Don't plow with an ox and an ass yoked together

April 30

The Bible compares young ministers and the things they afford the work of God to oxen. These animals speak of dependability, strength, and consistency. They are often comfortable and content with doing the same thing over and over again, without complaint and are creatures of habit and routine. Asses, on the other hand, are wild by nature and unable to be disciplined with any success. Their breath is toxic and their bite infectious. Rather than work as a team, they often either push their partners or balk to their masters and refuse contentment.

Left yoked together for long periods, asses will injure an ox and ultimately destroy his capacity and will to continue working. Perhaps, we should be ever conscious with whom we yoke others together in ministry. "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together."

Prayer for Today

God, give me wisdom when I am called upon to work with others or assign others to specific tasks. Help me to not hurt one person attempting to help another, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scriptures for Today

Deuteronomy 22:10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. (NKJV)

Proverbs 14:4 Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox. (NKJV)

Job 39:5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? (KJV)