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Rebekah Joy Anast doing school with Joseph Courage (2 1/2) and his little sister Ryshoni (5 months.) They are learning to love learning.



The Teacher

Boredom was an unknown ailment in our house, thanks to Mom. With the energy of 10 monkeys on NoDoze pills, she started one project after another and completed at least half of them. Her curiosity is insatiable. I remember her standing over a boiling cauldron of black walnut hulls, hands and bare feet stained dark brown. She was making dye. Not because she needed it, but because she wanted to know how dye was made. Library books stood in shifting stacks on the kitchen table, ranging in subjects from herbal concoctions used in China, to crochet stitches known only by people over 95. She taught us to question, to wonder why and how about everything. How does a caterpillar change into a butterfly? Put it in a lunch box with leaves, and watch! How does a potter's wheel work? Get a book, and follow the directions. What does oatmeal do to your face? Put it on and let it dry, and you'll find out. Mom wasn't afraid of trying anything.

I was born with dyslexia. I saw everything as though I were looking in a mirror. School had not been an easy thing for Mom either. She is deaf in one ear, and partially deaf in the other. But she was undaunted at the prospect of teaching me how to read. She brought home all the research she could get her hands on, and set out to experiment on me. We drew in the sand with our fingers; we did finger painting and shaped letters with play-dough. We made our own play-dough with peanut butter, powdered milk, and honey, and ate it when lessons were over. We read *Matt the Rat* over and over until I had it memorized. I was only four years old at the time. I had lots of fun and had no idea I was "in school." By the time I was six years old,

Mom had "retrained" my brain. I have very little manifestation of dyslexia left. I read and write voraciously, thanks to Mom's creativity. I'm so glad she didn't just shrug in hopeless sorrow and send me off in the short, yellow bus to special education classes in public school! I might still be there.

The Curriculum

I never knew mom to spend much money on curriculum. She always looked for old school books at second-hand stores and garage sales. It's amazing what up-to-date curriculum you can find in those places. However, to tell the truth, we did very little bookwork. Less than you would believe! Instead, we counted out the change in our five-gallon penny-bank, and had spelling contests, drawing contests, and wrestling contests regularly. Dad told us historical stories at the dinner table and quizzed us on previous "lessons." In the woodshop we learned to read a tape measure and figure angles and planes. In the kitchen we learned measurements and a bit of chemistry. In the garden we learned the difference between a bushel, a peck, and a five-gallon bucket. And last, but not least, in the creek we learned the reward of faithful labor!

Learning was a way of life for us. Occasionally, in the dead of winter, during a cold spell, we would have two or three weeks of intense bookwork and lessons. Every one of us would progress a grade during that time. Not

because we learned that fast, but because the rest of year was filled with the practical aspects that the bookwork only talked about. Each one of us had weaknesses and strengths. I loved to read. Gabriel loved math. Nathan loved science. Shalom loved medicine. Shoshanna loved art and music. Mom allowed us to pursue and excel in whatever area we were good at. Whenever I got bogged down in math, Dad would sit down at the table with us and teach a math lesson to us. Whenever the boys got frustrated with reading, Mom would read halfway through a Louis Lamour book aloud and let them finish it.

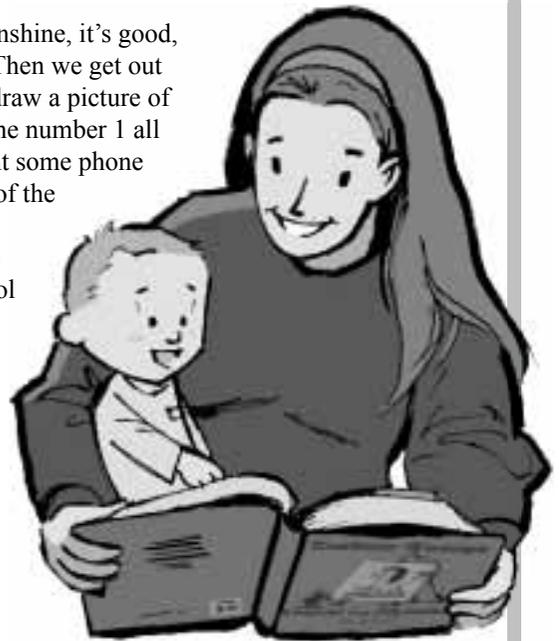
I think in many ways, homeschooling was easier for Mom than it is for many of you out there, simply because Mom started back in 1977 when there was "no way to homeschool." Even Abeka books wouldn't sell curriculum to homeschoolers back then, so Mom *had* to be creative. There was no homeschool group in our town to compare ourselves by. We were it. There were no homeschool magazines or books and no support groups. Now that I'm grown and homeschooling my own children, I'm glad my Mom had to be creative. Her slapstick way of doing things has given me freedom as a mother to use what I need of "traditional" homeschooling, and let the rest go. My children's love for learning is my first concern, and learning will last a lifetime if creativity is at the heart of it.

Rebekah Joy Anast is the firstborn of Michael and Debi Pearl and among the firstfruits of the homeschool era.

Joe Courage Corner

Joe Courage is two and a half years old. He likes to sing and play drums. Most of all, he likes to “do school.” I’m not concerned about teaching him to read yet. He has priorities, you know! Right now he is learning to **love** reading. You might say, Joe is *learning* to learn. He begs me a dozen times throughout the day to stop my work and “do school” with him. School doesn’t mean a rat race in which he must compete with time and tradition to stay up with other kids his age. School isn’t a boring hour of lifeless schoolbooks at the kitchen table. No, for Joe Courage school is the best fun he knows. Joe and I (his mama) sit on the couch with a pile of books and read Curious George Learns the Alphabet, and how caterpillars turn into butterflies. Joe shows off by pointing to all the As and Bs. He counts the caterpillars. He jumps off the couch and imitates Curious George riding a bike. We read out of a Biblestory-book, and Joe makes up a song, “Let there

be light, let there be sunshine, it’s good, it’s good it’s good...” Then we get out the color crayons and draw a picture of Daddy. Joe can make the number 1 all over the page. We chant some phone numbers. Joe is proud of the fact that he knows his Great Grandad’s phone number by heart. School is over. Joe Courage sighs in satisfaction and jumps off the couch to play outside for a while. Soon I hear him tromping in the front door again... “Do school, mama?”



Joseph Courage is the first grandchild of Michael and Debi Pearl. This article was written by his mama, Rebekah Joy Anast.

SPEECH THERAPY?

Dear Mike and Debi,

I have 3 boys, ages 4, 3, and 1. My 3-year-old has been tested and found to have speech delays. I have also noticed him struggling with some fine motor skills. I intend to get him speech therapy. Some people have suggested that I enroll him in a special ed pre-school so he can learn in a group setting. My desire is to homeschool my children, so this seems to conflict with what I believe. My 4-year-old is well on his way to learning to read. But I constantly question myself as to whether I can give my 3-year-old the special attention he needs, especially with his brothers so close in age. I am pretty sure he has a learning disability and will require extra help, but am I doing him a disservice by trying to teach him at home?

Searching

Michael Answers:

You are never doing your child a disservice teaching him at home. If you ever sat with professionals, watching them work with special needs children, you would say, “Is that all there is to it? I can do that; I can do it better, because my child is more comfortable with me, and, naturally, I care more.” You can go to the library, the web, or your local university or hospital and find someone who will put you on the right track to educating yourself about his special needs. Sit in on speech therapy class. Ask questions. Read. What a child needs most is patience, no criticism, just careful practice in a non-threatening environment, and plenty of time. You, mother, can do it best. Don’t put your little guy on that short yellow bus.



YOUR AUTHORITY VOICE

Do you have an authority voice? How is it different from your regular voice? What are your children hearing? Do you command respect when you give orders, or do you whine out your “requests”? Does your child know when she is hearing an ultimatum?

BY MICHAEL PEARL

Just yesterday I spent some time with a young couple and their first child, a sweet little girl about one year old. She is cheerful and exceptional in her attitude and self-control, very pleasant to have around—most of the time. But she has just one noticeable flaw in the area of self-will. She cries when she is put down to sleep at night or when they put her in a car seat and ignore her. As long as her parents are entertaining her, she will tolerate the car seat, but she refuses to accept a state of boredom. When they cross her self-interests in this one area, they reach the threshold at which she is no longer willing to yield her will to authority.

But when she gets sleepy, she hates to leave all the excitement and good company for the boring land of slumber. And she will not sit peacefully in a car seat unless someone is entertaining her constantly. She cries pitifully, and when that does not get a response, she puts energy into it. Her screams are a protest: “How dare these adults ignore my needs!” She is angry and demanding in her crying.

These little tots cast a spell of worship and delight over some parents, and they draw out our best and most sentimental feelings. It sometimes takes several months for infants to discover that they can manipulate these wonderful providers of pleasure. At first they may just whine a little, then they cry, and finally they discover the power of a scream—accompanied by the body language of defiance.

It slips up on us, very subtly. For months they are just angels to bless us with their appreciative smiles, coos, and grunts. At around six months, when they first start making little demands with slight displays of unhappiness, we are delighted that they can communicate their needs, and we find satisfaction in serving them. Then, one day when they are about nine to twelve months old, we are “made” to realize that our child has grown obnoxious and unpleasant. If we don’t turn this around soon, by the time they are two or three they

will be little terrorists. And by the time they are four, they will be accomplished dictators. It won’t be long, perhaps at five or six, before they will be feared assassins extraordinaire, running protection rackets or worse.

If you know where this is headed, you can stay ahead of the curve. You can *train* them before the need to discipline arises. Otherwise, you spend your parental tour-of-duty reacting and doing damage control. If you are not a trainer, you must eventually become a security guard, judge, warden, psychologist, or an aberrant behavior specialist, and possibly an expert at restraint and self-defense maneuvers. Some people say they don’t have the time to train. You don’t have the time to not train.

When this little girl is in her car seat, Mother is constantly entertaining her. She turns around and talks to the child continually in an apologetic and consoling tone. To hear the mother, you would think the child was unjustly suffering and deserved an apology. And that is exactly what the little girl thinks. The moment Mother stops entertaining, the child wails. Mother lovingly pleads with her to be content, but she never commands. Sweet Mother does not have a sergeant’s voice. She will have to develop one if she is going to stay in control.

Tone is more important than words. Before children can talk, tone is all that matters. Even animals can identify your authority voice. I can speak to my dog in my kind, scratch-your-head tone, saying, “Tell me you are a good dog so I don’t have to shoot you,” and he just wags his tail as though I had told him, “I just killed a deer and you are going to get the leftovers.” I have actually done this. I can scream at him in my tough, you-just-ate-the-last-chicken voice, “You are such a good dog, I am going to buy fifty chickens and feed you one every day,” and he will tuck his tail and run for the ridge back of the house. He doesn’t understand my words, but he knows my tone as well as you would.

Have you ever noticed that a liar can speak with authority on a subject that you know more

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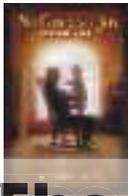


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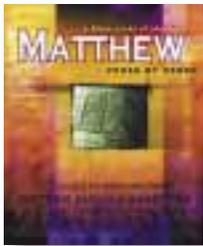
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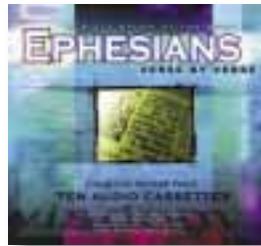
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about than he does and yet you can end up doubting your firsthand knowledge simply because he is so sure of himself? Whereas, a person who has firsthand knowledge, but is doubtful of himself, cannot convince a man standing neck deep in water that there is danger of a flood. A voice of authority will get you service in a bank, it will get you elected to office, it will cause a country to raise taxes or cut taxes or go to war. A voice of authority will cause a violent attacker to flee. It can even make you rich.

On the other hand, a voice of pleading, whining, pity, tenderness, and sympathy will cause a clerk at Wal-Mart to ignore you and refuse your returned item. It will cause your husband to pity you or despise you and then look for company elsewhere. It will cause your wife to feel insecure and go back to school to learn a vocation. Your unauthoritative voice will cause a child to feel insecure and take charge of the family. Children learn early to manipulate the timid and uncertain adults.

It is impossible to write something of this nature and make it applicable to everyone. People range from one extreme to the other. Some are too harsh. Others are too sweet. Some are too legalistic. Others are too promiscuous. Some parents are too insensitive, while others are too sensitive. Some spank too hard or too often. Others don't spank enough, or they don't spank hard enough. As to our present subject—the voice of authority—some are too stern in their commands, some too loud, some too confrontational, some too threatening, and some just downright hateful. Then there are those who are too gentle, too apologetic, too emotionally weak, sensitive and tender. When a writer or speaker addresses one side of the spectrum, the other side is likely to find justification for their extreme. So, understand me in context when I say this mother is too compassionate and sympathetic in her voice projection when she commands her child. She doesn't have an "authority voice."

You need to develop a tone that is reserved for that special judicial ruling that says, "This is not open for discussion and there is no alternative; you will obey, now!" The tone of that voice and the accompanying body language should

communicate: "I know what I am about; I will not be dissuaded; You will obey me; I have no pity; I don't care what you think; So what! I am the boss; This is final." There is no place for anger in your tone. Anger drains out all your authority and makes you appear weak and desperate.

You need a command voice that is like the voice of **God** from **Mount Sinai.**

Angry people can be cajoled and mollified, turned and controlled, because they are led by their emotions instead of their convictions. Just as there is no place for anger, there is no place for pity or sympathy when giving a command. You need a command voice that is like the voice of God from Mount Sinai. It should be feared and respected. Your children should know by that Sinai tone that you have stopped making suggestions and have taken the high ground. They should freeze in their tracks, and all resistance should melt. If you don't have an authority voice, you are not properly armed to be the leader of your home. Children are happiest and most content and secure, when there is a Sinai voice reigning in their home.

This sweet little mother we observed needs—as does her little one-year-old daughter—a voice of authority that will not tolerate second-guessing. When that voice speaks, all who hear it know that a decision has been made and there will be no pity or consoling. That voice is the final word on any subject.

You may say, "But I don't have that kind of a voice." That voice could be nothing more than a cricket's chirp if it is consistently backed up by the hand of authority. The voice represents the hand of enforcement. When the hand of enforcement always accompanies the voice, the voice soon carries all the authority of the hand. When you demonstrate that the Sinai voice is always supported with the act of force, not just the threat, the children will respect it just as you respect heights. The law of gravity never sleeps. Consequently you always respect it. I didn't have to spank my children for violating the law of gravity. After one or two falls they became very consistent in their allegiance to its rule. If the law of gravity only worked 90% of

the time, there would be thousands killed every day. The consistency of the law of gravity makes it a most respected rule. I am now 58 years of age, and have obeyed it all my life. I fear it. I respect it. I will never disobey it.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10) and knowledge (Prov. 1:7). It makes one of quick understanding (Is. 11:3), will prolong your days (Prov. 10:27), and gives confidence (Prov 14:26). It is a fountain of life (Prov. 14:27), and by it men depart from evil (Prov 16:6). It tends to life (Prov. 19:23), brings riches and honor (Prov. 22:4), and is clean and endures forever (Ps. 19:9).

Children who have a clean, confident, lively fear of their parents have the most sanctifying fountain-of-life gift that any child has ever been given. Your command voice is your God-given carrier of that fear, designed by him to garner respect.

As I said earlier, people are scattered out along the spectrum between extremes. Some morbid idiot will take what I have said and use it to bolster his position as chief tormentor of his little hellish kingdom. His kids will cower in the corner as their eyes betray their distrust for all authority—their fear of breathing wrong. He who imparts that kind of fear has no fear himself, or he would give his children away.

But you, dear mother, who are not in danger of imparting that kind of fear, must strive to develop your authority voice. I suggest that you only use it when you are prepared to stand behind your command without wavering or delaying. The kids will learn to recognize it, and where they may not respect you otherwise, they will learn to hear from Sinai with godly fear. Without Mount Sinai, there can be no appreciation for Mount Calvary.

So, sweet young mother, the next time you put your sweet little girl in the car seat or down to sleep, if she cries, don't look or sound broken-hearted. Don't reassure her. Don't entertain her. Ignore her crying, or give her one or two little spats on her leg, and in a firm voice, say, "*No, you will sit; stay put!*" When she is convinced that your *no* always means *no*, she will respect your command and accept it as final. She will be happier, and you will be in a position to deal with the more serious issues that will come up when she is sixteen. ❖



A DAY ON THE FARM



Dear Mike and Debi,

We are blessed with 7 children under 11....so far. We milk 8 goats and a cow. We have around 50 hens, 5 roosters, 2 ponies, a workhorse, and about 50 sheep - oh, and 2 rat terriers and 3 guinea pigs. I manage and supervise, but the children do all the work. My two oldest girls, 8 & 11, milk the animals (I get to help on weekends when daddy lies in bed with the 6-month-old.) One boy helps the girls with milking and feeding my chickens. When they are all done - and we are learning what "all done" means these days: milk pails in, clothes in, goats out, grain swept up in grain room, etc. - then those 3 get to go out for riding in our pasture. We live on 40 acres. I stay inside with the older boys (the boys take turns) who help with sweeping and looking after the 3 little girls while I wash clothes (we don't have a washer or dryer), put milk away and clean my room. We are all responsible for our own rooms. Nobody even starts animal chores before beds are made, rooms straightened and swept, teeth brushed and Bibles read. When finished with outside chores, the older children come in and fold all the dried clothes, hang up the wet, and help with baby or play with the little girls in the sand pile.

Sometimes my 2 sharpshooters, David, 7, and Isaiah, 6, try to kill a squirrel or bird for supper. No hits yet, but I keep encouraging them. The boys have their own little carpentry shop in our dining room. Daddy built them a workbench with two vises, one on each end. They both have their own toolbox. Both are excellent at starting and

managing a fire for cooking. David and Isaiah are learning how to cook chicken outside over a wood fire, not charcoal. Mommy is learning too. Last night we tried it and burned it. We all ate it anyway, and no one complained. We just started a new rule for complaining - a whole spiral notebook of writing, front and back, saying, I never complain and I am always thankful for what God has given me.

The boys - they're great! Buck knives, saws, BB guns, bird traps, volcanoes, bulldozers, forts, hunting expeditions, and out on Saturday morning to fish with Daddy in the trout stream.

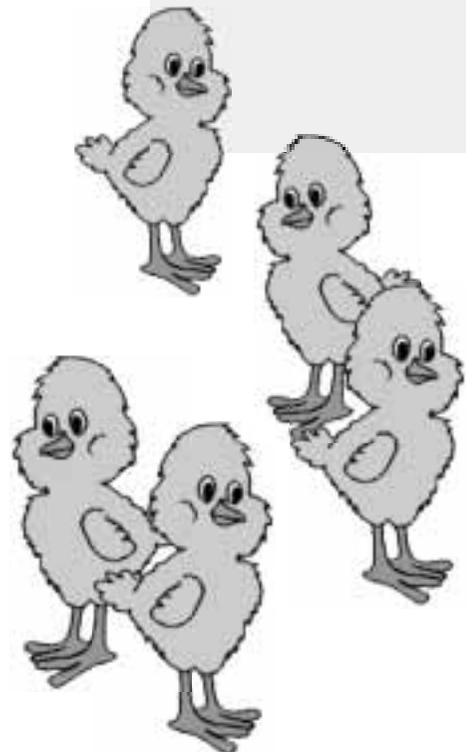
Oh, I was telling you about our day . . . Chloe makes lunch, I read a little out of the Bible on most days. Off to naps and school - not too much of each, but I do expect them to do excellent work, even if it is only for an hour or so. I check their work for neatness (they check their work for correctness), then all notebooks go up to the attic in Daddy's office. He checks for neatness and reads my comments, as well - I comment on attitude. Then he writes his own little note for each child and, hopefully, gives them all the anticipated "smiley face" drawn on their work.

The children look forward to their notes from each of us. They do so love to please us. I really think all children do. Then DADDY COMES HOME! Dogs barking, children screaming and squealing, is how he is usually greeted. We all sit down and eat together, then sometimes a swim in the pond. Tony usually reads

to us at night out of the Bible, then some other interesting book. He is reading about Benjamin Franklin now. I like our day and our life and our children and all our animals and adventures. I'm sure we don't do everything right, but God knows our frames and He knows our hearts, and I trust Him to show me and give me the wisdom to raise these children for His glory.

God has blessed me much indeed, and I thank you.

Much love,
Rebecca





CITY LIVING



Our living in the city has presented us with many challenges to keep 7 children busily involved and actually contented in the projects and activities we come up with. There definitely are times that I find myself daydreaming of sending my 3 boys out the door to feed the hens or go fishing in the pond or hunt for critters in the woods. But alas, for us (for me!), we daily must face the reality of where the Lord has placed us and increasingly rely on His provision for our children.

My husband, *Greg*, the avid nature lover, has never been deterred by city dwelling. In the very beginning of our marriage, he began to fill our bedroom with aquariums of confiscated pond water from the nearest swamp he could find, and then, with child-like expectancy, he would watch delightedly for signs of microscopic creatures beginning to grow. Occasionally, a monster toebiter would escape and terrorize us until *Greg* would rescue me. (My hero!)

So, naturally, my boys are carrying on the tradition. Their bedroom is home to 5-foot terrariums that house leopard geckos, scaled lizards, a hognosed snake, and a 3-foot iguana. From time to time they will bring home some terrible hairy creature, like a tarantula, that they unearthed on a camping trip to Heber Springs, Arkansas. Sometimes they end up sleeping on the couches in our living room, because there is no more room for them in the zoo that doubles as their dwelling place. I have had to draw the line occasionally, like when I walk past the door to their room and decide it smells like the elephant cage at the zoo. I tell myself that the Lord has some great plan for them, and this is all just part of His preparing them for the future.

It is very probably just another God-prescribed opportunity for me to let go of some more of my obsessive-compulsive personality hangups and propensity to control, and let my boys just be boys. Last year, they bought an incubator with their own money and hatched out a gecko from an egg. Unfortunately, the poor little thing was born with some deformities and died. But my boys were not discouraged, and by the next week, they were off to some new project.

I think living in the city is harder on the boys, because they need more strenuous, physical activity to satisfy them. *Greg* bicycles to stay in shape. It is a great stress reliever for him to just get on his bike and take off to someplace outside the city limits. Sometimes the boys accompany him on these trips. We have invested in some nice mountain bikes, and everyone in our family has one. One year, *Greg* and *Russell*, our oldest son, rode to a men's retreat from Memphis to Pickwick, a cycling adventure of over 100 miles. *Greg*, himself, has taken week-long trips in the past that were over 500 miles.

Elliot (17) and *Jeffrey* (14) have invested in well-made unicycles and are quite adept at riding them. I think *Elliot* is presently working on juggling and riding at the same time. (Hmmm, I wonder if the circus could use another act!) Just kidding! But they have joined a unicycle club, and Dad takes them once a week for the meetings. There are mostly older men at the meetings, and they are quite impressed with my sons. The boys get a chance to interact with older men and tell them what the Lord is doing in their young lives.

We worship with a group of people who live in a community near the University of Memphis. We would love

to live in the same neighborhood, but finding a house big enough and affordable has been an ongoing challenge. Many of our friends in the fellowship are homeschoolers. They have found innovative ways to keep their children busy. My friends, Matt and Beth, have raised chickens in their backyard, and as long as the neighbors don't mind, their children have the responsibility (and fun) of keeping them fed and watered. Matt recently quit working full-time as a CPA and started a lawn and yard business with his boys, so he could stay actively involved with them while they learned how to be men and provide for their families. Many of the people in our fellowship, if the truth be told, would prefer to be living in the country. But the Lord has called them all to live in the heart of Memphis. We regularly fellowship with these families, playing soccer with them and going on outings together as often as we can.

The Lord has provided part-time jobs for my boys. Russell helps in the Gateway Extension program 3 days a week. Elliot is apprenticing 2 days a week as a

computer information tech at the West Cancer Clinic, and Jeffrey cleans the homeschool department at Gateway. It gives them enough money to buy their own clothes and support their hobbies.

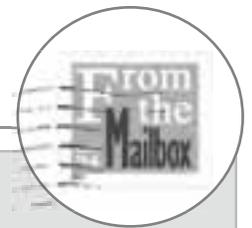
Jessica, our oldest daughter, started taking piano when she was 13. She loves music and has learned to play the guitar, too. Now, at 21 years of age, she is teaching guitar and piano in our home 3 days a week. She is also Greg's part-time secretary. We have come to appreciate music so much in our home. Greg taught himself to play the flute, and most of our children are learning to play an instrument or two.

The Lord has provided a way for our girls to take ballet very inexpensively from a dedicated teacher. It gives them a great outlet for exercise and has contributed to a substantial growth of personal poise and self-esteem. And we have enjoyed meeting and getting to know a diverse group of people in a family-friendly environment. God has been so gracious to us, providing so many

ways for our family to be involved in life-enriching activities. We are in the van and on the road more than I would like, but because we travel a lot in this ministry going to many curriculum fairs, we try to always engage in worthwhile conversations, sing together, and listen to books on CD while driving. My children are never at a loss for words and are very opinionated, so we have some very lively and heated discussions on world affairs and the human race. We take every opportunity to apply Scripture to our opinions and our daily lives.

Yes, country living would be more to my liking at times, but the God who designed this family has put us right smack-dab in the middle of a city, and He has been faithful to bless us here and to satisfy our widely varying needs. He is our portion and our strength. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. He is the God of the country, and He is God in the city. The only thing that matters is that we go where He leads, and that we faithfully dwell in and possess the "city" that He has given to us.

From Our Readers



Hi, I wanted to start off by saying that I'm almost 14, and really enjoy your newsletter and books. My family and I saw you earlier this year or the last time you were in Milton, Florida (I was the kid in the fish shirt). My sister (age 10) was doing one of those things where she works herself up about a non-issue and turns on the tears. She drives me totally nuts when she does that. Anyway, I remembered reading about the "Power of the Media" in your books, and decided to try it out.

My sister and mom were in the hallway, and I sneaked around as best I could with the digital camera and took aim for the photo. I have never seen my sister dry up so fast! She ruined the picture by looking up at me and busting out laughing as my finger clicked on the shutter. I warned her that if I ever caught her throwing a fit for nothing, I'd take a picture and show it to all her friends. She's been semi on her guard ever since.

Keep up the good work!
Steven Gray

Pearls,

Thank you so much. My heart - and mind :) - has believed that we are saved by faith alone, but recently I began to hear contrary teachings from several very learned sources. I am now listening to the Romans tapes. I just started. Boy, those tapes make you want to put everything else aside and just soak up that truth. I don't have a tape player in my car, so I rigged up a portable one so I can listen to and from work. Thanks again. We so much appreciate all the child training wisdom.

Warm regards,
Devon

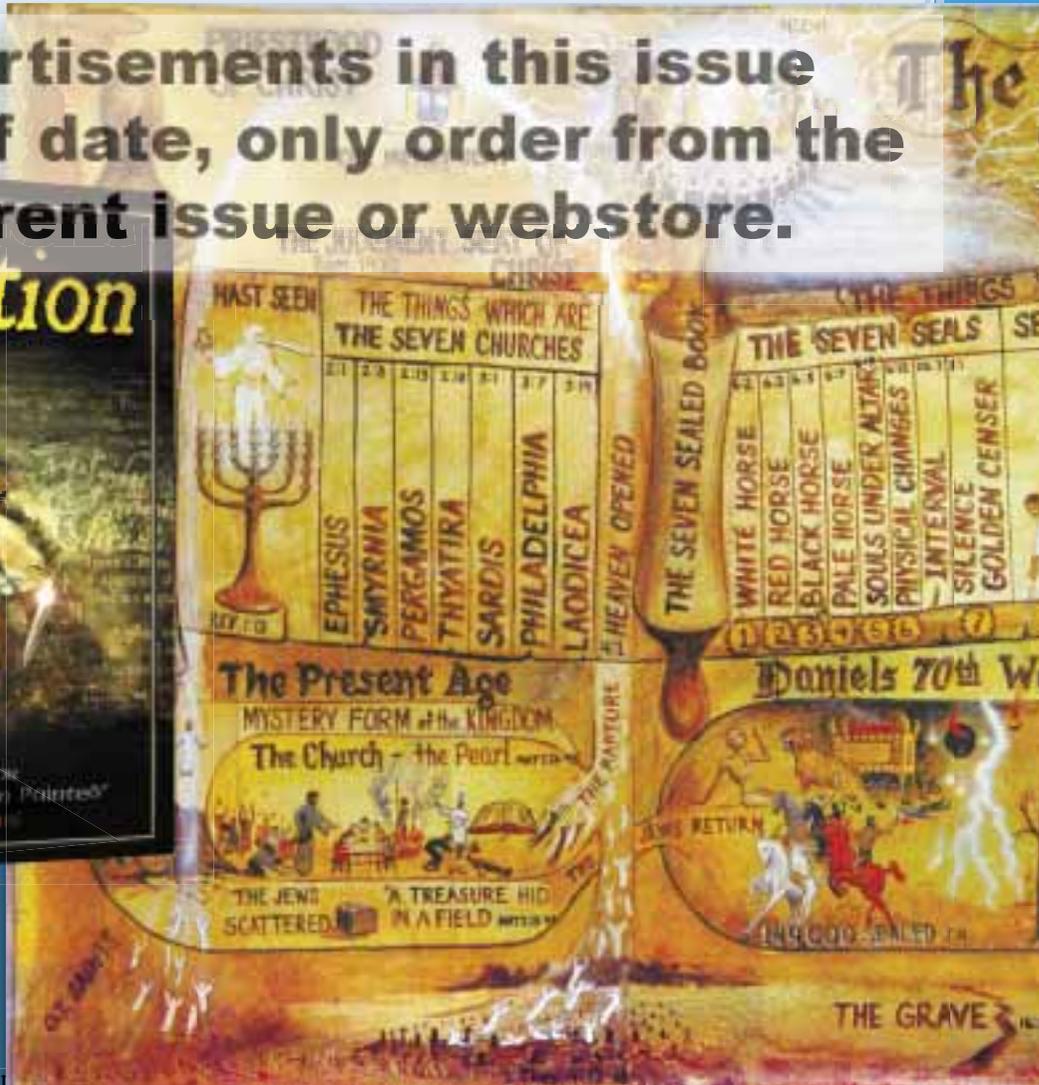
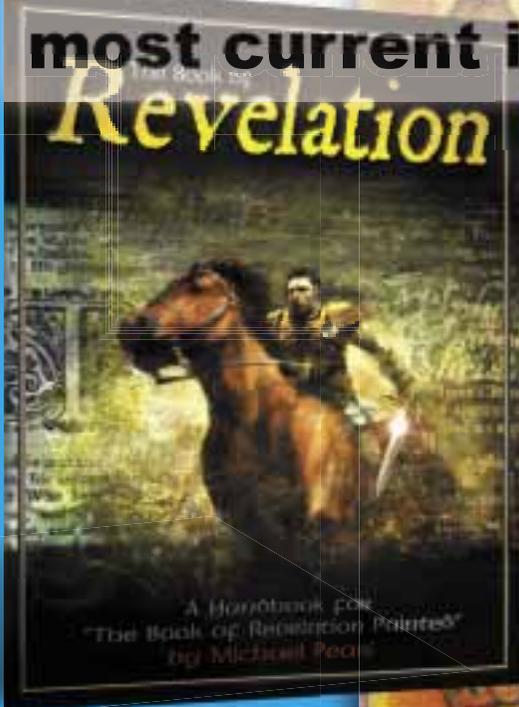
Revelation

The young Michael Pearl made his living as an artist. Several years ago while teaching the book of Revelation to the church at Cane Creek, Michael prepared an eight-foot canvas and painted the events of Revelation. He has used this painting as a visual aid while teaching in churches and prisons. This 40-inch reproduction is on poster paper with a glossy finish, and can be used in teaching your children at home or in home Bible studies. Verse references are right on the painting beside the images.

Michael has also prepared a handbook for study or teaching that is 8 1/2 X 11 inches, with room in the margins for notes. The handbook is a verse-by-verse cross-reference, guiding the reader to relevant passages found over the entire Bible. The handbook, *Revelation Painted*, has been reedited and reprinted with a beautiful colored cover painted by our resident artist Clint Cearley. The handbook and the reproduction are available as a set, shipped in a hard cardboard tube to prevent damage. Print is suitable for framing. Regardless of your eschatological persuasion, with these two aids you will learn more about the end times than you ever thought possible.

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Excerpt from this to-the-point commentary

6: 2-8 - THE FOUR HORSEMEN – Most fundamental commentators take the four horsemen to be the Antichrist, or Satan, at four different progressive stages of his assault upon the earth. If they are correct, then the four horse riders are nothing but imaginary figures of speech.

In Zech. 6: 1-5, horses of the same four colors go forth and are called “*spirits of the heavens,*” whose ministry is “*standing before the Lord of all the earth.*” They are dispatched to “*walk to and fro through the earth.*” Just as the “*beasts*” around the throne and the angels blowing the trumpets are real, heavenly personalities, so also are the four horsemen. They are God’s messengers, not the Devil’s.

6: 2 - THE WHITE HORSE...THE FIRST SEAL: He rides the white horse of the conqueror, carries a bow for threat of force, and is given a crown. The crown is not his, won in battle or conquest, but is given to him by one higher. “*...the most High ruleth in the Kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men*” (Dan. 4: 17). This servant of God, riding the white horse, delivers up to Antichrist the kingdoms of this world (Dan. 2: 37).

6: 3-4 THE RED HORSE...THE SECOND SEAL: The horse rider himself does not kill, but rather takes peace from the earth, allowing men to kill one another.

6: 5-6 THE BLACK HORSE...THE THIRD SEAL: The curse of the third horseman is famine. The balance scales are used for measuring out grain for sale. The price is exorbitant—one day’s wages for one loaf of bread. Yet there remains some Divine restraint, for no one is allowed to destroy oil or wine (6: 6).

6: 7-8 THE PALE HORSE...THE FOURTH SEAL: It is not strange that God should send forth “*Death.*” “*The Lord smote the firstborn*” of Egypt (Ex. 12: 29), but it was the “*destroyer*” who actually did the killing (Ex. 12: 23). “*Hell*” is not a horse rider; he just follows Death to claim his own. It does not say that one-fourth of earth’s population is killed. Rather, the boundaries of Death’s power are one-fourth of the earth itself.

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Nations Training Institute - Update

“So, what is it that you do at Nations Training Institute?” Many people have asked us that very question both in the States and here in Thailand. It is indeed a unique endeavor. But what is the purpose? Why Thailand? What do the students do every day? What are they learning and what do they hope to accomplish when the nine-month training period is over? Read on, and see what God is doing through a handful of believers in a foreign land who are committed to following the Lord’s Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Classes here in Bangkok officially began on September 15th, but learning began as soon as we stepped off the plane. We have seven single young men and two families who have laid aside what they had back home and have come to Bangkok with the goal of experiencing foreign missions and learning what it takes to be effective on the field.

When we first began the training, we focused primarily on Thai language. It is very helpful if one knows enough of the locals’ language to at least buy food and ask where the bathroom is! Thus, we started out, five days a week, learning this sometimes fun, sometimes complex, tonal Asian language called Thai. With T.J. Slayman’s masterful instruction, we were soon asking directions, telling our names, and even making humble attempts at writing the intimidating Thai script.

As language progressed and initial setup problems were solved, we turned our focus more to the Bible and outreach. One of the original stated goals for Nations Training Institute is to take the students OUT of the classroom and INTO the local culture where they can get a taste of practical ministry,



Clockwise from top left: Isaac Mazur, James Pratt, Evan Hein, Kurt Hein, Hank Thompson, Scott Appleton, Nathan Day, Joshua Steele.

as opposed to feeding them eight hours of theological lectures every day.

Even before we were ready logistically, God dumped a ministry right into our laps. Two of the single guys were walking down the road near our building, when a newer model car pulled over and a middle-aged woman asked the boys in English why they had come to Thailand. They explained that they were students and were currently studying Thai. The woman then invited them to come and teach English to the children at her kindergarten. We later learned that she is the director of the kindergarten right in our neighborhood, and had decided to take advantage of these new “native English speakers” who had arrived on her doorstep! Soon, she met with Dewayne Noel to discuss more details. It was then that we learned that she was also

by Joshua Steele

interested in having someone in to teach English to adults, which she planned to invite to the school for this very purpose. She even offered to let us teach “religious classes!”

At the same time all of this was happening, we were continuing Thai language classes in the morning, while Dewayne began a class on teaching techniques in the afternoon. This particular class has been most practical and helpful for the men. Dewayne began by teaching principles of good communication and how to effectively create

understanding in one’s hearers. Of late, the men have taken turns standing before the rest of the class and applying what they have learned by actually teaching the others about some topic which they know well. Each student is allotted ten minutes, and may teach on any practical topic except the Bible. (Please don’t panic yet, there is a good reason for this.) Many of us have grown up hearing sermons, and have enough general Bible knowledge that it would be nothing for us to put together a simple devotional, full of Christian clichés that would never be understood by the average Buddhist. The goal here is rather to teach the student how to successfully communicate a topic that is wholly unknown to his audience, and still cause them to understand correctly. This is where “Bible school” gets fun. What kind of talks can you expect from a group of student missionaries who can teach on anything BUT the Bible? Well, we have been taught everything from how to break horses, to self-defense technique, to human anatomy, to computer programming, to calculus!

Besides being quite entertaining, the students are learning to teach a topic that they know well to people who lack a frame of reference about that topic. Unfortunately, when Americans teach the Bible, or even preach the Gospel, they tend to rely far too heavily on the



hearer’s supposed prior knowledge of spiritual things, and this can be disastrous when one is trying to win people in foreign cultures who may have never even heard the name of Jesus.

Another class that we have begun recently is the Genesis class. Especially when teaching about God to “unchurched cultures,” a solid understanding of the truths in the book of Genesis is essential. Creation, the nature of God, sin, righteousness, judgment, atonement, and many more foundational doctrines are clearly illustrated in the first book of the Bible. However, simply knowing this is still not enough. It is easy for many of us to see those doctrines in Genesis because we already know them from Romans, or Ephesians, etc. But try to sit down and make a rice farmer understand Biblical atonement, and you will quickly see that you are fighting a different sort of battle. Better to let him read Abraham’s story first. Let him see how God commanded that Isaac be sacrificed. Let him feel the anguish that Abraham must have gone through when he realized what God was asking of him, and then show

him how God provided the ram to atone for the life of Isaac.

Thus, we have made this class an open forum, in which we go through Genesis, verse by verse, from the perspective of one trying to communicate the most basic attributes of God to people who have little or no prior knowledge of Him.

Now for those of you who have wondered, “What do they do all day over there?” please know that I have only told you a small fraction of what we do. All this was “spiritual stuff.” Ask the students and they will tell you that mission

work does not mean preaching eight hours a day. Human “everyday” life as we call it, must go on regardless of what country one lives in. Schedules also include cleaning floors, washing dishes, working out transportation problems, searching high and low for some basic commodity that can’t be found, writing Thai letters 250 times each, searching the neighborhood for throat medicine in the middle of the night, waking up at 2:00 am with an asthma attack and realizing that the inhaler is back in America, finding clean food, paying bills before the city turns off the electricity, getting out of the country on time so as not to overstay the one-month visas, etc., etc., etc.

All of this is training. All of these obstacles and more will really confront the foreign missionary everyday of his life. The students here at NTI are learning these lessons now so that when their turn comes, they will be ready.

We have asked a few of the students to comment on their experiences here in Bangkok. This is NTI through their eyes:

Hank Thompson (19):

“Well, living in Thailand has already been a learning experience for me. But for some reason I definitely feel like this is only the beginning. God is very interesting; I think he is teaching me to learn, that I need to learn! I hope I’m not the only person out there that feels like the more I learn, the more I realize I don’t know! We have studied, & have talked a lot about all

the different things God wants, or will want us to do. However one of the main things I’ve learned here is (it always goes back to what we all have always heard), just trust God. When he says, “move,” then move, when he says “stop,” then stop, when he says “teach,” stand up and teach, when he says keep your thoughts to yourself, then KEEP THEM TO YOURSELF! When we remain in God’s will we can

really see that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. He is always there to help with the unexplainable things that happen, & will happen. The hard part is, that to remain in His will, and guidance, we must be able to hear His Holy Spirit, and not only hear Him but do what He says, when He says it. Please pray for all of us, that we will stay in tune with everything God is trying to tell us!”

Nathan Day (19):

“My name is Nathan Day and I am here at NTI to learn as much as I can about different aspects of missionary work so that when God has something for me to do, I will be prepared. I was interested when I heard there was going to be a school because I had gotten to meet several of the missionaries from Cane Creek two years ago at the missions conference in Pleasantville. They did not

necessarily strike me as “pillars of the faith” or “modern missionary heroes.” I just met a bunch of practical, resourceful Christians who would stop at nothing to get the gospel out and who were not locked into modern missionary methods. So when God started nudging me in the direction of going to Thailand, I jumped at the chance.

So far, we have been studying most of the time and not much

organized outreach. Language studies have been the main priority for the first few weeks. We have all gone out to pass out tracts several times and have basically exhausted our supply. So, it is time for a hands-on lesson on writing a tract. After we get it translated, we will have it printed here in Thailand, which will be cheaper than importing tracts from the U.S.”

Scott Appleton (17):

“My name is Scott Appleton and I came to Thailand from Canterbury, Connecticut. I was home schooled all my life... Here at NTI things are as I had originally hoped and prayed for. TJ consistently teaches Thai linguistics, and Dewayne concentrates on giving interactive Bible lessons. TJ has a great gift in teaching. He makes the otherwise monotonous language class interesting by interspersing history of Thailand and the surrounding countries. Dewayne teaches the Bible very effectively. He has a wonderful knowledge of Scripture and yet he talks normally instead of trying to sound wise and

smart to the class. I appreciate that both TJ and Dewayne are giving their time to pass on to us their knowledge.

The group of young guys here is terrific. We have had good number of discussions on Biblical issues and it is really profitable because there are seven differing opinions to listen to...

Another thing that deserves mentioning is the locals whom we are getting to know and understand, the people that (God willing) will be saved through the work of NTI students. We eat the majority of our food at local stalls, and that provides plenty of social chat time. They enjoy hearing our short sentences and phrases in Thai and are very helpful

in correcting our pronunciation. Too, when we want to know how to say something in Thai they are most willing to teach us.

This is a great ministry, and I can’t think of any better way to say what I feel than that I appreciate this marvelous opportunity. God blesses those who follow His will, and not one of the fellows here, including myself, regret coming half way around the world to live in an unfamiliar culture. This school is the best choice I have made in a long time. I thank God for leading me here!”

Nations Training Institute is an auxiliary of No Greater Joy Ministries. It is a faith-based ministry. No one is salaried. Every teacher and every student must seek God for his finances. There is no tuition as such, just the cost of living, eating and traveling. This training institute exists to equip those who have stepped out to obey their Lord in answer to His call. They have lifted up their eyes, they have seen the harvest fields, and they are doing something about it. I praise God for these men, and I ask for your prayers for them as they train to go out into all the world with the hope of the Gospel.

Women Speaking in Church

Reader Asks:

Hi Mike and Debi,

It's a church's decision that confuses me lately. We are going to have two new female pastors at our church. We did receive special newsletters from the church addressing this issue and explaining that what Paul said in the Bible was due to their cultural background.

My husband and I have gotten so much insight on parenting and Bible truth from your books and magazine. Lately, I just finished reading the book, "Me? Obey him?" that Debi suggested. And so I questioned if that should include the church family also? Like, if a man is the head of the house, would that mean that the head of the church should be a man, too? I am just wondering that, if the head of the church is a woman, how does she adjust her role in her family when facing her own husband who goes to the same church?

Although this is not a parenting-related question, I am eager to know what to tell my kids about this. Please share your thinking regarding this matter. Thanks!

K

Michael Answers:

Right now, in the news, we read of major divisions of Protestant Christianity that say that the Bible teaching on sodomy is just a cultural view, peculiar to those ancient people, that we should not take the Bible literally in these areas. Others tell us that devil possession, healing, and miracles as represented in the Bible were just Jesus accommodating himself to the crude beliefs of that primitive culture. The Catholic Church tells us that the book of Genesis is not literal, that God did not create this present world in six 24-hour days as it says in Genesis. Either the Bible is the Word of God, not to be questioned, but to be believed and obeyed, or it is an outdated religious record to be applied at our discretion and convenience.

If you accept the Bible as the Word of God, you can't pick and choose which Bible verses are pertinent to our culture. You must believe that God is capable of writing a book that is supra cultural. God told women to love their husbands in the same passage that he said a woman was to obey her husband. God tells a woman to be modest in the same passage that he says she is not to teach.

Which one of the twelve apostles was actually an apostlette? Which Biblical writer was a woman? You read of the early church Fathers, but not the early church mothers.

1 Corinthians 14:34 "Let your women **keep silence in the churches**: for it is **not permitted unto them to speak**; but they are **commanded** to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is **a shame for women to speak in the church.**"

That is clear enough. Silence was the same thing in the first century as it is today. Men should **not permit** women to speak in the church. Women are **commanded** to be silent.

1 Timothy 2:11 "Let the woman **learn in silence** with all subjection. 12 But I **suffer not a woman to teach**, nor to **usurp authority** over the man, but to **be in silence.**"

Paul said that he did not **suffer** (allow) a woman to teach or assume any authority in the Church. It seems that it was the responsibility of the men to not allow women the opportunity to teach. Any man who sits down to listen to a woman minister in the church is disobedient to the Word of God. John rebuked the early church for allowing a woman named Jezebel, who called herself a prophetess, to teach the church false doctrine (Rev. 2: 20).

Paul continues in 1 Timothy, telling men why they should not allow a woman to teach.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman being deceived** was in the transgression.

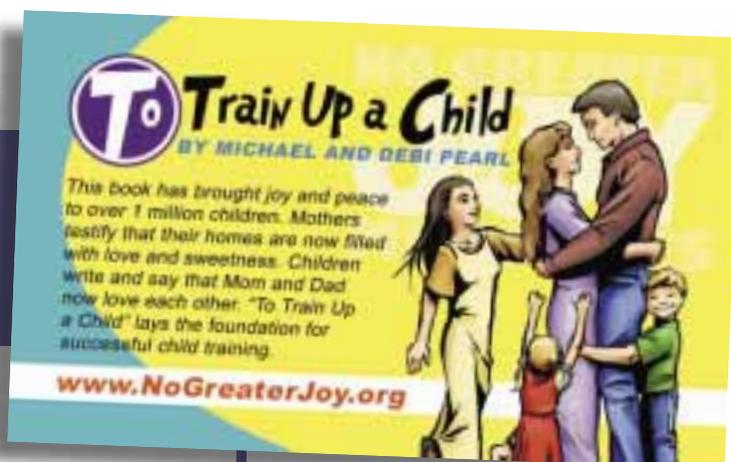
15 Notwithstanding she shall **be saved in childbearing**, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

It points out that women are more subject to deception. But the most interesting thing is how he associates successful childbirth with subjection. A woman who is not in subjection to God in this regard is not guaranteed deliverance in childbearing.

It is not a man's responsibility to police women who would be teachers or church leaders. It is a free country and we allow most anything, but it is the responsibility of Christian men to never sit and listen to a woman minister in the church. Women can speak on a variety of subjects outside the church service; they can run a business, be president of a company or a country. They can teach on health, child training, or any other subject, but God does not permit them to take spiritual authority over men or to teach the Bible to men. That is God's view. There are other views. Take your pick.

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BACK

Clearing the Grey Areas

Dear Michael and Debi Pearl,

After the first twenty years of my life, I thought I had a decent understanding of the Word of God. I wouldn't claim to be a super-scholar or any such thing but after being homeschooled, raised in an intact Christian home and having a great home church, I figured I had a pretty good grounding. The Lord led me to your teachings a little over a year ago and it has been one of the biggest blessings He has ever given me! Your straight, tell-it-like-it-is teaching of the Bible and doctrine has cleared up years of confusion and grey areas. I've come to realize how much I didn't know I didn't understand and how many subtle false doctrines I had let slip by. I heard a gamut of them growing up, from dying to yourself to generational curses and Watchman Nee's approach of having to constantly abide in the presence of the Lord. I want to thank you for your directness; you take the grey areas head-on with the Scripture and don't skip around them with little sermonets.

People have told me that kids don't come with instruction books and that's true. You have to get the Bible and "To Train Up a Child" separately. I don't have kids yet, but I wanted you to know that after listening to "To Train Up a Child" on cassette, it has given me confidence towards that time and I'm so glad that I won't have to face parenting at a cold start!

Michael, keep preaching the Word of God as it is and I pray that the Lord will bless you both and your ministry.

A young man



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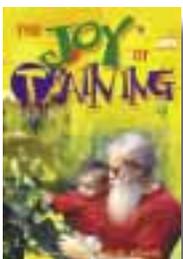


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The “doctrine of devils” appears only once in Scripture



Reader Asks:

Dear Pearls,

We have heard that eating meat was not God's original plan for man and that it is unhealthy. Since our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, it stands to reason that we should not eat meat. This would also seem to apply to dairy products. I also wonder about the wisdom in consuming any of the forms of caffeine. My husband thinks I am nitpicking, making a big deal over nothing, but I believe otherwise.

A reader

Michael Answers:

You heard that eating meat is unhealthy? You heard wrong. The latest, most up-to-date scientific evidence is that meat is very good for you. Soybeans and pasta will kill you, after it diminishes your sex drive and shrivels up your backbone, but meat—red, juicy meat, with a little sizzled fat, will keep you alive longer and put some kick in your love life. Have you never noticed all the bent-over, pale and sickly vegetarians?

You said it was not God's original plan for us to eat meat. His original plan was for us to go around naked, but things have changed. His original plan called for us living in a garden with a health food tree that sustained life, no matter what you ate (Gen 3:22 with Rev 22:2). We live on a cursed earth and eat cursed vegetables and grains (Gen 3:17-18) and cursed meat (Rom 8:21), putting them into a cursed body

everyday. So forget about how Adam and Eve lived. The question is: What is the will of God under our present circumstances?

Scripture throws a great deal of light on this Satanic doctrine of abstaining from meats. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5. It tells us that *“in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”* Did you read it? God created creatures to be eaten. When he created the cow, he had Sunday roasts and Saturday night steaks in mind.

He said meat *“is good, and nothing to be refused.”* All meat *“is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”* I eat only sanctified cows, deer, pigs, rabbits, rattle-snakes, chickens, and iguanas. I once ate a parrot worth about \$1,000.00. I was in the jungle, and at the time it seemed like a good idea. Tasted terrible. I wouldn't recommend it. I even ate a long-legged crane for supper one day. We had to have two platters just to hold the drumsticks. Another time in the jungle, I caught a boa constrictor about ten feet long. Those watching said it caught me, but I barbequed it and invited the natives. About twenty showed up for the after-church dinner. It was the longest meal I ever ate. Tasted like chicken, of course. I had turtle on the half shell once. It comes with its

own bowl, you know. Once was enough. I won't gross you out with stories of the unclean things I have eaten. I prayed over all these *“creatures”* given by God *“to be received with thanksgiving.”*

My children have eaten almost everything that crawls, jumps, or slithers. My daughter has eaten live grub worms. The total doctor's visits for sickness, of all my children put together, wouldn't pay one nurse's salary for a week. At fifty-eight, my immune system is so high, I'm even immune to criticism. And none of us eat toe food. Now, don't go away with your feelings hurt. Read some more Scripture on the subject. God commanded, **“Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you;** even as the green herb have I given you all things.” (Gen 9:3).

God commanded the Israelites to eat meat. In Exodus 12, he commanded every man to kill a lamb, roast it, and eat all of it, with no leftovers. And then he told them that it would be an ordinance that they should eat this Passover lamb every year forever.

In Luke 22:7-15 Jesus ate the Passover lamb, and promised to do so again after his second coming (v. 16). No Jew could be a vegetarian at Passover.

Killing and eating flesh was a blessing from the LORD according to Deut. 12:15-16. When God visited Abraham, he and two angels ate milk, butter, and meat (Gen. 18:1-8). Did you get that? Read it yourself. God ate meat! When Jesus had an opportunity to direct

the multitude in what constituted a good meal, he fed them bread and meat, and even saved the leftovers (John 6:11-12). On another occasion, Jesus prepared a meal for his disciples. It was also bread and fish (John 21:12-13). After Jesus' resurrection, when he was in his glorified eternal state, he ate meat in their presence (Luke 24:42-43). When we sing the song "Come and dine, the Master calleth," it is to a table spread with meat, not celery and almond butter.

God advertised the Promised Land as a place *flowing with milk and honey* (Deut. 26:9). The Bible predicted that Messiah would eat butter and honey (Is. 7:15). Would you deny your son butter

and honey when the Scripture so clearly says it was good for Jesus to eat both?

A Christian who feels guilty for eating meat is said to be weak in faith (Romans 14:2). Religious vegetarians had their Scriptural support jerked out from under them long ago, so they have shifted strategy, **telling us that the Bible does not command us to abstain from meats, but that it is wise to not eat. Was Jesus unwise when he ate dairy and meat and fed it to others?**

Don't get your health advice from religious women or cult magazines trying to steal your liberty in Christ and bring you under bondage to the Mosaic Law. Ignore any health publication that

is trying to sell you something or that is based on a "new age" worldview.

Finally, you said that your husband said you were "nitpicking, but you believe otherwise." Who is it that you believe over your wise husband? We saw in the Scripture that your vegetarian position is a doctrine of devils (1 Tim. 4:1-5). Tell God you are sorry for not being thankful for the meat he created to be eaten. Then go cook your husband and yourself a big steak and tell him you are sorry for doubting his wisdom. But look out! If you start feeding your husband more meat and less carbohydrates, he will become the man of the house. ❖

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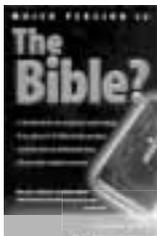
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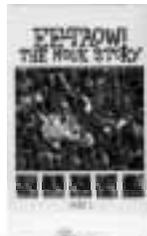
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