

Here's Something New In Breeding Among Rabbits

Rapid air transportation and modern scientific techniques were used recently to enable a

black rabbit in England to give birth to baby white rabbits originating in California.

According to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, two white rabbits were bred in California and the fertilized eggs were removed and flown to Cambridge University in England. The fertile eggs were placed in two black rabbits at the university and 32 days later one rabbit gave birth to two healthy white rabbits.

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THOUGHTS:

Let's think about these:

1. Be a good listener. Let folks around you know that you are interested in them by listening to their problems. What they say, maybe, will give relief to their troubled souls.
2. Good conversation is becoming a lost art. We have great possibilities for keeping up with topics that make for interesting conversation in our homes and out. Family life specialists say that the children who have opportunities to talk with their parents are not apt to talk back to them. To hear only the community or certain family gossip day in and day out isn't giving young people training in good conversation nor in character building principles.
3. Take time to thank people for what we sometimes take for granted. Such gestures will make for happiness. Let's cultivate our best selves—it's more than worth the time it takes.
4. Any polish that brings out the grain, brightens the sparkle, is worth owning. Kindness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way.
5. Let's not back-off from our unpleasant duties. Doing at least one unpleasant duty each day, certainly several times a week, will make for appreciation of people in more ways than one.
6. Let's be for rather than

against every thing. Positive rather than negative workers, leaders, homemakers, neighbors, parents.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Last year many of the vegetables in my garden yellowed and failed to grow properly. I had previously added plenty of organic matter to the soil. What was wrong?

A. John H. Harris, horticulture specialist for the State College Extension Service, says you might well have temporarily robbed your soil of nitrogen through the use of organic matter.

Mr. Harris points out that most of the state's garden soils do not contain enough organic matter, which helps to make tight soils more porous and loose, makes sandy soils hold more moisture, and adds a considerable amount of fertility.

At the same time the bacteria in materials, such as stable manure, leaves, straw, garbage, old sawdust, and green cover crops, that contain organic matter use up large amounts of nitrogen while rotting.

Evidence of nitrogen deficiency in the soil is indicated

by yellowing of leaves and poor growth. When this is observed, quickly available nitrogen must be added to the soil in sufficient quantity to correct the deficiency.

The nitrogen used by the bacteria in rotting organic materials will eventually be returned to the soil for use by the crops, Mr. Harris points out. The more time allowed for the rotting of organic materials before a crop is planted, the less likely is nitrogen deficiency.

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Gospel of Christ

Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 9:18; 2 Cor. 4:4

Subject: "Scriptural Plan for Giving"

The Law of Moses Required a Tithe

In Numbers 18:1-32, is found the law regulating the tithe. Since the Levites were not given an inheritance of land (verse 20) the tithe was given them by the other tribes. (verses 24-25). The children of Israel were required to pay a tithe of everything they possessed, land, herds, flocks, crops, money, etc. This was, however, a national affair and was not binding upon other peoples unless they had proselyted to Judaism. No where did our Savior or the apostles require of Christians that they pay a tithe unto the Lord. The law of which tithing was a part, ended with the cross (Col. 2:14-17; John 1:17). Therefore, Christians are not required, under the gospel, to give a tithe.

Giving as Required by Christ

In the first Corinthian letter, chapter sixteen, verse two, is found the divine plan for giving as prescribed by the apostle Paul. There he says, "Upon the first day of the week (the first day of the week is Sunday, or the Lord's Day, not the Sabbath, which is our Saturday) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." At least five questions are answered in this verse. Let us consider them:

- A. When to give? "Upon the first day of the week." The Greek indicates that it was upon the first day of every week that the disciples gave. No other time the early Christians give, to the common treasury, as far as the Bible reveals. This is quite a contrast to the demands of modern day preachers and revivalists who "pass the hat" every time the church meets.
- B. Who is to give? "Let everyone of you." The "you" was the Corinthian Christians that composed the church at Corinth. I Cor. 1:12. No sinner is required to give anything for the support of the church. Neither does the church beg from the world for its support. Quilt sales, raffles, bazaars, cake walks, etc., are all unscriptural means for raising money for the Lord's work. If we would follow the Lord's plan for financing the church, it would have funds enough and to spare. We can't improve on the Lord's plan. You will never see the church of the Lord asking the world for a hand out.
- C. What were they (we) to do? "Lay by him in store." That is, they were to place a certain amount into the common treasury for the needs of the church.
- D. How much were they (we) required to give? "As God hath prospered him (us)." No stipulated sum is required of the Christian. However he is required to give as he hath been prospered. Sometimes he may be prospered more than others, thus, he is obligated to give more at those times. Too, we are to purpose in our hearts to give. II Cor. 9:7. The individual is to determine what he has been prospered and, thus the Lord requires him to give. To be miserly and selfish in our giving will profit us nothing. "God loves a cheerful giver." And, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." II Cor. 9:6.
- E. Why give? "That there be no gatherings when I come." Paul was making a collection for the poor saints at Jerusalem, thus his request that it be gathered when he came for it. The church today, contributes on the first day of the week, so that when emergencies arise, funds shall be ready to meet them; also she contributes for her other needs.

No High Pressure Methods to be Used

In true churches of Christ no high pressure methods are used to raise money. We do not ask sinners to support the church. Only Christians are required to give "as the Lord hath prospered" them, and that only on the first day of the week.

Summary

The Lord's plan for giving is simple, plain, and conclusive. It is to be Weekly, I Cor. 16:2; Willingly, II Cor. 8:12; Purposely, II Cor. 9:7; Proportionately, I Cor. 16:2; Liberally, Rom. 12:8; Sacrificially, Rom. 12:1. We hope you read and understand the truth on the great subject of giving to the Lord. But first the Lord demands that we give ourselves. In referring to the Macedonian Christians, Paul says, "And this they did, not as we hoped, but FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES TO THE LORD, and unto us by the will of God." II Cor. 8:5. You can give yourself as these people did in Acts 18:3, . . . and many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized. This made them Christians. The Lord added them to the Church (Acts 2:47) as a result of their obedience. We trust that you will do the same. Come, worship with us on Bidwell Street at Lyle. Sundays 10 a. m., 7 p. m. You Are Welcome. (Jan. 29, 1953.)

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