

## Christy - Disc Two (This DVD is recorded on both sides)

*You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; You encourage them, and You listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more. Psalm 10:17-18*

*Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:16-18 NIV*

When someone set fire to the church in Cutter Gap, David organized men of the neighborhood to help make repairs. Ault Allen, a leader in the cove, wasn't doing his part and David scolded him for it. Since he felt David humiliated him in front of others, in the coming days Ault found opportunities to make life difficult for the preacher, humiliating him. David was a proud man, also, and felt he needed to prove that he was up to Ault's challenges. Pride can cause us to make foolish decisions. The Bible says that pride will bring us low. Has pride ever gotten you into trouble? Has someone else's pride ever hurt you?

When Christy was invited to join the women's sewing circle Polly (92) the cove's oldest resident, told how she had made all of her clothing, including weaving and dyeing the material. Christy was impressed by the women's talents and suggested that they make quilts that she could send home to sell. She thought it was a good way for families to make extra money. It surprised and disappointed her that the women weren't interested. The women knew their husbands were raised to be the "bread-winners" of the family and that they would be offended by the idea of their wives supporting them. Do you think this is true today?

When Christy asked for donations from her church and friends in Ashville they came by the wagon load. What she didn't realize was that no one would take the gifts that had been sent because they didn't want to accept charity. Christy was overwhelmed and didn't know what to do with everything. When equipment arrived to hook up a telephone line, even Dr. Ferrand seemed disappointed at what she had done.

Have you ever started a project that seemed like a good idea to you but other people didn't understand?

When Margaret, Miss Alice's daughter, returned to Cutter Gap, the children wondered if she was a ghost. She had faked her death so that she could leave the cove and her husband. Theodore Harlan pretended to be interested in the folklore of the cove but only wanted to copy songs and sell them in his own name. Deceit and lies always have consequences. Have you been hurt by someone else's deceit?

When a church in Boston donated a bell to the church, David didn't know how to get it to the Gap since it was so heavy. David told the students that difficulty makes a task worth doing. When the men of the cove surprised David, pulling the bell on a sled, David was thankful to God and to them for helping with the bell.

Has anyone ever surprised you by helping with a difficult task?

The people of the cove were poor but still had pride. Sometimes pride is a good thing, like when we have a warm sense of accomplishment over a task done well. Pride is a bad thing when it makes us feel that we are more important than we really are. When pride kept the people of the cove from accepting the clothing their children needed, Christy learned an important lesson. All people, rich and poor alike, want to be treated with dignity and respect. When the school set up a barter store, people could trade what they had in exchange for the things they needed.

*Dear Lord, we thank You for Your love. Give us the desire to help others and do what is right. Take away the wrong pride in our lives and give us gentle hearts and right spirits so that we will be people that You are proud of. Help us live our lives in ways that will fill both us and You with joyful pride. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*