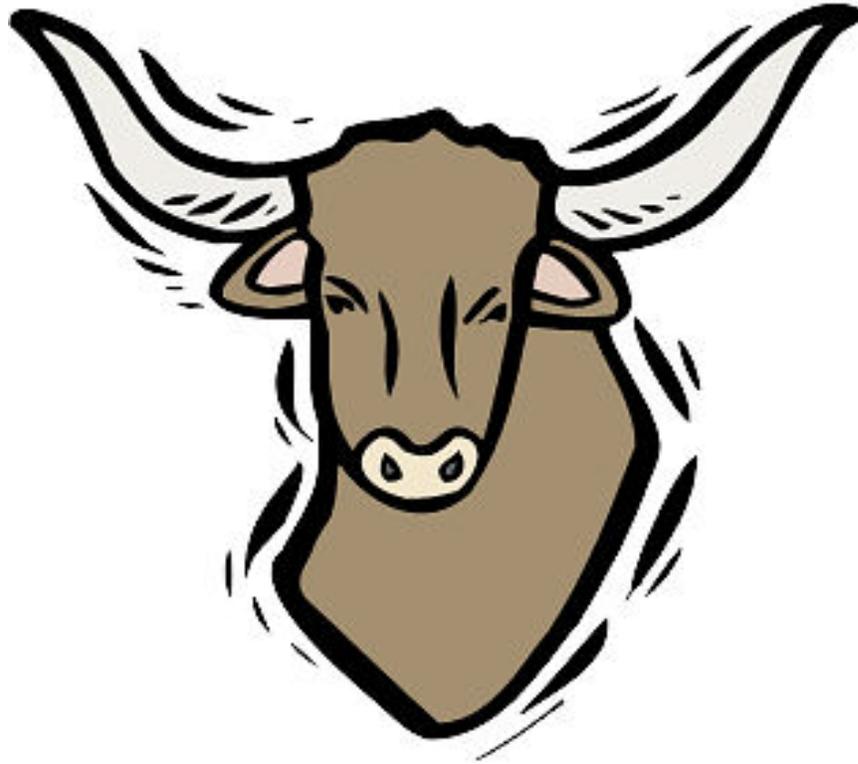


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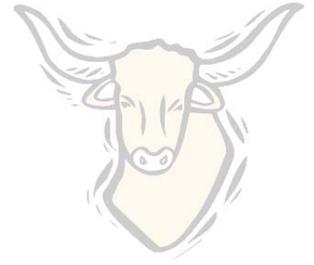
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I'll "Git It Done"

Suggested Props:

- † Completely worn out holes everywhere shirt or coat; A worn out cowboy hat.
- † Nearly new drover's coat and sharp new cowboy hat or something similar to substitute.

Reference: *Romans 12:1; Ephesians 4: 17-25*

Introduction:

The cowboy and in fact, most farmers are the "Git it done", self-sufficient types of people. If something breaks down, they are the ones that want to fix it. That works pretty well with barn roofs, bailers, and tractors. But there are a few things that cowboys can't fix by themselves.

They can't fix a heart that's broken. They can't always fix a broken marriage. And for sure, they can't fix the relationship with God that was broken all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Some will read this verse and think this means that "we" are to try to live Holy lives to get to Heaven, but that is not what the verse says.

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,...

This verse sounds like we should live a "better life" than others so we can work our way to Heaven, but, again, that is not what the verse says.

Let's look at another passage to understand the difference between trying and working our way to Heaven versus "accepting Jesus" as Savior and allowing Him to change our desires as a result of salvation.

Ephesians 4:20 But ye have not so learned Christ;..

Simply put: Once you are a Christian, you should look, smell, act, & be recognizable as one. And that doesn't JUST happen outside of the Holy Spirit and you working hand in hand.

Let's Illustrate.

Illustrated Message:

[Have a very worn out garment; an OLD raggy shredded up shirt, coat, something that is obviously of no further use as well as a beat up- worn out- disaster of a cowboy hat. Have a volunteer already picked out in advance that knows what you want him to do in the illustration; place the worn out garment and hat on the volunteer.]

Isaiah 64:6a But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags....

Romans 3:23a For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...

Put-Off

*Ephesians 4:22 That ye **put off** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts...*

“Put-Off”: What does Paul the author of Ephesians mean by “Put-Off”? He is saying that our nature reflects the problem that resulted from Adam and Eve’s original sin in the Garden.

They had only ONE rule, but couldn’t keep it. At school, at work, in our country we have lots of rules or laws that we need to keep. So you’d think they could have kept ONE rule, wouldn’t you?

When the serpent told them that God was lying you see them believing it. Why would they want to believe the worst when God provided everything for them and walked in the garden with them every day?

Our nature is corrupt. We will never work our way out of the corrupt nature; no matter how hard we try. This old, corrupt nature has to be “Put Off.” We need help to do something that drastic. You can’t just “Git it Done” alone.

[Turn to the volunteer and help him get off the old shirt/coat and the old hat; but have him HOLD ON to these items in his hands after he takes them off as if he isn’t quite sure he wants to let them go yet.]

Have you ever had that “favorite” shirt or “favorite pair of boots” that you have worn completely out and you just can’t let it go? Our daughter, when she was a toddler, had this “PUPSY” stuffed dog. It was everywhere she was; outside in the dirt; sleeping with her in her bed; thing would get **filthy**. My wife would have to sneak it out of the naptime bed to wash it. One time, Cheri woke up at naptime and no “PUPSY” was in the crib; you can imagine what that was like. Screams, trauma, and a life-altering moment for the two year old resulted. And what was worse, Francine had hung the stuffed dog up by its ears on the clothesline to dry. You would have thought Mommy had committed murder!

Sometimes we are “attached” to some things, too, that need some washing.

Put-On

*Ephesians 4:24 And that ye **put on** the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

“Put-On”: How can we put on a new man? We just learned that our nature is corrupt so how can a corrupt nature create a perfect nature?

It is impossible: No matter how determined you are to “Git it Done.” There is only one way to put on a new nature; we have to accept the gift of God.

[Help the volunteer to put on the NEW coat and the NEW hat]

Jesus is the gift that can make us a new man. His perfect life and His sacrifice on the cross is the only thing that can be offered to God that He will accept.

This was planned from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

SO once you are saved/born-again you have PUT-ON the new man.

Put-Away

*Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore **putting away** lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

Trying to live a good, clean life before “Putting On” salvation is going to frustrate you no matter how hard you try.

Once you repent turning to Jesus and confess to Him that you can’t “Git it Done” without His sacrifice; then you will start to see your desires begin to change.

This is when you can start to notice that you are “Putting Away” the old behavior and living more in line with what Jesus showed us in the Bible.

So then the only way to “Git it Done” is to admit to Jesus that you CANNOT do it and turn your mess over to Him. *[Accept the old clothes and hat from the volunteer as he hands them to you and is seated.]*

Salvation Presentation Here.