



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

# DISPATCH



DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY 1965-'66





## Commander's Corner . . . .

Dear Commander:

It doesn't seem possible that the year 1965 could fly by so fast. Undoubtly, this has been the busiest and most exciting year yet for the Royal Ranger program.

Our growth has been tremendous, not only here in the states, but many groups have been established in several foreign countries. We have just completed the translation of the Royal Ranger Handbooks into Spanish which will be used to supply Royal Ranger groups in the Latin American countries. Plans are being made to translate the handbooks into some other languages. Our growth has been such that we are now being classified on a percentage basis as the fastest growing religious boy's program in America. And just think, we're only three years old!

One of the most gratifying developments of the year is the many reports of boys being won to Christ. One California group has reported that 53 boys have been won to Christ through the Royal Ranger program over the past year. The main objective of Royal Rangers is to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ. Please join me in praying that 1966 will be another year in which a bountiful harvest of boys are won for Christ.

May we also take this occasion to wish you, your family, and your outpost a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnnie Barnes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Johnnie Barnes  
National Commander

# PLANNING GUIDE

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WINTERIZING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TECHNIQUES FOR WINTER CAMPING</li> <li>2. NATURE STUDY IN WINTERTIME</li> <li>3. WINTERTIME FIRST AID AND SAFETY (Frost bite, freezing, accident prevention. etc.)</li> <li>4. WINTER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES</li> </ol>	<p>WINTERTIME HIKE</p> <p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p>	MAKE OR PURCHASE GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

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CRAFTS AND HOBBIES (Page 78 & 79, Leader's Manual.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LET'S HAVE A HOBBY</li> <li>2. THIS IS MY HOBBY (Crafts &amp; Hobby sharing by boys.)</li> <li>3. LET'S HAVE AN OUTPOST CRAFT PROJECT (Let the boys help you decide on a project.)</li> <li>4. WORKING TOGETHER WITH CRAFTS</li> </ol>	<p>VARIOUS WINTER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GROUP SLEDGING, SKATING, ETC.</p> <p>FAMILY NIGHT CRAFTS &amp; HOBBY SHOW</p>	BEGIN AND COMPLETE OUTPOST CRAFT PROJECT

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EQUIPMENT AND SHELTER (See chap. 6, Adventures in Camping.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TENTS: (type of tents, advantages of each, etc.)</li> <li>2. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: (Bedroll, canteen, flashlight, mess kit, etc.)</li> <li>3. PACKS: (Types, how to pack, etc.)</li> <li>4. CAMP CLOTHING</li> </ol>	<p>VALENTINE PARTY</p> <p>OUTPOST HIKE</p>	REPAIR AND SHAPE UP OUTPOST CAMPING EQUIPMENT



# DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



## BE LIKE AN EAGLE

*Purpose:* To show boys the importance of being free from the chains of sin.

*Story:* Years ago in a little town in the Rocky Mountains a crowd gathered outside a store window. On the inside was a large American Eagle, with a chain fastened to one of his feet and hooked to a ring in the floor.

Held captive for some weeks, the eagle became indifferent to the crowd that looked at him in the window.

Through the crowd one day a tall young mountaineer suddenly and silently pushed his way. He entered the store and asked the proprietor, "How much for the bird?"

"Four dollars," was the reply.

The young man took out four dollars, gave it to the storekeeper, and walked over to take the eagle. The bird was no longer afraid of people. The mountaineer unfastened the chain and carried the eagle down the street as the crowd followed. On the edge of town he placed the eagle on the top of a sign, in full view of the mountains. Instead of flying, the bird stood still. The eagle had been earthbound so long that he didn't seem to care about flying.

But then he raised his head and noticed the sun high up above the mountain. The bird seemed to remember that he was an eagle, and that his home was high up in the cliffs. A feeling of freedom surged through him. The eagle lifted his powerful wings and with a shriek, soared away, winging higher toward the sun.

The young mountaineer, with his gaze fixed on the eagle, said, "I used to see that bird up there in the mountain when I tended sheep. When I saw it chained in that store, I couldn't stand it. Eagles

belong higher up. He wasn't made to be chained in a place like this."

*Closing:* Fellows, when a person is living in sin, he is chained like this eagle. This is not God's will for our lives. He wants us to be free from sin by accepting His Son Jesus. Then we too can be lifted up to the heights of joy and peace.

*Please note:* If you have unsaved boys, give them an opportunity to accept Christ.

## IT PAYS TO TELL THE TRUTH

*Purpose:* To teach boys the importance of telling the truth at all times.

*Story:* There is an old Persian legend of a boy named Selim. Selim was a camel driver, and one day his caravan was overtaken by robbers who took everybody's money and jewels and other valuables. When they came to Selim and searched his pockets, they could find no money. The robber chief then asked Selim, "Are you hiding any money?" Selim replied, "I have three gold pieces sewed up in a corner of my coat." "Why did you tell me?" asked the chief. Selim said, "Because my father taught me three things—to be kind to everybody, to pray to God every day, and always to tell the truth."

This was something really new to the robber chief, to have a person tell him the truth when it meant the loss of his money. He thought for a moment, then said to Selim: "Here, instead of taking your three gold pieces, I am going to give you three. If I had had a father like yours, I wouldn't be a robber."

It may be expensive at times to tell the truth, and sometimes it is embarrassing, but it is always best in the end. Instead of a lie being a way out of



trouble, it is a quick way into trouble. Nobody loves or respects a liar. In Proverbs we read that one of the things God hates is "a lying tongue." So let us always tell the truth. If it doesn't pay off in any other way, it will be giving us the satisfaction and peace of a good conscience.

*Closing:* Explain how this is one of the points of the Ranger Code. Then have prayer with the boys.

## SHEEP DOGS

*Purpose:* To teach boys the importance of saying no to the temptations of sin.

*Story:* In London, England, a man came home one evening to find a strange, but friendly, tail-wagging sheep dog on the front mat. After petting the dog he opened the door. Before his astonished gaze was a room ransacked by robbers. They had brought the sheep dog along to keep the owner's two watchdogs quiet while they burglarized his home.

And that reminds me of Joe Christian who had a watchdog named Conscience. Conscience had always been faithful, and the robber had never been able to break into Joe Christian's home.

But one day the robber came, and he had an old sheep dog along named "I don't see any harm in it." That old dog had a long name; he had a long tale, too, and Conscience got so friendly with him that the robber broke into Joe's home unnoticed. When it was all over Conscience was sorry and felt he had learned his lesson.

Then, sometime later, the robber sent another old sheep dog ahead. His name was "Everybody's doing it." And before long Conscience was so interested that he never realized that the robber got in. But when he found out he vowed never to make the same mistake.

Finally, the robber determined to break into Joe Christian's home again. He sent "What I do is my business," and Con-

science was friendly with that old sheep dog immediately. When the robber broke in he stole everything Joe had. But this time it was different: Conscience was playing with a wolf which looked like a sheep dog. When the robber was done he sicked the wolf on Conscience, and Conscience was killed.

I suppose you realize that Joe Christian could be you; the robber is the devil; and the old sheep dogs are the suggestions of the flesh and the devil. If you depend too much upon Conscience you may lose your soul, your all. Your house must be garrisoned with the Word of God and locked with prayer every day. Then, no robber can break in "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," and you will have life and "have it more abundantly." John 10:10. *Closing:* Pray with your group and ask God to help each of them to say no when tempted.

## "AIN'T TAKIN' NO CHANCES"

*Purpose:* To teach boys the importance of working for Christ.

*Story:* Once there was a lazy farmer way down south. He wouldn't work. He wouldn't plant any crops. He only had excuses. One day his neighbor asked him, "Mr. Jones, why don't you plant your potatoes?"

Mr. Jones answered, "The bugs might eat 'em."

Then his neighbor asked, "But why don't you plant your grain?"

He explained, "They say there won't be any rain. It might not grow."

"Well, what are you going to plant then?" said the neighbor.

Mr. Jones' lazy reply was, "I ain't gonna do nothing. I'm just not gonna take any chances."

The story of this lazy farmer shows how ridiculous laziness can become. However there are many Royal Rangers who continually make excuses for not



praying, witnessing, reading the Bible, going to church, and working for Christ. They are spiritually lazy. The Lord doesn't want you to be a lazy Christian. He wants you to be a strong active Christian.

*Closing:* Read the first and last point of the Ranger Code and stress the importance of being alert and spiritual. Close with a prayer of dedication.

## LEARNING THE HARD WAY

*Purpose:* To emphasize the importance of being obedient.

*Story:* When your national commander was a boy, he was walking one day with his father. In the course of the walk they passed a persimmon tree. "Oh boy!" cried Johnnie. "I'm going to get me a persimmon to eat." "No," commanded his father. "They are not ready to eat yet." Reluctantly he obeyed his dad. Later that day, however, Johnnie decided he was going to have a persimmon regardless of what his father said. So, slipping away from his house, he made his way to the tree. He picked the biggest and prettiest persimmon he could find and greedily began to eat it. Suddenly the green persimmon began to draw his mouth. He spat out the remainder and rushed to a nearby stream and washed out his mouth with water. But water did not help. His father smiled and taunted, "Well, Son, I guess you found my orders to leave the persimmons alone were for your own good." "Yes, Sir," the boy answered through puckered lips.

Fellows, most rules are made for our own good. The rules we have in Royal Rangers are for your good and the good of the outpost. Our country has laws for the good of all its citizens. Also, God has certain commandments for the good of everyone. It is a shame for a boy to end up in a hospital before he realizes he shouldn't break traffic laws, or a man becoming an alcoholic before realizing he shouldn't drink, or a person getting lung cancer before realizing he shouldn't smoke or a boy contracting a dreadful disease before realizing he shouldn't break God's moral

laws. Most of man's troubles have come through disobedience. It all started with Adam and Eve disobeying God in the garden of Eden and bringing sin on the human race.

*Ceremony:* The Royal Ranger code says, "A Royal Ranger is obedient." As we pray, ask God to help you to be obedient.

## "JUST A ROYAL RANGER"

*(Written by David Watson—  
Royal Ranger from Irwin, Pa.)*

Just a Royal Ranger  
People may say,  
But they can't foresee  
The effects someday.  
Just a common boy  
To live by a creed,  
And to always be pure  
In thought, word and deed.  
One who always thinks  
About lending a hand,  
And ever press onward  
For Christ taking his stand.  
He sets forth a pattern  
For the world to know,  
That he is an example  
Of a holy thing below.  
And someday the boy,  
Who people thought small  
Will then be full grown  
And stand very tall.  
He is ready to face  
The world without nod,  
And he knows he will prosper  
Because of his God.  
He will walk down life's road  
With a smile on his face  
A peace in his soul  
That the world can't replace.  
A Bible in hand  
And a consecrated heart  
Something the devil  
Cannot pry apart;  
A burden for the needy  
Or for missions to pray  
This is the future  
Of a Ranger someday.



## A SPECIAL FEATURE

### THE COLONEL AND I

(Submitted by Ron Halvorson,  
Pasadena, California)

The convention was only several hours old. The hotel lobby was buzzing with conversation. The elevator door opened and the Colonel and I stepped bravely toward a herd of people stampeding at the sight of the ascendable square box.

He stood tall and erect in his dress uniform. His broad shoulders and small waist brought a wedge shape to his khaki blouse which supported an eagle on each shoulder.

The perfect posture of the six and one-half foot officer striding across the lobby commanded the attention of many eyes. Every strand of his wavy brown hair was neatly in place. His shoes were brightly shined, all buttons were buttoned, and his uniform was neatly pressed.

We had just been discussing the importance of wearing the Royal Ranger uniform properly while still upstairs in our hotel room.

"All Royal Rangers," he said, "whether man or boy, should be very proud of their uniform, and express this feeling in their appearance."

This seems to be a very sensitive point with the Colonel, for he takes great pains to be sure his collar and tie are perfectly straight.

"I saw an appalling sight the other day," he continued.

"I walked into a church for a Royal Ranger banquet. A Lieutenant Commander met me wearing a costume, not a uniform. Oh, it was khaki all right, but he must have forgotten we have irons in this day and age. He didn't wear a tie, and must have used a fork to comb his hair. I was so astonished, I was speechless."

The Colonel was right. This was disgraceful, but there was nothing disgraceful about the expressions on faces as we made our way through the crowd to the door. Their eyes focused upon the red, blue, and gold emblem on his left sleeve, and lips formed the words,

"Royal Rangers," as they read the inscription. I could see an expression of satisfaction upon every face that followed us across the room.

We made our way to the hotel parking lot.

The attendant seemed pleased to have a connection with a man in uniform. He opened the car door and snapped to attention as the Colonel entered.

The waitress in the restaurant to where we traveled, watched every move the Colonel made. Finally her curiosity got the best of her.

"Excuse me," she began.

"I have seen many branches of the military in here before, but I have never seen anyone in the Royal Rangers.

The Colonel smiled.

"Royal Rangers is not a branch of the military, but a scouting type program for men and boys with emphasis placed upon teaching moral standards according to the Bible and the life of Jesus Christ. In our program we give every boy the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, so that at the return of our Lord to this earth, that boy shall be ready to meet Him.

The waitress returned the smile, but tears filled her eyes as she began to speak.

"How old must a boy be to be in the Royal Rangers?"

"The ages are nine through seventeen. Do you have a boy in this age group?"

"Yes, he's ten."

Along with her reply was a promise to take her boy to the Assembly of God church she once attended, as it was her desire that her son grow up to be a fine moral man.

I lay stretched out on my bed back in the hotel room thinking of the very wonderful day I spent with the Colonel, who is my District Royal Ranger Commander. All the people in the lobby, the parking lot attendant, and most of all, the young waitress. I thought of the happiness he brought into their lives, and into mine for I too received some attention. You see, I'm a Lt. Colonel.



# IDEAS

For Leaders



## GAME IDEAS

### TUBE SHOOT

Secure a mailing tube, marbles, and a pan, box, or wastebasket. Each Ranger drops one marble at a time into the tube, holds the tube waist high, and tries to throw the marble out of the tube into the pan from a distance of five feet. Each boy throws 10 times and receives one point for every marble he throws into the pan. The one with the highest score wins.

### BOTTLE TOP TOSS CONTEST

Rangers line up, each with a bottle cap. An extra bottle cap is placed on the ground at any given distance. Players take turns. Each throws his bottle cap in the air, trying to toss it so that it will fall and hit the one on the ground. Score five points for each hit, and play to 50.



## BOOK NOOK

*("Book Nook" is a service to our leaders who wish reference books on various subjects. It is not an endorsement by the editor of the authors, or total contents in the books.)*

### ADVANCED CAMPING

*Woodsmoke* by Ellsworth Jaeger

This is an ideal book on outdoor lore. The book gives many invaluable shortcuts, tips and sound advice about outdoor crafts and camping skills. Among the many subjects covered are: smoking meat, making a raccoon cap, compounding medicine from nature, stalking and calling animals, how to make fishing flies, camp shelters, fires and cooking, how to tell temperature without a thermometer. 228 pages with many drawings and illustrations. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York. Price: \$2.95.

### DEVOTIONAL

101 *Snappy Sermonettes* by Paul Holdcroft.

This is an ideal book for devotions. Many of the sermonettes may be adapted for your outpost devotions. The thoughts and illustrations are appropriate and timely. This book can be very helpful to the busy Commander or Chaplain who wants new ideas for devotions. Available from Gospel Publishing House. Price: \$1.00.

*Editor's note:*

*The books listed may also be found in most bookstores and in your local library.*

## THIS REALLY HAPPENED!

*Place:* Northwest District Pow-Wow

*Occasion:* Firecraft Class

*Instructor:* Bob Williams

*Inst:* "O.K. fellows. Who can tell me how to start a Royal Ranger fire?"

*Boy:* "Rub two Royal Rangers together."





# Royal Rangers Bible Study

## ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 1 A Royal Ranger is Alert (mentally).

In the next series of lessons, we will endeavor to show you fellows how the Royal Ranger Code is endorsed by the Bible.

The next three lessons deal with the first point of the code. The Ranger code states a Royal Ranger is ALERT. He is mentally, physically, and spiritually alert.

In this lesson we will see what the Bible has to say about being mentally alert.

We should be alert in order to be wise and understanding.

Read Proverbs 3:13.

Complete the following, "happy is the man that findeth \_\_\_\_\_, and the man that getteth \_\_\_\_\_."

Wisdom is the ability to properly use facts and knowledge. Solomon, who was the wisest man of his day considered this very important.

Read Proverbs 4:7.

Complete the following, "\_\_\_\_\_ is the principle thing. Therefore get \_\_\_\_\_; and with all thy getting get \_\_\_\_\_."

We should be alert by studying for more knowledge. There is little value in being ignorant. Every Royal Ranger should do their best to develop themselves intellectually.

Read Proverbs 15:14.

Complete the following, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of him that hath \_\_\_\_\_ seeketh \_\_\_\_\_:"

TRUE AND FALSE (Circle one).

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| 1. In Proverbs 3:13, it says a man is happy who finds wisdom.                        | T F |
| 2. Solomon said there is no value in wisdom.   | T F |
| 3. Every Royal Ranger should have a desire to learn more.                            | T F |
| 4. It is better to be ignorant than intelligent.                                     | T F |
| 5. It is important for every Royal Ranger to study hard and learn as much as he can. | T F |



ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 2 A Royal Ranger is Alert (physically).

Being physically alert means to be "Ready for quick action." The Bible contains many stories of men who performed many outstanding physical feats and deeds because they were "Ready for Action." However, in order to be ready for action, we must keep our bodies in good physical condition.

This does not mean we should be muscle men or be able to perform certain athletic feats. The fact is, many boys cannot do what some other boys can. However, we should keep ourselves as strong and healthy as possible through exercise, good food, and proper sleep.

The Bible teaches that we should take good care of our bodies because it is the Temple (home) of the Holy Spirit and also because our body belongs to God.

Read I Corinthians 6:19-20.

Complete the following: "What? Know ye not that \_\_\_\_\_ body is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost which is in \_\_\_\_\_, which ye have of God, and ye are not \_\_\_\_\_?"  
"For ye are \_\_\_\_\_ with a price; therefore \_\_\_\_\_ God in your \_\_\_\_\_, and in your spirit, which are \_\_\_\_\_."

Answer the following questions.

1. Whose temple is your body? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Our body belongs to who? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What should we do with our body according to I Cor. 6:20? \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE AND FALSE (Circle one).

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| 1. Our body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost.                                     | T F |
| 2. Our body belongs to God.  | T F |
| 3. Our body is our own to do with as we please.                                  | T F |
| 4. Everyone should glorify God in their bodies by keeping it healthy and strong. | T F |

The Bible also teaches we should not allow sinful habits to control our bodies. In fact, we should be alert and not begin any habit that would harm our bodies.

Read Romans 6:12.

Complete the following: "Let not \_\_\_\_\_ therefore reign (control) in your mortal \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

List two habits that will harm our bodies:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## CRAFT PROJECTS

If you would like to use Indian Crafts as your group craft project for the month of January, the following book would be very helpful. "Indian Crafts" by Ben Hunt. Published by Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Price: \$3.25.



ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 3 A Royal Ranger is Alert (Spiritually).

In this lesson, we deal with the most important way a Ranger should be alert, that is to be spiritually alert. This means we are "quick, eager, and ready to obey, serve, and please the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Bible, we find that Jesus considered a person to be very wise and alert who was ready and willing to obey Him.  
Ready Matthew 7:24.

Complete the following, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these \_\_\_\_\_ of mine, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, I will liken him unto a \_\_\_\_\_ man, which built his house upon a rock."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Jesus said a person is wise who (thinks, obeys, works).
2. A person who obeys Jesus is (dumb, afraid, wise).

There are many opportunities to work for Jesus if we stay spiritually alert. Paul the Apostle emphasizes the importance of working for Christ and assures us that we will be rewarded for our service.  
Read I Corinthians 15:58.

Complete the following, "therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye \_\_\_\_\_, unmovable, always \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your \_\_\_\_\_ is not in vain in the Lord."

TRUE OR FALSE

1. We should look for opportunities to work for Jesus. T F
2. We should not work for Christ unless we are ministers. T F
3. There is no reward in working for Christ. T F

God has a will for our lives and we should be ready and alert to do His will. The psalmist David tells us in the Bible how he found great joy in doing God's will.  
Read Pslams 40:8.

Complete the following, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to do thy \_\_\_\_\_, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."

The Apostle Paul also warns us to be alert and not allow the Devil to tempt us to sin and fail God.  
Read I Peter 5:8.

Complete the following, "Be sober, be vigilant (alert); because your adversary the \_\_\_\_\_, as a \_\_\_\_\_, walketh about, \_\_\_\_\_ whom he may devour."

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CAMPING EQUIPMENT

We are having a number of requests from our leaders inquiring about places where they can secure camping equipment wholesale. The company listed below is one that we have done business with before. This company will send you a free catalog upon request. Camp Supply Co., 1151 So. 7th, St. Louis, Missouri. 63104



ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE ROYAL RANGER CODE AND THE BIBLE

LESSON: 4 A Royal Ranger is clean in body, mind, and speech.

In the next three lessons we will be studying the Bible to see what it has to say about being clean. This lesson will discuss the thought of being clean in heart. In the next lesson we will see what the Bible has to say about being clean in mind. The third lesson will cover being clean in speech.

The first thing a person usually thinks about when someone talks about being clean is washing with soap and hot water. It is certainly important for a Royal Ranger to stay clean in body. However there is another way of staying clean that is even more important. That is staying clean in God's sight. Now, let's look into God's word and see what it has to say about being clean in our heart.

Read Psalms 51:2.

Complete the following: "wash me thoroughly from mine \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ me from my \_\_\_\_\_." In this verse, the Psalmist David asks God to cleanse him from all sin and make him clean on the inside. Do you think this should be the wish of everyone? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Psalms 51:10.

Complete the following: "create in me a \_\_\_\_\_, O God; and renew a \_\_\_\_\_ within me." Here we read how David prayed a prayer that should be the desire of all Royal Rangers. Do you think everyone should ask God to give them a clean heart? \_\_\_\_\_

In Psalms 119:9, David asks the question, "wherewithal (how) shall a young man cleanse his way?" I'm sure many Royal Rangers have asked the question, "How can I have a clean heart?"  
Read I John 1:9 for the answer to this question.

Complete the following: "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness."

Isn't this wonderful? Here the Bible tells us if we will confess our sins to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us, He will forgive us and give us a clean heart.

Do you think every Royal Ranger should have a clean heart? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you asked Jesus to give you a clean heart? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NEED EXTRA ORDER BLANKS?

Extra order blanks are available for Royal Rangers equipment and Royal Rangers uniforms. These may be obtained by writing to the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri, 65802. Please state the number needed.

ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE ROYAL RANGER CODE AND THE BIBLE

LESSON: 5 A Royal Ranger is clean in mind.

Last week we learned that having a clean heart is very important to a Royal Ranger. In order to have a clean heart we only need to confess our sins to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us. He will forgive us and give us a clean heart.

This week we will see what the Bible has to say about having a clean mind.

Read Proverbs 23:7. This verse tells us the importance of right thinking.

1. Does this statement, "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he", mean that a person will do the things he thinks about? Yes No
2. Then this means that if a person thinks about evil things, he will do evil things. Yes No
3. It also means that if a person thinks about good things, then his actions will be good. Yes No

Read Proverbs 24:9 and Matthew 15:19, 20. These verses tell us some things we should not think about.

4. Does these verses say that some thoughts are sinful? Yes No
5. What kind of thought does Proverbs 24:9 say is sinful?  
"The thought of \_\_\_\_\_."
6. In Matthew 15:19, 20, what kind of thoughts does it state defiles a man? \_\_\_\_\_."

Read Philippians 4:8.

7. Does this verse give us a list of things that we should think about? Yes No
8. Would you call these thoughts clean? Yes No
9. If we would think on these thoughts, will we have a clean mind? Yes No
10. List these thoughts in the blanks below:  
"whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are of \_\_\_\_\_, if there be any \_\_\_\_\_, and if there be any \_\_\_\_\_, think on these things."
11. Malachi 3:16, "and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that \_\_\_\_\_ upon his name."
12. Psalms 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he \_\_\_\_\_ day and night."
13. Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

MAKE A MAIL BOX

Why not design and make a mail box for your Royal Rangers outpost? Then place it in the church office so that all mail for your outpost can be placed in it. Check the box regularly to make sure you receive your mail promptly.



ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE ROYAL RANGER CODE AND THE BIBLE

LESSON: 6 A Royal Ranger is clean in speech.

There are two different areas a person needs to watch in order to have clean speech. The first area is the choice of subject matter. What kind of things do you talk about? Are they evil, wicked things? Do you gossip? These are subjects which would cause dirty speech.

The other area which we must watch in order to have clean speech is the choice of words. Are the words you use curse words or slang expressions which border on swearing? If so, it is time to clean up your speech.

Let us turn to the Bible and see what it has to say about clean speech.

Subjects which would not be used.

1. Psalms 34:13. "Keep thy \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, and thy \_\_\_\_\_ from speaking guile."
2. Ephesians 4:29. "Let no \_\_\_\_\_ communication proceed out of your mouth."
3. 1 Peter 2:1. Lay aside "all \_\_\_\_\_ speakings."
4. Ephesians 5:3, 4. "Let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ talking, nor \_\_\_\_\_, which are not convenient."
5. James 4:11. We are not to speak "evil \_\_\_\_\_."
6. In fact, we are "to speak \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ man." Titus 3:2.
7. Psalms 15:1, 3. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" "He that \_\_\_\_\_ not with his \_\_\_\_\_, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his \_\_\_\_\_."
8. Leviticus 19:16. "Thou shalt not go up and down as a \_\_\_\_\_ among the people."

Words that should not be used.

9. Exodus 20:7. "Thou shalt not take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord thy God in \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Leviticus 19:12. "Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ by my name \_\_\_\_\_, neither shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_ the name of thy God: I am the Lord."

Subjects which should be used.

11. Psalms 50:14. "Offer unto God \_\_\_\_\_."
12. Ephesians 4:25. "speak every man \_\_\_\_\_ with his neighbor."
13. Ephesians 4:29. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is \_\_\_\_\_ to the use of \_\_\_\_\_, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."
14. Ephesians 5:4. "But rather giving of \_\_\_\_\_."
15. Psalms 19:14. "Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

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By Arthur Lindvall

There was a revival in a home prayer group in Rockford, Illinois where we lived as teen-agers. In three weeks, 35 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. At the time, there was no Assembly of God church and no pastor there. My father, a carpenter, ordered a bundle roll of 25 Pentecostal Evangels a week and asked me to sell them to the people who came to the prayer meetings. As soon as the bundle of Evangels arrived, I would get on my bicycle and go to the various homes selling the magazine. Also, I offered the Evangel to people who attended other churches and to many who attended no church at all. Month by month the sales increased until I had a paper route of 50 Evangels a week.

When I went away to Bible School, my brother John Lindvall took over the route and increased the sales of the Evangel until he was selling 75 copies a week to regular customers. When we sold the magazine there was no Assembly of God church in Rockford. Now there are at least 5 churches in and around the city. Many of those who bought the Evangel

from us during those years are now members of Assemblies of God churches.

Since leaving Rockford, I have been to Bible School, was a minister a number of years in the States, and for over 17 years I have been a missionary in El Salvador, Central America. My brother John went to Bible School and into the ministry. He has been a chaplain in the Army for over 20 years and is now a lieutenant-colonel, stationed with a paratroop outfit in Germany.

Both of us feel that we got our first inspiration for the service of the Lord as we went out selling the Pentecostal Evangel on our bicycles.

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