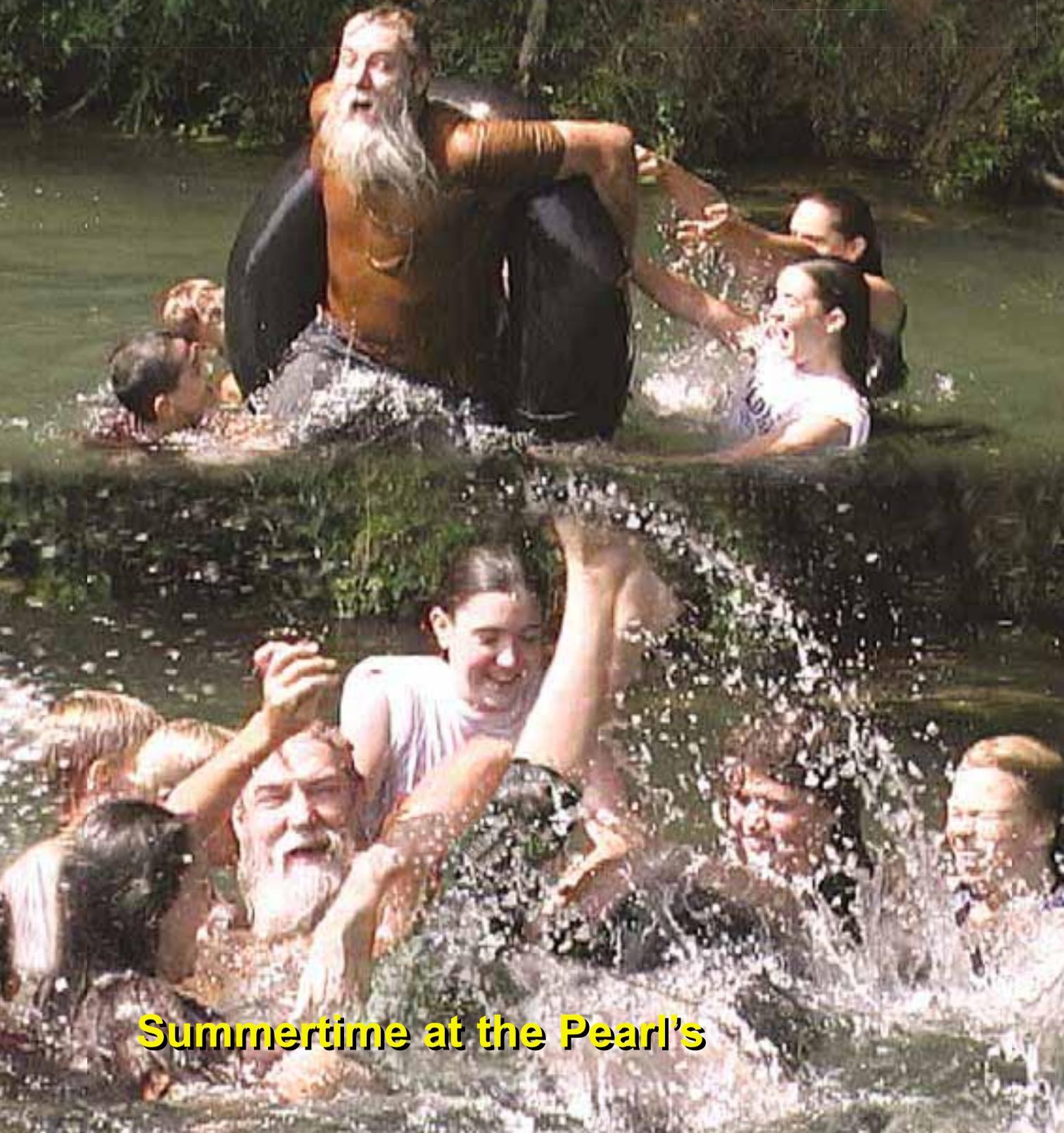


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Michael Pearl relaxes briefly from his busy schedule with family and four Russian orphans in the creek near his home. There's no better way to cool off during a hot Tennessee summer afternoon!

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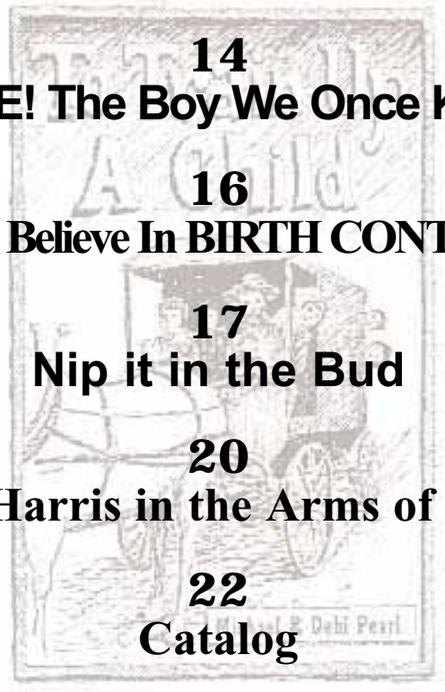
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Summertime at the Pearl's

Big Papa & Big Mama

Debi and I had four Russian orphans living with us this summer. What a summer! I've discovered parenting all over again. I'd forgotten how much fun it was. They kept me outdoors most of the time, either working or playing, so I've been too busy to commit much to paper, but I committed a lot to four young hearts. And one old heart got a revival of parenting. Children are the fruit and fragrance of life. What is a peach tree without peaches? Can you imagine a world with no children, just a bunch of old, dried up adults?

This past year, with Shalom working at the International Home for Children in Indianapolis, and only one teenage daughter in the house, this place was as quiet as an employment office on Friday evening. So it took me about a week to get accustomed to the noise of six kids. At first I couldn't hear myself think, but in time the noise just faded into the background, and it was like living under an overhead train; I forgot it was there.

Three of them spoke enough English to communicate. They took to calling us "Big Papa" and "Big Mama." I am quite confident that in Russian the word "big" placed before Papa or Mama is not a reference to physical size but to domestic relevance.

Six years ago when we wrote "To Train Up a Child" our children were mostly grown. They were all beyond the spanking/training stage. While the children were growing up, Deb and I never spoke or minis-

tered on child training. We had no occasion to even think about it. I never read a book or heard a sermon on the subject. We had just raised our children the way our parents had raised us. So, six years ago, when our children were mostly grown, and we were challenged to write something on the subject of child training, I had to stir my memory and consult the children to recall some of the methods we had employed.

Having these children with us for the summer afforded me the first opportunity to observe myself in the act of child training. It enabled me to recall the feelings and attitudes that surrounded the family when we had small children. Most of all, this fresh experience of raising kids enabled me to define the most important and sometimes elusive element in good parenting. Our first book covered the basics, and almost everything we write contains elements of it, but when we read your many letters, or when we meet you at one of our seminars, we are aware that there is some-

thing we are failing to communicate. How do I say it again so you will understand? If you overlook this one principle your child training will be a failure. Here it is again. **ENJOY YOUR CHILDREN!**

The Bible tells us why Jesus created man: "...and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Rev 4:11)." God created us to give him pleasure, not in a selfish way, but to coexist in a reciprocal relationship of communion. Likewise, it gives us parents pleasure to create a life that we can love and nurture.

"For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation (Psalm 149:4)." Our Heavenly Father experiences an ongoing pleasure in his children as he sustains and equips them with his grace.

And in Luke 12:32, Jesus assures us of the Father's intentions toward his own: *"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* The Father actually

enjoys the experience of imparting the blessings of the kingdom to his children. God looks on with great anticipation and appreciation as his children develop and grow into mature adults able to inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. God's pursuit of personal pleasure in his children is the foundation for the outworking of his marvelous grace, his daily provision, his sustaining mercy, his filling power, and future blessings.

There are those who view God as remote and hard. They fear him and serve him, but they are not comfortable with him. If they could make him go away and take his judgments with him, they would gladly do so. That kind of deity is pacified but not adored. Men will offer their blood or the blood of their children to such a god, but they will not freely give their hearts to any god that doesn't find pleasure in their existence.

This summer, I experienced anew the attitude that draws children out and makes them love to serve and obey. Observing myself, I realized that the way I view God in his role as an authority, provider, sustainer, disciplinarian, etc. is the way I relate to the children under my care. I have been God's little boy for many years. He has been my Father. I love Him and fear Him. I am seldom conscious of the fear, for His love keeps me in a position of obedience so as not to invoke any fear. I am conscious of my Heavenly Father's delight in me, His creation. I am aware that He

is engaged in a program that has eternal purpose. When He demands that I lay down my life, or to just give up a worldly pleasure or comfort, I know my Father has the best of intentions toward me. I trust the soul of God to handle my soul with care.

Though I know that as a father I have never imitated the soul of God in any significant measure, I see that my relationship as a son to God my Father has molded my role as father to

Can you imagine a world with no children, just a bunch of old dried up adults?

my sons and daughters. After all, when one raises a son he is raising a father. Sons become fathers in the mold of their fathers. It is a great privilege and responsibility to be entrusted with the role of father to another eternal soul. I will speak more of this at another time—back to our summer with the four children.

Every day the children had work to do—picking fruit and vegetables, hoeing the garden, pulling weeds, cutting grass, canning vegetables and fruit, cleaning up five years worth of neglect lying around the farm, and anything unpleasant that needed doing. But I couldn't sit in the house behind my monitor while they were out working. I worked more than they did. They will

never feel that we took advantage of them. Every thing we did was fun. Sure it gets terribly hot in 95 degree weather with humidity at 90 percent, but the kids always knew that they would be swimming in the water within the next hour or two. Sometimes we would have to take four breaks a day. Everything we did was laced together with smiles.

I am convinced you cannot be a better parent than you are a smiler. The military and the jail will impart discipline, but only a smile will give you power with kids. Like a sunflower turns its face to the sun, a child will turn his face to anyone that will smile at him. What's more, he will turn his heart. Hear me again, if children are to blossom under your care, they must fascinate you, captivate your imagination, and provoke you to creativity. They must be your entertainment, your favorite comedians, your hobby, and your partners. They are forever your audience, and you are theirs. They should be the future in which you invest all your energy and resources. If you are excited about your children, they will be excited to heed your will. You must see each day as a wonderful opportunity to build into that young life.

When I have children in my care, I find myself wanting to communicate everything I know and everything that I can do. I want them to enjoy life and take advantage of every opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills. I don't see them as children with several years in which to be empty prattlers, to be cared for

and maintained until they get old enough to become a member of society, at which time they should learn the skills of the human race.

I want to teach them to drive the tractor now. I want them reading and enjoying it when they are young. I want them to know how to handle a gun today, how to fix a faulty electrical wire, including soldering it,

how an electric motor works, how to save someone from drowning, how to can vegetables, how to build a fire, and how to understand the Bible. What do you do if you are lost in the woods? Why are wrenches in two different sizes, standard and metric? Why does some of the corn not fill out? What are all the little hairy things on the top of the corn ears? Why does the moon have a circle

around it, and why are we getting wet looking at it? Where does the moisture come from? If there is moisture in the air, why can't we

When I smile at a child and teach him something useful, I have contributed to eternity. I am creating trophies to be enjoyed by God for ever and ever and ever.

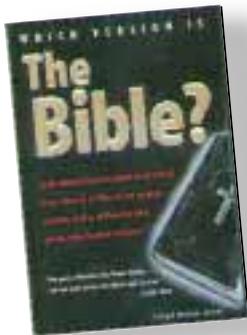
see it? If someone gets shocked by electrical current and can't turn loose, how do you help them? How do you use a volt-meter? How do you clean the battery cables on your car when you are out and it won't start? These are mostly boy skills, but while Deb is teaching the girls house stuff, I teach them every boy skill they will tolerate.

I also engage the girls in

activities. Just now I had to leave the keyboard to respond to a summons from the kitchen. The fifteen-year-old Russian girl, the oldest of the four, wanted some more of my famous spaghetti. She was standing in the kitchen with all the ingredients and the cutting board ready. So together we cut up onions and bell pep-

pers, smashed fresh garlic, added the seasonings and tomatoes, and put it on to simmer. I showed her how to dice vegetables without cutting her fingers. I showed her how to get the most out of a fresh bulb of garlic. I showed her how to put the noodles in the water so they wouldn't stick together. We had loads of fun.

As I work with a young lady cooking spaghetti, I am aware



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that the ramifications of this simple act will reach into eternity. I am doing the high and holy. My



life is counting for something. In the spiritual realm, it “feels” better than writing an article that will be read by 100,000 people.

I see the children in my care as potential sons and daughters of God. When I spend time with children, I am assisting God in preparing them to be competent citizens in his kingdom. I don’t separate the carnal from the spiritual. All of life and truth is of God and is of value. When the present becomes eternity, it will still be filled with the same conscious souls that now walk in God’s Spirit. When I smile at a child and teach him something useful, I have contributed to eternity. I am creating trophies to be enjoyed by God forever and ever and ever. Jesus said, *“Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God.”* Children builders are kingdom builders.

Some of you bemoan your “uselessness” in the kingdom.

You are confined to a house with 9 children and are not able to get out and “do something for God.”

You sense a spiritual void. Are you neglecting the greatest ministry on the face of the earth—training children?

We have had two boys for the summer. One of them is ten and one is eleven. The ten-year-old was lazy. The eleven-year-old is a working animal. When we go out in the garden to pull grass,

the lazy one will piddle, allowing the others to do the work. We don’t nag or complain. You can never bad-attitude a child into good work mentality. We just separate the children into their own rows and check behind them. He must finish his row successfully or he will be cheerfully left in the garden to work while the



rest of us cool off in the old swimming hole. Laziness is just lazy enough to work like an ox when it becomes the only road to retiring from work. We have been able to manage the sloth without causing him to feel that he is held in less

regard than the hard working fellow. The job is not the important thing. The souls of the children are our focus. I can gladly tell you that after two months, the lazy one appears to not be lazy. I don’t know if he has learned to enjoy work or if he is just being expedient, but he is growing and learning integrity.

One boring evening, I was sitting at the kitchen table and the boys were just sitting there looking at me. Noticing the pile of raw jalapeño peppers sitting on the table, I decided to increase their respect of Big Papa. I picked up one of the peppers and, with great flourish, bit off the end. While they watched in awe, I chewed and swallowed the pepper as if it was nothing. When I finished, I motioned to the peppers, challenging them to do the same, knowing they wouldn’t, but hoping one of them would just try it. It would make my triumph all the better. One of them picked up a

pepper and bit off the end. As he chewed, tears came into his eyes. Just when I thought he would begin to howl and run for water, he took another bite, motioning for me to do the same. When I looked on in awe and respect, he ate the rest of it, seeds, stem and all. The other kid

picked up a pepper and ate the whole thing. There sat my pepper still 2/3 uneaten. I knew where this was going. These crazy Russians had called my hand. They were going to eat the whole bowl just to prove they were

tough, and they were expecting me to keep up with them. Well, about this time our eyes started watering. Our mouths came open and we commenced fanning. I don't know who was first, but one of us let out a groan and then the cat hit the fan. We started making the sounds of suffering. By this time we had the attention of the girls. Not understanding the male psyche, they offered words of belittlement as if what we had just done proved nothing at all. I don't think I made the first move, but we all arrived at the kitchen sink at about the same time. Water did not help at all. We ran to the refrigerator and tried buttermilk. It helped some, but a half-gallon doesn't go very far between three burning tongues. We tried holding it in our mouths longer, but we had to swallow to relieve our throats. When the buttermilk ran out we ran to the refrigerator and got the ice cream. Our experimentation may prove valuable in future international pepper eating contests. Ice cream is definitely the most effective in relieving the after-effects of tough guy syndrome. But I learned not to challenge young boys who are still building their reputations. They just don't have the grace to lose. Next morning one of the little knuckleheads met me at the breakfast table with a grin and a challenge to finish off the rest of the peppers. Even though I knew it was just a bluff, I was smart enough to pretend indifference. After all, I do not want to give them an occasion for pride. Look where it got me.

The boys loved to ride on the back of the tractor. On one occasion, I let each one of them drive it from a position in my lap. When we came home from driving the tractor they were two feet



taller. It is thrilling to watch them learn, to see their little bodies develop coordination and their minds become aware of the world around them.

I took them out to the twelve-acre field to pull up metal fence posts. I parked the tractor up against the first post and showed them how to wrap the chain around the post twice, leaving 18 inches on one end, hook it to the bucket of the front-end loader, pull the long end of the chain tight, and step back as the tractor pulls the post out of the ground.

On the second post, I stayed on the tractor and let them do it. They were clumsy and slow, discussing in rapid-fire Russian the way it should be done. They got the chain tangled up. Then they left too much chain hanging out and had to redo it. They stood too close and nearly got clobbered with the falling

post. I sat on the tractor and laughed at them dodging the falling post. By the third post, they were getting the hang of it and moved more efficiently. By about the fifth post they were not wasting any moves. They worked together like a well-oiled machine. One of them would unwind the chain from the uprooted post and run to the next post while the other one would take the post and lay it on the box blade behind the tractor. By the time I got to the next post, the chain was in place and they were ready to hook it to the bucket. I would yank the post out of the ground and they would go into action getting ready for the next one. We cleared that 12-acre field in one hour.

As I sat on the tractor, watching them concentrate on their jobs, learning to use their bodies and their minds to the greatest efficiency, I was thrilled beyond



description. It brought back the old days when my boys were young and we worked together. Those two little Russian orphans have a lot of garbage in their pasts. I will not put it in print. But

in the field that day, with the sun hot on their skinny little bodies, sweat dripping, muscles rippling, and the wind blowing the grass, their big souls were free from everything, and they were men doing a man's job, and no one could do it better. I am sure they would not have traded that work experience for any form of play, and I would not trade it and a dozen others like it for any honor adults could bestow upon me. When the last post gave up its hold on the ground and was stowed on the tractor, we "men" took our load of fence posts back to the house where "our women" had supper ready. It just doesn't get any better than that.

The children have given more to me this summer than I could ever give to them. I hope to have them back at Thanksgiving and Xmas, and again next summer—and the next. I want to be there when they get married. I want them to call me when they have their first child. I want them to smile at their children and give them many summers like we had this year. God will take pleasure, and eternity will be richer for it.

These children are Russian citizens and are not available for adoption. Periodically they have to go back to Russia and renew their visas. Nor are they available to be loaned out for the summer. If they are not back in Russia, they usually go home with the orphanage workers for the summer.

The Bible says, "*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their*

affliction... (James 1:27)." You may not have an opportunity to visit the fatherless, but you can help them. I am highly impressed at the quality of care these orphans are receiving from the International Home for Children. Our daughter was a volunteer worker there last year, so Deb and I have stayed in the orphanage many times, circulating throughout, day and night, observing all aspects of life there. The place is cleaner than any hospital you have ever visited. And I can testify that the children are receiving the very highest quality care possible. They are loved, educated in social skills, and taught the Word of God until they are fine examples of what children ought to be. None of the workers are there for the money. During her year there, my daughter received no remuneration and had to pay \$200.00 a month for her room and board.

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THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

God bless this ministry! I am a stay-at-home mother of two who was at the end of her rope. I did not like being at home with my children. I had no desire to work outside of the home, but I wanted to be anywhere else but home with my kids. They ruled this house. They set the tone for the day. They were in control because we let them be. We are God-fearing Christians who attend church 3 times a week, have been on the mission field, been to Bible training school, and volunteer our time to teach classes at our congregation. On the outside we seemed to have it all together, until we were at home, behind closed doors.

We found ourselves yelling, spanking too hard at times and getting more frustrated than we had ever seen each other. We have always said we wanted a big family and, well, we were now done. We seriously considered my husband getting a vasectomy!

Things have changed since a friend let me borrow her book, "To Train Up A Child." Just three days ago, we received this book, are done reading it, have applied Biblical principles and our home is about 85% different than it was. In about two more days we will have the peaceful, happy, joyful home we have always dreamed of and imagined! We have even talked about the possibility of having more children! I am so excited and full of joy! At the church building last night, a friend's little boy was acting up. Instead of saying to myself, "I am so glad my kids aren't the only ones who act like that," I was thinking, "Boy, do I have a few things to share with you!"

In His Love,
JB

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Dear Michael and Debi Pearl,

We thank God for your ministry and what He is enabling you to do. Through the marriage videos, I'm learning to be more submissive and obedient to my husband. My heart overflows with praises to God. I'm learning to enjoy the children God has blessed us with. They are 9 and 12. We look forward to these tapes so we can listen as a family. We've also turned off our TV for a year, with educational and story videos on occasion, but the cable's been turned off. It's been wonderful.

Prayerfully yours in Christ, S. R.

Dear Michael and Debi,

This is just a quick letter to express our appreciation for your ministry. My husband and I read To Train Up a Child one year ago-our first child was 4 months old at the time. We found your book to be challenging, yet true. We decided to make some changes in our thinking concerning child rearing and the fruit of these changes has spilled over into every area of our life. We are delighted to be married with young children (our second child is due in 7 weeks). According to our culture, this should be the most miserable time of our life. We are pleased and over-joyed to defy that notion and to actually enjoy being a family! All the work is paying off already! Psalm 19:7-11.

Sincerely, M. C.

Dear Mike and Debi,

I wanted to write you again to thank you for the wisdom you share. I listen to your mailbox tapes sometimes while I work in the kitchen. I'm amazed at what God has done in my life in such a short time! I have changed from an un-trained, depressed, lazy, self-centered young woman to a busy, joyful, cheerful, giving woman in just a few months. The Holy Spirit has been addressing issues in me one by one and has been using your materials a lot.

When I listen to the letters of women who were just like I was, I get so excited because I was there, and now I'm a "new creation." And I know how simple it is (not always easy) to change when one's heart is yielded to the Holy Spirit.

I am still changing, but I feel overwhelmed with joy and excitement like a little child, because life has become such an adventure for me lately.

Thanks again, Y. G.

In Defense of Biblical Chastisement, Part 2

The issue of Biblical chastisement is a topic of critical importance in our time. As we painstakingly considered how to thoroughly cover the subject. We felt that it might be of great advantage to poll our readership for their input. After all, you are the ones out there on the firing line applying the information that we publish. We therefore request that you be so kind as to write or email us with your comments, remarks, suggestions, stories, testimonies, analysis, criticism, questions, or condemnation concerning the use of the rod. For this we would be most grateful. This will help us better serve you, our reading audience. Please be as prompt as you can, as we would like to publish In Defense of Biblical Chastisement, Part 2 as soon as possible.

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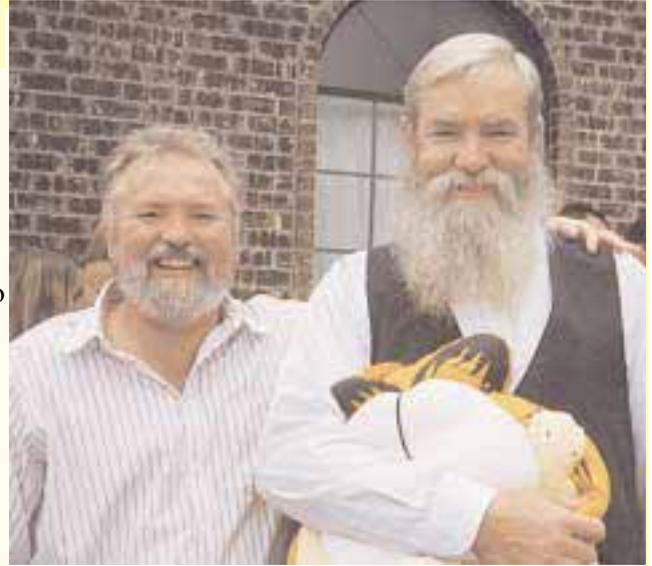
Rick Batson's Testimony

I used to be a bar owner and drug dealer in Nashville, Tennessee. One day, as I was going to pick up my drugs to sell, I got caught by the Governor's Task Force. I found myself in prison with a 15 year sentence. All my money couldn't buy my way out of this one. After living in prison for about six months, I found myself alone with no hope. All of my so-called friends had left me. An inmate, Brother Greene, came to me and shared his testimony. Somehow I was drawn to what he was saying to me—Jesus. For the first time in my life, I took the time to listen. Two weeks later, I got saved. God began to change my life, and all the bad things that I was doing didn't seem right anymore: TV, cursing, lying, smoking, etc. I just wanted to read my Bible to see what God was like. I also started to witness in prison, just like Brother Greene. Later that month, I felt the call of God to preach His Word. But how? And who would teach me?

Some time after that things went bad at MTRC Prison and I was on my way to South Central Prison. This facility was where Michael Pearl was preaching and teaching the Bible every Saturday. For 18 months I listened to Brother Mike teach from the Word of God and answer my questions. I never missed a meeting with him—too important. He taught me the Bible and helped me with books, tracts and tapes. After serving 29 months of a 15 year sentence, I was released to the free world. But where would I go now? "Go to the streets," Brother Mike said! I thought he was crazy at first. There were people out there and I was on parole; one slip up and back in the slammer for me.

But Mike was right. I was learning how to preach. Now, after three years of street preaching and passing out tracts in Nashville, I am a better preacher. My kids even like to go with me.

I just want to thank God for all that He has done in my life since I got saved, and for all of the people of God that have helped me along the way. It has not been easy. Though there are trials and persecution, I plan on finishing the race.



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After only four minutes of training...

Dear Michael & Debi,

I bought your book "To Train Up a Child" at a homeschool bookstore this week. I have only read half of it so far, but I have already begun to implement your beautiful wisdom on 3 of our more challenging children. I am so excited I just have to share it with you.

I knew in my heart that I should be able to train our 21-month-old son to sit still in my lap for our family worship time, but he always began to whimper and cry. I had to either walk around with him or just let him down. Well, after only one 4-minute training session with a small switch, he was absolutely wonderful. In fact, the whole family gave him a standing ovation.

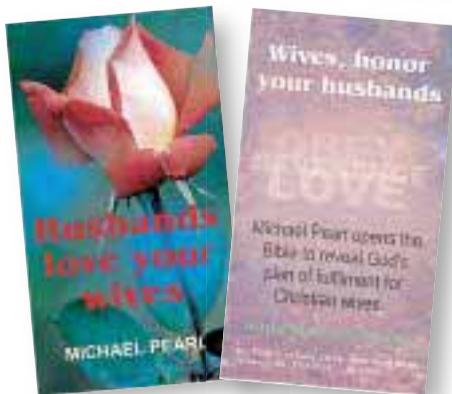
I have a ten-year-old son who is really very sweet, but at times he gets the "mully grubs." I would spank him occasionally but only after he had brought me to anger. Well the other morning he complained and whined through breakfast and his first lesson. I encouraged him only once to get a better attitude but that didn't work, as usual. So I followed him calmly into his room with a rod I use to discipline him with and explained that I was really doing him a favor. Of course he began to cry and beg his way out. I proceeded to calmly and slowly give him 5 hard licks. He was broken when I left the room but when he came out he had a whole different attitude. He's been happy and easy to get along with all week.

Lastly, our 4 ½ year-old daughter is our toughest customer in the group. She has a strong will and nothing seems to suit her. Well, you were right about the other kids getting in line when they begin to see their siblings spanked or trained. I have cut off a nice switch just for her from a willow out back. She has been so charming and obedient I haven't had to use it yet. What a blessing!

I know I will glean much from the last half of your book and I'm looking forward to finishing it. Many, many thanks. You have blessed another home.

Sincerely, S. F.

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OWEE!

Dear Michael and Debi Pearl,

I wrote this poem a while back when my three year old son was going through a terrible "owee" phase. I actually wrote it as a spoof for him and read it to both my children one day. They LOVED IT (not realizing who it was about) and at breakfast they would ask me to read about the boy who loved owees. An encouraging mother wrote me and told me to send it on to you. Well, I'm really "poetically challenged" but hope you enjoy it.

Owee, The Boy We Once Knew

Owee is the name of a boy we once knew
He groaned every morning and all the day through
As he held up a finger high for inspection
and worried he'd gotten a nasty infection.

An elbow, a shin, a knee or a thigh
his wrist, his ankle, his cheek or an eye
a knuckle, a hip, a toe, ear or nose
his forehead, his chest and his neck we suppose.

All had problems and deserved quick attention
and demanded band-aids to cure the infection.
His mother ran ragged to cuddle and soothe
the hundreds of owees he'd happen to use
to keep her in shape and tip top condition
convinced he needed a personal physician.

Interjecting loudly to grab such attention
were AH, YEOW and OUCH all used with inflection.
but if, perhaps, his cries were to fail
he'd whimper, cry, SCREAM, and fall down to wail.
He loved the control some new injury would bring
convinced in his mind, the boy thought he was King.

Then, one fateful day, he heard amongst whispers
his mother and father and one older sister,
"Enough is enough and he'll just have to take
a medicinal potion for the ailments he makes
and attention and doting he'll no longer receive
until he is trustworthy and can be believed."

Just then a big THUD and a squeal of disaster
which normally brought feet running faster and faster
slowly paced to the spot where the child now lay
"What? There's no blood?" and they all turned away.

But the child ever strengthened by past good intentions
continued to wail for his parents affections
to which they brought forth a disturbing concoction
a medicinal potion prescribed by the doctor?
Of garlic, vinegar, pepper or worse?
A teaspoon of this and no owees will hurt!

His favorite blue spoon was used to deliver
the blessing that caused his poor stomach to quiver.
He matured 2 whole years from that lesson they said
and that day his name changed from Owee to Fred.

By Gina Widholm, 2000

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Me? Obey Him? making a difference

Dear Michael and Debi,

I ordered the book *Me? Obey Him?* a year or more ago but never read it. Recently my husband stopped going to church with us. We've been married 7 years. It really devastated me. I found myself so angry and frustrated with him. At times I would get the children and walk out and not tell him I was leaving. I knew deep down I was wrong but I was just so angry with his failures of not being the godly leader. One morning I woke up so depressed. My home had always felt so safe and secure up until now. I began to hate being here. But that morning I began to pray and beg God to help me. Immediately I felt the Lord speak to me and tell me to go read *Me? Obey Him?* I couldn't put it down. There were times I found myself feeling more angry at the words. I couldn't believe it was me that was a lot of our problem. After all he was the one that wasn't a Christian anymore. But I finally realized that God still expected and required me to love and obey this man. The Lord really opened my eyes. The last 3 weeks I've felt more in love with my husband than I've felt in over 2 years. Even he has noticed the difference. He even told me to please keep praying for him. He wanted me to go on with God and teach our children right. He even said that through me God could reach him. Yes, it's hard going to church without him. But I believe God is working on him.

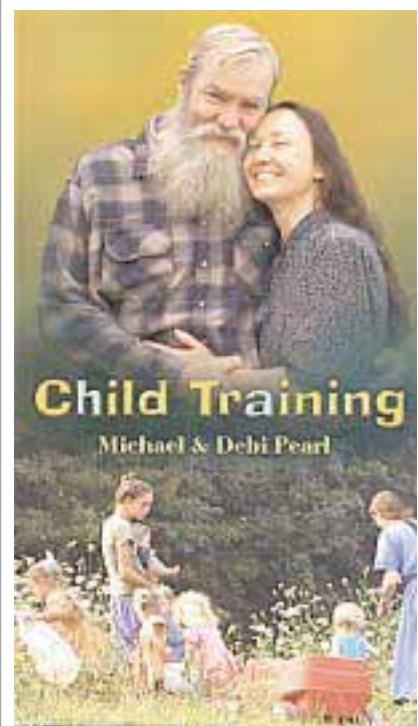
Now I feel such a release and peace. God can and will help us if we want it. It's only when we see ourselves that a true peace and change can take place. I need all the help I can get.

Sincerely, D. L.

Dear Debi

Wow, that "Questions a wife can ask to tear her house down" was very eye opening and painful—thank you so much. I had done many of those things—thinking it would be "helpful" but it always seemed to backfire. Now I understand why. I was very pleased to see that your next edition of No Greater Joy had "A wise woman builds her house." It has been very helpful to me and my husband. I've been doing some different thinking! Keep up the good work.

God bless, Mrs. B. D.



Now, enjoy the teaching of Michael and Debi Pearl on video in this five hour, three tape series. Learn how they successfully trained up their five children with love, humor, the rod, and a King James Bible. \$24.00

Do You Believe in BIRTH CONTROL?

Dear Pearls,

I have had 4 babies in the last 2 years. I already had 4 other young children. My husband does not share my conviction on trusting God in the area of how many babies we have. He has been very angry because I refuse any use of birth control. I feel so alone sometimes. We are under such a strain. I must admit I dread coming together. My body is shot. My 4 older children are strangers to me and very disobedient. I am so weary from being pregnant, nursing or taking care of sick kids that I don't have anything left to give them. My husband just stays away as much as possible. I don't even know what I am asking except, help.

M.T.

Deb answers,

The Bible clearly teaches that your husband is your head. He has the rule over you. You are to submit to him, obey him, honor him, and never usurp authority over him. I fear you have not submitted, not obeyed, and not honored. You got your "conviction" someplace other than the Bible. The Bible does not state that it is sin to use natural means to space your children, but it does state it is sin not to obey your husband. He should have the final say in birth control, unless he would employ a method that would abort a fertilized egg. It is your duty to trust God to direct your man.

Instead of your children being a blessing, they are an unwanted burden. To your husband they have become a symbol of your dishonor to him. You suffer, your children don't have a daddy, and not much of a mother, and your marriage is failing. Go to your husband and tell him you are sorry, and humbly ask him to help you learn to honor him.

When he sees your broken submission and willingness to honor his will, he will stop being so angry and, hopefully, begin to take more interest in the children.

A Further Note

I heard a tape from Focus on the Family that dealt with natural family planning. It is excellent. Again, I will stress, as a wife you can gather information on this subject and share it with your husband, but he is the head, and we as wives are clearly told we should submit to our husbands; not begrudgingly, but with thanksgiving. Anyway, the tape was excellent and so simple. It did not teach the difficult and unreliable "count your days plan" or the ridiculous "take your temperature plan." The plan they suggested works! Trials were done in poor countries with large groups of uneducated women. Up to 98% of these women were able to know when they were fertile, and their husbands were thankful and very willing to be a part of the plan. Women who had never been

able to conceive were now able to see that they were only fertile 2 hours each month, thus making conception a much greater possibility. One great benefit of this plan is that it allows women who are nursing to know when they are ovulating, even if they have not yet started a monthly cycle.

The plan teaches you how to quickly, easily, and accurately determine your fertility and mark it on a calendar using a color code. Red is your cycle days; brown, your dry non-fertile days; and white, your wet days which are fertile. It takes moisture for a seed to grow. Yellow is your caution days, which are dry but close to the white day. After listening to the tape, I ordered the book that teaches the plan. It is very simple with lots of pictures, charts, a calendar, and color stickers. For those couples using the plan, it only takes one glance at the colorful calendar to know where you are in your cycle and act accordingly. Your husband can view the calendar before he goes to work in the morning and pace himself accordingly. It is much easier than

Nip it in the bud

By Debi Pearl

I watched as a mischievous 3-year-old tried to get some attention from the stranger talking to his daddy. He stood between them, throwing his smile up to this new and interesting fellow while lightly kicking his leg. He didn't have a bad attitude, just bad manners. He wanted to show the stranger his rocks. The boy's father was obviously irritated by his son's behavior, but he only gave the boy a stern look that said, "I see what you are doing, and I am not happy." It had no effect. The child turned his grinning face back toward the stranger and increased his attention-getting kicks. The father became increasingly irritated until he lost his pretense at paying attention to the conversation. He turned his full attention to the boy and said, "Stop it!" But Little Mr. Grin kept grinning and kicking, waving his rocks around. As the boy continued his kicking, the father's agitation grew until it was obvious he was about to erupt into parental spasms. Above a normal tone, the father said, "Stop it. Go away!" The little fellow stopped grinning and matched his dad's angry look. Then, with a forced smile, he turned back to lightly kicking the stranger. The father then grabbed the kicker's arm and sternly said, "Would you just go to your mother?" Angry father and angry son exchanged angry stares for what seemed like a long time. Then while keeping his eyes locked on his father's, the rebel gently but very determinedly gave the stranger one more tiny kick—symbolic, no doubt. The little bull was challenging the big bull to a battle of the wills. The father was finally forced to deal the last hand. He jerked the boy up and carried him out of the room to give him a spanking. This kind of spanking will never work beyond the moment. The only satisfaction the father will get is the immediate release of his tension.

Why did this happen? What could have been done to avert the moment? What makes a child have this spirit of rebellion or desire to dominate? What would you have done?

The father's first mistake was that he had never done any effective training—of either himself or

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trying to explain it to him at the last minute. This training is so easy and effective that UCLA and Planned Parenthood have opposed it for years, trying to use the courts to prevent it from being taught.

It appears that this natural, common sense concept was known and understood by women down through the ages, because they lived close to the earth and knew the normal cycle of animals. The last generation has lost touch with nature and the simple knowledge that can ensure strong, healthy families. ☺

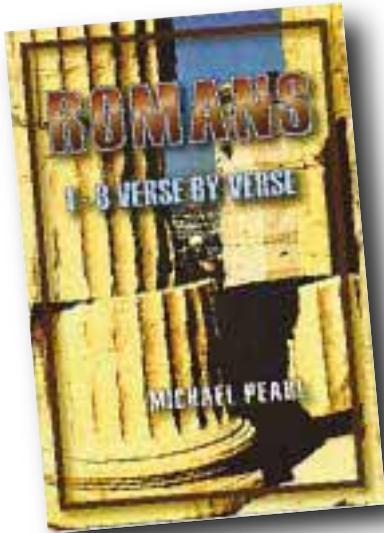
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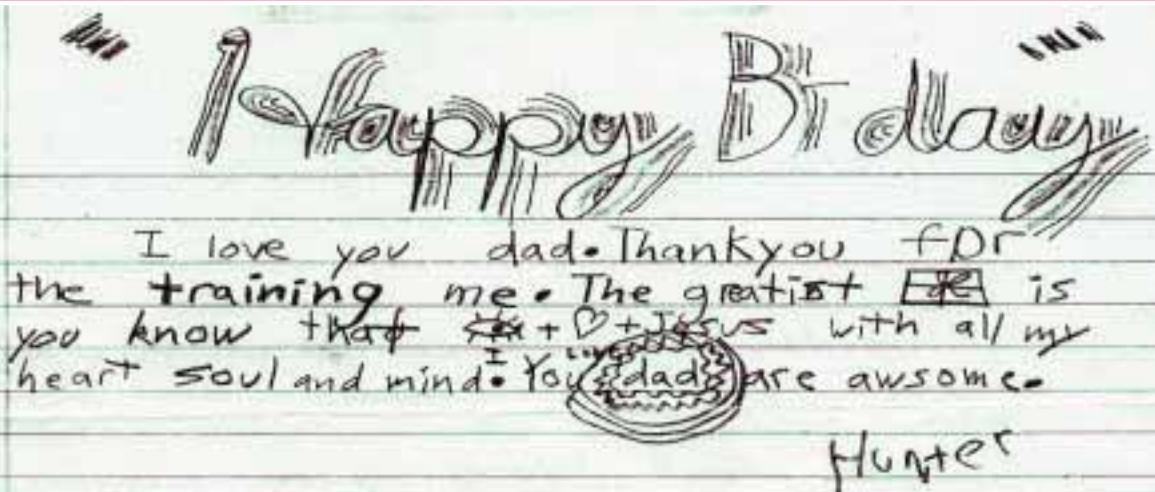


Romans

Commentary

by Michael Pearl

Michael has been studying and teaching the book of Romans for over 40 years. This 222 page, verse-by-verse commentary is not devotional in tone. Instead, it addresses all the hard theological issues that have been the foundation of the Christian faith down through the centuries. It is original in many ways; not a restatement of other writers. Though controversial interpretations are supported by analysis of the Greek language, it is written for the layman from the unique perspective of a student that believes the Bible rather than a scholar that critiques it.



Dear Pearls,

My 11 year old son gave this letter to my husband (his dad) for his April birthday. Andrew, my husband, is always telling the children that his only desire for them is to love God with all their heart, soul and mind and walk in obedience to Him. I guess he's getting the message across—that's what this "gift" is saying.

My husband is a man after God's own heart and "training and discipline" have been established and consistent since we were blessed with your book 3 1/2 years ago. This son is proof that children blossom under love, correction and training.

God bless your ministry and your message,

Andrew and Sheila

In the home, children learn love and respect from their father as he shows love and respect for his wife. They learn obedience from the mother as she respectfully and joyfully submits to her husband.

Six year old daughter goes to sleep listening to Romans!

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

Your books and tapes have helped our family so much. We are so encouraged in all areas of our life. Today our 6-year-old explained to our nine-month-old that she herself had not been trained as early because Mom had not listened to the Pearls yet. She is also an avid reader and listener of your materials. Her favorite article in No Greater Joy is seeing your hair full of bows. Thankfully my husband has very little hair since her mind was tickled with ideas! Every night she asks to go to sleep listening to Mr. Pearl on Romans. Sometimes she calls for us to turn the tape over. I suspect she gets to enjoying it so much she forgets to go to sleep! Well, her enthusiasm is tempered by her sibling's input that would rather have it quiet at bedtime. And the training goes on, living with others, not always getting what we want and cheerfully accepting it. I am having fun.

After listening to Galatians I was hungry for more of this wonderful clear word by word teaching so I ordered your Romans book. Much confusion is being cleared up. I am deprogramming my habit of trying to understand the Bible and enjoying the freedom of plainly believing it. Your illustrations are so helpful. Romans 7 is not about the Christian experience, what a relief. I knew there had to be more victory in the Christian life but people said "it comes with age and time".... I know that it is only a matter of believing the Word of God without arguing with it. It is sparing me from a lot of mental games.

Love, C. L.

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

Your article on tearing down your house hit me between the eyes. I haven't said those words, but ones like them enough that I could see my husband's reactions and feelings in them. I don't understand it all, but he doesn't want to hear from me—seems to hate me. If he was ever a Christian I don't know. I came to believe after we married. But he's thrown off most efforts at church and rarely goes. I thought my requests and pleas for more spiritual atmosphere or circumstances (i.e. - no pornography) were building a better home. But it has surely been a crop of even greater heartache I was sowing. Please, please, Mrs. Pearl. All I know to do is shut up and pray. Only God could work miracles enough to save this marriage. But please, won't you write a "Part 2" and tell those of us who have failed how to change? What to do now? How to build.... Thank you for teaching truthfully. I have a lot to learn.

Sincerely, R

Released from prison after 18 years.

Tom Harris in the Arms of Jesus

Tom, a prisoner for 18 years, faithfully attended the weekly Bible class that I teach in a local prison. For several years, he was always there in the same seat, listening, asking questions, and contributing a thought here and there. Tom Harris walked his talk, and he did talk, telling others about the change Jesus had made in his life.

Last week seven prisoners came into his room with the intention of killing him. In the process, he nearly bit off the finger of one who tried to smother his cries for help. In the end, they accomplished their dark deed, sending Tom into the arms of Jesus. Tom is now a free man, while the perpetrators are bound in their guilt, awaiting the fires of an eternal hell.

Every month our ministry received a check from Tom. Sometimes it was \$5.00 and sometimes it was as much as \$20.00. This could amount to as much as half of his monthly salary. Tom gave out of his love for his Lord.

His seat is already filled with another prisoner, recently arrived. Pray for these men. Many of them are the finest Christians you will ever meet. And pray for the seven murderers. Maybe one of them will come and sit in Tom's seat and hear the gospel he so loved.

He wrote us this letter just seven days before he departed this earth:

Dear Mike,

I just finished reading your May-July newsletter. Your article on Biblical chastisement was of particular interest. I am certain that if most people (parents) would have exercised the Biblical principles, as you laid them out, on their children as they were growing up, then our prisons wouldn't be as overcrowded as they are today. Spanking was practiced in our home as I was growing up. Perhaps if it had been practiced more often, I might not be where I am today. But whenever spanking is applied, it must be backed up by the reassurance of love by the parents for the child. This way the child will know that the spanking was given out of love and not anger. Let me share with you a little story.

When I was about fifteen, my friend and I got caught shoplifting candy from Walgreens. The store manager called our parents, who came to pick us up. The silence in the car as Daddy drove home was deafening. I thought for sure I was going to get it when we got home. But, the spanking that I expected and deserved never came. Dad didn't say a word about the incident, which bugged me to no end. The next day, Daddy had already left for work when I got up for breakfast. When I went into the kitchen for breakfast, I found that Daddy had everything already set up for me, including a 3" x 5" card on which he had written the following message:

Tom, think about this carefully.

"Precious to a man is the virtue of his son,
and good character is a thing to be remembered." Pahtah Hotep
It is a sentence worth thinking about even if the quote doesn't come from the Bible.

I also enjoyed Debi's article, "A Wise Woman Builds Her House." Now Mike needs to write one, "A Wise Man Builds His House."

Your ministry here at South Central is greatly appreciated. You have helped to open up to me the Biblical concepts, doctrines, teachings, and life that is found in the Holy Scriptures. Thank you so very much. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you all—always.

Tom Harris

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the the child. His actions showed that he didn't even understand training. The father created the escalating situation by his early reluctance to interrupt the social scene with decisive action. He allowed his son to come to rebellion in increments, going from foolishness to stubbornness to self-will to defiance and finally to all-out angry rebellion. The child didn't start out angry or rebellious. The father created it in the child through his progressive, ineffectual displays of irritation. Early on, what the father thought was self-restraint is what brought both of them to lack of restraint.

So how could the father have turned this into an effective training session rather than a war? At the first indication the boy was out of line, and before either one of them was irritated, Father could have ceased any pretense at conversation and said to his son, "I need to talk to Mr. Jones undisturbed for a minute, so go sit down over there until I call you." By continuing to stare at his son with unwavering but calm determination, the pressure of the father's presence would have provoked the son to obey. When the son complied, Father could say, "That is a good boy; we will be finished in just a minute, and then you can show Mr. Jones your rocks," The boy needed simple, decisive instructions given in a kind but commanding way.

Later, when the guest left the house, the father could have taken his boy by the hand and, walking around the yard, explained how he should act even when he is happy to have a visitor come to the house. It could have been a good time for the father to teach his little soon-to-be man how to exercise restraint, and it would have tied strings.

If you would tell me that early and decisive action on your part would not have moved your son to obedience, you are confessing that you have consistently been inconsistent so as to have trained your son to maintain perpetual rebellion and to resort to war at the slightest provocation. If you will become immediate and consistent, acting before you are angry, acting with calmness and even a smile, you will forestall the child's road to rebellion.

Over time, many occasions like this will cut the strings of fellowship and cause the child to remain in a perpetually offended mood. Children and parents will come to not like the other and neither can explain why. These same children can go visiting with a relative and be well behaved and very pleasant, but at home the child seems to have this undercurrent of bitterness that pervades everything.

Parents need to see their children as empty vessels that need filling up or as untaught soldiers that need instruction. They should always be asking, "Do you know what that word means?" or "Why do you think that happened?" Parents should take an extra few minutes to include their small children in the adult conversation. When the child shows an interest, or if you think you can provoke an interest, ask him, "Do you understand what he said about the airplane and the engine turbine?" This will cause the child to feel like the parent really likes him, and it stimulates the child to think about what is going on around him. He will develop emotionally and mentally much faster and more completely than a child left to himself. The best parents see every occasion as a time to train. It takes less time, and certainly less emotional strain, to stop that few seconds and offer positive instruction to your children. ☺



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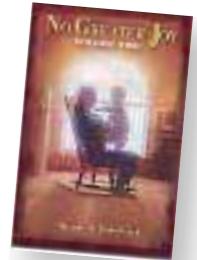


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No Greater Joy Volume Two

A reprint of over two years of newsletter articles, resuming where Volume One left off. Most of these articles are answers to questions we received in the mail daily. Many readers have told us that they found the answers to their questions in this book. If you appreciated *To Train Up A Child*, you may find this book even more helpful.



Me? Obey Him? Debi Pearl says, "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 also as you read it." *Only \$2.00 as a ministry to you!*

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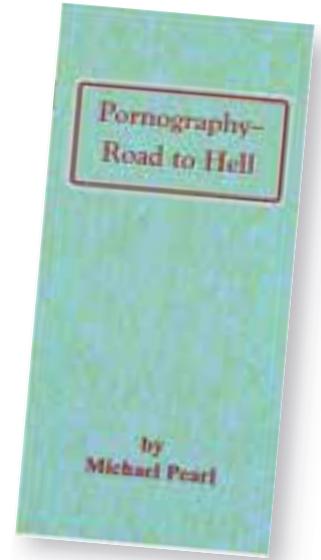
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