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A child accepts the definition of self that is imposed upon him by his caretakers. He has no other way of knowing who he is. Children see their reflection in the eyes of others. There is nothing more influential on a child’s self-image than the eyes of his keepers.

Any time we get a new puppy or kitten, I anticipate with great amusement their first experience of looking into a mirror. They always spend several minutes trying to relate to that image until they grasp the concept that, “Hey, that’s me. That’s who I am.”

Children look back at themselves through the eyes of those whom they respect, fear, or honor. Competitive peers don’t have much of a formative effect upon them, but the big people make all the difference. They gaze into the mirror of eyes that love or judge, blame or cherish, or that show delight. The developing child then says, “So that is who I am.” It doesn’t happen all at once. As their self-awareness slowly develops they attach value to themselves with every encounter—every touch, every word, every eye exchange.

As with the cat, their first experiences of self-identity are the most powerful—
before age four or five. After about age five everything either enforces that early image or competes with it. The earliest image usually dominates the rest of their lives.

Words are powerful, and eventually become the more dominant influence. Words enforced with cold eyes, or warm eyes, judgmental eyes or encouraging eyes, become the all-powerful enforcer of a child’s self definition.

I see the kids coming out of the homes and public schools of our country, their lives predetermined by their self-image. Whether they are eighteen and cool, or twenty-eight and divorced, or thirty-eight, broke and on welfare, voting democratic, hoping to get ahead in life someday, maybe win the lottery, or on drugs— they are all controlled by a belief that they do not amount to much, that they are disadvantaged, or dumb and helpless, unable to do anything about their plight. So they hang out, watch television, eat junk food and dream— less and less, until they dream no more.

When you speak with them, you discover an impenetrable wall of self-imposed limitations. They were defeated by the time they were five years old. Parents and public schools unwittingly imparted that negative image of self until it became a fact supported by the evidence. Politicians take advantage of that state of mind and cultivate it in order to increase their voting block.

I have visited prisons and delinquent boys’ homes well over fifteen hundred times in my life. I have ministered in homeless shelters or rescue missions many more times. I have spoken with thousands of people on the streets, and have discovered that even when one of them becomes “born again” and enjoys the grace of God, the most formidable barrier they must overcome is that self-image by which they have come to define themselves. It drags them down and pulls them back to mediocrity like feet trying to run in stinking mud.

When I must counsel a 45-year-old man fresh out of prison, taking prescription drugs for bi-polar disorder, his former wife and children now nothing more than 15-year-old pictures that will never be updated, and he is “explaining” to me why he can’t keep a job or why “he is like he is,” I just want to go back and relate to him when he was two or three years old. I could “fix” him then— not now. I am not that influential.

I think I can; I think I can; I think I can.

It is frustrating to confront these stumbling souls, to try to offer advice. The only difference between the happy man who succeeds and the miserable man who fails is attitude and perspective.

When the children were young they loved for me to read the child’s book about a little train engine that when confronted with a steep grade and a heavy load to pull would keep saying, “I think I can; I think I can,” and would go on to try with all his might, eventually succeeding. Children endowed with an “I think I can” attitude will dream and succeed. Children endowed with a “You can’t do anything right” attitude won’t.

The world knows this, so they invented “positive affirmation” in
an attempt to make up for all the negative realities of home life and public schools. Positive affirmation is only positive when it creates success or is in response to success. Empty words with no foundation in reality actually damage a child’s self-image.

**Positive affirmation is effective when it is part of positive participation.**

When one doesn’t try and is praised as if one did, in the mind of the child the words of praise become criticism, for they know themselves to be undeserving and therefore even less worthy. Positive affirmation is effective when it is part of positive participation. Sincere effort is praiseworthy, but only as a part of performing at a higher level. Praise is gratifying when it acknowledges success already achieved, but achievement is the foundation of a good self-image, not praise. If you take children’s hands and lead them to achieve their own personal goals, you build a lifetime of confidence. On the other hand, if you set the goals, and the child does not adopt them as his or her own, then their failure will elicit criticism from you, and diminish the child’s self-worth. A child should be allowed latitude to experiment with different personal goals and drop the ones that seem too far out of reach, while pursuing more passionately the ones they enjoy. Encourage the positive choices they make, and don’t denigrate or minimize their constructive interests in hopes they will adopt your more academic or higher cultural disciplines.

Debi’s new book, *The BIG Book of Homeschooling*, has a marvelous story of an unhappy young girl, not interested in schooling, who began to blossom when her mother allowed her to pursue her equestrian dream.

Here is the heart of my concern: Public schools or home schools that push children beyond their own goals into a place where they do not perform well will result in failure and inculcate a belief in their inability rather than their power to achieve. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

Homeschooling is not an automatic fix. Avoiding the negatives of the corporate classroom (be they public, private, or Christian schools) is only half of the battle. Home school is no better than the eyes that guide it, no better than the voice that speaks throughout the day.

Our goal is to hand off our culture to our children. By culture I include our faith in God, our confidence in the inspired words of God preserved for us in our language, our belief in Creation, in the sacredness of life, in the permanence of marriage, our commitment to our constitution, our relationship to the community and the church, our godly views on sex, modesty, child training, our work ethic, our commitment to integrity in the home and work place—in short, our views on God, the world, the flesh, and the devil. If we fail to effectively inculcate these
eternal truths into our children, we have failed in life.

If you are still raising children, especially small children, you are a time traveler, having gone back to the day before their souls were scarred and broken. You now have the wonderful opportunity to steer your child to avoid receiving the wounds that will one day put him or her in front of a frustrated counselor who wishes he could go back in time and do the things that would have prevented the development of a broken soul, one who defines himself as a worthless failure—because he is...or will be. Make the best use of this opportunity. It will never come around again. You are molding clay for eternity. And “who is sufficient for these things?”

You are molding clay for eternity.

I realize my words have been mostly negative. I am aware that there is a good bit of the prophet in me. But even with my frankness, I know there are many parents guilty of imparting a negative self-image to their children, some in our very community, who will read this article and set it aside thinking, “What a shame; my children know they are valued because I tell them so.” Meanwhile their kids are avoiding Mama and Daddy, fearing they will suffer further feelings of inadequacy. The kids long for the day when they can get out of the home and spend time with people who accept them as they are. Clueless are these parents; heads as thick as a well-pounded sidewalk. So, I do a Jeremiah from time to time (Jeremiah 1:10). Next issue I will “build and plant.”

Let me give you a hint: When we come to Christ and believe him, we become new creatures. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our birth accurately defines us as fallen with Adam. The world defines us as weak and ineffectual—that may be true, or it may not be. Our new birth defines us as risen with Christ, overcoming all things. You do not have to accept the definition of self given to you by your parents and society. Whose definition you accept is your choice. There is a supernatural way to knock down the wall of self-doubt and failure. In the meantime, listen to my series Sin No More, available online, and my Romans series. Romans is available FREE online at http://ngj.me/romans-free
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Spectacular!, February 19, 2014, By ratoncita77
This book is like a breath of fresh air. It is full of creative ideas that I am already putting into practice with my kids (ages 5 and under). How wonderful to have a direction to go that is the direct opposite of reproducing the public school system at home. I already love it and my kids do too! Thank you!

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Packed With Ideas, February 14, 2014, By Rebecca
This is an awesome book. I am only halfway through it but have a whole list of ideas I plan to try. I think this book would be very helpful to moms of large families that might be overwhelmed with schooling lots of children. It’s all about making learning fun and finding the freedom to enjoy the learning journey! I will recommend this to all my homeschooling friends!

What are you waiting for? Get your own copy!
http://ngj.me/bbhs
Parker, my third-born, loves motorcycles. He started riding his own dirt bike, to his dad’s great pride, at the age of three. He was so sure that he could ride it by himself that he never thought it would be too hard for him. The first time he got on it he took off and rode like he had been doing it forever. He is a follower by nature, but as I watched him out in the field, riding for the first time, I noticed he did not follow his daddy around, who was riding his own dirt bike. Parker went his own way, confidently maneuvering his way over the cow patties and the tall grass, sure of himself. I realized that we had instilled that confidence in him. Though Justin encouraged Parker to follow him, with great enthusiasm he kept changing course and going down his own imaginary path. He fell over right before we quit, but jumped up and got right back on, never making a whimper. He was excited at his accomplishment.

**He was so sure he could ride it by himself that he never thought it would be too hard for him.**

A few weeks later he wanted to go out again; but this time, as he began to ride, he was a little shaky and kept stopping. After just a few minutes he wanted to quit. He lacked confidence, for some reason. We did not push him to continue riding, but praised him for what he did, and let it go at that. I knew that this was just a matter of confidence and it was best to build it up again before going back out on the bike again. Building confidence in your laid-back, steady child is an everyday job—to let them accomplish something, to overcome, and to be victorious!
Where should you start?

1. Remember, a steady child is also a follower, so if you are happy with them they are happy with themselves. If you are sad, disappointed, or angry your steady child will be, too. You are leading and guiding them in becoming the person they will be. If you are a crank, they will be as well. It is up to you to break the cycle of unhappiness!

2. When Parker was just a baby he knew that he was part of this family—that he was needed. I always gave him little jobs to do; helping Mom load the washer, washing dishes, or bringing in wood; he was a part of it all. I praised him continually and let him know that he was valued.

3. I did not pamper him or treat him like a baby, but treated him like a little man. I knew that he was already sweet and kind, so I did not need to work on those things, but rather on his other weaknesses. He spent hours with his daddy, learning to be a tough little man. If he fell down, we did not coddle him, but helped him up and encouraged him to “keep trucking.”

4. A confident child is not afraid to talk to others or to step out of his comfort zone. While your children are still young, give them the opportunity to reach out to others. When we go shopping, I let my children hand the money to the cashier, or I have them make their own purchases so they can figure out how much it will cost. Let your kids hand out tracts and tell people that Jesus loves them. One day your children are going to be young adults and they will have to function on their own; give them the confidence now to do that. I have my children all stand up and sing specials at church, from the 9-year-old down to the 18-month-old. Parker, my steady, is not excited about it like Gracie, his go-to-sister; but because he is a follower, he will get up in front of a crowd and sing with his sister. I am putting him in the position now, while he is still young, where he feels safe in front of a crowd. He is up there with his sister, with mom smiling and looking on. He will one day have the courage to stand before a crowd and lead them, if God asks him to do that.

5. Don’t let your children be shy; help them overcome their fears and reach out to others. Observe your children and determine what is causing them to be shy. Is it only when someone talks to them, or is it all the time? Then, create an environment where you are in control and can train them to be confident. Do not push them to the
point that they are afraid. Remember, you are training them, guiding them, and directing them. Talk to them about how to respond when someone speaks to them, how to stand, and what to say. Praise them for their accomplishment and let them practice in front of Daddy or Grandma; then arrange for them to practice with a friend, still in your own home in a safe environment. Then, when you feel they are ready, have them go to a friend’s house to practice their boldness. When they are ready, bring them out to confront strangers in stores or at church. This is especially for very shy children, but is good for any child.

Learning to stand and speak confidently at the age of five gave me the confidence I now have as an adult.

When I was a child, we had weekly practice speaking in front of the entire family. We had to keep our heads up, maintain eye contact, and project our voices with confidence. We learned to read the Bible looking out over the room and letting our voices carry to the family. I am not a natural speaker or leader; yet, because of my early training, I can stand before crowds and speak. Dad did not know when I was five years old that I would speak publicly as an adult; but he gave me the tools that I would need to do what God has called me to do today. Learning to stand and speak confidently at the age of five gave me the confidence I now have as an adult.

As I look back and see the confidence that my parents instilled in me and how it has given me the tools I need today, it gives me even more motivation to instill that same confidence in each of my children. When I see Parker riding confidently out on his bike, I know he is well on his way to becoming a confident man.

~Shalom Brand
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If the next group of homeschoolers are going to learn what you have learned, it will be because you helped us spread the word!

To those who helped bring healing,

For the first time in 40 years I have no pain in my neck. It is a blessed relief.

Thank you, thank you and THANK YOU! May God bless your offering.

—Debi
Can a young boy be used of God to do a mighty thing?

1. A young boy was awakened by a voice calling him. At first he thought it was a man, but then he understood that it was God who had a message for him to give to an important man. Who was this boy? Find the story in Scripture and write down a short summary of his story.

2. A young boy was at a large outdoor gathering of people. His mother had prepared a nice lunch for him, but no one else seemed to have any food. This young boy shared his meal, and because of his generosity God granted an unusual miracle. Find the story in Scripture and write it in your own words.
3. This is a story of danger and great courage. A young boy was given the responsibility to go to a great commander and tell him about a plot to kill one of God’s men. The boy saved a life by his actions. Find this story in the Bible and retell it for us. (Hint: Paul was the man whose life was saved.)

Send your answers by May 18th to contest@nogreaterjoy.org or mail to 1000 Pearl Rd, Pleasantville TN 37033.

On May 19th we will choose a winner from among the correct answers to receive The Big Book of Homeschooling and Samuel and Sara Sue books.

Be sure to read “Homeschooling News” on the next page. You will read how ten-year-old Jacob is telling the gospel to hundreds of Muslims who have never heard about Jesus. He is making an eternal difference. In heaven there will be those standing around the throne of God because one little boy did an amazing, mighty thing.
I had the chance to interview a young boy in the community who is a missionary to the United Arab Emirates! Yes, you read that right; he lives right here in Cane Creek but he is spreading the good news to people in the UAE!

Jacob Bailey is ten years old and he is making a difference for the kingdom of Christ every day! How, you ask? He set up an iMissionaries account at imissionaries.org, and he is using it to spread the gospel 24 hours a day.

**Me:** Why did you set up an iMissionaries account?
**Jacob:** So that I could preach to people on the internet.

**Me:** Why did you choose the UAE?
**Jacob:** Because I saw that 54% of the population in the UAE has internet access. That is a lot of people that I could reach.

**Me:** How much is it costing you?
**Jacob:** That depends on what time of day that my ad on Facebook gets clicked, but it won’t ever charge me more than 15 cents a click. And I put a cap on it so that I can spend up to $100 but no more.

**Me:** How long have you set your ad up to run?
**Jacob:** It is going to run for a month and will hopefully reach lots of people.

**Me:** What kind of results are you hoping for?
**Jacob:** That people will get saved!

What are you waiting for? If a ten-year-old boy can make a difference in the kingdom of God, so can you! Sign up today at imissionaries.org and start using the Good & Evil book to spread the gospel via the internet!
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Thank you for your continued support of incarcerated men. The religious materials that you provide are in great demand. Again we find ourselves in great need of those materials that you could provide to the inmate population.

Once again, thank you on behalf of the men of [this correction center], and all of the religious organizations represented here at the prison for all your continued support. God Bless and you are in our prayers.

Thank you,
Greg
Chaplain Greg

January 2014

Hello Debi,

Our family has been so blessed by your ministry, and is better because of it.

A friend of mine gave me a copy of Created to Be His Help Meet when I first got married. I am pleased to say that because of your book, the working of the Holy Spirit, and God’s Holy Word, we are so much stronger today, 10 years later. My husband says I’m more beautiful now than when we first married, and he adores me more with each passing year. And I feel the same way about him! I can give God all the glory! It’s nothing I did; our marriage is wonderful because of Christ!

When we began having children we ordered your books on child training and signed up for your magazine. It has helped take out much of the frustration and confusion of raising kids, giving us a biblical perspective and a strong foundation for growing our children in the Lord.

May God continue to bless and protect your family, and everyone involved in your ministry. Keep up the good work!

With deep gratitude,
The Hills

The Hills

February 2014
Seeketh not her own…

This is simple: Do not be selfish! When we seek our own, we worry about how everything affects us.

Let me tell you my “ME MONSTER” story...

Behold the “Me Monster”

Long ago and far away there was a pitiful young mother. I say “long ago and far away” because the behavior is so foreign to me now. I was that pitiful young mother. I was depressed all the time. When I looked back on my life all I could see was what others did to hurt me. “Why me?” I would moan and whine. I kept thinking of all the rejection, shame and pain that I had endured.

Death was something I coveted, for I thought I was worthless. I thought the world would be happier without me in it. As I struggled daily with the scars of abuse it impacted my family negatively. Some of you may have read my article in No Greater Joy, “When You Need a Miracle.” There are people who like to think that my husband was uncaring or unkind in my greatest hour of need. Here is a flipside that I did not have room to talk about in the article: My husband tried to hold me, to heal me. He cried for my pain. When I was pregnant with Michael, my fourth baby, I was bed-ridden, in pain from a broken pelvis I had...
suffered a year earlier. During that period I was trying to become like the Amish—or at least what I thought they were. I had my mind made up. I had my bonnet on, my black socks on, and did not care a thing about my husband’s wisdom. *I knew better than he!* I was more spiritual. He would beg and plead with me to get ahold of my senses. And when he saw that I was completely mentally deranged, he put his foot down and told me NO! He felt that joining the Amish would be giving up his faith in the sufficiency of Christ, and he could not do that.

**I became so angry that I was willing to kill myself.**

It is embarrassing to admit, but I became so angry that I was willing to kill myself. One cold evening, when I could hardly walk, I went outside to die! I jumped into a snowbank and offered my body to the sub-zero temperatures. My husband came searching for his wife, calling desperately for me. When he found me there, he sat there nearly crying, begging me to live. I cry just thinking about this moment. I screamed, “NOOOO! Leave me; let me die!” But he picked me up in his strong arms and carried me, kicking and screaming, back into the warmth of our home. He held me in his arms and said how much he loved me, how he would die to protect me, how he would lay there all night outside if he had to in order to keep me from freezing to death. He assured me that my purpose in this life was not over. He was able to see me as something I was not: a pure and precious gem.

Later, I met this man, a guy who was working with Mark on a job. Something drew me to him. He looked at me and told me, even as I smiled, that there was a sadness in my eyes. It was like a gift. I opened up to this person I did not even know, and he told me how sinful I was. *Me? Sinful?* I was sinned against as an innocent child. I was rejected by nasty people. I was hurt and in pain. How could I be to blame in this? At first it made me angry.

He told me that I was so focused on “ME” that I actually put “MYSELF over everything and on the throne.”

He said this because I had been telling him, “I am home all day taking care of these kids, and my husband comes home and says he is too tired to help. What about me? I am tired! Furthermore, I want to raise my kids Amish; my husband won’t allow me to do this; what about my dreams? What about how I feel? They are my kids too! I have been through so much. I, I, I, and what about me, me, me” (notice the “ME” monster). That was my sin. Depression is selfish. When you are depressed, you are only thinking about yourself—about poor and unfortunate ME. I was seeking my own. That man forced me to look at my heart. I hated him for it, but I realized later, as I really thought about it, that as a Christian I am not here for ME. I am here for a purpose. Christ did not come to die so that I could worry about ME.

Once I got my focus off myself and onto what my purpose was, and onto Christ, it really made me get better. I had to start realizing that things could be worse. I had to start realizing that
seeing things differently. I was really bad. You have no idea what grief I put my poor husband through. But he never once made me feel bad about how I treated him. He took all my hatred and turned to me with charity. I will always love him for that.

His mother hated me when we first fell in love. Being a wise woman, she could see that I was a mess, a broken vessel. She could see the baggage and the shame. And yet, most of us Christian mothers would do the same; we, too, would want better for our sons. Which one of us would want a wretched, broken, used-up girl to drag down our son? If I ever find myself in this place, I hope I can see past the shame as he did and choose to take a broken vessel under my wing and love her like Christ loves her and died for her. I want to be patient, to endure the hard times, and understand God’s perfect will and timing in the lives of others.

God called my husband to complete me. He called him to save me from my own self-destruction. My husband understands charity, never seeking after his own. No matter how badly I treated him, threatened to leave him, cussed and fumed at him, and no matter how many mind games I played against him, he just loved me. He loved me. He loved me. When I did not deserve love, he loved me. When I was selfish and prideful, he loved me. And when I ask him, even today, “How did I ever deserve you?” He looks back every time, and says, “How did I ever deserve you?”

Christ did not come to die so that I could worry about ME.

Our relationship grew into something wonderful when I stopped looking at my glass as half-empty. Now my joy is overflowing, and it is because I compare myself to Christ instead of trying to measure myself against my lot. My lot is not always favorable. Several years after my frigid crazy moment, I had a bad accident that crippled me, leading to a four-year uphill battle to get back on my feet again.
You guessed it…my husband took care of me, he homeschooled our five little children, he cooked, cleaned, changed my bed pans and carried me in his arms when I could not walk at all. It was very hard to fight against the “ME MONSTER” lying in a hospital bed, unable to minister to my family the way I desired. I would often say to my husband, “I was created to be your HELP MEET, not you mine.”

**He looks back every time and says “How did I ever deserve you?”**

This man of few words would say in response, “I was created to do whatever needs doing, and right now I am going to take care of you.” He encouraged me to LIVE. He encouraged me to rise above my circumstances and choose LIFE. Choose JOY. He always wants me to be all I was created to be. While I shine and prosper, he hides in the background. He is a humble, quiet man. He never looks for glory or honor in any form. He humbly serves his family and his Lord.

Marriages end because of selfishness on the part of one or both spouses. Wars start over selfishness. People abuse others because of selfishness, not caring about the effect of their actions. When people are unkind, prideful, hateful, depressed, greedy, unthankful or lazy, it is due to selfishness and seeking their own. It is the opposite of charity.

Today, I get emails and phone calls from women who are utterly depressed. I finally figured out why. They are singing the same tune I sang those 10 years ago: “What about MEEE?” The chorus repeats after each sad refrain. The sentences always start the same way; with “ME.”

Here is a way to practice bringing your thoughts into the captivity of Christ: When you get a bad, negative and selfish thought, write it down on one side of a
journal. On the other side, take the time to find scripture to prove your thoughts godly, or if you can’t prove that thought is right, you simply write down a verse that shows you a better way to think or behave. It is good practice to examine our motives and our words on a daily basis. Here is an example…

My Thoughts

I am so scared of the future.

My husband does not appreciate all that I do.

I will not help her because she was mean to me!

God’s Word

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
2 Tim 1:7

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”
Gal 6:9

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”
Matt 5:44

“Start a new habit today!”

Go to www.KeeperoftheHomestead.com for more encouraging articles like this one.

ATTENTION!

We are thankful to announce that we will have Reb and Beverly Bradley as a part of our Homesteading/Homeschooling Fair, which will be held at the 2014 North Carolina Smoky Mountains Shindig from September 10-14.

This couple is well known as humble, compassionate ministers that deal with all kinds of marriage issues, but particularly problems resulting from a wife’s prior childhood sexual abuse. Beverly, having been a victim of sexual abuse herself, understands how debilitating the wounds of this ugly sin can be. With tenderness and compassion, she masterfully shares with women how Jesus can set them free. She also guides mothers in how to deal with children who have been victims of childhood sexual abuse.

Reb, also an excellent speaker, equips men to participate with God in bringing healing and wholeness to their wives. Having learned from his wife about the mind and heart of a woman, he brings insights to all men about the best ways to love their wives, particularly those who have suffered past abuse.

The Bradleys will have a vendor table featuring their books and CDs. Both Bev and Reb will be speaking at breakout sessions each afternoon. They will also be available for counseling.

If anyone in your family has suffered or is suffering from abuse, or if you are counseling those who have experienced abuse, this is for you.
In two previous issues I shared with you how our family benefited from our “Proverbs Time.” All the children read and participated. I navigated and tied up loose ends, providing overview and summing up their observations, offering suggestions and steering the discussion back to the content of the text. The kids loved it. They never felt it was an invasion of their fun time. It was fun.

Last issue I labored the technique, trying to give you an understanding of how a single session might develop. I am going to assume you have grasped the concept and will now jump right into commentary that would be appropriate for the children. You will need to assimilate it and then package it to suit your family.

Remember to have the kids read and comment. If they miss the point, steer them with questions and suggestions.

Proverbs 1:7–19 (AV)

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Many modern commentaries and preachers are fearful of the word fear. They change it to something like “respect” or “reverence.” The progressive concept of God never makes us fear.

While we should not be scared of God, we should fear him like we fear people in authority. You fear cops or you wouldn’t suddenly slow down when you see a patrol car parked on the side of the highway. You fear the IRS, Obama, and drunk drivers. Children who are otherwise quite comfortable with their parents will experience fear at the thought of the consequences of disobedience—and that is as it should be. We fear God enough to pay attention to the words of wisdom found in this book.
Since we do sow what we reap, we fear sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind. We fear disobeying God and suffering the pain of eternal torment. We fear adding to or taking away a single word from his preserved words lest our names be removed from the book of life (Revelation 22:19). To not fear would be foolish.

Ask the children if they fear disobeying God. What would be the consequences of disobedience? Recount illustrations of people who disobeyed God and suffered dire consequences.

Why is it that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”? Because it is a worldview founded on reality. You haven’t begun to know anything until you know God is on his throne rightly ordering the universe and that he is committed to a right end. You cannot afford to be permissive and broadminded. God is narrowminded. It is his way or the highway. Knowledge begins when you observe God in all things.

“...but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Look up every time the word fool is used in the Bible. It has to do with not believing or not regarding God. “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God” (Psalm 53:1). Ask the kids for examples of people they know who have despised wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

I am confident you will know what to do with this one. Read the passage in its context. Fools despise wisdom, but a wise son (or daughter) hears the instruction of parents. Fathers, your children can only hear instruction if you are speaking it. I am not concerned with mothers making laws. They do not become disconnected like fathers sometimes do.

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9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

The “they” is a reference to instruction and law in the above verse. Hearing instruction and fearing God will adorn a child like grace on his head and expensive gold chains about his neck.

The following ten verses, 10-19, carry a common theme, expanding upon verse 10. View it as a whole, for it builds concept upon concept.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Ask the children for examples of sinners trying to entice them. If they don’t mention it, ask them if the TV commercials and billboards are trying to entice them to evil. Ask
them how they should respond when enticed to evil by a playmate. If they don’t have any ready examples of actually being enticed, ask them to imagine how they could be enticed. Their imaginary scenarios will reveal a lot about what they are thinking—where they are tempted.

A word of caution: Do NOT show anger or judgment toward your children for what they say in these sessions. If you make it uncomfortable for them to be honest and open, they will shut down and from then on this process would be a boring monologue as you lecture the kids out of the book of Proverbs, a book they would come to hate. Occasionally they will shock you with their (much less innocent than you imagined) knowledge. Keep your cool and act like you knew all along. Breathe.

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The following four verses contain the appeal of the wicked to steal and do violence.

11 *If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:*

12 *Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:*

13 *We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:*

14 *Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:*

   Ask them what this sounds like. What are these people planning on doing? Discuss burglary and thievery and the pain it causes the victims.

The following five verses are the instruction of the father to not join sinners in their evil.

15 *My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:*

16 *For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.*

17 *Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.*

18 *And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.*

19 *So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof:*

   Discuss the vanity and futility of their efforts.

The remainder of the chapter contrasts the foolish sinner with wisdom, and stirs fear in the young man through describing the realities of the path of evil.

20 *Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:*

21 *She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates; in the city she uttereth her words, saying,*

[The remainder of the chapter is quoting wisdom.]
22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Look up the word simple in a concordance, and read all 20 references. You will find it is quite consistent with the popular term “simple-minded.” It is rather like calling someone “stupid.”

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

If the fool turns (repents) at God’s reproof, God will pour out his spirit (enabling grace) and will make the person to know the words of God. In English the words would no doubt be found in the Authorized Version. See In Awe of Thy Word.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;
25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

Labor on this passage. Here is a view of God that is lost on the modern god-makers who reconstruct God in the image of a progressive liberal. Picture God laughing at the calamity of a fool who failed to fear God. And then, when the sinner realizes he is reaping what he has sown and fears the ugly end he is about to experience, God mocks him in his confusion and distress. This separates the Bible believers—those who fear God—from the god-makers.

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.
28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

“This is a hard saying, who can hear it?” So said the disciples. Children are told in Sunday school that God will forgive anyone, any time. This passage says that one can indeed sin away his day of grace, and even if you are sorry for your sins, God may respond to a sinner’s prayers with mockery and not forgiveness.

They will never appreciate grace until they fear God.

Just this week, one of the women in our church was at the baby murder mill (abortion clinic) trying to persuade young mothers not to slaughter their children, and a girl carrying triplets said, “I am going to kill my babies, but God will forgive me. He forgive everybody.” She had been to Sunday school, or maybe watched some TV preachers.

Sober your children up. Put the fear of God in them. They will never appreciate grace until they fear God. Fear is the beginning of wisdom. Look at the passage as a whole.
For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

This brings us back to where the passage started. Notice the word “choose.” They did not make the free-will choice to fear God, so they suffer terrible ruin. The passage assumes it is the responsibility of the sinner to make a choice, and if he fails to choose rightly, God will mock and laugh at him when he reaps what he has voluntarily sown.

If the Calvinists are right—that the sinner never had a choice, he was decreed to be as he is, not fearing God—then what does that say about God mocking him in his inability? Excuse me while I go get some fresh air.

Emphasize to your children the need for them to choose the fear of the Lord. Ask them how they can choose. What can they do today?

They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

God did send counsel. He did reprove them. And there was a time when repentance would have brought forgiveness and restoration, but they chose to reject his reproof until they are in the midst of suffering for their sins and impenitence.

Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

This final verse contrasts the fool who did not choose rightly to the one who hearkens, pays attention, and obeys God. He shall dwell safely and be quiet from fear of evil. He who fears God need not fear evil.

Wow! I am impressed, highly impressed, with the power of the words of God. There is no better tool on the face of the earth to save your children from the wages of sin than the book of Proverbs. And there is no better way to instill these truths in your children than your own personal Proverbs Time at home.
It is such a marvelous pleasure to observe the many young couples coming out of the homeschooling community. They are bright as spring flowers, full of hope and good cheer. Children are springing up like dandelions, without a care in the world, secure in their parents’ love. There has never been a movement in America that has so consistently produced godly young people and holy marriages. These kids—they are in their 20s and 30s but to me they are kids—are the most emotionally balanced, mentally positive, and hopeful human beings in the world; and let me tell you something: Even at 68 years old I can see that among them are the prettiest girls ever.

There is something about a genuine joyful smile and an inquisitive, positive expression that lights up a healthy female face like sun, moon, stars, and fireworks at the same time.

I see young mamas and daddies producing a whole new generation of godly, wholesome kids. If we can’t beat the progressives today, we will beat them tomorrow in the numbers game. While they kill their children and stuff them in a green refuse container bound for the city dump, two of our kids multiply to become eight, ten, or nineteen in about 20 years. Think about that—two million homeschoolers today, ten to sixteen million in twenty years. If you can’t out-vote them today, out-breed them for tomorrow.

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I know there are a few highly-publicized stories from time to time of homeschooling failures. There is an online militant group of ex-homeschoolers who hate the experience and are actively trying to denigrate us; but anything that grows large will accumulate detractors and dissenters—great enemies even. Satan hates goodness and will find broken people who want everything to be as broken as they are. But we are not moved by their bitterness; we have too much joy and hope to be brought down by someone already way down near the bottom.

**Goodness without God is humanism at its finest.**

Not every homeschool experience will be a great success. Some will be total failures; others will be good but not altogether good. In some cases, out of six children a family may lose one or two to the world, but they will have two or three that are exceptional human beings. The Devil is after us. The flesh is still weak. The world has not lost its luster. So there will be casualties. We are saddened by every failure, but we are not daunted or discouraged. The large number of beautiful successes keeps us charging ahead with confidence.

It has been our ministry to help parents raise godly children from birth to grandkids. We have addressed every conceivable subject several times from different angles, written over twenty books and thousands of articles, read your letters and answered many of them. We have heard your stories and sought to understand problem areas and the things that make for consistent success. So one more time, I will address the reasons for the few who fail.

How many times have you heard me say, “More is caught than taught,” or, “Your attitude speaks louder than your words”? I have often said, “Children are rooted in the soil of their parents,” and, “You must model what you want your children to become.”

It is not enough to teach morals, good character, the Constitution, Creationism, and modesty. Goodness without God is humanism at its finest. Right living without worship is the arrogance of Cain, unacceptable for its lack of faith. Satan can tolerate us being good as long as God does not receive the praise and worship. The world can appreciate and even praise our morals (it makes for good citizenship), but they despise us giving glory to the God of creation, who is the judge of all men.

Good kids without God are just bait for the sharks of this world. Sometimes the bait in its naiveté wants to be eaten. We can control the family and our environment so as to protect our children from the world—until they get old enough to seek it out, and then the only protection they have is that which is within. If God is not within, they are empty vessels waiting to be filled with folly and fornication. Those who fall from the highest moral standards fall further and land harder, doing more damage.

I have observed that most of the failures come from families who did not raise their children in a community of believers. Few families are completely balanced, able to supply all the needs of their
kids. But in a church of like-minded saints there is balance. The church of Jesus Christ is God’s supply line of ministry to the family. If your family is not part of a Bible-believing congregation of saints, your children are being deprived of God’s method of sanctification and ministry. If there is no church or community of believers within comfortable driving distance, then move to where you can hear the preaching of the word and participate in ministry, and your kids can socialize with other godly youth.

But when everything else is right, if the husband and wife relationship is not a thing to be envied by the children, you can be sure that you are going to lose some if not all of your children to the world. The last you will hear of them as they look back over their shoulder is, “Hypocrite.” I have heard many say, “If that is what a Christian is, I don’t want anything to do with it.”

You need to have a family Proverbs time. You need to “go to church.” You need to involve your family in ministering to others. You need to teach morals, character, and the Bible stories; but most of all, you need to look at your children and smile with delight, and they need to see you looking at your spouse and smiling with appreciation and thanksgiving. It is the difference between success and failure. Read again Created to Be His Help Meet and Created to Need a Help Meet. Listen to my Romans messages online for free (http://ngj.me/romans-free), and my series Sin No More, available through the NGJ web store (http://ngj.me/shop).
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