

# A Message from the Manty

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**W**e have a weak nation because we have weak churches; We have weak churches because we have weak families, Malachi 4:6.

**Religious Humanism**, in 1983 — We will \_\_\_\_\_ because churches have part of the students one hour a week and schools have all of the students 5 days a week. (See Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 22:6)

- In 1984 we started ATI: that was 34 years ago.
  - ❑ The goal was for parents to diligently teach their children at home, \_\_\_\_\_ arm them against false teaching, and meet false teach with them when they encounter it, Jn 17:17; Ps 138:2
  - ❑ The fruit of building on the Bible has been excellent but we need to be careful not to let the many “good things” that are available draw us away from centering on the Bible, 1Jn 5:19; Eph 6:12; 1Jn 2:15; Gal 5:17; Eph 2:2.
  - ❑ The Bible is clear, since the day when Adam opened the door for evil to enter God’s creation, the prince of this world has shown himself hostile to God.
- Admittedly all home training families will go through trials and troubles.
  - ❑ We must not forget that the key to winning the battle for our young people is **not home training**—but rather building their lives \_\_\_\_\_, Mt 7:24-25.
  - ❑ It is not that the Scriptures have been tried and found wanting as much as it is that they have not been trusted, Ps 18:30.
- We are going to illustrate the importance of the Word and Prayer with horseback packing for an elk hunt.

## 1 **Rope represents the word.**

- In using a rope: knots, lashes, and hitches are important, Pr 6:21.
- Definition of a good **Knot**
  1. They must be easy to tie
  2. They must be secure
  3. They must be easy to untie
- **Lash** to bind up with a rope
- **Hitch** to make secure to something hitching rail or post, Diamond hitch.
  - ❑ Ezra shows us what it means to be *in the word*, 7 :10
- In the same way being in the Word daily and **TOGETHER** \_\_\_\_\_ to use the Word when a need arises.
  - ✓ A paraphrase of Mt 7:24-25, *These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, they are foundational words, words to build a life on.*

## 2 **Manties represents prayer.**

- Many horse packing terms come from the Spanish and here the Spanish word is Manta: *A small tarp.*
  - ❑ A prayer is like a manty; they hold things together and protect them.
- Notice how vulnerable a sack is with **just** put the rope on it.
- Notice how insecure the manty is **without** a rope on it.
- Think of the effort that it takes to **manty up** everything.
- A rope and a manty will not prevent challenges on the trip, but they will help \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - ❑ At times there will be some in the family who balk at what you are doing, Php 4:6-7; Jam 1:5-8; 1Pet 3:7

### 3 The definition of success

- We came to learn that **success is NOT:**
  - Getting an elk—although that would be nice
  - Having a trouble free trip—that would be the ideal
  - Success is learning \_\_\_\_\_  
along the way— which makes it all worthwhile  
Whether you get an elk or not.

#### Application

- Having a manty and a rope do not do you much good \_\_\_\_\_ , **nor does a bible and prayer.**
- When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot around a promise in God’s word and with courage hang on, Josh 1:9.
- In John 21:15-17, the Lord asked Peter three times: “Do you love Me?”
- What Jesus was saying to Peter was “If you \_\_\_\_\_ then give your life to shepherding My lambs.”
  - Even if they are unresponsive, unkind, unappreciative, and unworthy
- Or to apply the same question to us:
  - Parents:** Jesus is asking, Do you love Me enough that you will do whatever it takes to to train up the children that **I have entrusted** to You.
  - Young people:** Jesus is asking, Do you love Me enough to honor the parents that **I gave** you.