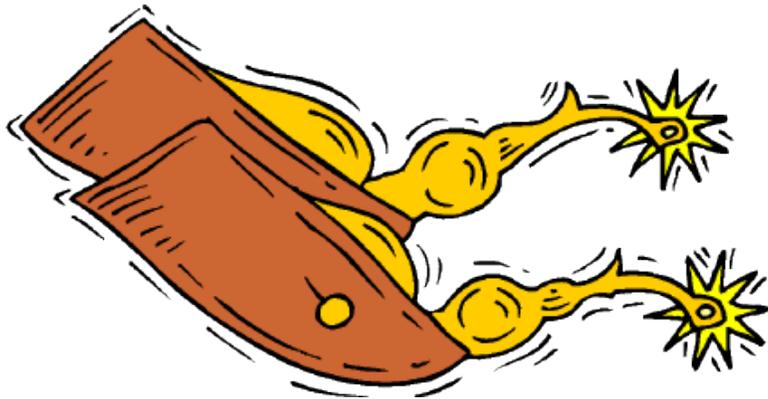


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**Suggested Props to Use:**

- † Pair of Spurs
- † Pictures of Bull Ride; Barrel Race; Roping

**Method of Presentation:**

Message is highly illustrated with few props; but mainly by the interaction of the students with the answer “Spur” or “Don’t Spur”. This message is heavy in scripture. Any one of the points under “How does this apply?” can be developed depending on the immediate needs of your students and their ages.

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NIV Bible says *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

**Introduction:**

The sound of spurs jangling as a cowboy or cowgirl walks by is a beautiful sound to me. As far back as I can remember I have always felt this way. I liked the sound when I didn’t even know what the spurs were really used for. For all I knew as a little kid the spurs were just noise makers. Somewhere in my childhood I found out that they were more than boot decorations: they were tools that a cowboy used to communicate to their horse.

I think we ought to review some basic instructions about the use of spurs. You can tell me....do you spur or not in these situations?

When to Spur: When the gate bangs and the calf lunges past the line.

When not to Spur: 2 seconds into a bull ride and you don’t think you can stay on another second

When to Spur: When you round the third barrel

When not to Spur: You’re on a jumpy young roping horse in the box right before the gate opens

When to Spur: You are right in front of a Longhorn stampede

When not to Spur: You are on a fresh bronc in the middle of a cactus patch

When to Spur: Someone you know that is not saved or in Church and you need to have courage to go to them

**How does this apply to our spiritual lives?**

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**Proverbs 1:8 tells us that our parents are told to spur you to proper instruction**

*Proverbs 1:8*

*8My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

**Proverbs 11:8 says spur your horse [actually your life] away from trouble because the wicked are running full speed toward trouble.**

*Proverbs 11:8*

*8The righteous is delivered out of trouble and the wicked cometh in his stead.*

**Jesus told Paul before he was an apostle that he was kicking against the Lords spurs !**

*Acts 9:5*

*5And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*

**Don't let sinners spur us into following them into wickedness.**

*Proverbs 1:10*

*10My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*

**Proverbs 2: 11-13 warns against spurring your horse [life] down a dark path; a path of sin.**

*Proverbs 2:11-13*

*11Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:*

*12To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;*

*13Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;*

**In Summary:**

**When you are wearing spurs, you are using them to control the direction your horse will take you.**

All of your life you have the ability to take the Bible and use God's Word to direct your life. If you use Gods Word and choose to believe and obey it, you will steer away from the trouble out on the trail of your life. However, if you ignore God's Word or decide not to heed it, you will get into the thorns or get thrown onto the rocks that will cause you great harm.