

The Joy of a clear conscience

When Paul wrote the second letter to the church at Corinth, it was much different than the first letter. In his first letter Paul’s total focus was Christian conduct. In that letter (I Corinthians) he laid out the foundation showing how we should conduct our lives. At the time the people were very receptive and obliging to follow Paul’s teaching. When he sent his second letter (II Corinthians) the focus changed to the authority of Paul, and it laid out why he was doing what he was doing.

Paul began his writing by explaining who he was and all that he represented. He wanted them to see he hadn’t changed and was the same guy. He shared about his sufferings for Christ’s sake, and then comes to a pivotal point in his message, “For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our con-



JUST A THOUGHT

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science, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, we have behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you” (II Corinthians 1:12).

Paul had no reserva-

tions that he had a clear conscience before them, as well as the Lord. He understood his role in the work of the Lord and he never veered away from it. He was not bragging about his conscience, but he was trying to teach the believers at Corinth that there was real value in doing what they were supposed to do. Even though some were questioning his authority in the faith, his faith was grounded solidly upon the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Opposition and suffering were not strangers to Paul because he had endured many things for the Lord.

Paul wanted the people to understand that by having a clear conscience they had a lot working in their favor. There was a need to see the importance of doing what was right. Paul didn’t want to mislead the people or be a burden to them, but there

was real satisfaction in doing what was right. He also stressed the importance of doing what was right, with a right motive. There are some people who do what is right, but down deep inside they really don’t want to.

There was also the issue of having a clear conscience with the end result being grounds for rejoicing. This was represented by internally and externally obeying God. Obedience is a great thing for all of us because it brings about the attitude to praise the Lord. When praising the Lord is incorporated,

it inevitably will bring about the praise of the world as well. Although the bottom line is not the praise of man, it is the praise of God that matters. Those who comprehend these steps stand entitled to the blessings of eternal life.

Paul’s teaching was a tremendous challenge to the people of his day, and also to us today. He was always looking for the improvement of the believer’s walk with the Lord. One must always recognize the gracious state we embrace. There must also be the acknowl-

edgment of understanding our duty. This will only bring contentment. There should never be any fear of duty, because when God calls us He always takes care of all the details.

It is my prayer for each of us that we might experience life with a clear conscience. We should never hold on to hatred, malice, bitterness etc. Life is too short to ruin our own lives holding onto bad feeling toward others. May the Lord free us all in our minds that we might think right and act right.

IWU, Ivy Tech make admission agreement

Indiana Wesleyan University’s (IWU) Marion, IN residential campus is pleased to announce a new Guaranteed Admission Agreement with Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC). The agreement allows Ivy Tech students to be guaranteed admission into IWU’s undergraduate programs upon completion of degree requirements at the associate level for any ITCC transfer degree.

The Guaranteed Admission comes with an application fee waiver and eliminates any loss of credits while minimizing cost to Ivy Tech students, ensuring

they are able to complete their bachelor’s degrees on time. Students must meet established eligibility requirements for academic programs at IWU-Marion as outlined in the university catalog.

A similar agreement was entered into in January of 2021 between IWU-National & Global and Ivy Tech Community College. Degrees at ITCC eligible for Guaranteed Admission into an IWU-National & Global program are the Associate of Arts—AA; Associate of Sci-

ence—AS; Associate of Science in Nursing – ASN; Associate of General Studies—AGS; and Associate of Fine Arts—AFA.

These Guaranteed Admission Agreements are the latest in an ongoing partnership between Ivy Tech and IWU as both institutions continue to work jointly to creatively provide Hoosiers with access to high quality education.

For more information, contact IWU-Marion Admissions at 866-468-6498 or IWU-National & Global Admissions at 866-498-4968.

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Large, flightless birds
5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
10. Hyundai sedan
12. Wear away by erosion
14. Arranged alphabetically
16. Top prosecutor
18. __-de-sac: Dead-end street
19. Digital audiotape
20. Linguistics pioneer
22. Singer DiFranco
23. Arms of the sea
25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
26. Ballplayer’s accessory
27. You get one at the beach
28. U.S. founding father
30. W. Australia indigenous people
31. Amounts of time
33. Put on the shelf
35. Russian dynasty member
37. City along the Elbe River
38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
40. Actor Damon
41. __ King Cole, musician
42. Company that rings receipts
44. Scatter
45. Basics
48. Part of a door
50. Indicates silence
52. Moved quickly on foot
53. Monetary units
55. A place to crash
56. Many subconsciouses
57. Group of countries
58. About line of latitude
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A dentist can treat it
66. Dull brown fabrics
67. Int’l nonprofit

CLUES DOWN

1. Midway between northeast and east
2. Partner to cheese
3. One from Utah
4. A way to move
5. Playing cards
6. Baseball stat
7. Long river in western Asia
8. Grandmothers
9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
10. Steam bath room
11. One who kills
13. Food
15. Swiss river
17. Fleet
18. Taxi
21. Working class
23. More (Spanish)
24. High schoolers’ test
27. Heavily built goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub
32. Tease good-naturedly
34. Morsel
35. Cause persistent resentment
36. A radioactive element
39. Perform in a play
40. Witty remark: Bon __
43. A great place to kayak
44. Conclude by reasoning
46. In an unfavorable way
47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
49. Machine for making paper
51. Feline
54. Yugo’s hatchback
59. Check
60. Press against lightly
61. Wind-pollinated plants
62. __ compoop
64. Commercial