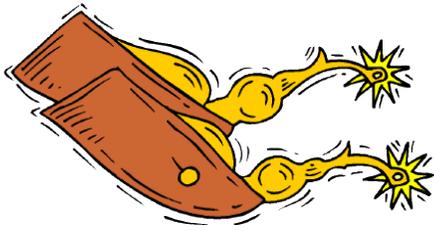


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Suggested Props to Use:

† Pair of Spurs

Introduction:

Have you ever blurted out something and then wish you had not said it? Have you ever done something and then wish it had never entered your mind? It happens to all of us.

I was on a motorcycle back when I was 22 years old. I was out dirt bike racing with some friends and came around a bend way too fast. There were some big humps in the trail and as soon as I started up the first hump, I had one of those times when I thought :”What am I doing here !!!!”

However, there have been other times when I did something on the spur of the moment that started something wonderful. I had been dating Francine for quite a while and called her right before the Thanksgiving break while I was in college. I said that I had a 3 day weekend so why don't we go to Wichita Falls and get married. That was a wonderful spur of the moment decision :-).

I also found myself in church on a Sunday walking down the aisle to volunteer to work in the Children's Ministry. That was another spur of the moment decision that was exactly what God wanted me to do.

The difference in whether a spur of the moment decision is a good thing or a bad thing depends on your relationship with the Lord.

If you are living for yourself then the decisions that you make are made by yourself. However, if you are walking with the Lord, then your decisions will be guided by the Lord. I don't know about you, but I believe that our God is a lot smarter than I am !

Let's get right to the Word to see how we can have a close walk with the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:2 ...be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

1. Every Christian should study God's Word so they will be ready to tell friends and others around them about how good God is and how He is *“not willing that any should perish.”*

Romans 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”

2. God wants you to talk to him regularly, like several times a day. You should have a communication line open so you can get through to God in the spur of a moment.

Luke 2:38 “And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

3. God wants you to always be ready to encourage other Christians around you. God is not pleased to see people show up at church and get in fights with His children.

Luke 7:4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this

The message today has been to Christians. I have been telling Christians how to stay close to God so we will be led by His Holy Spirit to make right decisions. However, not everyone in here is a Christian yet. If you are not, let me tell you of another spur of the moment event that is coming.

1 Corinthians 15:52

52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

When that happens, the saved will be taken up to Heaven in an instant: Don't you want to be in on that Spur of the Moment Event?