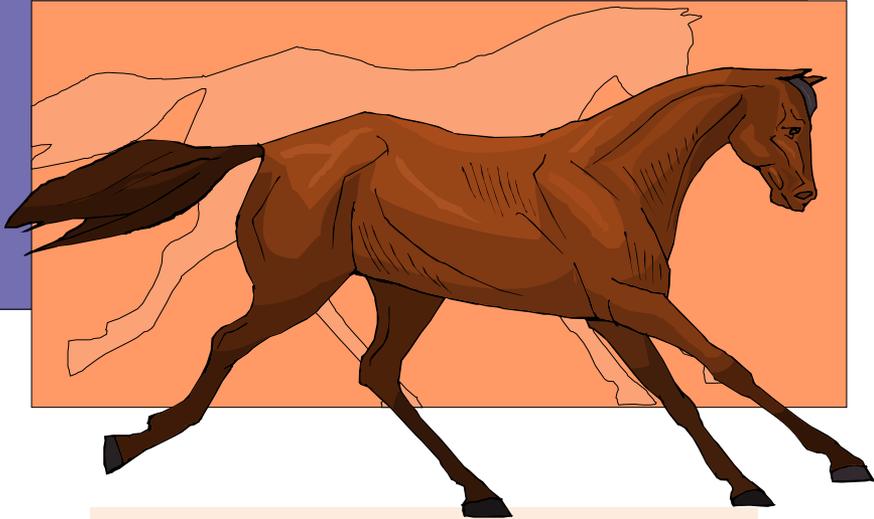
Need I say more? Your choice will not be the “popular” one.

Other “Christians” may be doing things, using hard slang language, dressing immodestly; taking worldly pictures of themselves to show-off, picking “activities” that are unseemly for a born-again young lady to participate in.

But if you want to walk closely with Jesus; you will make choices the majority do not understand.

You don't have to be “weird” or “strange” to please God, but you do need to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit that lives within you once you are born-again.

Trust me, IT IS WELL WORTH IT. Let's see, please “friends” or please God? Choose wisely!



Choose your Friends CAREFULLY.

1 Samuel 18:3

*Then Jonathan and David made a covenant,
because he loved him as his own soul.*

*This Bible example is of friendship that lasts a
lifetime; of a friend that encourages a friend in
the Lord & would even die for a friend. This is a
Close Friend.*

*Proverbs 18:34....and there is a friend that
sticketh closer than a brother.*

*Here the Bible refers to Jesus as that friend
that is closer than any other. This is who I
chose for my best friend.*

2 Samuel 13:3

But Amnon had a friend...

*Read this Bible example & see how quickly a
"friend" can ruin you. I'm not against close
friends; but choose wisely & carefully. Better to
choose FEW than a multitude; you need to rely
more on Jesus and less on people.*

A little Cowgirl UP! Advice

PICK your FIGHTS

1 Samuel 17:47

... the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's...

*My husband, Ron, is a wise man. He has earned my respect by his life and by his consistent walk with the Lord. He taught me early in our life: **Pick your Fights: Don't Pick a Fight.** [Just like Cowgirls Esther and Abigail]*

Romans 12:19

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

There is no need for me to get "bent out of shape" when I am wronged. Let God handle it.

Work Ethic Matters

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God

John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

An honest cowgirl gives it her all: whether that is at school, at a job, at the rodeo arena, or at the most important task of all pointing others to Jesus Christ.



Lessons from Home

Just because everyone else is jumpin' in the creek doesn't mean you have to!

It means that just because everyone else is doing something; does NOT mean you are suppose to do it, too.

1 Timothy 6:11

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Did you ever hear: He's got a HANKERIN'for that!



It says that a person has a serious desire to do something. Like a desire to be a famous or to be "all about you".

Psalms 37:4

Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

This verse does NOT say that you get everything you wish for or want if you are good enough or praise God long enough and loud enough! No, indeed, it does not say that.

What it does say is: If you are putting God first in your life, then He will in turn put the RIGHT desires into your heart.

Other words: He gives you the desires that you find in your heart. **The desires will be put there by Him.** [Like Heroine Rebekah.]

Choices Matter!

[For a lifetime & beyond]

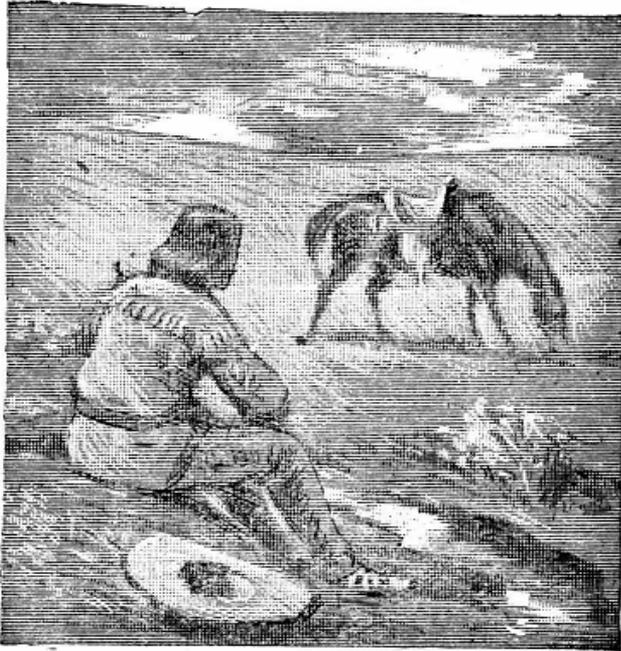


Joshua 24:15 **Choose you this day whom ye will serve.**

Deuteronomy 30:19 **I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life that both thou and thy seed may live:**

Choose Wisely in EVERYTHING!

No Regrets at the End of the Trail



Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *James 4:14*

We never know when the end of the trail will come for us. Some people live to be 100; others only live hours.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. *Hebrews 9:27*

Want no regrets at the end of your trail? Then first, accept Jesus.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. *2 Timothy 4:7-9*

How to Know Heaven is your Home.....

The Bible, God's Word says, "For all have sinned..." Romans 3:23
Everyone does things that are wrong, such as disobedience to parents, cheating, lying. God knew that you would be a sinner before you were even born. Once you realize, that is, once you know that you are sinful, you are responsible to God for your sins. Heaven is a perfect place. If someone went to Heaven as a sinner, then Heaven would not be perfect any more. Therefore, an unforgiven sinner cannot go to Heaven.



The Bible, God's Word says,
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23
The Bible says that our paycheck, that is, what we earn for sin, is death. This is the eternal death, the opposite of everlasting life with Jesus in Heaven. Eternal death is eternity in Hell. But you have a gift from God. He paid for your sins when He died on the cross, was buried, and came back to life on the third day. Just like any gift, you will have to take it and open it to make it yours. You have to accept this gift of eternal life in Heaven from Jesus Christ. He will not force you to take it.

The Bible, God's Word says, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
In order to accept the gift of eternal life, you must see a need to accept it. Jesus wants you to repent. To repent means to change or turn from your old ways. The only way you can change is to let Jesus change you.



The Bible, God's Word says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." Romans 10:13
If you want to invite Jesus into your life, then you can pray and ask him. Here is a good way to ask Him: "Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I am sorry for my sins. Please come into my heart and takeaway the sin. I know I can never be good enough to go to Heaven. So I am trusting you to take me when I die. I believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for my sins. I know you are the only way to Heaven. Amen."