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Lesson #23---SPOTTED COWS
Scripture: Genesis 30:25-31:13

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Why had Laban become rich? _____
2. When Jacob asked Laban to let him return home, Laban told him, "Name your _____, and I will _____ it."
3. What wages did Jacob ask for? _____
4. Was Laban honest in this deal? _____ How do we know? _____
5. How far did Laban move the spotted and striped goats away from the solid-color flock with Jacob? _____
6. What did Jacob place in front of the flocks at the watering troughs? _____
7. What color of lambs were born after this? _____
8. Why did Jacob remove the striped rods when the weaker animals came to drink? _____
9. What was the result of all this? _____
10. Why did Jacob get rich (31:5:13)? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Psalm 34:10, "Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."
Older ones - Psalm 34:8-10

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Do you think that Jacob's peeled sticks affected the colors of the lambs? What other practice of Jacob would have determined the coloration of the flock? Write your reaction to the story on another piece of paper. At the bottom, list several scriptures to show that God may control a man's wealth.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS: How often does your family study the Bible together in your home? Do you find a time to worship together each day, or do you find that you are "too busy" with less important things? Consider what daily family study can give to your family:

1) Familiarity with the Bible. One of the best ways to learn anything is by repetition. Whether you are a first grader learning the abc's or an astronaut mastering the intricacies of a space capsule, your teacher will expect you to cover the material over and over. This is the only way to become thoroughly aware of the Bible---by daily study.

2) Family communication. Where parents take time daily to study with their children, there is never the complaint, "I can't talk to my father!" or "My parents don't care what I do."

3) Daily influence with God. Especially where prayer and singing are a part of the daily study sessions, father, mother, and children are constantly aware of God's will and of His reality in their lives.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Ecc 5:19; 6:2; Prov 28:10; Dt 8:18; Jas 1:17; Mt 6:24-34; Mal 3:8-12; IICor 9:8; ITim 6:17-19.