



Thursday Thought

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“Chicken Coop Attack!”

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Verse for the week: “Proverbs 14:16 (NLT) The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.”

Most people are now fully aware that we have chickens and some have heard our entertaining and interesting stories that are sure to come along whenever fowl are housed in your yard. Being responsible and caring pet owners, we have taken great measures to keep our "kids" safe. I built a chicken coop that sits up off the ground, we have a five foot fence around them, we have a light that shines towards the coop, and we shut their coop doors at night. Well, we usually shut the doors, but... since we haven't had any issues..., we got a little careless. That is, until one night, about midnight, when my son heard a loud commotion outside his window and turned on the lights and came to wake us up. I grabbed the gun and Mandy hurried out. When we arrived at the chicken yard, the hens were scattered and the rooster stood crowing. Sadly a varmint had killed one of our hens. We gathered up the other girls, checked them out, and put them back in the chicken coop. I shut the door. I have been careful to make sure the door is always shut since then.

What does the story have to do with life? Actually a lot. Too often we start a job, marriage, task, church, etc. and we are very diligent to make sure we do all the right things. Somewhere along the way we get more comfortable and begin to slack off. We get careless and eventually that leads to consequences. I've heard it said that it's in the areas where we think we are the strongest that we face the most temptations. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:18 (NLT), “Pride goes before destruction...” and 1 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT), “If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.” Several times in the Bible it encourages believers to be on guard. I should have been diligent in protecting our chickens and I need to be diligent in all areas of my life.

Question to ask yourself: What area of your life have you let down your guard?