

# GRINS & GIGGLES



He's 16 and always prepared to be the life of the troop. With his fellow scouts around him, there's a laff a minute filled with Jon's unique wit and candor. Keep up with these eager beaver's vision of a scout's life.



Leah Boys is a world class champion rodeo trick rider. At home in the saddle, a master of the shootin' iron and the bull whip. She has thrilled thousands all over the world with her daring stunts and is widely acclaimed as a superstar...but at home she's just mommy to her 4-legged kids. Laugh at the antics of home and travel life with Leah her loving

pets Pekingese brothers Shing-Shang, Bojangles and Poodle Muzett. There's never a dull moment in this clever, heartwarming and funny strip. Every pet lover will relate to what goes on in this enjoyable feature.



He's a journeyman who explores the human condition giving examples of simple common sense from the words taken from the book of Proverbs. He could be called wise man, a noble man, a scholar, or even a preacher ....but he is simply called Bro. Jones. Take a journey for yourself into this thought provoking feature. A refreshing new look into Proverbs. Hopefully he will leave you eager for more....



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## SIN IS A WELL PRACTICED HABIT

By Gary Toole, The Christian Way Ministries

When the Bible says to 'not let sin dwell (live) in your mortal body', it says what I mean and means what it says. So everyone likes to ask, "Well, what is sin?" And from experience and from the Word, I like to say, "Almost everything!"

So how can we keep from sinning? By truly being saved, and abstaining or shunning the very appearance of sin and evil.

Now why did it say the very appearance. Well, simply, because sometimes it may appear as being very innocent. So if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck and quacks like a duck then it must be a duck. So there you go!

So sin and not just one little neat list or just the Ten Commandments, but sin, is anything that is harmful both physically, spiritually, emotionally and financially.

Now physically can be substance abuse or over eating, and spiritually can be not repenting, not going to church, not serving the Lord, not supporting the church, not witnessing and the list goes

on, and emotionally can be anything that stresses you out unnecessarily, because of taking on weights of this old world. That is why it says to lay aside the weight and sin. Now weight may not be a sin right at first, but if you keep on taking it around, then it can easily become a sin. Sometimes a weight can be a person and that is why the Word says not to yoke up with unbelievers, which covers the whole ball field.

So sin is a well practiced habit and that habit dwells in you and is always by your side no matter how hard you try to get rid of it.

They say that practice makes perfect. I don't know about perfect, but you get good at it, if you practice it, and so sinners practice sin, and they get good at it and enjoy it, but it is just for a season, the Word says, and then it turns to pain and heartache and despair and destruction. It becomes as the Word says, "The way of the sinner is hard."

Oh, I know it says transgressor which means sinner. So please stop with all that trying to be a Bible scholar, get out the old dictionary, and quit

being a know it all. You drive folks away with that Tommy Rod mess.

So repent sincerely, turn from sin, start practicing being a Christian, and maybe after a while you will get good at that. The devil will lure you with a little 'won't hurt' like he did as a snake with Eve and Adam.

One lady said, "A little lottery won't hurt. Why we help the school," and the next thing you know, she is playing the lottery, winning only a little every blue moon, and depriving her children.

Look out! For every one that wins the jack pot, I can show you 100 that loses far more than they win. Or some win and are destroyed by the curse of the lottery, which is true. So, she was addicted! So practicing sin can become a devastating damaging habit that is hard to beat. So beware! As they used to say, "Don't start something you can't keep up!" And don't believe the devil that you can handle it! No, no, my friend. It will handle you!

Can you say amen?



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