

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." III John 4*



# NO GREATER JOY

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## Training Fleeshy Flesh

Occasionally we receive criticism about our emphasis that parents should set up training sessions for their children. Our first book on child training, *To Train Up A Child*, contained an illustration of how we trained our children not to touch guns by placing an unloaded and broken gun in the living room where the children could reach it. We carefully watched them. If they touched it, we spanked their hand with a little switch. One to three switchings was sufficient to prevent the little crawlers and toddlers from ever touching a gun.

"You shouldn't tempt your children," we are told. I can understand how a wrong attitude on the part of the parent could turn this into a hostile entrapment, leaving the child feeling used. But this can only happen if the parent is hostile. If your intention is to train your child, not just seek opportunity to punish him, all will be well. Training sessions are not unordinary. All events in a child's life are training. How many times a day do you have to tell a two-year-old "No"? That was a training session. The difference in a happenstance occurrence and one that you premeditate is that the planned "temptation" can be tailor-made and controlled so as to reap the greatest benefit in the shortest period of time with the least

amount of effort, and the least stress on the child. The training session should be staged so as to be natural. The child will not know it is staged. In many cases, if the parent is sensitive, an unplanned event can be turned into a training session.

Often the circumstances that



naturally arise are so varied and sporadic that the training is more difficult to communicate. If a child occasionally tears the pages out of a book left within his reach, it may be difficult to communicate your desire due to his failure to remember the previous rebuke. It may be confusing to him when he is suddenly disciplined for tearing the pages out of your favorite Bible. But if you place books on the table where he can access

them at any time, and you then stand watch closely and prevent him from tearing the pages, the continual reinforcement over one or two days will train him not to tear pages. However if you allow him to tear up one kind of paper and not another it may be difficult for him to determine what is off limits and what is available for tearing.

You the trainer must arrange the environment so as to create the maximum effect in your training. Consistency is the key. You cannot allow a child to play with one set of car keys and not pick up other sets he finds lying around. If you want to be assured that he never plays with keys, you must make all keys off limits. This is not done by placing the keys beyond his reach, but by placing keys within his reach and then consistently denying him the pleasure of touching them.

A child of any age can be easily trained to play in a room and touch half of the objects and not the other half. As a parent I am not prepared to spend the time it would take to enforce too broad a scope of continual temptation, but there are a few things like books, keys, guns, vases, dishes, etc. that must be placed off limits by leaving a test case within physical limits. If you trained a child not to touch books, and then placed all books out of reach, in time the discipline to not tear books would be forgotten. It is having an opportunity to tear and frequently exercising the will

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to not do so that confirms in the child the no-tear discipline.

I stayed in the home of a grandpa who had trained his little crawling, eleven-month-old granddaughter to handle one shelf of books but not touch the other. She would also ignore the objects on the top of the coffee table but freely access the trinkets on the under side compartment. During the week I stayed with them, I never saw the grandparents rebuke or spank this child. She cheerfully obeyed. The interesting thing was that she was not so obedient when she was in her own home where the mother was lax in discipline and had not set up training sessions.

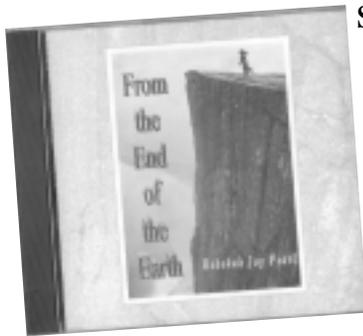
Take your choice. One home

is full of nagging, gripping, criticism, constant rebuke and threat with many spankings, and "go to your rooms." The other home is continuously cheerful and ordered because the parents have trained, occasionally using the switch in the training sessions, and have been consistent to demand complete and uninterrupted obedience. You make your home and children what they are. When one buys an automobile that has frequent breakdowns, he says he got a *lemon*. Children don't come to us as lemons. Parents cultivate them into it by grafting their children into the root of their own unstable souls.

There are several great benefits to training. First, but second in importance, the parents are bene-

fited by taking the time to train and be consistent, because in the long-run it will take less time. Nagging time is slow time. Each moment is drawn out in stress and anxiety. The gripper and nagger puts in thirty hours a day, where the smiler is always on vacation. I think the aging clock runs faster on people who are always disappointed and anxious. If you want to grow old in a hurry, don't train your children. Develop an adversarial relationship with your children by just waiting for them to irritate you to the breaking point, and then show them you mean business by flying off the handle. But if you train your children they will rise up and call you blessed. You will have time to smile, to play with them, to read to them. People will brag about what

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*Dear Friends,*

*We have enjoyed your newsletters, tapes and books. Rebekah's music is beautiful. My husband drives a truck and has found listening to your tapes a great way to fill in all those hours. Thank you for your ministry.*

*K.K.*

good kids you have, and you will smile even more. Your kids will brag about what a fine Mother they have, and you will get younger. It's worth it to you to train the kids.

Secondly, and by far the most important, the children benefit from being trained. Children have a developing conscience. They are making judgments about themselves, about how they are doing. "Am I a good person? Am I worthy, important? Am I needed? Am I likeable? Do I make people smile, make them happy? Am I of value? Can I succeed, do something worthwhile?" Many children look into their parents' faces and know that it is useless to even try further. "It doesn't matter, I can't do anything right. I am a bad person. Nobody likes me. I have this problem." Later they will say, "You don't understand me. No one listens to me. No one cares. Everybody is a hypocrite."

When they become teenagers they finally find someone who understands them. The rock musicians rapping our cynicism, rebellion, and hate express their feelings. Friends who gather in the dark and indulge the flesh become their family. Parents are square, out of touch. It's reaping day, parent. And he went from such a nice little boy who was "hyper active" to human trash in

just ten years. It happened on your watch. Proper training behind a smile would have prevented this.

If you neglect a garden, it goes to weeds. If you neglect a motor, it seizes up and throws a rod. If you neglect your health, you die. If you neglect your marriage, your partner is miserable and may leave. If you neglect your government, it turns to tyranny. If you neglect your employment, you may be fired. What if you neglect your children's training? Certainly we cannot expect children to be automatic Christian gentlemen and ladies. Yes, children benefit the most from proper training. There is no alternative.



If you are the parent of a teenager who is in rebellion, you may feel that I have been hard on you. You scream, "Don't just tell me what a failure I have made, tell me what to do to make it right." I am hard on you because there is nothing you can DO to make it right. There are no external principles, no tricks to making it all right. I am hard on you because your greatest need is to repent. You need a broken heart. You need to face the fact that it is all your fault.

When you stop blaming your

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child, you can eventually win his respect and gain his confidence enough to be invited into his circle of friends. If you cannot earn your way into his inner circle, you are wasting your time trying to control him. Nursing days and threatening days are over. It's person to person now. You have to be real if you would make a real difference. You must become twice the person you want your child to become—twice the patience, twice the love, twice the discipline, twice the kindness, twice the honesty, twice the "I am sorry, will you forgive me?"

We are talking about how children benefit from being trained. Children need the discipline parents can give. They have the will but not the way. Their flesh is weak. It is not just your criticism that weighs them down. Their own conscience is actively critiquing their performance. They feel badly when they don't live up to their own expectations. Parents have the maturity and the will power to give them the structure and the fortitude to do what they know they ought.

Children have the same inner struggle as adults. They are a

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Pearl's  
Thank you for continuing to send us your newsletters. We think you are a bit on the radical side, but we are heading your direction.  
M. K.

## Would you like answers to these questions?



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living soul created to glorify God. The need to walk in righteousness is innate in every human being, even children. The human soul cannot find peace unless living to glorify God. This means living benevolently, speaking kindly, and living sacrificially for the sake of your fellow man.

Yet the flesh of the child stands in opposition to the law of the mind. The flesh of a child, just like the flesh of an adult, wants to indulge. The bodily appetites care nothing for the rule of law or for the needs of others. The flesh wants to be first, get the most, get it all, keep it to the self, and damn

anyone who gets in the way. All flesh is self-gratifying and self-consuming. Your child is a living soul in a body of corruptible flesh. When the mind of the child understands duty and knows what it ought to do the flesh still cries out for fulfillment. Your child does not have the strength to do what he knows he ought. Shades of Romans 7.

The child is inadequate to the challenges of the flesh. The problem arises from the fact that a child is born with all of the fleshly appetites, except one that develops at puberty, but none of the self-restraint that comes with

maturity of intellect. No matter how hungry an adult is, he will not sit in a public place and smear spaghetti all over his face. The mind tempers the flesh for obvious reasons. But the infant cannot relate to any reasons for restraint. So the infant has run-away flesh with a mind that cannot restrain it.

As the understanding develops, children gain an increasing knowledge of their responsibility to govern themselves for the sake of others. They begin to feel a sense of duty to their fellow man.

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# Drug Addicts

Several years ago many little boys became drug addicts. The little boys' mothers took them to the doctor so he could prescribe the drug for them. The drug is called Ritalin. It controls little boys who have not been trained to control themselves. Granted, some little boys need more training and still they are scarcely able to control themselves. But there have been boys all down through the ages with that kind of temperament and energy, but only in the last generation have parents resorted to drugs to control their children.

It is a development that could have been predicted, for many of the mothers are drug addicts also. Their drug is called Prozac, or some other name with the same application. It too controls the moods, just like Ritalin. There is an herb to take the place of Prozac, it is called St. John's Wort. It is an old drug, a natural drug, but nonetheless a drug. It is sad to look out over a crowd of strong, young families knowing that as many as 1/4 of the mothers over 35 years old are on Prozac, and

about the same percentage of squirming little boys are on Ritalin. One psychologist

told us that as many as 1/3 of all the young boys in the school system of Texas are on Ritalin.

When I think of Ritalin or Prozac I think of a great big bandage that is covering up an ugly wound so that no one will see it. Very likely a woman that goes on Prozac today will need to double the dosage in six months, and within two years will need to add



another drug to her growing arse-

nal of drugs in order to maintain the same results. Drugs are not the answer. God's Word is exceedingly clear on that point. Oh, I know your case is different. One woman says she is so hyper that the drug is needed to keep her calm so she doesn't get physically sick. Another woman says she loses control and is so full of anger that her family suffers unless she takes the drug. Still another woman says she is so depressed she is afraid she will end her life without it. One sad fact is these mothers are training their children to be depressed, to feel that violent angry rage is not sin, but sickness, to depend on a drug instead of obeying God concerning temperance. These little girls are growing up learning and using their mother's excuses. Soon they will need their mother's drug.

So if Prozac is only a bandage what is the cure? The first step is repentance toward God, taking responsibility for your own actions, moods, and intemperance.

Then take responsibility for your own health. I am not a doctor. I don't have any answers that you couldn't find yourself with a little reading and a lot of asking questions. Here is what I have learned. Again, it is only a layperson's opinion, based on information available at the local library.

For the most part, Prozac seems to be a woman's drug. It appears that mood swings begin to surface somewhere around 33 to 37 years old, at which time Prozac is recommended. Most of the women complain of being tired, and wonder if they have a new disease. These women usually have a history of poor diet, with bouts of constipation or irritable bowels. The physical link seems obvious. The B-complex

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## There are now over 170,000 To Train Up A Child in print, with distribution rates continuing to increase.

Our follow-up book, No Greater Joy Volume One, is rapidly gaining. Most of our books are shipped in packages of eight or more. Many people give away books like they were gospel tracks. We have steady customers that order box after box. Grandmothers are big on giving books away. Many write to us and share the joys of their ministry. Some people, who cannot afford to give books away, resell them. Do you know of those who would profit from such a gift? Invest in someone's children, in a family's future.

## Young people love it!

**The Diary of Rebekah Pearl, homeschooler, missionary, linguist**

July 17, 1995

*I'm here! We took a small plane, 5 seater, single prop, turbo, for 35 minutes inland. We flew past the highest mountain in P.N.G., snow covered, Mount Wilhelm.*



112 pages - paperback

*Then we landed on a small grass airstrip where about 150 natives were waiting. They loaded up our backpacks, put the food in their bilams, and we started up the mountains. And climbed up and up and up until I was sure we must have passed the moon and sun too. The villagers were peeking through the brush and climbing trees to see us. The girls would run their hands up and down my arms and feel my hair. I said to them, "Mi narapela kain meri, eh?" ("I'm a different kind of girl, eh?"), and they all busted out laughing. I was indeed another kind of girl than they had ever seen. The children hang back and stare with big eyes. We met a lapun meri (old woman) who screeched and crooned with toothless delight at our arrival. Another old man went off into an enraptured speech in Kumboi, "In 1975 we gained independence as a country. That year was the last time I saw a white man. Now I am happy to see white brothers and sisters."*

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## *From our Mailbox*



Dear Church at Cane Creek,

Thank you so much for the book to Train Up a Child. A friend loaned it to me and it was literally an answer to prayer. I believed in the effectiveness of spanking as a tool to raise a godly child, but until I read this book I never realized how my beliefs had been undermined by what the secular "experts" say. My husband and I prayed about the information set forth in the book and we agreed to try it. It made a world of difference.

Our almost two-year-old son is very strong-willed. He has more freedom to explore and learn when his behavior is under control. We noticed improvement the same day we started the technique of switching as training rather than punishment. He needed a few days of adjustment before he understood fully and accepted the new routine. He has also become more affectionate with both of us. He was never the type to initiate kisses and hugs, but now it is pretty regular that he expresses affection. Maybe the training helps the child to be less focused on self and willfulness, and so they have the freedom to learn about things around them and the people around them.

I used the concept of training to stop him from crying so much. He wouldn't use the words he knew to get what he needed. So I consistently went through the same routine each time to demonstrate the language he needed to use. I didn't even have to switch him. He went through an explosion in his language shortly after this. The suggestions that the authors make in this book have helped to simplify my training with my son and have helped me gain better control over my anger.

Thank you for making this book available. Send me as many books as this check will cover.

M. H. from VA

Dear Michael Pearl,

I loved the tape authority praying, and I'm ordering another one for a friend. The day I listened to your tape I was so convinced the lost need to hear the truth from me. That night an acquaintance whom the Lord had given me a burden for was killed in a car accident. I cried all day when I heard about it. I felt I had really let God down. Since then God has given me a peace, but I have an even deeper burden for the lost. I have been witnessing as God has led me since then. Praise him for his lovingkindness.

## From our readers



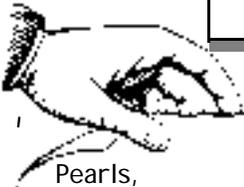
Dear Michael and Debi,

Just received you Feb/Mar '98 issue of No Greater Joy and was so excited to find the article "finally to Press" re: the Pidgin/English Bibles. Last April, I had the great privilege of visiting a mission work in the Yagusa Valley of PNG and found one of the great needs was the lack of Bibles in the Pidgin language. My heart was filled with gratitude as I read of your work and the possibility that perhaps the brothers and sisters in Christ in that area might benefit from some of those printed.

Please contact me regarding the availability of the Bibles. Perhaps we can assist in the shipping cost if it is possible to get some to the Yagusa people.

Pastor Barry

Yes, Pastor Barry.  
We will see to it that  
Bibles are available  
for the Yagusa peo-



Pearls,

My children really appreciate the "unschooling" approach transforming our home. We used to stress "book work" continually, but now they are given much more free time to sew, quilt, cook, garden, art, woodwork, organize, wash clothes with a wringer washer (big hit!), make school tapes for their Down Syndrome brother, etc. We have seen amazing qualities and gifts in our children that we never knew existed. They are all so excited about learning. I praise God for the grace He has bestowed on our children. I have been a very stressed out mother for several reasons, but it (motherhood) is really starting to make sense to me. Getting rid of the high-pressure curriculum is a great burden lifted off my shoulders. We desire to do the Lord's will and pray that He would be glorified in us.

M & J

Greetings in Christ,

To date we have ordered over 100 books. Our town of 25,000 or so has been almost overrun by the numbers of books our friends and we have shared. I've even had strangers (My children are out of line at the moment—there that's taken care of) come up to me and ask if I'm the "one with the little white book." I've given them to perfect strangers in the line at the register. It's amazing. Most of what you wrote is how my parents trained me, but by my 4<sup>th</sup> child I had begun to ignore (not actively, just pure laziness) my heritage. Thank you for a much-needed wake up call. Volume One is even better in some ways. The story on attitudes (which I somehow missed in your newsletter) is exactly how the Lord is dealing with my heart. (That makes no sense, but

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vitamins are very helpful to restore mood balance, which would indicate that the body is not getting proper nutrition. I share the opinion of others, that most physical problems start in the bowels. Just as our sinus cavities when irritated produce mucous to throw off the offending matter so the bowels have a similar response to toxins. Chemicals in food products, along with white sugar and constipation, cause the bowels to produce protective mucous that eventually forms a thick, rubber-like substance. With the bowels so lined, few nutrients penetrate to where they can be assimilated. When you are young, your colon is still in good operating condition, but around 35 years old the bad habits of youth begin to play havoc. Suddenly the few nutritious foods you do eat are insufficient to feed the failing body.

A good colon cleanse, followed by a careful diet, would greatly help this problem. Take responsibility for your own health. Discipline yourself not to take the fast, easy cure, which leads to greater problems. Drugs are not the answer. In the end you are a "Whole Woman," just like the article we wrote on the "Whole Boy." The answer requires more than just a pill or a chat with a health expert. You must be willing to call sin sin. Go to the library and learn how to take care of your body; then get out into the sunshine with a heart of thanksgiving, running, jumping, and laughing, whether you feel like it or not. Find some way to minister to others that is both creative and rewarding. Stop playing pity party. That scene will grow tiresome to your children, as they get older. Take command of your life. Choices you made caused you to be sick. Now make the choices necessary

## Training Fleshy Flesh

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As the soul buds it bears the flower of moral responsibility. Knowledge of good and evil becomes a factor to be reckoned.

This conflict of soul and flesh, with the flesh dominant, is the point at which parents are indispensable. The Parents' duty is to assist the child in governing his flesh. Parents must be the child's rule of law, his conscience, his unction and motivation, enforcing self-restraint and discipline. The child will not do this by himself. The two- to ten-year-old needs help possessing his own soul.

The wonderful thing is that the child knows, with an ever increasing degree as he gets older, that he has a duty to be in conformity to God's law. Though he cannot muster the strength of character to make the sacrifices necessary to obey the law of his mind, nonetheless he knows, in some degree, what he ought to do. He knows he should pick up his dirty clothes, do his part in carrying out the garbage. He knows he should not bully his sister. He should not beg and whine. He should not allow his appetite to control him, and he should not make demands in the store. With the increase of age, the child's understanding causes him to hold himself accountable to this unwritten rule of law. His own conscience smarts in pain or relaxes in approval according to how he judges himself to have responded to his duty.

A child's guilt will not drive him to do what he knows he ought. Condemnation from parents compounds the guilt and cause moral isolation, but the flesh still lusts. The feelings of failure will never motivate the child to have the

strength of soul to resist the desires of the flesh. Increasingly, the child is carnal, sold under sin.

Enter the parents! Cause your child to do what he knows he ought. He may squawk, drag his feet, and tell you how mean you are, but the flesh must not be allowed to win over the soul. A child caused to submit to authority has an inner witness that this is good. He knows he has done what he ought. He feels good about himself. His flesh is subdued by the powers of your self-restraint. His conscience is satisfied with the freedom of doing what one ought. He is happy when closely governed and disciplined. The rod plays its part in removing the guilt. Parents are running a mini divine kingdom, sanctifying their children. I get many letters from parents telling of how their miserable, whiney, stubborn child suddenly became happy and began to enjoy everything with a smile after just three days of force obedience and discipline.

Later in life, if your child is born again, he will have the Holy Spirit to empower him to victory. Until that time, you are all the strength and guidance he is going to have. If you wait until your child is old enough to be born again so he can deal with his own flesh, by that time he will have a long life of fleshly habits and indulgences ruling his daily life. If you don't provide discipline when he is young, when he is old enough to be saved, he may not want to repent to God. He may love the flesh so much that he does not want God to interfere with his pleasure.

Parents have the privilege of preparing their children to be

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*If you need more information about the Law of the Great Commission as stated in Commandment Mt. 28:19 and Statute Acts 1:8. please refer to subsidiary Statute Mk. !6:15; 2Cor. 5:19; Rom. 1:1; Mt. 24:14; Mk. 13:10; Lk. 24:47; Acts 26:18; and Rev. 15:6. You will find all of these in the supreme government publication entitled "Holy Bible K.J.V., the handbook for all English-speaking people.*

*Please complete and bring the Form 0002 with you to your pre-heaven placement interview with the "Lord of Lords." He will then determine if you indeed qualify for exemption.*

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Sign  
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Your signature

Date

# Broken Circles

*The names and some details have been changed to protect the guilty, but the events are true.*

Ruth is five years old. Her mother just recently left her daddy because he drinks too much. The home life was not good, but it wasn't all bad. It was a small circle that included a warm house, a mama and a daddy, some siblings, and a sense of security. The older siblings were doing well in school, and even though mama and daddy yelled a lot, it was still home. Now little Ruth lives in an apartment with her mommy, although she spends at least three nights a week at home with Daddy. Mommy said she didn't want Daddy to mess them up, so she left him, but she's lonesome and needs to go out, so she asks Daddy to keep the kids more all the time.

If someone asked little Ruth where she lives she would look confused, stare off into space, and finally answer, "With mommy at the apartment." Now her life revolves in two part circles. She has two places to live, she has two authorities, which often disagree, but she no longer has a sense of security—that has been replaced with fear.

Mommy now has a friend. He lives at the apartment with them. He is a strange man and Ruth is uncomfortable around him. She doesn't understand why, but in her tiny, broken circle she no longer feels at home.

Mommy had a date and a babysitter came. Mommy didn't come home until real late and Ruth did not wake up for school.

Daddy called, but older brother was afraid to tell him why they weren't at school. The next day all the kids went to stay at Daddy's house. The house is different now. Less furniture, messy, it smells funny, but it's more familiar than the apartment, so it's better.



Daddy's friends came over. Mommy doesn't like Daddy's friends. They drink a lot, and one friend wants to hold Ruth, and she is afraid. So much fear, so much uncertainty, so much turmoil.

Children are so flexible; they can take so much and still do just fine. That's what I've always heard from parents who bend their children a lot. When Grandma called she could tell

something was wrong, and she told Ruth, "Get outside on the porch with the other kids, I'm coming right now." Ruth feels better. Grandma's house was once a place to visit and eat candy, but now it is another partial circle, a safe partial circle, warmly secure with Grandma and Papa, the same house with the same stuff in it. And Grandma is always the same. There's no fear there, but it is not Ruth's house, only another partial circle in her ever widening flow of circles—now that the real circle is broken.

Ruth is learning to use her circles. If she doesn't like doing something she can just cry and say she wants Daddy. If Daddy will not let her have something, she can just beg to go stay with Mommy. If she has to go to school when she doesn't want to, she can be sick and ask for Grandma. Ruth has learned that where there is more than one circle there is really no circle at all. No authority, no security, the only absolute is what Ruth wants. Ruth has no one to protect her from herself, from her own lusts. Grandma can be a loving grandparent protecting her from the bad guy at Daddy's house. Daddy can make her feel happy. Mommy can love her, but the authority has been given into her tiny hands by default.

When Ruth was a little girl Grandma's house was a place of security, but now that Ruth is thirteen years old, it is just a dull, boring, old place. Candy bars and TV no longer satisfy her appetite. Her flesh has grown, and with it has grown the habit of getting what she wants. Over the years she has learned how to cover her tracks when she wants the free-

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**You may copy this newsletter and give out as many copies as you please.**

Our daughter Rebekah, missionary to Papua New Guinea, approached us expressing a desire to put the Bible message in pictures and print for the many languages of New Guinea. After considering the matter, the Lord has impressed us with a vision to produce a 250-page picture book of the Bible message told chronologically. Approximately 1000 frames of pictures would be necessary to tell the basic Bible story from Genesis to Revelation. We envision putting this into a computer where we can readily adapt it to many different languages. The artwork should be realistic and done in the powerful style of the modern comic book so popular in all of Asia. To keep the cost down, we will produce it in black and white only. We envision distributing millions of these in 500 languages to every soul who has yet to hear.

**Artist Wanted**

We need an artist, not just any artist, but a comic book artist, someone experienced and very good. The pay will be top rate. You will get twice what I do—or six times, ten times, any way you want to figure it. It will all add up to the same thing. The Lord will provide for the person willing to do this. You will sleep under a roof and eat your daily bread as we do.

I will write the script and control the content. If you think God would have you work on this project, send us your phone number. I will call to discuss it with you. Ability is not the final criteria. We are looking for the man or woman whose spirit God has touched for this project.



## You can help

spread the message. There are parents out there who need this message of child training. When we do live interviews on the radio it increases our orders significantly. Call your local Christian radio station and tell them you would like to hear a live interview of Michael Pearl and a review of the book *To Train Up A Child*. Send them a book along with your letter. Follow your letter with a phone call.

## MORE MAIL

Dear Michael and Debi Pearl,

Why didn't I figure this all out before? It is so easy! It must be a spiritual deception. Your books have blessed us beyond measure. I no longer am angry at my children for being untrained. Now I acknowledge my responsibility to train them and to train myself! I am getting under submission to my husband and everyday is a new adventure. We have 8 children and our house is peaceful and fun, even when it is loud with jubilant little voices. Many Thanks K.G. from MO.

Dear Pearls,

I can't begin to thank you for "To Train Up a Child." I just finished it tonight, yet our oldest child has made a complete turn-around. "Self Loathing Clarified" on page 41 was one of our eye openers. Our discipline or lack thereof, has been eating away at my very soul for probably a year now. We can't believe the transformation. J.S. from ND

Dear Michael and Debi,

You have richly blessed our lives with the knowledge of child training. As partners with Rebekah Pearl and T.J. Slayman my children are growing up with a vision for the lost. Leah and Cole pray for Rebekah every night. L.E.

## Broken Circles

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dom to have some fun. She tells Dad, "I'm at Grandma's," and tells Mom, "I'm spending the weekend at Dad's." She tells Grandma, "Dad said I could stay over with friend Marsha." The tight circle that God placed her in to protect and guard her was removed by Mommy's and Daddy's sin. Ruth has been left uncovered.

Some parents rip that covering off their children, not by divorce, but by disagreement in policy. A mother will whisper to her daughter, "You can go, but don't you dare tell Dad you did." That daughter has lost her covering for all times and all occasions. Mother has taken it from Daddy as well as from herself. Some Daddy's give it away. Daughter begs, gets angry, yells, pleads, and Daddy finally yells, "Just get out of here, I don't care what you do, just give me some peace." Daughter learned this from Mama. Then some daddies just pretend they don't notice, after all Daddy's little girl has always done real well. Daddy wants to be the sweetheart. He gives his girls complete freedom so "they'll know I trust them." Poor little girls grow up doing "what is right in their own eyes."

Little girls and boys need a complete, secure circle to grow up to be well adjusted. God designed that the man should be strong and wise as the head of his wife. A girl, having spent her entire youth growing up with a daddy that watched over and protected her in her day-to-day activities, will be ready to assume her role as a wife that will bring honor to God and her husband. So many little girls are growing up today without that circle of protection and authority. They grow up with

fears and insecurities on top of the rebellion and fleshly indulgence. When they enter marriage they don't know how to be submissive, confident wives because they never were submissive, confident little girls to their Daddies. The only way they can find fulfillment is by "doing what's right in their own eyes."

A great majority of women are depressed, discouraged, angry, and totally out of control in their flesh. They live in some kind of a silly fantasyland. To make matters worse, their husbands are selfish, defeated sissies. Soul sickness is at epidemic proportions. Divorce is a terrible crime against all. And not only divorce, but also the spirit of defiance, of "getting my rights," is quickly destroying any hope of happiness.

Many women will read this and say, "I knew I was doomed from the start, so why try, it is my parents' fault." It is true your parents did fail you, but now you stand before God to give an answer for your own sin. It's no good crying over spilled milk. It's time to get a cloth and clean up the mess, being careful not to create any more spills. Are you content to continue passing this burden down to your children? Each person stands before God either to obey or to dishonor. Because of your up-bringing you might have a propensity to be selfish, get angry, or to manipulate your surroundings, but it is ultimately your choice to obey God or not. As you seek God and seek to obey his Word you will begin to mature in the way God meant for you to mature while you were growing up. When God says in his Word for the woman to reverence her husband it will not seem like an archaic translation. When the Scripture says, Sara called her husband lord, it will not appear sacrilegious.

So, mama, are you unhappy with that selfish, "no-good" husband of yours? God has made a way, and His way is still your only way to raise your little girls to be an honorable little mama. The way to raise obedient, serving little girls is by example. How you treat Daddy will in a great degree decide how they will respond to authority and ultimately to God. You can't change Daddy, but you can change your side of the world.

Do you treat your husband with affection, but little honor or respect? Do you slip behind his back to go shopping, or waste your days reading romance novels? When you dishonor him, you dishonor God. He knows it, you know it, and your children know it. You limit God's blessing in your life.

The slide is down hill. Every child is selfish and will get more selfish. As parents we need to seek to obey God against all odds; that's what sanctification is all about. Our job as mothers starts with being good wives. Your role as mother will go no further than how you fulfill your role as wife. When parents break their own circle, they break their children's circle as well. Neither broken marriages nor broken relationships produce whole children.

Even when all goes well our children will not be perfect. They will have their own hurts and weaknesses to overcome. But they don't need to start life handicapped by dragging along the added burden of the sins of their parents. Life will throw enough mud at the children without them leaving home carrying a load provided by parents.

There is still an abundance of grace and love to be poured on those who will repent toward God. When you lay yourself on God's altar, your children reap the bless-

Dear mike and Deb

A friend gave me Feb/Mar issue of No Greater Joy. What a blessing and another confirmation from the Lord. We were in the middle of pulling our child out of the Christian School. It had been a long and difficult decision as we said we would never do it. The change in our child after only 2 weeks of homeschooling has been remarkable. We are looking forward to reading what we ordered.

J.S.

## MORE MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Pearl,

Thank you ever so much for sharing your God-given wisdom with others! Our family is happier, healthier, and (praise God!) holier because of the principles for family life from your books!

T. A.

Dear Debi,

Thank you so much for "setting me free" from curriculum slavery. Your tape, *Best Homeschooling Ideas*, is wonderful! I was a slave lesson planner and a bully to my girls. My whole family thanks you. Your book, *To Train Up A Child*, saved our family. I am excited to share your message with my homeschool friends. J. P.

Debi,

I am inspired by your books. I just wanted to share that I am potty training my 11/2 year old and my 3 month old baby and my baby is doing ten times better. My 11/2 year old doesn't go very often in the right place my baby always does with the exception of his naps. My older sister enjoyed the opportunity of taking him while visiting. People are amazed at what I have done. Adam and Eve didn't have pampers.

RK

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I just wanted to enclose a short note with my order. A longtime Christian friend loaned me your book. I had called her in tears knowing somewhere I had failed with my children even though they are only 4 and 2. At the time I had bruises all over my arms from the rage and rebellion of my 4-year-old son. My husband sleeps during the day and works at night. So I am the parent with our children most often. I had tried spanking, time out, bribes, bargaining, yelling, and modern "psychology." My children were utterly confused by my lack of consistency. After reading your book I realized I was destroying my children by not giving them the training that is imperative. It will probably be boot camp around here for awhile. The war I am waging is to reclaim my children for Christ. I have tried the secular discipline and now realize as with all things that the only way is God's way.

Thank you, L. A.

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# Audio Tapes

**Gami Akij:** We highly recommend this tape for all young people, as well as adults. Children and adults love it. Miracles are not all in the past. The story of God's grace among an ancient people, and how their path crossed that of one lone American girl obeying God. Told by Rebekah Pearl.

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**Great Book**  
**Me? Obey Him?** When I was a young bride I read *Me? Obey Him?* By Mrs. Elizabeth Rice Hanford. I can still remember the surprise and joy I experienced in "trying out" what I had read. I know God used this book to help make my marriage, thus my ministry, what it is today. May God bless you thus as you read it. *Debi Pearl*

*"Can you believe this, my children love to listen to your tapes of **No Greater Joy Vol. 1** and **To Train Up A Child**. We listen as we drive along in the car, and when we get where we are going they want to stay in the car to finish the story. In the evenings the children beg to listen to the tapes while they sit coloring pictures. The tapes are transforming the way my children think about themselves. Even our teens are loving the tapes."*

**This is a must see!**  
 If you liked EE-Taow, you will love the 2nd chapter. After receiving the gospel, the Mouk people begin to take the gospel to their neighboring tribes. Watch then do in other tribes what Mark Zook did in theirs. This is real live footage of the gospel going forth in primitive villages.

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# Till the whole world knows

Many of you are not aware that Child Training and Family Life is not our main ministry. Deb and I are concerned to get the gospel to the whole world. Our little church here at Cane Creek has about 25 adults and 75 kids in attendance on any Sunday. We as a church are dedicated to sending out missionaries. Through the help of our readers we are able to send out more missionaries than we would be able to do alone. For those of you who help support our missionaries through prayer or by your giving, here is what is happening.

The Pidgin Bibles are being printed. We still need about \$3,000.00 for shipping. One man has given 10,000 Pidgin tracks, by Jack Chick, to go along with

the Bibles.

Our daughter Rebekah and her ever-hovering protector, our son Nathan, are still in New Guinea. Rebekah is on the mountain among the Kumboi people. Nathan is hiking through the remote areas of the country with Michael Braband, a young man who wishes to locate a tribe in need of the gospel.

The Dewayne Noel family is living on the mountain among the Kumboi, learning the language and teaching through an interpreter.

T. J. Slayman is still in Laos. His brother Bob is over there now visiting. Bob made his own money for this trip. T. J. now speaks the Lao language fluently. As he ministers, he continues to learn the

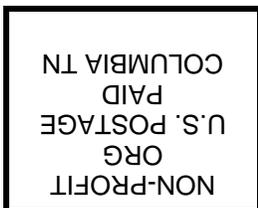
language with the intention of doing some translating.

The Schnell family will be with us in a mission conference this next week. They are leaving for Cambodia in July. They still need support.

Paul Warner is in Albania helping Kirk King and his family begin a ministry in a new city.

Our son Gabriel just returned from Turkey where he and Nathan sought out the Kurds and established some good contacts. Nathan plans to go back and live among the Kurds, ministering the gospel.

All gifts designated to missionaries go directly to the missionary. No administration cost is withheld. Any extra offerings we receive to this ministry go to foreign missions. ☺



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