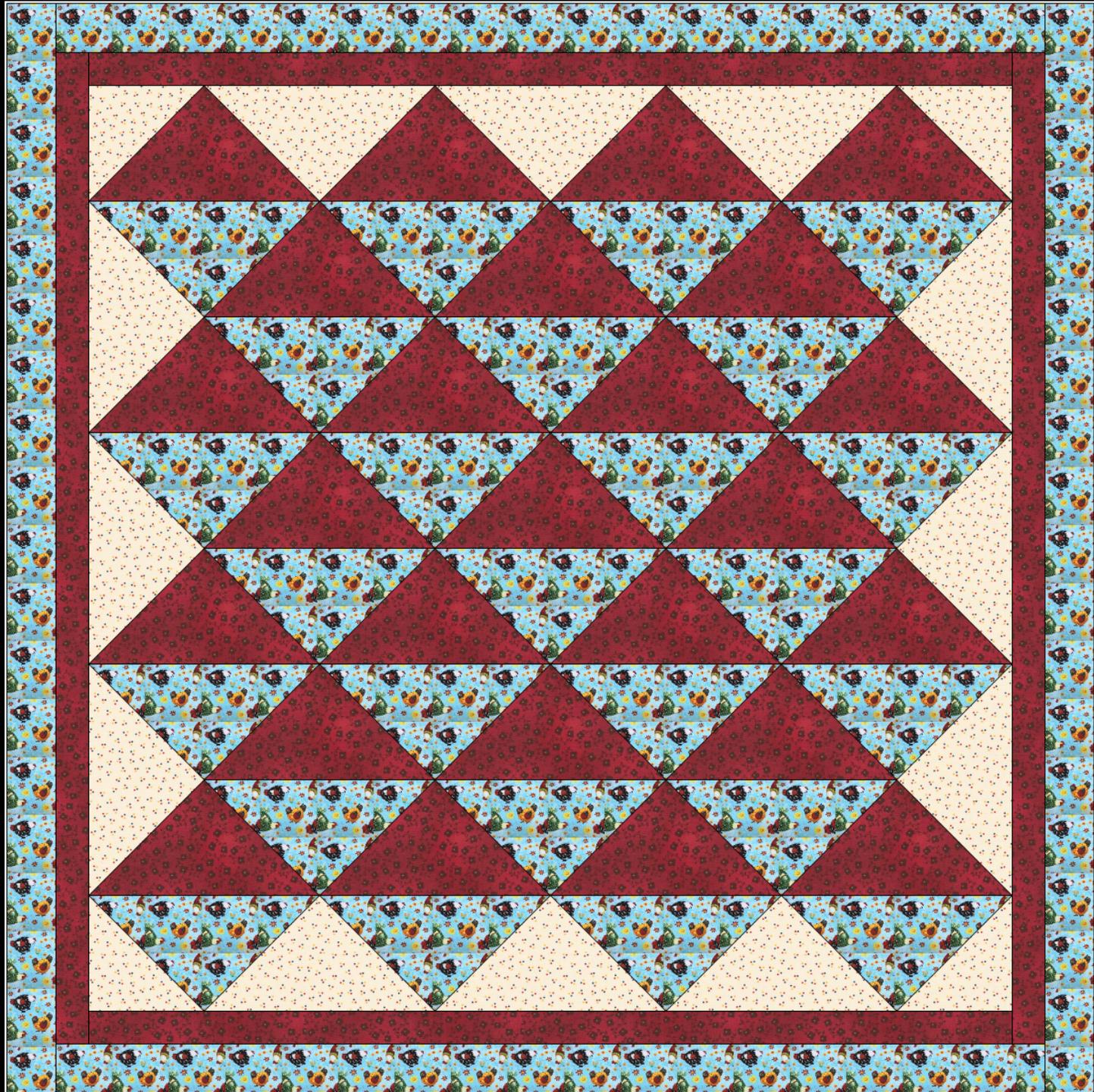
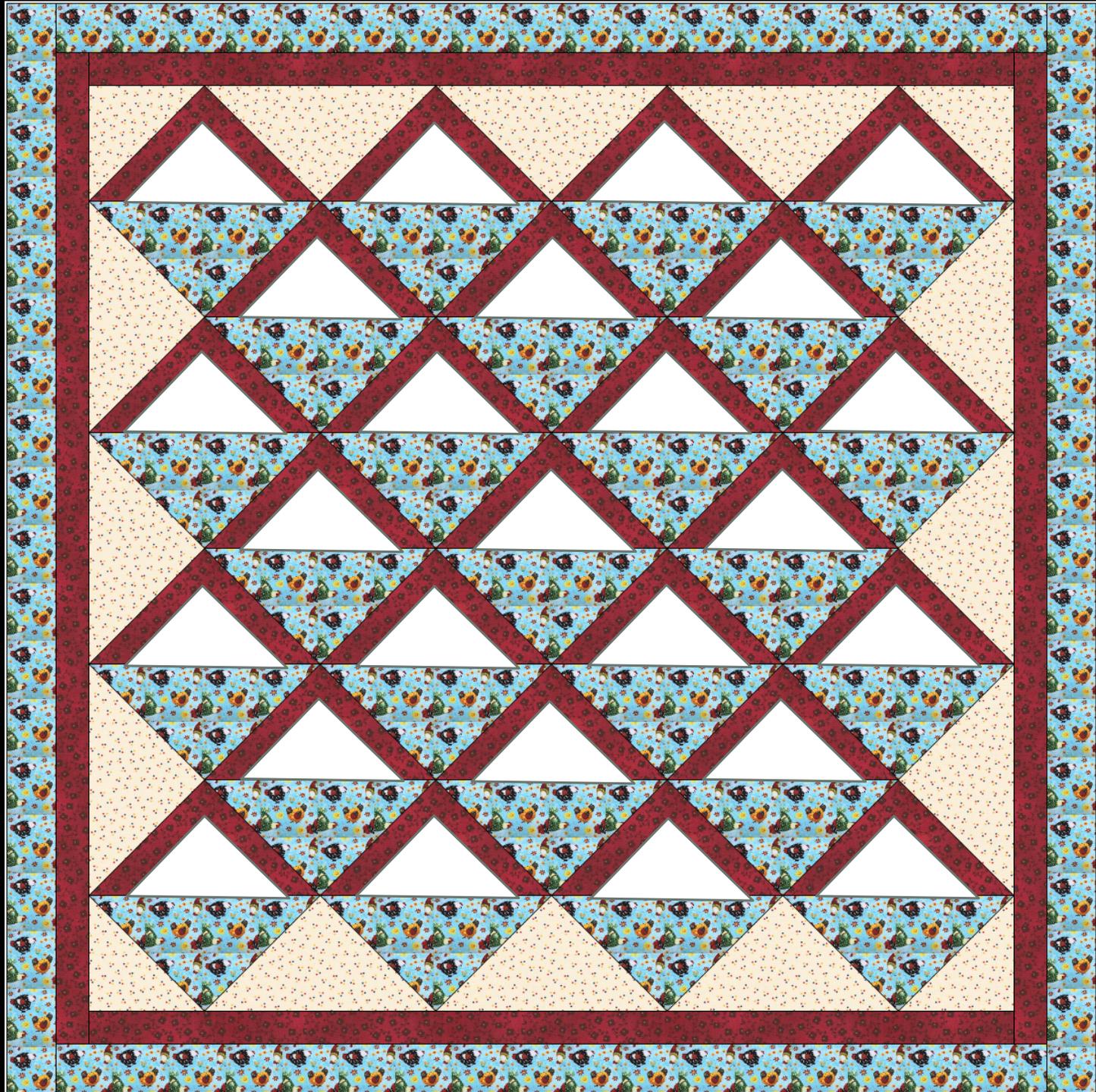


Folk Sayings:

Identifying Biblical
Principles They Teach







*The grass is
always greener
on the other side
of the fence*





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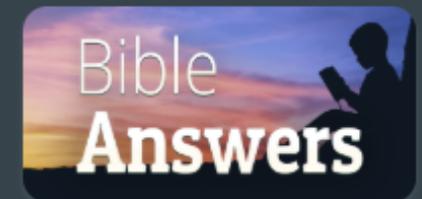
“That’s Not In The Bible?” – Part 1

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NFL legend Mike Ditka once gave a news conference after being fired as the coach of the Chicago Bears. He had only won five games the previous season, yet held his head high as he turned to the Bible for inspiration. “Scripture tells us that all things shall pass,” he said. “This, too, shall pass.” The only problem was that he was not, in fact, quoting the Bible. That phrase does not appear anywhere in scripture.

Unfortunately, this is an all-too-common problem, even among groups who should know better. The Pew Forum conducted a survey of Biblical knowledge in 2010 that revealed a startling degree of ignorance in every major religious group in the United States. In a series



Common Sayings, Maxims & Idioms

- Also called a proverb or adage
- Usually short & sweet or short & tangy
- Designed to teach a message of behavior or give philosophical wisdom
- Sometimes contradict each other
 - *He who hesitates is lost* versus *Look before you leap*

1. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence
2. If you lie down with dogs you'll rise up with fleas
3. You can't make a silk purse out of a pig's ear
4. As a man speaks, so is he
5. A good reputation is more valuable than money
6. A low-class man will just talk; deeds are the hallmark of a gentleman
7. Great oaks from little acorns grow

8. Honesty is the best policy
9. God's rain falls on the just and the unjust
10. A guilty conscience needs no accuser
11. Don't cut off your nose to spite your face
12. Don't waste your worry
13. A stitch in time saves nine
14. A person is known by the company he keeps
15. Prevention is better than cure

16. Look before you leap
17. Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves
18. Don't slam the door; you weren't raised in a barn
19. There is always someone worse off than yourself
20. Every cloud has a silver lining
21. Slow and steady wins the race
22. Don't count your chickens before they hatch

1 Kings 20:11

- King James Version

- And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

- New American Standard Version

- Then the king of Israel replied, “Tell *him*, ‘Let not him who girds on *his armor* boast like him who takes *it off*.’”

- The Living Bible

- The king of Israel retorted, “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch!”

Idle hands are the devil's
workshop

Idle hands are
the devil's tools



Origin and Meaning of this Saying

- Origin is unknown
 - Believed to be ancient with biblical roots
 - Jerome (347-420 AD)—Latin phrase with similar meaning
 - Chaucer (1343-1400 AD)—First English use
- Meaning
 - If you have nothing to do, you are likely to get involved in mischief or something bad and get into trouble

What the Bible says about idleness

- Those who are idle are easily led into sin
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-11
 - Proverbs 19:15
- “Idleness” is not the same as “rest”
 - Genesis 2:3—God rested on the 7th day of creation
 - Exodus 20:8-10—Instruction to the Jewish nation concerning the Sabbath day
 - Mark 6:31

Pretty is as pretty does

**HANDSOME
IS AS
HANDSOME
DOES**



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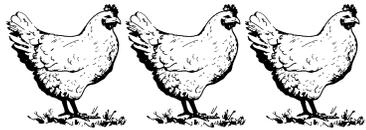
- Original saying was probably “Handsome is as handsome does”
 - Chaucer—1387 AD
 - Also stated as “Beauty is as beauty does”
- Meaning
 - Good deeds are more important than good looks

What the Bible says about good looks versus good deeds

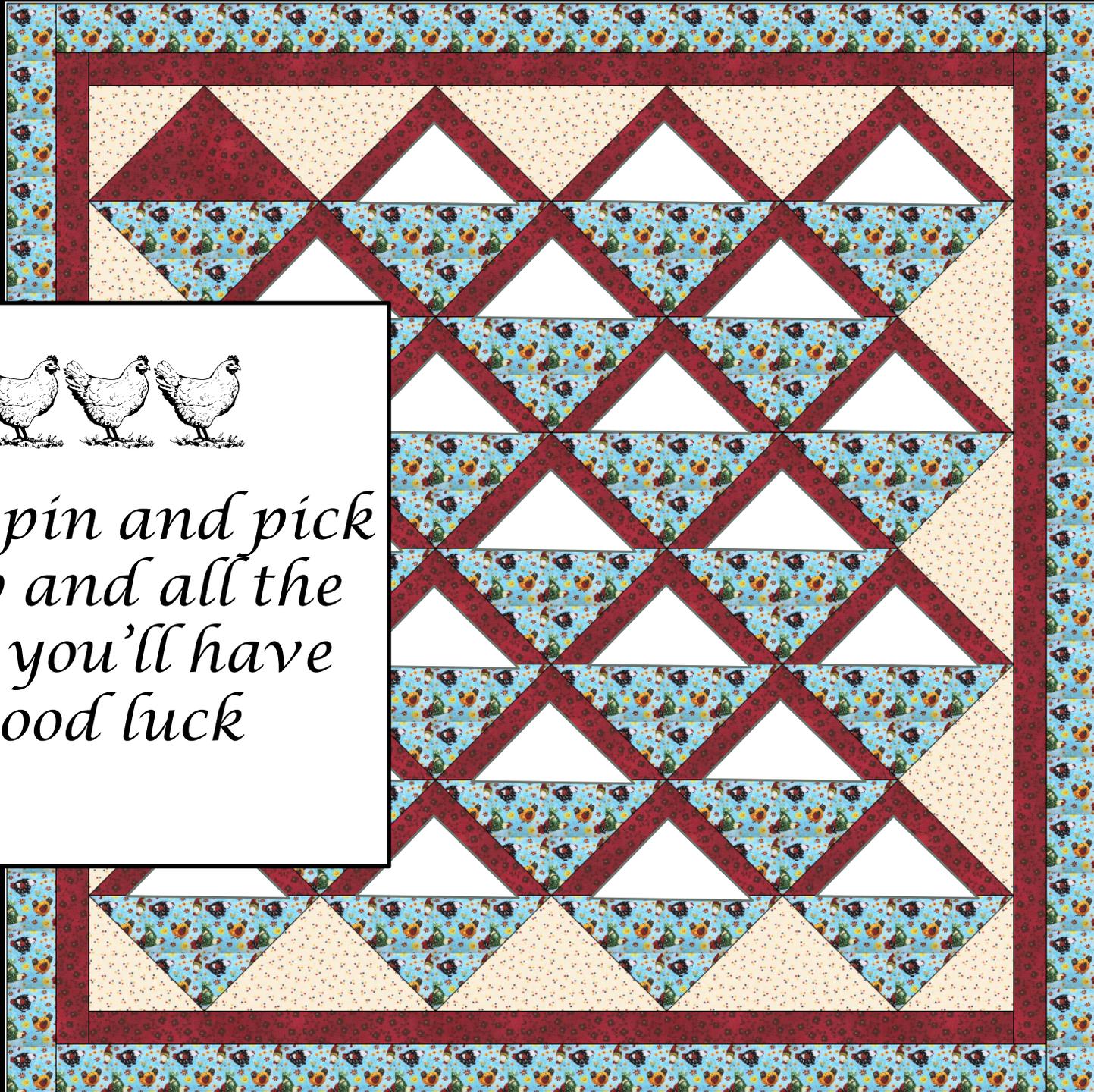
- Man looks at outward appearance; God looks at the heart
 - 1 Samuel 16:7
- We known based on our fruit (works)
 - Matthew 7:15-20

See a penny and pick it up and all
the day you'll have good luck





*See a pin and pick
it up and all the
day you'll have
good luck*



Origin and Meaning of this Saying

- Origin is unknown
 - Known to be an old proverb by the 17th century
 - Quoted in diary of Samuel Pepys in 1667
- Meaning
 - Promotes the benefits of being thrifty
 - Using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully

What the Bible says about being thrifty

- Use wisely what God has provided
 - Proverbs 21:20
- Don't love money; be content with what you have; God will not desert or forsake us
 - Hebrews 13:5
- Example of ant preparing for needs ahead of time
 - Proverbs 6:6-8
- Saving the leftovers after feeding the multitudes
 - Matthew 15:37 and John 6-12:13

What the Bible says about opportunity

- Opportunities to help others
 - Galatians 6:10
 - Luke 10:33 (Good Samaritan)
- Opportunities that come to us
 - Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)