

# “Where There Are No Oxen”

3,000 years ago, Solomon wrote:

Where there are no oxen,  
the manger is \_\_\_\_\_,  
but abundant \_\_\_\_\_ come  
by the strength of the ox. (Prov 14:4)



Keeping and caring for an animal as big as an ox undoubtedly has its rough, unpleasant moments. But, an ox's incredible strength opens the door to great potential.

## Wisdom's simple point:

- Never acquire an ox and you'll never \_\_\_\_\_ to clean up after it!
- Never acquire an ox and you'll never be \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy its potential benefits.

## Consider some applications of this same wise principle:

Where there are no \_\_\_\_\_, the auditorium is \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith is developed through the efforts of godly \_\_\_\_\_.

Where there are no \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, less gentle \_\_\_\_\_ is required, but God is \_\_\_\_\_ as futile minds are renewed and lives are \_\_\_\_\_.

Where there are no \_\_\_\_\_ members of the church, not as much \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary, but the entire \_\_\_\_\_ is strengthened when the weaker are treated as \_\_\_\_\_.

Where there are no \_\_\_\_\_ people, there are fewer \_\_\_\_\_ on our time and resources, but \_\_\_\_\_ and undefiled religion involves compassionate \_\_\_\_\_ for the least among us.

Where there are no \_\_\_\_\_ people, the time for \_\_\_\_\_ efforts is over, but precious \_\_\_\_\_ are persuaded by those who know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.