

Does God Care How I Treat My horses?

We need to remind ourselves that when God gives us a horse, He is giving something that is His, for us to take care of for Him. Since God owns everything and we are his servants, we are asked to treat his animals with great respect. Proverbs 12:10 tells us " A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel."

According to this Proverb, what do you think "cares for" means?

"Cares for" means to have respect and know the feelings of your horse. It means to empathize with them, know what they want, what they can bear, and treat them accordingly. God's kind of horseman has love, compassion, and respect for His horse. It is because he understands that the horse is a gift that is on loan from God. God expects us to treat our horses the way God would treat them.

Some of the things we can do to show our horse the respect God would have us show them are:

1. Caring for their basic needs of clean stalls, clean water, exercise, food, bedding, etc
2. Training them kindly and not training them with force and pain.
3. Taking the time to know their health needs and keeping up with the recent studies on immunizations, worming, etc.

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Every horseman must ask these questions, why do I even have horses? Why did God even allow me to care about them? Why do

I have put in my heart the desire to compete? There is only one good reason and that is to bring glory to God.

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." What do you think the Bible means when it says, "Do it all for the glory of God?"

God's glory is his power, love, and all the things that He has revealed so that man can enjoy it and worship God for it. No one can add to God's glory. But we can live in such a way that we allow people to see it shown through our lives. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." God wants us to use our horses as a tool for Him. He wants us to use horses to let other people see God through what we do with our horses.

There are many ways we can bring glory to God through our horses. Every Christian horseman should take comfort in knowing that God loves horses. God created horses to show his creative power and love to mankind. God also created horses as a gift for the horseman to use and enjoy. What a gracious God He is. Our response to His gift of horses should be for us to praise and honor Him with whatever we do with the horses He has given us.

Our response should also be to take the best of care of the horses and treat them with kindness, love and respect.

The higher the purses become in the futurities, the more we are seeing the instructions of God being violated where the horse is concerned. Cruel things are being done to them to shortcut training. We must remember that we will one day be judged for how we treated our animals. The Bible is clear on that subject. We must ask ourselves if our manner of treatment of our horses violates scripture or brings glory to God.