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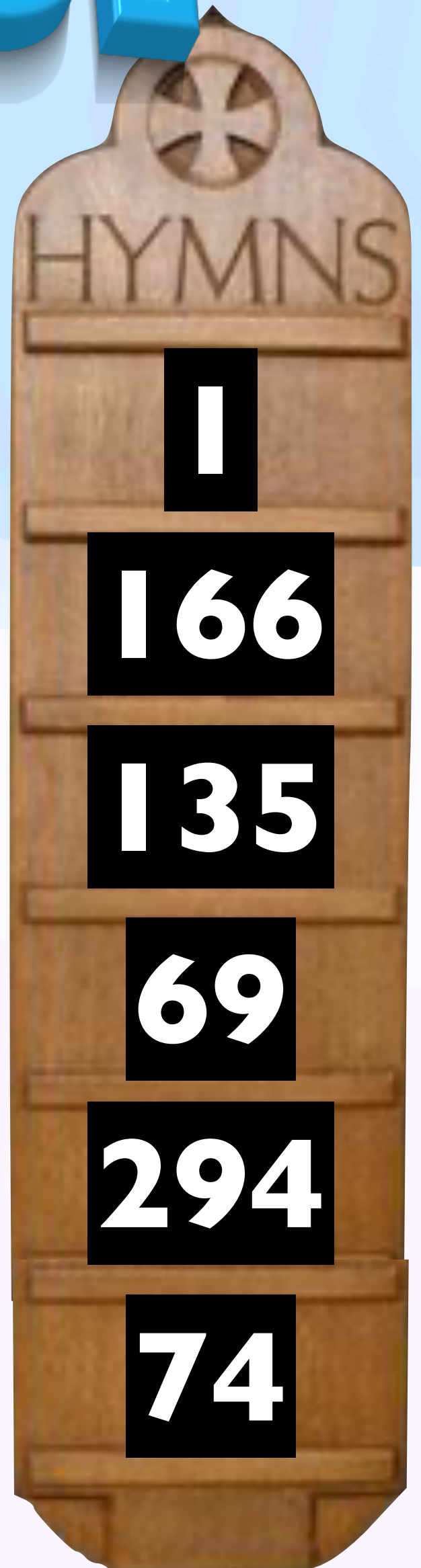
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27 Do not withhold **good** from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do. **28** Do not **say** to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give” when you have it with you. **29** Do not **devise evil** against your neighbor, for he dwells by you for safety’s sake. **30** Do not **strive** with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

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Prov. 18:1 *A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment.*

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9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. **10** For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. **11** Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm? **12** Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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Daniel and his friends Daniel 1-6

The Danger of Evil Friends

Do not be deceived: “**Evil** companions corrupt good habits.” 1 Corinthians 15:33

Proverbs 1:7-19

Lesson 1: Fear the LORD! (v.7)

Lesson 2: Obey your parents! (v.8-9)

Lesson 3: Choose your friends wisely! (v.10-19)

Prov. 2:10-15,16-19

2 Timothy 2:16-18

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16 But **shun** profane, idle babbling, for **they** will **increase to more ungodliness**. **17** And **their** message **will spread** like cancer. **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus** are of this sort, **18** who **have strayed concerning the truth**, saying that **the resurrection is already past**; and **they overthrow the faith of some**.

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John 15:13

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12 Now it came to pass in those days that **He** went out to the mountain **to pray**, and **continued all night** in **prayer** to **God**. **13** And **when it was day**, **He** called **His** **disciples to Himself**; and **from them** **He** chose **twelve** **whom He** also **named** **apostles**: **14** **Simon**, whom **He** also named **Peter**, and **Andrew his brother**; **James** and **John**; **Philip** and **Bartholomew**; **15** **Matthew** and **Thomas**; **James the son of Alphaeus**, and **Simon** called **the Zealot**; **16** and **Judas Iscariot** who **also became** a **traitor**.

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26 When Jesus therefore saw **His mother**, and **the disciple whom He loved standing by**, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” **27** Then **He said to the disciple**, “**Behold your mother!**” And **from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.**

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1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, **having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

John 15:9-17

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:9-17

13 Greater love has no one than this, than **to lay down one's life for his friends.** **14** You are **My friends if you do whatever I command you.** **15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all things that I heard from My Father **I have made known to you.** **16** You did not choose Me, but **I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things I command you, that **you love one another.**

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Be a friend to Jesus **John 15:13; 3:5; Acts 2:38; Amos 3:3**
1 John 1:7-2:2

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