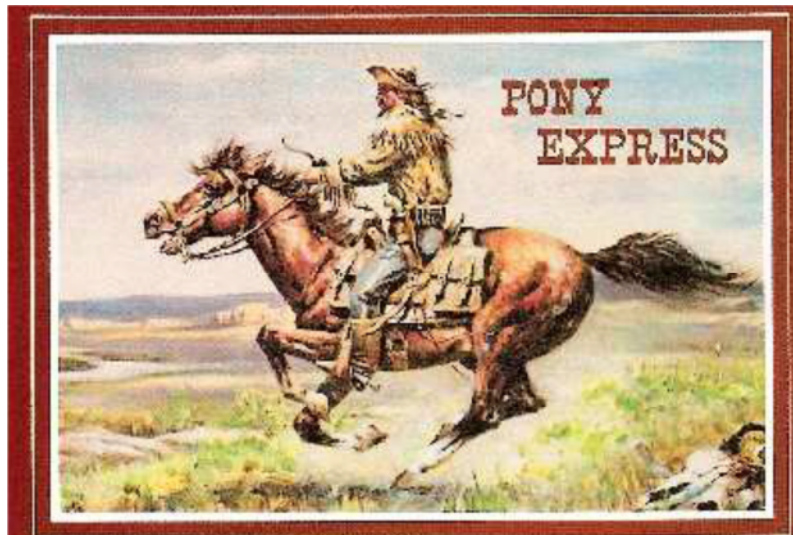


FEBRUARY 2017

LEADERS CHARACTER TRATE, "REFORMATION"



ROYAL RANGERS—A VISIONARY ORGANIZATION:

PROVERBS 29:18

RANGER FAMILY DERBY www.indyproducts.com

March 4th for registration go www.kyroalrangers.org

Pine Car Trophys for all kids, (Participation Trophy)

Additional activities offered as follows:

- 1) Rain gutter regatta—boats supplied.
- 2) Pedal Car race—Cars and obstacle course supplied.

This event subject to weather



boys—girls--



—old and young welcome



- 3) 3 legged race—sacks supplied.

Outpost Leaders: MOVE—AIOA COMMUNION Feb. 11th 10:00 am.

Briefing on Family Derby—Devotion—Communion—fellowship actives. An interactive relational camaraderie

CALENDAR:

February

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- February 4th. **Outpost Groups WINTER SPLASH @ Clear Creek Activities Center 717 Burks Branch Road, Shelbyville, Ky. 40065 \$4.00 at the door.**
- February 11th. **Outpost Commanders' Meeting—MOVE—AIOA @ Iglesia Hispana Bethe 613 Teton Trail Frankfort, Ky. 40601**
- February 24-26 **Winter Trace Rotary Scout Reservation** [Registration Forms](#)

March

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- March 4- **Family—Ranger Derby:** Location LaGrange A/G [Click here for registration](#)
- March 15-18 **RR National Council LEAD** [Click here for more information and registrations](#)
- March 25, **Kentucky District LEAD Conference.** All outpost commanders and pastors welcome.

April

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- April 8 **Outpost Commanders' Meeting—MOVE—AIOA**
- April 21-23, **FCF Big Adventure** [Click for registration form](#) (Rotary Scout Reservation)

DEVOTION: John 15:1–4 Fulcrum or offence

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch, cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

THOUGH FOR TODAY:

In the Bible, both Israel and Jesus are described as "the vine." The references are too extensive to list here, but here are a couple, Matthew 21:33–43 and Romans 9:6–8.

In today's passage, Jesus informs us that Israel is not a "vine unto itself." Rather, He is the true Vine. Some would say that statement is blasphemous because the vine of Israel drew its nourishment and produced its fruit from God. However, this thinking rejects the deity of Messiah and it is ignorant of Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 9:6. It especially ignores John 1:1–5 and 14 which state that Jesus created everything.

At times in Jesus's earthly ministry, there were hundreds—even thousands — of disciples. Jesus was communicating that to be saved faith must accompany a person's intellectual belief in Him, leading to obedience. Furthermore, obedience empowered by His Spirit will produce fruit. A sign of salvation is fruit — growth, (the signs of His in-working in a person's life) people bear in His Kingdom.

The Lord would never give commands that were impossible to accomplish. Bearing true spiritual fruit is impossible by human means, but all things are possible through Messiah gives strength (Philippians 4:13).

Branches that do not bear fruit have an obvious disconnect from the life-giving Vine. It is up to the vine-keeper to determine whether a branch is dead and should be removed, or if it simply needs pruning and thus should abide in the vine but with restorative care.

Even branches that bear fruit need "pruning" to remain healthy. So, don't be satisfied with your present level of fruit production! It will be seasonal. Believers should not be proud. When we are connected to the Vine, our ability to bear fruit comes solely from the Vine. Our seasons of "fruit production" are managed by the true Vine-keeper, and produced in our season. (Psalm 1:3) KJV.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

God is always inspecting His "branches," looking for those not-yet-surrendered areas in His people that may hinder their ability to produce fruit for His Kingdom. If your obedience to the Lord is matched with a level of pain, perhaps He is pruning you. He may be building up your faith by placing you into situations where you must be faithful, thus increasing your ability to bear fruit for Him. Is God leading you into a season of fruit production? He is at work through Word and Spirit to fill your mind and heart with the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus. Are you ready? No? Then get ready. Isaiah 8:13-14 Will He be your sanctuary, (fulcrum) unto you, or an object for stumbling.