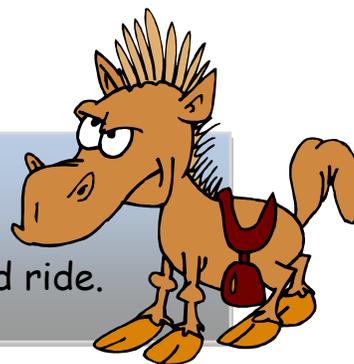




TRAIL TIP:

A burr under the saddle makes for a hard ride.



Sometime you may hear someone say: He must have a burr under his saddle. Simply put, that means that someone has "attitude" or is unhappy about just about everything that comes his way.

Proverbs 22:24

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go.

Proverbs 29:22

An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

"THAT'S NOT FAIR!" Bet we have all said that sometime in our lives. All of us have that time we can tell about when things were NOT fair. I can remember in the First Grade my parents had corrected me about running around playing "train" with our coats. Kids would run around holding onto coat tails and swinging hard and a tear could happen. We didn't have money for more than one new coat every two years, so my coat had to last.

I obeyed and immediately stopped doing that on the playground. I felt left out, but I still obeyed. Well, as things happen in life, somehow I got a tear in my coat. I do not know how or when. My parents thought I had disobeyed; they even went to my teacher to see if I was still doing this game. My first grade teacher said that I had been playing "train". I was mortified. I had stopped when they told me to. I did not disobey! Guess what, it cost my parents to have that coat repaired; and I GOT PUNISHED for something I did NOT do.

Fact is: Life isn't fair. But we do have a choice in our reaction and responses to life's unfair moments.

Attitude sets up many times. The reaction is anger! But this leads to REAL problems.

Attitude leads to missed opportunities.

When I graduated from college, Minnie Pearl [Sarah Cannon] spoke at my commencement. She was a VERY famous country comedian in her day. She told about as a young lady she was performing in a play in Missouri; one night a blizzard caused only about 6 people to come to the theater to see the play. She just spoofed off her performance that night because she thought it didn't matter for just 6 people. What she didn't know was that two very famous successful people were watching her that night [Rogers and Hammerstein] wanting to cast her in a musical [Oklahoma] that was extremely successful on Broadway in NYC. She blew it!

Her DREAM job became a missed opportunity because of attitude.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Is there a burr under your saddle? Something rubbing you the wrong way; irritating you? An attitude adjustment is in order!