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How Early Should I Start Training?

At what age should I start disciplining my children?

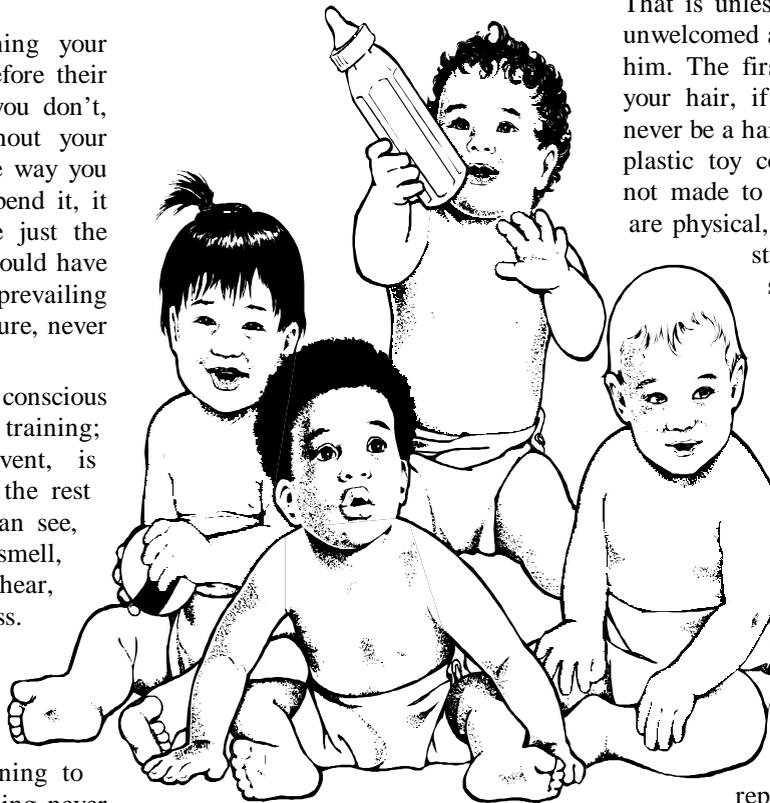
At what age should I start homeschooling?

At what age should I begin teaching my children to work?

You must start training your children one year before their first birthday, because if you don't, they will be trained without your input. A sapling grows the way you bend it. But if you don't bend it, it will grow and take shape just the same, though not as you would have it. It will be shaped by the prevailing winds, which, you can be sure, never blow in the right direction.

From day one, every conscious moment of a child's life is training; every event, and non-event, is schooling, preparation for the rest of life. If a child's eyes can see, tongue can taste, nose can smell, hands can feel, or ears can hear, training is in progress. Parents don't need to initiate a program, set aside a time, or confront the child in some special way for training to occur. Training and schooling never cease, never rest. A child develops with or without you. If you are not deliberately leaving your imprint on every stage of his development, know that someone is.

A child left to himself in a crib



or a room is being trained. All child-initiated events that have consequences, be they pleasant or unpleasant, are training. If a child stumbles into an experience and finds the consequences pleasurable, he is trained to repeat it. If the conse-

quences are unpleasant, then he seeks to avoid it. If an infant sticks his finger in his eye, the pain will discourage him from repeating that on himself, but he may try it on you. That is unless you should make his unwelcomed advances unpleasant for him. The first time an infant pulls your hair, if you pull his, he will never be a hair-puller. One taste of a plastic toy communicates that it is not made to eat. These experiences are physical, and are easy to understand, but what about soul training?

If a child is playing alone and becomes frustrated with a toy, expressing anger, his reaction, left unchecked, is training him to deal with his environment in anger. If a child cries out in loneliness and is rewarded by being picked up, you have trained him to

repeat the crying any time

he wants to control the adults in his life. When a child is told no, and he responds with temper, if the parents compromise and give over just one-inch to the child's demands, they have trained him to throw fits. It will become a life-long habit, begun at

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three months.

What you don't do as a parent is as influential as what you do. If you permit a child to indulge in a pleasurable act several times, with no negative consequences, then he will develop a preference and a habit. If you give the kid an old set of car keys to play with, you have trained him to abscond with your keys. If you allow a child to snatch food from your hand, you have trained him to have crude table manners. If you allow him to get up after you have put him down to sleep, you have trained him to ignore your commands and to make his own decisions about his sleeping habits. You say, "But I didn't mean to be training." Who trained the cat not to take food away from the dog? OK, so your cat does take food away from your dog. Then I ask you, who trained the cat that he could get away with taking food away from the dog? Answer: The dog trained the cat by his responses, or lack of responses. All parental responses are training. All parental "do nothings" and "Oh, isn't he cute," and "He is a real bear-cat," and "He is such a strong-willed child," are training par excellence.

I saw a mother enjoying her six month old, sitting in front of him singing, "No, No, No, No, No, No, No, No, and waving her index finger back and forth to the beat of the music. It sounded like a cat food commercial. This started out as a command to stop doing something, but it degenerated into a sing-song, redefining of the meaning of "No." I wanted to ask her, "What do you say when you really mean 'No'?" She was training the child to understand that "No" meant, "Let's have some fun."

So, it is not a question of whether or not a child is being trained, or at what age. It is a question of who is doing the training and to what end? Anyone and everyone is a trainer, including other

kids. The prevailing winds blow upon your child's flesh and train him in degeneracy. You must interrupt that natural flow, bending the child's soul against the force of the world, the flesh, the devil, Hollywood, relatives, baby sitters, peers, nursery workers, and books on psychology, that is, if he is to stand different from the other trees in the forest.

The first six months of a child's life is much more formative than most parents realize. The first three years molds personality and sees the establishment of the child's worldview. Children can be trained after three years, but much of the training amounts to enabling the child to function in spite of bad habits instilled in those early months and years.

Training socially

If your child is not liked by others, or if he is often in conflict, he



is socially impaired. A shy child is socially inadequate, as is one who is loud and demands center stage. A bully on one side and a whining tattletale on the other are social misfits. A child quickly develops a social perspective, with or without parental guidance. Investigation teaches the infant what is acceptable in his society. Children are always influenced by the temperament of their parents. If parents are overprotective, oversensitive, insensitive, angry, selfish, hostile or otherwise, the children tend to view the world through the social order parents maintain in the home.

I have had adoptive parents come to me describing the "generational sins" of their adopted children. Knowing the parents, I usually find it amazing that the adoptive parents seem to have the same lineage. Maybe it is just fate that brought them together; they were from the same family after all. Many biological parents would like to use the excuse of generational sins. It would relieve them of responsibility.

A child learns the rules by stumbling around, bumping into the rights of others, as when the infant tries to put his fingers in someone's eye or mouth, or when the two-year-old tries to take something that belongs to a four-year-old.

Social rules are built on selfishness—live and let live, give and take. It is a pecking order—where people get pecked if they step out of line. It does serve to keep "everyone in his place," with the "fittest" at the top of the food chain, but it is no higher morally than a society of gorillas. If left to happenstance, a child will allow his values to be set by the worst elements in society.

The concern of parents should be the knowledge that if they do not take an early and effective role in communicating social behavior to

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The Goo-goo Lady

I may be just fifteen months old, but I am not as dumb as my muttering makes me look. After all, I'm learning the King's English from adults that all talk like babies. When they talk to each other, it is easier to understand, but when they talk to us kids they slobber and goo until we have to laugh at them. Then they are satisfied and go back to speaking to each other where you can understand them. But that's not what I wanted to tell you.

Just the other day, two ladies came to visit. They looked kind of funny, so I made the mistake of smiling at them. They couldn't keep their hands off of me. I started showing them all the things I could do. You should have seen me; it would have made Barnum and Bailey look like a church play. I guess that with all the attention I got a little rowdy, as Dad would call it, so he told me to go into the other room. I didn't want to leave my audience so I tried an old trick that I had almost forgotten. It had never worked with Dad, but I had used it successfully against mother on several occasions—that is until she read that second book—No Greater Joy, something or another.

Anyway, when Dad commanded me to go outside and join my brothers and sisters, I saw the goo-goo lady look absolutely stricken. So I put on a forlorn, pleading look, placed one finger in my mouth, hung my head and shoulders, and started gently rocking from side to side on the balls of my feet. I saw it on Shirley Temple. It worked well for her. I cut my eyes back to see how Dad was taking it, and he made a gesture toward his belt buckle. The



ladies probably thought he was just scratching his belly button, but I knew better. I could not be sure that the presence of these two ladies would stop him from spanking me, so I decided not to take the risk. But as I headed out of the room, I got in one last shot. I cried just a little, so

everyone would see how mean he was. The ouu-ahh lady jumped up and got right in front of me. She started making those unintelligible sounds that meant her reason had departed. I

played it for all it was worth. My whimpers turned to sobs. She scooped me up and started saying things like, "pooooorrrrrr baaaaabeeee, it'sss alllll right. Therrre now. Sweet child." Then, looking from Dad to me she put on her most sanctified, compassionate look and said, "She wants to stay, don't you dear?" I wiped my tears and tried to smile to show my appreciation. As she hugged me, I looked over her shoulder and saw Dad give Mom one of those "What do we do now looks?"

Mom jumped up and said, "Why don't we all go in the kitchen for a cup of hot tea?" I smiled and pulled on the lady's glasses, knowing I had won. Mom led the way, and the ladies followed. I had it all under control until I saw Dad step in front of my accomplice, and with a big smile he said, "I will take pumpkin; she may need to potty." He was smiling so sweetly with his mouth, but his eyes were chilled. Too late! He took me from the lady with the funny smell and then quietly shut the door to the kitchen. He sat me right back in the spot where I was sitting when he first commanded me to go outside. He went back to the chair

where he had been sitting and quietly repeated his former command, "Go outside and play with the others." He didn't fool me. I could tell that he was not going to cut me any slack. I think he was hoping I would balk. I may be selfish, but I'm not stupid. I turned to flee toward the back door. He said, "Stop." I stopped and slowly turned. He said, "Smile." I smiled. He said, "Now go outside." I went.

A word from the editor: The story you just read is true, for I watched it unfold in my living room this past week. ☺

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their children, the kids are going to receive their education from the world at large. But most parents, certainly our readers, are not content to allow their children to derive their social etiquette by default. The norm is too low. Parents who take a continuous and active role can ease a developing child into a godly social order by example and instruction, saving the child a lot of embarrassment and antisocial behavior.

We adults are kept in line socially by pride, fear of ridicule, fear of rejection and embarrassment. But the small child is kept in line only by someone creating boundaries and then forcing compliance.

Training Morally

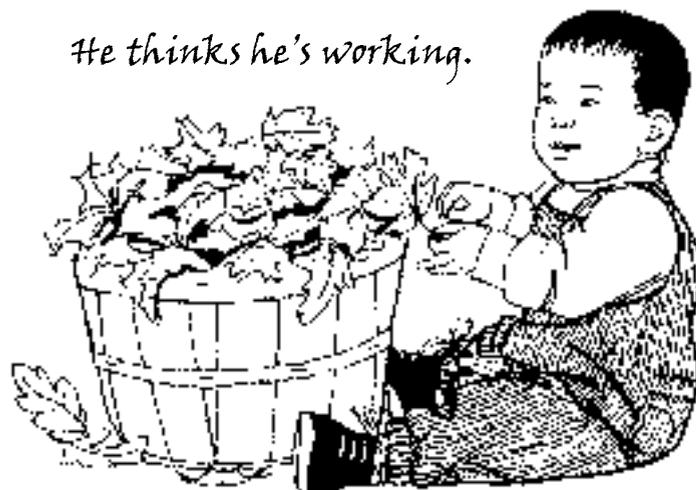
Children are born into this world without moral convictions. The two-year-old does not need bad influences to be a selfish, fleshly, carnal, hedonistic, hippie. I say that with the utmost love for all two-year-olds.

Parents are failing to communicate moral convictions to their children. One reason they fail is that they start too late. Parents do not start trying to train their children until they are convinced they can receive instruction, by which time children are already confirmed in carnality, addicted to the pleasures of hedonism. I am talking about children two and three years old. Parents find it difficult to believe that their very young children are capable of early training. They wait so long that they are fighting momentum, and everything within and without the child is on the side of carnality. Your early training alone stands between your child and degrading behavior.

You want to know how to train a six-month-old? By context. All with whom the child associates is the context in which the child first emulates moral attitude. Morality is first an attitude, a way of viewing the

self in relationship to the stimuli that assail us. Morality is the right choice in the face of choices that are immediately more fun. Morality is choosing principle and duty above thrill and laziness. Morality is love of truth; it is a pure heart; it is love, grace, mercy, patience, kindness, hard work, wisdom, faith, joy, thankfulness, and serving others. Morality is not the lack of certain acts of debauchery. It is the heart of God practiced in these bodies of flesh.

In the early months and years of a child's life, you will not be able to lecture him on morals, but you can plant his little developing soul in pure soil. Children are rooted in the souls of those with whom they



associate—including any media. You, as a parent, cannot change the environment at large. Eventually your child is going to have to enter the ugly arena of society. But in his developing years, you can tuck his little soul into yours and give him a little bit of heaven before he finds out that he is in a moral battleground where the bad guys almost always win.

Training to Work

Work is one thing in life that if you could get along without it, you would. All work is pain. You have to

be raised with it to be hardened to it and to accept it as necessary. Every fresh budding of understanding and every newly acquired ability in the infant and small child must be immediately channeled into wholesome productivity. A child should never be allowed to acquire an attribute of mind or body that is left to idle indulgence. If a ten-month-old child, capable of picking up his own socks, sits and watches his mother pick them up, he is being mistreated—trained to be lazy. You are missing the best opportunity to teach a teenager to be a worker. Teenagers learn to work before they are two years old.

I know that a child under one year old is not capable of doing one stitch of productive work. But the question before us is not how old a child should be when his work is of value. The question is “At what age should I teach my children to work?” The answer is: As they become capable of the least participation, no matter how worthless, they should be involved in working. They will have more fun

than a birthday party if you involve them in all your chores. Children love cooking, cleaning and all chores that Mama and Daddy do if they occur as a matter of routine and are done in a joyful atmosphere.

If this is handled properly, there will never come a time when your child is shocked that you asked him to work. He will never balk or complain. He cannot remember a time when he was not under obligation to pull his share of the load. His first awakening to life was one of being part of a team

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working. He happily stands up to his chores. It is what life is all about.

If you wait until a child is four years old to ask him to work, he will be hurt and offended that he, the royal consumer of goods and services, should be called upon to stoop to menial chores. What a drag! What pain! What misery! Life is not supposed to be like this. He has lived four wonderful years with several servants, and now you expect him to do boring physical labor? He may do it if you force him to, but he will never like it, not now and not ever.

Should you wait until they are big enough to be profitable in labor before you require it of them? Only if you want to feel like the worst villain in the world and spend most of your emotional energy nagging them into what will always be a job half done.

Children should learn to work at the same time that they learn to play. A child should never be allowed to think that the world is ordered so that he plays while others serve him. Don't pick up after the child. If a kid is big enough to pull toys out of a box he is big enough to put them back. Make work part of the play. Sit on the floor. Enjoy showing him how to put the toys away. As you give the command, "Put your toys back in the box," place a toy in the box. Give the command again and guide the child's hand to put a toy back in the box. Put another toy in the

box yourself, and then again voice the command as you guide his hand to put away another toy. If the child is never allowed to walk away from scattered toys, he will always pause to put them away, and you will never have a hassle over clean up. Three times is enough to train a child, if it is the first three experiences with the toy box. It will take more if you have mistraigned him.

When you must carry groceries into the house, give your toddler a light box to carry and brag about what a good worker he is. When you are carrying in firewood, give the stumbling toddler a small piece to carry.

When he spills something, guide him in cleaning it up. You may have to buy a special mop and shorten the handle to keep him from jousting everything in the house. But a one-year-old that mops is a six-year-old that mops and a sixteen-year-old that is a blessing. When you have cut the grass, give the toddler a sack and a small rake and show him how to fill the sack with grass clippings. If he grows bored, don't make demands; revive his interest; make it fun.

Do you know what sick is? It is a father at home on Saturday, working in the yard while the kids sit in front of the TV and eat snacks. Don't ask me how to get them to work. You

cannot train them one way and then expect different results.

Do not make your kids work alone until they get old enough to deal with the isolation. Even then, you should seek opportunities to work together. If work involves warm fellowship, it takes the pain out of it. If you have developed an adversarial relationship around work, you are causing ongoing harm. If you press a child and are never pleased, he will hate you.

Work is pain, and so you labor to get the job done so you don't have any more pain. If there is no end to the work, no reward, children will always drag because doing the job never brings relief. Give them a job that has defined limits and the reward of freedom upon successful completion. Do not allow them to have the freedom until the job is completed satisfactorily. Parents have told me that when they started making the child's leisure dependent upon completing the job, the kids turned what was previously a four hour job into a thirty minute job, and they had fun doing it, because they were laboring so they could rest. If your child is lazy and never does an acceptable job, then you must give him a job with well defined, and easily defined, limits and stay with him until he completes the job successfully, whereupon you praise him for a job well done. If the job is cleaning his room, first carefully define what you expect, in every detail. Write it down if the kid is old enough to read. Do not nag or whine. Quietly but firmly stand by your commitment that he will not leave his room and return to his leisure until the room is perfectly ordered. He will drag at first, hoping to conquer your will, but once he is convinced that your word is final, he will comply out of pure laziness. How else can he rest? You must maintain a pleasant attitude at all times, or all is lost.

Training in Academics

The biggest mistake is thinking of schooling as something different from family, from everyday life. Don't think of it as an event that starts and stops by a clock. When done most efficiently, there is no age at which you start. Nothing ever changes. Schooling is life. I know kids locally who do not "do

To whom it may concern:

Please include me in your free monthly newsletter. I have to tell you that if it were not for the book "To Train Up A Child" I would probably be working full time with my two small children in day-care. I had lost control of my three-year-old boy and was at the point where I didn't even want to be around him. I figured my 15-month-old daughter would grow up to be the same way, so I started searching for a job. Being a Christian, I knew this was not what God would want from me. I felt guilty and stressed. A friend of my mom's gave her the book to give to me. I read it through, prayed, and immediately put into action the training taught in the book. I am grateful and amazed at how well it is already working! My son is no longer angry. He is listening to me and is so lovable! I have no guilt any more, because I never yell at him. I am even considering home-schooling. Praise the Lord!

school,” and yet are far advanced over their grade level.

The purest form of homeschooling is a way of life. A young mother says to her crawler, “Give me the blue sock. No, not the green one, the blue one. Here, this is the blue sock, just like mama’s dress. See, this toy is blue also. Thank you, you are a smart girl.”

Another mother says to a two-year-old, “Here are three raisins. See, count them. One, two, three!!!” A mother says to a three-year-old, “How many raisins do you have? That’s right, five. Now give me one. Now how many do you have? Four!! Five take away one is four!!”

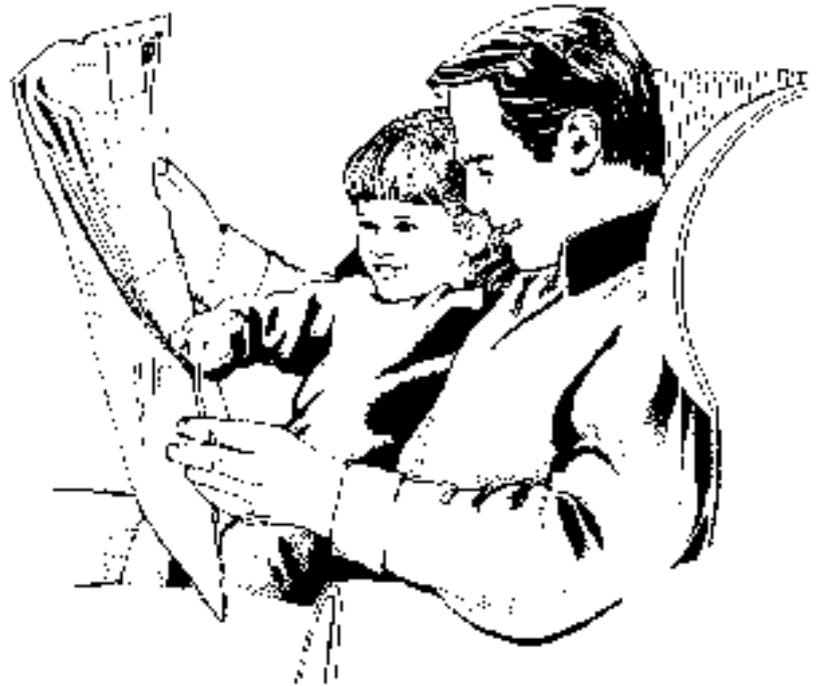
Entertain the children with colors, pencils, and paper in mounds. Go to your local printers and tell them you need paper for your students. They will give you scrap paper by the truckloads. You can get good quality paper forty inches wide. Kids love it. Write their names at the top and let them try writing. Hang their work on the wall. Show it off. Read to your kids and have them pronounce words. Show the three-year-olds the word “cat” and let them put a yellow line under it every time it appears in the little book. Make flash cards—don’t buy them. The kids need to see you make stuff just for them. Do not sit the kid down at a school desk and pound flash cards until he goes to sleep. As you pass through the house, pick up one card and flash it, saying the word. You don’t need to ask questions. They are learning. Write the name of foods on cards and have them point to the word that represents the food they want. Write “nap” on a card and show it to them when it is time to sleep. Read road signs. Write letters to friends. Leave notes hidden in the house for them to find and read, notes that promise a treat. Read the breakfast material—boxes of cereal. Talk about the human body, naming the body parts, the bones, muscle,

organs. You don’t know those things? Get a chart; hang it on the wall and learn with your children. Look at pictures. Discuss topics at the dinner table. Talk about history and science. Investigate your yard and then go to the library and investigate books on plants, insects, the universe, animals, earthquakes, anything that is fun and interesting. That is homeschooling. The kids never know they are in school, and you never feel like a teacher. It is not

feeling inadequate.

Homeschooling cannot be an event out of the day; it must be the day, the night, the lifestyle of homeschooling parents.

Most importantly of all, it must always be fun. If it is not fun for you, it will not be fun for them. Never-never-never approach homeschooling with apprehension or impatience. Do not let the system or in-laws cause you to fear and start pressuring the



important that the kids know details on any subject; or if they know details, it is not important that their knowledge be thorough. It is far more important that they develop a learning attitude than it is that they learn certain prescribed curriculum. Think of it this way; your job as teacher is not to prepare them to take a test and answer questions. Your job is to instill a love of learning, to enjoy investigation, to be inquisitive, and to know that they can learn anything they need to know if they set their mind to it. The worst thing you can do is to pound enough facts in them to pass a test, but leave them with a fear of learning, leave them

kids to perform. The day that happens you have failed, and they will fail.

To sum it up; the life of a child should not be segmented. Begin teaching and training as soon as the child can focus on you and respond to your facial expressions. Do not wait and try to introduce an alien element into their lives after they have settled down thinking they have life figured out. Let schooling, training, and work be a part of life from the first conscious moments. ☺

Excerpt from Divine Design

All creation bears the stamp of its Creator. Both the physical and the metaphysical world demonstrate an inherent design, and therefore reveal a common designer. And the common design suggests a common purpose.

The nature of God is the pattern for all that is created, material and non-material alike. The Bible represents the one God as a triune being. This is a strange concept, that one is three and three are one, until we see this very enigma represented throughout all creation—which creation, as we have said, reflects the nature of the Creator. Creation is so thoroughly stamped with God’s triune *likeness* that the apostle Paul was able to tell us that the Godhead is clearly visible through natural creation.

The atom, once thought to be the smallest part of any substance, was eventually discovered to have three parts: protons, neutrons, and electrons. But now it is now known that the protons and neutrons at the center of the atom are composed of three quarks each. And according to the most current model, scientists are puzzled as to why there are just three generations of leptons and quarks, no more and no less.

Likewise, time is threefold: past, present, and future. Our world has three kingdoms: animal, vegetable, and mineral. Life on Planet Earth is divided into three main branches: bacteria, archaea, and eukaryotes. The sun, a symbol of God, emits alpha, beta, and gamma rays. There are three basic elements in soil, causing a plant to grow: nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash. There are three primary colors (pigments) from which all other colors are derived: red, yellow, and blue.

Like our triune Creator, we are a triune being: body, soul, and spirit. The body consists of flesh, bone, and

blood. The flesh has three layers of skin: the Epidermis, the Dermis, and the Subcutaneous tissue. Our blood solids consist of three main cells: platelets, red cells, and white cells. Our nonmaterial self (the soul) is mind, will, and emotions. In the emotions, we can love, hate, or be indifferent. Human capability is thought, word, and deed. Logical thought, the activity of the mind, demands a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion.

All this reflects the image of God who is revealed to us as a triune, singular being: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Within the Godhead are the Lover, the Loved, and the Spirit of Love. God is a personal soul manifesting mind, will, and emotions—the same “*yesterday, today, and forever.*”

As God’s persons are three, His attributes are three: omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. All creation is designed after the “*likeness*” of those attributes. Based on God’s nature, space is three-dimensional: height, width, and depth. As each dimension is separate and distinct, yet each exists within the other, and all three dimensions are essential to the concept of space, so God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, distinctly different, inseparable, and in combination comprising the one infinite God. God is not three parts or three different manifestations. He is one essence, composed of three interdependent persons, each essential to the whole and each containing and expressing the whole of the Godhead.

Space, created after the infinity of God, is the physical expression to His infinite omnipresence (being

everywhere). Infinity is conceptually present in the combined three dimensions. Each dimension unendingly projects toward infinity, and together the three dimensions project into infinity in every conceivable direction, just as do the infinite attributes of God.

- The likeness of God’s omnipresence is reflected in our own soul, as seen in our ability to move about within three-dimensional space.
- The likeness of God’s omniscience (knows everything) is reflected in our gift of knowing and our ability to increase in knowledge.
- The likeness of God’s omnipotence (all-powerful) is reflected in our inherent ability to exercise creative power within our own environment.

The three attributes of the soul (mind, will, and emotions) are also interdependent. Like unto the triune nature of its mentor, the existence of any single soulish attribute implies and necessitates the others. One cannot rightly conceive of mind without will. A mind without a will could not think an original thought, or change thoughts, or even maintain continuity of thought. It is also inconceivable that a man could entertain an idea, value it, will it to come to pass and not *feel* in accordance to its advancement. Feelings (emotions) are an inevitable result of valuing something—which is the mind choosing. To negate the concept of either the mind, the will, or the emotions would render the other two attributes inconceivable. Like the triune God, they exist as one concept—soul.

The history of man is a chronicle of his struggle *to know* (the image and likeness of God’s omniscience), *to go* (the image and likeness of God’s omnipresence), and *to do* (the image and likeness of God’s omnipotence). Unquestionably, the triune attributes of God continue to be reflected in all of creation. ☺



Dear Precious Pearls,

You have transformed our household with To Train Up A Child. We have had such victory over years of wrong behavior, parent anger, and child disobedience. We have homeschooled for eight years. Our sons are 7, 10, and 17. You can't imagine what a burden has been lifted from me, especially now that I don't have to become angry, etc. Our youngest sons read the book to each other. Our 17 year-old loves it as well. I told him, "You were brought up wrong. Here is the right way." He has corrected himself in key ways through reading your book!

Our church is eager to receive your book, and I have had an opportunity to testify to the Lord's work through reading your book. We are upholding you in prayer.

You broke heavy bondage for us all and we are happier and more blessed for it!

In His Love,
S.E.

Dear Michael and Debi,

Last week, I read your article, Preventive Training. It was the beginning of something wonderful at our house. My husband and I were terribly frustrated with our children's behavior. Both (7 and 10 years old) have been diagnosed as having forms of ADD, and the younger has been identified as having Tourette's Syndrome. OK...so how did our pioneer ancestors cope with these sorts of difficulties?

It was suggested by doctors and specialists that we medicate our boy, assign tasks that took no more than 5 minutes apiece, reward the children every few minutes for good behavior, and ignore their bad behavior. Guess what? These suggestions didn't do much good. Surprise, surprise.

My husband and I had a tearful discussion, and we could come up with no new ideas. Then, I read Preventive Training, and I followed your advice by putting them on a strict schedule, and requiring chores from them. The result has been amazing! Things are not perfect, but the tantrums and screaming have been greatly reduced! Mom and Dad feel like human beings again, and the new baby can sit by and enjoy relative peace and quiet as we homeschool.

Thanks,
A.M.

More little missionaries.

Deanna Noel, wife of Dewayne Noel, fresh back from Papua New Guinea, came to Cane Creek to deliver her twins. They were born naturally at home with no complications, for which they are both giving God thanks. Dewayne, the proud daddy of these twin girls, is continuing in missions, though not in New Guinea, where he completed the work, having planted seven churches among the Kumboi people.



East Timor Recovering

You may have seen the news about East Timor. It is a country destroyed by the Muslim religion. The Koran calls for the death of all who are unwilling to convert to the heretical and violent religion of Allah. A large population of Roman Catholics and a very few born again believers were unwilling to convert. They paid the price with their blood and the destruction of their property. The UN sent in troops to stop the violence. Under the old government, it was illegal to do missionary work. The country is now wide open, with people trying to get a roof over their heads and rebuild the country.

Tom Gaudet went into East Timor and saw an opportunity. He has now shipped two containers full of food, supplies, building materials, and a complete printing ministry into the country.

Gabriel Pearl, Ben Easling, and Michael Braband, whom you see in the picture below, went to East Timor to rebuild bombed out property which Tom rented to house the press and as a living quarters for two missionary families.

By the time you read this, the press should be running, turning out Bible portions in the Tetun Praca language of the people of East Timor. They also intend to print and

distribute correspondence courses and other gospel literature. Gabriel, who has traveled around the world, said it is the most miserable place he has ever been. The temperature at night is above ninety and extremely humid. After being there about two weeks, Gabriel and Ben came down with the dreaded Dengue fever. About 10% of the people who contract it die. It takes several weeks to recover, but Gabriel is already back working. Ben is still having symptoms, but the worst is behind him.

Pray for the two missionary families that are going to be staying in East Timor after everyone else goes home. Chris and Margaret Smith and Dave and Heidi Evans are sent out and supported by churches in Australia.

When one of the families first arrived, one of the ladies just sat in front of the burned out building and stared blankly for almost a day. She was shocked at the destruction and poor condition of the people wandering around trying to put their families and homes back together.

And pray for the printing ministry. Very few of these people have ever owned a copy of the Word of God. It will change their lives.

Many of you have given to our missionary ministries. The No Greater Joy ministries has contributed over \$20,000.00 to this project. All profits from this ministry go into foreign missions. ☺



Dear Pastor Pearl,

I was reared in a very disciplined Christian home. Not one day do I regret the discipline my sisters and I received, but there was something missing that I had vowed to do differently with my children. My husband shared similar circumstances and we embarked on a quest together to discipline our children differently somehow. Your book revealed the answer - training. Now we know we will train our baby up using discipline, not discipline up only. I was so encouraged by your chapter on "The Rod" where you went into the psychology of guilt. I know that discipline and training work for no other reason than God promises it to work; but now I understand why it works.

In Him, Mrs. J.S.



Jungle Juice

We get many letters every-day asking questions about how to use herbs, what books to use, where to buy herbs, and what to do about certain ailments. We were not called to a ministry of herbs; it is just a personal interest. So I want to give you a favorite herbal recipe, a name of a good, easy to understand book, and a place to order herbs, and then you are on your own.

Preachers often use a lot more mental, emotional, and physical energies than men of other professions. Much of the time, they are running on spent reserves. A preacher's mind has to be working in top form all the time. When minerals and vitamins are lacking, the mind will be the first to suffer. For the sake of his ministry, I knew Mike needed to think clearly and stay healthy. I began working on a liquid herbal formula that would supply the minerals and vitamins he needed. I don't know how, but it acquired the name Jungle Juice.

Because of its success, I began to pass it out to other preachers we knew that had demanding ministries. They saw the difference and started asking for more. I gave some to my old Dad, 75 years old, and he came skipping back demanding more.

I alter the recipe according to special needs. I double the Bilberry for someone with vision problems. For men with prostate trouble, I use 1 cup of crushed Saw Palmetto berries, which I soak in consumable alcohol for 3

weeks (1/3 herb to 2/3 vodka) before straining the used herb out and adding the alcohol tincture to the finished Jungle Juice. If I am making the tincture for a woman, I drop the Saw Palmetto and add one cup Red Raspberry and 2 cups Oat Straw.

For those suffering from chronic high blood pressure, it is helpful to add 1/2 cup ground Hawthorn berries to the recipe.

People given to nervousness or anxiety, who want an alternative to drugs, can add 1 cup of St. John's Wort. If you know you are low in iron or have some other malady, look it up in Nutritional Herbology, then add the herbs that best meet your needs.

I use whole or cut herbs rather than powdered because powdered herbs lose their potency sooner. Grind or break herbs in

the blender or grinder. Mix dry herbs together, place in a jar, seal, label, and then store. These dry, mixed herbs can be made into a tincture as needed. For making 3 cups of finished, liquid, herbal tincture, fill a quart jar 1/3 full with the crushed, dried herb mixture. Pour boiling water over herb mixture until it is all wet



2 cups	Alfalfa is high in beta-carotene and functions as a detoxifier.
2 cups	Bilberry has marvelous anti-aging properties, strengthen eyes.
1 cup	Butcher's Broom is one of nature's most potent remedies for circulatory ailments.
2 cups	Ginkgo Leaf is known as brain food. It increases peripheral blood flow.
1 cup	Nettle Leaf is very high in calcium, chromium, magnesium and zinc.
1/2 cup	Saw Palmetto Berries reduce prostatic enlargement. Its nutritional profile includes high levels of phosphorus, potassium, riboflavin, selenium, silicon, thiamine, and zinc.
2 cup	Korean or Siberian Ginseng is highly valued for its adaptogenic abilities, which means it helps the body correct itself and bring its own healing. Olympic athletes all over the world use it to negate stress effects, and to enhance performance and endurance. Due to being one of the most studied herbs on the market, its effectiveness has been proven.
1/2 cup	Turmeric Powder is a powerful anti-oxidant, showing activities as much as 300 times greater than that of vitamin E.
1 teaspoon	Cayenne (optional) It causes the body to break down other herbs in the digestive system.

Dear Pearls,

I wanted to share with you a recent incident I had with my son. He is 21 months old and was born with a heart problem. Knowing this, I always had a hard time disciplining him, and consequently, he has become very willful. He had surgery to correct the problem 2 months ago.

Yesterday, we had a major battle of wills. I have been praying for an opportunity to get to the heart of his rebellion, but until yesterday, I could not seem to find one. He has always been stubborn, but responsive to the rod. I had put him down for a much-needed nap, but he stood up and started crying (not unusual). I spanked him and put him down. He stood up again as soon as I walked out (not unusual). What was unusual was that rather than 2 or 3 spankings to gain compliance, he continued the above scenario for more than 20 times! (I stood in awe of the stubbornness of this little person!) I cried out to God and I felt a strong encouragement to go on. So many Proverbs came to mind to back me up; "Chasten thy son while there is hope, let not thy soul spare for his crying," etc. I knew this was the opportunity I had prayed for. The struggle had become to "stop crying," and I knew he could do it because he stopped to listen to me when I would come back in and explain that because he was disobeying, I would have to spank him, etc. I decided not to give him so much time to stop, not to walk out and hope he would "wind down" but to spank on the first whimper, and one or two spats, as he'd had so many by this time.

I am so glad the Lord strengthened me to continue on, because at last, I saw him "break." And the look of relief in his eyes was unforgettable. He settled down without another peep. Later, when I put him down for the night, he went right down without the usual 2 or 3 attempts to get back up. I was so pleased. It wasn't the issue of laying down quietly I was really concerned about; I wanted obedience. I feel I've tapped the vein of rebellion that had long eluded me. Praise the Lord! This little boy has been so loving and snuggly this morning!

Also, Debbie, I just want to thank you for faithfully presenting the case for submission to our husbands as being vital to the health of our families and our witness to the world.

Love in Christ, J

Dear Micheand Debi,

I am excited to tell you that after only 2 days of applying the principles in your book, our rebellious, miserable, 8 year-old daughter suddenly transformed into a peaceful, cheerful child. And I feel such enormous release from the bondage of anger! For the first time in our twelve years of parenting (4 children) I can relate to the mother who looks "rested, and her children honor her and bring her joy." Thank you for your godly insights and for the motivation it has brought me to be 100% consistent.

Sincerely, B

Jungle Juice

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(about 1/2 cup). Fill the jar to within one inch of the top with food grade glycerin. Stir the thick goo until mixed, then cap with a tight lid. Place a small kitchen towel in the bottom of a slow cooker, so as to protect the jar from direct heat, then fill pot half full of water. Put the sealed jar on the towel, in the water, in the crock pot, and then put on the crock lid. Turn on lowest heat for 3 days. It should not boil, but be hot to touch. Stir the hot herb-goo every day. Do not let the crock get too low on water. After 3 days, strain the hot herb mixture (I use a tee shirt) from the now dark, warm glycerin (be careful, its hot)! If you have already soaked Saw Palmetto in alcohol as described above then pour this over the warm herbs, adding the alcohol to

the glycerin tincture. Throw the used herbs away and store the liquid (now tincture) in a tightly capped bottle. Be sure to label. Keep in a dark, cool place.

Because Jungle Juice is in essence an intensive food rather than a drug, use common sense to decide how much you need to take.

I put my finished liquid tincture in an empty hot-sauce bottle and Mike takes a swig (1 or 2 teaspoons) 2 or 3 times every day. If he is traveling and speaking he takes more.

Most herbs are naturally organic, simply because bugs don't bother strong smelling herbs, and herbs as a rule require poor soil.

Penn Herbs, 10601 Decatur Road, Suite #2, Philadelphia, PA 19154-3293, has a big variety of loose herbs as well as many different products.

The Bulk Herb Store, 1010 Pearl Road, Pleasantville, TN

37033, is a less expensive place to buy bulk herbs. They also sell a book called Nutritional Herbology, by Mark Pedersen, at a lower price than is available anywhere else. It is an excellent, easy to understand book. It has listed many herbal combinations for different complaints. Although I have many herbal and medical books, this is the one I use for fast reference. If you have a question on how to use herbs, chances are you will find the answer in this book.

So for all you who have written me asking herbal questions and have not received an answer, this article is my answer. You now know a place to buy herbs, a good book to use as reference, and an herbal recipe that is standard fare at the Pearl house. ☺

Rebekah Pearl's new ministry

Michael and Debi Pearl are proud to announce the engagement of their firstborn, Rebekah Pearl, to Gabriel Anast of Galup, New Mexico. While Rebekah was overseas doing missionary work, Gabriel spent several months in Pleasantville, Tennessee working with us in the ministry. Deb and I don't know what the future holds for Gabe and Beka, but we are hoping it includes lots of grand-kids—it is about time. Deb and I have been missing the little ones around the house.

As of now, Rebekah is no longer in the ministry. She has not received any money since last summer. Any gifts you designated to her have gone into other missions ministries.

Her ministry will begin again in July—for good this time—when she becomes the helper of Gabriel Anast.



Gabriel Anast and Rebekah Pearl

Social Security Numbers

When Deb and I first began to have children, we decided not to force them to participate in the social security system—a voluntary tax. We have trusted God for our security in all areas and do not look to the Federal Government for our medical, housing, retirement, or otherwise. The government gives all citizens the option to not participate, and we chose that option within the bounds of the law. My children are grown and have survived without it. They have gone to college, gotten a passport, traveled overseas, worked, maintained a bank account, and held a driver's license without any problem. If your children do not have a social security number and your state will not give them a license without one, then go to the social security office and request a paper stating that due to religious convictions, John Doe does not have a social security number. Present that paper where a number is required and there should be no problem. In most cases everyone is ignorant of the law and will try to intimidate you into compliance. Stand your ground and trust in God. He will supply all your need. We are not tax protesters. We pay all taxes that are levied. We just choose not to volunteer any more than is required.

Dear Pearls,

Home is where my heart is now - settled down and comforted in His love. I desire to be here at home now - totally and cheerfully. Before, I was committed to being home because I just knew that Christ had called me to homeschool, so I did, all the while being frustrated and angry, impatient and irritable. I've read practically all the child training books (Christian ones), but when I listened to No Greater Joy Vol 1 (tape), that was very helpful. To actually hear the same questions I had and your responses was partly what I needed. That, and a completely dedicated heart towards Christ. He is my world now- and that makes the rest of my world much easier to bear. My children are truly a joy to me now.

Sincerely,

S.T., mother of 3

Dear Mike and Debbie,

I shared *To Train Up A Child* with my pastor's wife and another dear friend who was asking me to homeschool her children along with our four. I had prayed for the Lord's timing to do this, but still did it with quaking knees. Wow! I have not seen my books since. Both of these women are now homeschooling and one bought eight more copies to share with friends. It is taking our church by storm and God is blessing...

When my husband read *To Train Up A Child*, a healing work began in his heart. He wept because he had struggled under the self-loathing that you describe (due to lack of discipline and training) all his life. He realized he could not ever remember his father disciplining him for anything - he was a compliant, guilt-ridden child. He invited God to train and discipline him - no cried out to do so with weeping. God is raising him up as head and priest of our home. God is healing our wounds as we are faithful to lovingly train and

Dear Mike and Debi,

I have a wonderful friend who gave me *To Train Up A Child* about a year ago. I had no idea what a treasure I had received and didn't read it at the time, and so remained under the misguided impression that spanking was inappropriate for my 1-year-old.

My eyes were opened the day I finally opened your book. The little Japanese maple in front of the house has served us well the past few weeks! There have actually been a couple of times when my daughter threw a fit or threw food on the floor and I was about to let her get by with it, but when she looked up at me and inquired, "Switchin'?" I knew it would be a big mistake to be inconsistent with the training! It's at times like those that the words in your book ring true...when an almost two year old knows her behavior is cause for a switching and reminds her mother, who is about to be foolishly lenient.

Thanks for helping put our lives on the right track.

Yours truly, S.G.

Michael & Debi Pearl published *To Train Up a Child* in August 1994. By mid 1999, over 250,000 copies were in print. This newsletter came about as a way to answer the many questions received in the mail each day. Other books have followed which answer the many questions.

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HELP

We would like to send our free newsletter to more families.

This mailing will go out to over 35,000 homes. But there are many out there to whom we have never ministered. We will send extra copies to anyone that is head of any homeschooling organization and will promise to distribute them. Just write and make your request, specifying where they are going to be distributed and how many you can use, so we don't have several people distributing them at the same location. If you are going to need large numbers, as in a homeschooling convention, you should let us know well in advance, so we can make sure that we have enough copies printed. We are not interested in giving copies to the congregations of churches—unless they are predominantly homeschoolers, and then only one time as a way of introducing ourselves to them. We couldn't afford to supply all the churches regularly. ☺

Yes, it's OK with us.

Several people have written asking if it is OK with us if they buy our material and resell it. Absolutely! We encourage you to purchase our materials in volume and resell them at homeschool conventions or wherever your imagination takes you. Some people have found they can supplement their income and have a ministry at the same time. We will also furnish you with a number of newsletters to give away.

Help us save money that can be used in foreign missions. This publication goes out to over 35,000 homes. It costs us about \$8,000.00 for each mailing. We are glad to send it to those of you who read it, but the postal service tells us that about 10% of the addresses change in any given year. Send us your change of address. If you are getting two newsletters, notify us of the address we can delete. You can receive our newsletter on the Web. If you will notify us on the Web we can retain your address for special mailings, but otherwise put you on an inactive list for newsletter mailing. See our Web site for details.

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