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# What Does It Mean To Be A Man?

It's time to draw the line between boys and men

By Michael Pearl

**Y**OU GIRLS WILL LIKELY say, “Well, that doesn’t apply to me.” Oh, but it does! Someday you are going to marry, and you will want to pick out a real man, not half a man. I see a lot of young girls married to thirty-year-old boys who never quite made it to manhood.

So, what is a real man? The answer will differ from one part of the country to the other and from one social group to another. But, to sum it up in a single sentence, a real man is someone who does his duty and doesn’t shun the hard work that is necessary in providing for all the needs of his family.

A real man may never pick up a knife or a gun, or drive a tractor, or operate a chain saw, or do anything that requires being tough and burly. But he is still a real man if he does

his duty with grace and fortitude, not crumbling under the load, always getting up when life and circumstances knock him down. That is a real man. A real man may not have tough hands, but he will have a tough spirit that rises to the high calling of duty. It is not about being macho; it is about taking responsibility.

Sometimes a man has to do what is unpleasant. That is the demarcation line. Boys stop and look for sympathy and understanding, while the men keep going into territory where it gets hard, painful, and more than that, boring—sickeningly and painfully boring. But they go resolutely on and do it because it has to be done. Men don’t put it off until tomorrow, that nebulous time where it is certain to never get done; they knuckle down and do their duty today. That is a real man.

Many teenagers think that becoming a man is a matter of chronological age. Those who wait for it to happen find that it never does. Over the years, I have seen young men finish school, having been the president of the class, voted most likely to succeed, being the star player on the football team, the captain of the wrestling club, the guy all the girls wanted to date, and the “man” no one would “mess with” because he could whip any three boys in school. But one year after graduation, he couldn’t whip one week at work. Likewise, I have seen boys who excel in academics, being much smarter than all their teachers, and the envy of every student. Their parents are confident that their sons will achieve great success. But for all their brains and talent, they can’t hold down a job. When they are forty years old, they are still little boys depending on parents or a working wife, or government programs to take care of them and their families. Their smarts are used up on the computer, and they get lost in cyberspace. I see many of their faces as I write. I watched their progress (decline) from

eight years of age to fifty. In most cases, you could have observed them at twelve years old and predicted quite accurately that they would not grow up to be real men.

As caring parents, you are concerned that your sons grow up to be men in every sense of the word, and you should be. It is the difference between a successful life, and one of endless excuses and inevitable personal and family shame..

So, what does it take for a teenager to graduate into the ranks of manhood? It takes a will to suffer the pain of doing one's duty. A French philosopher once said, "All work is pain." And, so it has been for all boys who ever became men. I would much rather play than work, but even play gets tiresome if it is prolonged. If I have to fish more than four or five hours (two is long enough), I begin to suffer. I like for my hunting trips to last no more than two hours. When a picnic or an outdoor gathering lasts longer than one hour, I get restless and start suffering. To do anything all day long, day after day, is painful. Boredom is far worse than physical or mental exertion, and most work eventually morphs into boredom, especially if you are an employee, repeatedly doing the bidding of another. Endless chores cannot be personally rewarding. It is akin to slavery. There is some work that I enjoy, and I try to arrange my life so most of the work I must do is rewarding and enjoyable to some degree, but life is dotted along the way with miserable work that is my duty to perform. So, it is not the difference between those who love the pain of work and those who don't; it is the difference between those who do not possess a will to suffer the pain of work and those who do.

We live in a time when society is not producing as many men as it used to. There are a lot of freeloaders, a lot of lazy bums. I know a young male (I couldn't say man) who lives down the road and has never had a job that lasted more than a few days. He lives in a house that is falling down around him. If the house were in an area that had building codes, it would have been condemned long ago. The floor has fallen through to the ground. He is going to fix it some day...tomorrow maybe...or when he gets the time, or gets enough money to buy the material. Someday he is going to get a job. He is highly intelligent, and he imagines that someday someone is going to realize how smart he is and pay him good money for the use of his brain. Yet, with all his high intellect, he has not acquired the will to suffer the pain—the boredom—of responsible work.

He once told me, "Well, I am going to go down there and ask for a job."

"You could get there before they close," I said.

"Well, I am afraid they would close before I got there and the trip would be wasted, so I think I will go tomorrow."

I said to him, "If I were you, I would live under the bridge next to the plant where I could make it to work every day without fail. So that after two weeks I would have earned enough money to rent a cheap apartment within walking distance. Within a month, I would have enough saved to buy an old car, and within a year, I would have found a better job and have a car good enough to take me back and forth to a better job. And within two years, I would be purchasing a fixer-up home. And with the passing of three years, I would have sold the fixer-upper for a \$100,000.00 profit and have purchased two more homes and be fixing them both up for resale. Within ten years, I would own ten houses and would be entirely self-employed and looking for bigger investments."

But ten years from now, that lazy genius will still be waiting for his ship to come in, and the only thing out of the ordinary in his life that will happen is that the roof of

his house will fall on him. He will blame the government and vote Democratic. No, he won't vote at all. He will just talk about it, and talk, and plan bigger things, and wait until tomorrow. Yes, tomorrow is soon enough for that kind of a "male."

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manly character. A dutiful man is a good man. A lazy man who puts off doing his duty over the years experiences an erosion of character, for he must resort to lies and excuses to explain his continual failure to do what is expected of him. He soon develops a propensity to be dishonest, self-centered, lustful, gluttonous, fearful, and insecure.

But, enough of this diatribe against laziness. So, parents, what can you do to assure that your sons grow up to be real men? If your children are still under one year old, or better yet, if they are not yet born, you have the advan-

tage, for manhood begins to develop at twelve months. This morning, I drove past a father and son as they were working in the yard. The little fellow, not more than two years old, was pushing his plastic toy lawnmower alongside his daddy. He was already learning to do a man's duty as he saw it in his two-year-old mind's eye. Mother will brag on her little "man," feeling of his muscles, and telling him how proud she is of his work. As his worldview develops, his perspective as to his role in that world will develop as well.

My daughter, Shalom, exemplifies the right approach. Her daughter, Gracie, thinks that the greatest fun in the world is cleaning up messes and washing dishes. If she gets fussy, toys will not entertain her, but a broom and a dustpan will. Gracie does everything her mother does. Shalom involves her twenty-one-month-old daughter in every aspect of her day. They are inseparable working partners.

In our community is a family of about twelve. The children range from toddlers to older teens. Every one of them has been taught to work and accept responsibility. I am sure that none of them enjoys work any more than I do, but they all accept it as a necessary part of life—as life itself. To them, life is doing one's duty, working for the good of the family, including the community. The happiest kids I know are the ones whose lives are given meaning by knowing that they are making a significant contribution to not only their own upkeep, but for others as well.

I know why you have failed to involve your children in dutiful chores. It is because they complain so much that you find it easier to just do the work yourself. We all complain about working, just as we complain about the weather, all the while knowing there is nothing we can do about it. Complaining is a way of defining the moment, of sharing our mutual hardship. It is a kind of self-praise for enduring the conditions. But there is another kind of complaining, for which your children may be guilty—a mutinous complaint that protests the injustice of it all. Kids will complain strongly about working when they think (or know from experience) that complaining will surely get them out of it.

It was an unconscious decision on your part to "just do the work yourself" and avoid all the stress. When you have tried to get them to do their duties, it has produced an adversarial relationship. You experience frustration and anger. *But don't blame the kids.* Their attitude is your fault, cultivated by your allowing them to grow up thinking that they are not responsible for performing the chores necessary for maintaining their own existence. Early on, before they were three or four, by not involving them in work "with" you, you led them to believe that their role in life is to enjoy themselves while you do all the work. That is a perfectly fine worldview, one shared by many rich and influential people. Such an attitude is the foundation of hedonism.



Becoming a man is not defined by chronological age or marital status but his willingness to accept the responsibility of long hard work for his or his family's future. One's willingness to do his unpleasant daily duties is tied inextricably to his manly character. A dutiful man is a good man.

*"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat"*  
Proverbs 13:4.

Many parents reason that "children should be allowed to be children," and thus shield their kids from the responsibilities of life, thinking their children will be happy that way. "Let them enjoy life today; they will have to take on the responsibilities of life soon enough." Sadly, real-life experience proves otherwise. Character grows with attention to duty. A child's self-image is not based primarily on your words. It is based on his estimation of his worth in regard to his performance. If he is not being productive, he will develop a poor self-image. The best character lesson you can give a two-year-old is to teach him the routine of work.

We are not suggesting that children should be inducted into the work-force so as to generate an income for the family. Nor are we suggesting that their domestic responsibilities should be so demanding as to rob them of needful downtime. I arrange my own day so I don't have to work all the time. Our children are half grown before they discover that they are working. They think it is play, and they love it.

Work should be proportioned to the child's age, size, gender, disposition, and temperament. A good rule is that

when you are working, they are working, not as part of your employment, but as part of the family maintaining and providing for itself. Another guide is that just as you should not do the child's work, neither should the child be made to do your work. Don't work for your kids, and don't make them work for you. Work together as part of a team that is providing for itself.

Don't wait until your children are "big enough" to work. When they are too small to be productive, they should still be involved in the work to the extent of their ability. The six-month-old can sit in the sink and stick the bottle washer in a plastic dish while you are washing the dishes. The toddler can put two items in the dishwasher while you are putting the other fifty items in. The four-year-old can sweep the cut grass off the sidewalk while you are trimming the edges. He can help push the lawnmower back to the garage, or he can carry the weed-eater "all by himself." The six-year-old can actually "help paint the house".

Don't give your children all the miserable work and then drive them like slaves. Treat them with respect and consideration. Make the work suitable to their level of endurance. When my boys were six or eight years old, about one or two hours was all they could stand of hard work. We worked together for a reasonable time, and then we took an ice cream break together. Those times when we took a long break and drove down to the old store to get a special treat were wonderful times together. They were proud to be men doing a man's work and eating a man's ice cream treat. A Saturday morning of cutting grass and cleaning the yard deserved a Saturday afternoon of swimming and fun.

Observe your children and gauge their level of tolerance. Once you are confident that they accept it as their responsibility to work, you will observe their enthusiasm and energy as they willingly tie into a hard job. But

watch them for signs of weariness. When they begin to drag, not with a bad attitude, but from the true weariness that boring, hard work can produce, it is time to change jobs, change pace, take a break, or quit for the day. If you push children (or anybody for that matter) far beyond their endurance point, you will cause them to hate work, and will later hate you for punishing them.

Now, there are exceptions. There may be times when something absolutely must get done before it rains or before the sun goes down. If there is hay in the field, it must be put in the barn today, no matter how tired everyone is. You will all need to work yourselves to the bone. But when the kids can see and understand that it is a special occasion, that you are tired too, and that you are not being unreasonable, they will learn to push on and feel good about it tomorrow. It is important that they always feel that you are fair in your demands, that you work harder than they do, and that you are not avoiding work when you make them work.

Work should be a time of fellowship. It is while working that I did most of the teaching and communicating of my values and culture to my children. Today when I hear my two big sons relating to situations in life, I see those moments of teaching (how insignificant they seemed to be at the time) surfacing as their own ideas and principles, matured through their own experience, tried and tested, and fully ready to pass on to their children. What a blessing it is to hear it from them, and see it effectively implemented in the lives of a brand-new generation of children!

If you have older children who were raised to be served and are offended when you ask them to work, what can you do to turn it around? First, you must be honest with your children. Sit them down and explain that you have been aware that there was a problem, but you just did not know what to do about it. Having

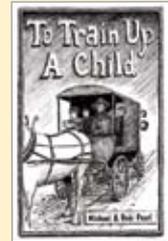
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## FROM THE MAILBOX

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### TO TRAIN UP

My story with your literature began 5 years ago. I was at a Paintball Trade Show when the girl in the next booth to me handed me your book, *To Train up a Child*. I devoured it as I sat in my booth. I am a "City Slicker" (our family lives in southern California) and had to ask the young girl what Mike meant by the word "switch." Needless to say the book(s) changed our life, and our 2 ½ year old son is now a shining example of proper training, so much so that he stands out wherever we go.



Then my good wife got Debi's book, *Created to Be His Help Meet*. What a revelation! I am a Mr. Visionary, as her book describes, and now when I come up with one of my great ideas my wife smiles and says, "I'm holding on for another fun ride." Your teaching has changed the destiny of our family, and for this we thank you.

—Evan and Susan

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### DEAR PEARLS,

I was one of those parents who first came to read your *To Train up a Child* with the purpose of trying to see what tripe it would be. Lo and behold, I did not prove my hypothesis. In fact, it altered my parenting, my teaching, my world view, and most shockingly, my relationship with my ex-husband. The content of this letter though focuses not entirely on *To Train Up A Child*, but a journey that was started by that book.

—H.M

Go to [nogreaterjoy.org](http://nogreaterjoy.org) then "Special Audio & Articles" to read the first chapter of *To Train Up A Child*.



now read this article, you better understand the need for their learning to help with the work of the home. Through discussion, cause them to understand one primary reality. Each one of them must make his own way in life. Life is clearly a gift, but quality of life is earned. Reduced to the simplest terms, anyone who eats food must gather and prepare it. Anyone who sleeps under the roof must “gather the thatch” to keep it from leaking. Those who would warm themselves by the fire must bring a log. All who eat at the table must put something into the pot and bring their own bowl and spoon, which they must wash and take care of. Everyone is responsible to play their part in the community and to care for community property as their own. There are no free-loaders and no free lunch. Life is hard enough. No one should have to carry the burden of the lazy and indifferent. This is something that the Amish and Mennonite children around me understand very well. Actually, for them it is a concept somewhat like air. It is so commonly accepted that they do not even think about it. They just live and breathe that reality of the concept of work. “I am needed; I must do my part.” They look upon your soft, petted children as pitiful and weak.

**So, convey** to your children the concept, “If you don’t work, you don’t eat.”

*“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread” (2 Thess. 3:10-12).*

**Remember** these two words and recall them every day, as long as

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you have children under your care, or a husband, for that matter. Two words! I have said them many times before—**organize and manage**. This is the key, and the order is a vital part of the concept.

Organize the family so that everyone knows exactly what is expected and the time frame in which it must be accomplished. Write it all down. Post it on the refrigerator or a family bulletin board. Duplicate copies every week and tape them to the children’s doors. Think of yourself as the manager of a small business—unless you have twelve kids, and then you can think of yourself as the managing CEO of a large, multi-national corporation. Your job is to oversee, prioritize and direct the resources of your corporation. This will keep you from having to nag. It will cease to be a competition with your personality. They will be resisting the law in black and white. This will make you the third party, not the villain.

Organizing and managing will eliminate 99% of the “work-related” problems, but as the manager, you must have some recourse for those who demonstrate an unwillingness to cooperate. You must demonstrate the power and the will to constrain them to work. If you meet with rebellion, continue teaching them the concept of each pulling his load—planting and harvesting his own corn and participating in community (family) endeavors that benefit all (such as cutting the grass or painting the house). Firmly lay down the law, and enforce consequences that will “encourage” the child to pull his share. The best consequences for not working is more work. The child’s goal is to get out of work, so he will work to keep from having to do additional work. In other words, he will learn to suffer a little pain to prevent a greater pain (speaking of the pain of work).

Let’s not leave this subject until we address you fathers who are still children yourselves (lazy procrastinators). Most of us will procrastinate

upon occasion, but when your procrastination becomes a way of life that diminishes the quality of life of those around you, you need to learn to be the man. Father, what can you do if you were raised to be a sluggard? You can make a decision to suffer the pain of responsibility. Keep in mind, it is not a matter of there being those who like work and those who don't. It is the difference between paying the price or taking the selfish, easy road. If you could accept the truth that in the long run, the procrastination path is the more painful path, then working today brings relief from the pain of tomorrow. It is the path to self-respect, honor from others, prosperity, creativity, peace of mind, and the development of character. Only you can decide, and you must decide every day, and day after day, for the rest of your life.

Finally, if you never learned to do your duty in a timely fashion as a child, save your children from the misery it has brought you by teaching them to develop habits that your parents failed to teach you.

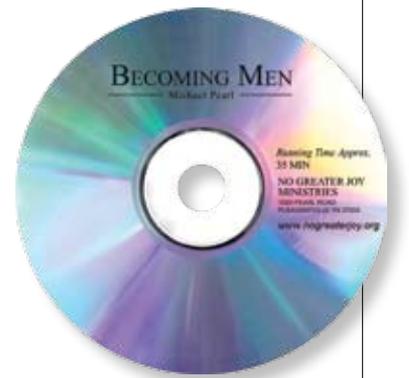
Recently, I was asked to speak to a group of teenage boys on the subject of *Becoming Men*. It turned out quite well, and so I am making it available to you. It is the kind of message that would be good for your teenagers to hear for themselves, boys and girls alike. It will also prove profitable to many adults who are still struggling with the will to suffer the pain of responsibility. Look for it on our order form. ❖

For further reading on the topic of children, work and character development read our past two-part series *Working Character Into Children* (Oct '02 & Jan '03) on our website, [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org).

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This message by Michael Pearl is for parents concerned about raising their boys up to be men. It is directed at boys and young men, encouraging them to take the steps to manhood and a life of responsibility and productivity. It is directed at fathers who never learned to be real men. It tells you what you need to do to become more than just an adult, but how to become a real man.



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## FROM THE MAILBOX

### JUMPED SHIP

Your article "Jumped Ship" is an answer to prayer. I have cried tears of repentance over an estranged daughter who is living with a boyfriend. A year ago I would never have believed it could have happened to one of my 9 children. The article really clarified the way to make things right. I will swallow my pride and rise from the ashes, learn from my mistakes, then continue to raise my other youngsters in the way I know they should go. Only this time I will stay tuned in, smile into their faces, not judge so quickly, and discipline with love and firmness. I will make it my goal to write you in years to come sharing our joy of children walking in truth.

—From one very humble mom

### MIKE'S TAPES

One day God miraculously put the tape series "Security of the Believer" in my path, and I listened to them. I found myself hanging on every word and making notes like crazy. My eyes were so opened, I never knew such freedom and an intense love for God. I had such JOY! God got a hold of my life and set me free. I didn't care any more what anybody thought. I am a free and JOYFUL Christian, moved deeply to a great love and passion for Jesus. The cross has been put in a new light for me, and I am overflowing with love and gratitude. He has set me free! Thank you for letting Scripture BE Scripture. Thank you for speaking the word unashamedly. With much love,

—Britt

### DEAR PEARLS,

Created To Be His Help Meet has really helped me understand what I am destined to be. I have spent years trying to figure out my purpose on this earth. I have been practicing God's plan since I read the book and have been reaping the fruit of my labor. Mr. Steady man is now in command, leading our family into spiritual victory. I am enjoying my new-found freedom since I no longer have to spend my time dwelling on what needs changing. My days are filled with happiness and the candles are burning in celebration all night.

—KL



# My Heritage

By Gabriel Pearl (oldest son of Michael and Debi)

LORI AND I BEGAN OUR journey as parents just one year ago. Jocelyn is the delight of our life together. Although life is a daily joy for us with her, we are assuming our roles as parents with soberness and careful consideration. Simple things like choosing children's books suddenly seem important, requiring our careful analysis. We decided not to buy Disney books or the frivolous, fairytale/princesses type; only books that will teach her about animals and trees and such. We both agree that we do not want any video games or useless distractions in our house. For something to go downhill, little effort is required. We are on an uphill journey, requiring much creativity and effort.

One thing in my training that has proved invaluable to me is a strong work ethic. I want to pass this gift on to my children, so I have done much reflection on how I was trained to work. Many homeschool young men have missed this critical training. Homeschool families are often so caught up with "doing curriculum" that they miss this vital element of life's assignments. Traditional schooling is mostly 10,000 boring hours of useless facts

crammed into a curriculum. Much of what is "learned" is quickly forgotten because it was irrelevant.

I remember that from the time I was 10 until I reached 18 years of age, we would complete our school in the morning, and in the afternoon we worked. Work wasn't just mindless exertion; it was a time of learning. The skills I learned while working as a young boy are the same skills I use today. These skills are just as important, or maybe more so, than the information I learned while sitting in the house "doing homeschooling" in the mornings. It was the work ethic (not the schoolwork) I learned as a boy that has made me who I am today. It didn't matter whether we were planting, hoeing, picking, and packing tomatoes for a living or selling books online; we children knew that we were an important part of the work of the family. Working with our parents gave us a real sense of personal accomplishment and a broad vision of what was possible.

In my mid-teens, Dad was wise enough to allow me to hire on with one of the carpenters (Tim) in our church. This gave me the opportunity to learn different trades and to

be on the job with other honorable, hardworking men. In order to keep work interesting, Tim would continually provoke us to use our brains. He would drill us on all kinds of facts, from geography to science to music. He turned everything into a contest, which caused me to love quizzes and questions. His constant interrogation created in me a powerful hunger to learn. To know the name of a river in Russia or the height of the highest peak in China, when Tim did NOT know it, was exhilarating. To figure in my head the correct rafter length before he could figure it on the calculator was a real victory. Now, as an adult, I realize that Tim pushed me, not only into learning facts, but into the love of knowledge, all the while teaching me how to make a respectful living with my hands. It was the ultimate classroom.

So, Lori and I also are committed to teach our children to put feet to the knowledge they will accumulate over the years of their childhood. They will not be ignorant of book learning, and just as important, they will not be ignorant of life. And, perhaps best of all, they will be mentally and emotionally equipped to work in a creative manner, enjoying all the challenges of life that God sends their way. ❖



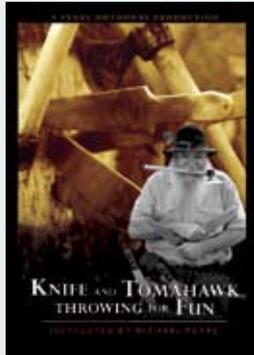
Gabriel and Lori and baby Jocelyn have a business/ministry called Pearl Outdoors which is geared toward outdoor adventures for fathers and sons. You can visit them at [www.pearloutdoors.com](http://www.pearloutdoors.com) (please note: we had the WRONG website address last NGJ—this one is correct—I hope)

# KNIFE THROWING DVD

Learn the art of knife throwing from Michael Pearl in this new instructional video by Pearl Outdoors

Debi writes,

*Knife and Tomahawk Throwing for Fun* is a new DVD from Pearl Outdoors. I don't throw knives—thank you—I am a grandmother and I do grandma type stuff for entertainment, like taking the babies to visit the herb garden to play in the pond or sand, but I LOVE this Knife DVD. It is Michael at his finest (almost, anyway). He gives an A-1 performance as he teaches how to throw knives and tomahawks. During the filming of this, Mike is teaching this little boy how to throw knives, when the kid suddenly looks up at Mike's smiling face and says, "You know, you smile just like my dog." That called for a quick shot of the dog's smiling face. It is so funny, because Mike DOES smile like the dog. Anyway, boys of



all ages (from 9 months to 99 years old) and from all walks of life (cave dwellers to California sunshine boys) will LOVE this DVD and learn some things too. It is the kind of DVD you can turn on for any crowd and it will keep the whole bunch totally entertained and they will still be edified. Besides being entertaining, it is also a well done piece of work.

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## FROM THE MAILBOX

### DEAR MR. PEARL,

I will be getting married this summer. I had always dreaded having children because they always seemed like nothing but whiny, screaming BRATS. You have given me such hope about having children and raising them to be normal girls and boys rather than screaming out of control brats! I figure I should educate myself NOW before I have a kid on my hip and I have no idea what to do ha! ha!

P.S. I love your book "Created to be His Help Meet"!!!

—M.S.

### TRAINED UP

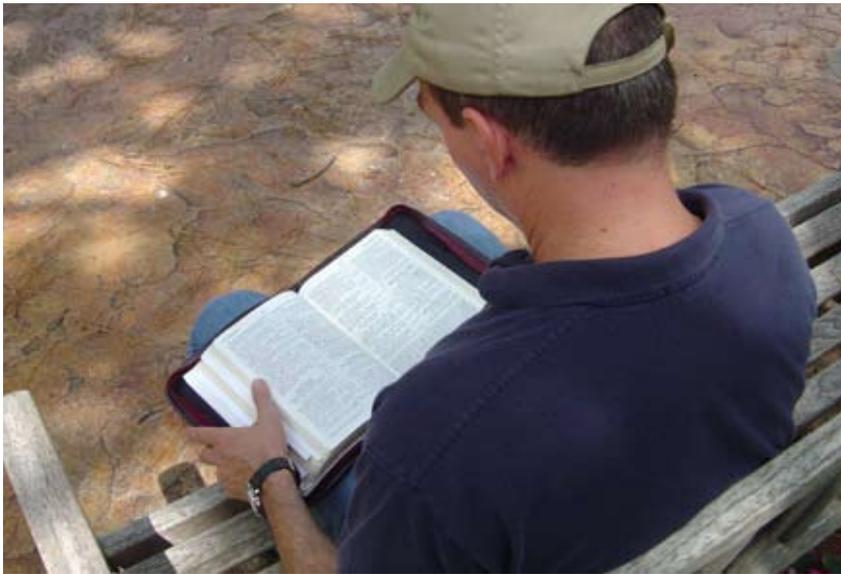
Thank you so much for your wonderful teaching! Our home operates at a higher standard because of your commitment to true discipleship. A wonderful friend of mine had 5 children by the time I got married & had my first child. For some reason my husband & I thought that discipline started much later (5 or 6 years old—whenever children learn to reason thoroughly), but at ten months my son was showing major signs of understanding when he did wrong (imagine that). I was sharing my frustration with my friend & she just smiled and listened. Later that afternoon she dropped by my house again with a copy of your book, "To Train up A Child" & a long stick-looking object with a big bow wrapped around it. She simply handed me the book and said, "Read this & use this," handing me my first rod. My husband & I read your book that evening & stand amazed at God's goodness through obedience to His Word to "train up a child in the way he should go" and trust that when they are old they shall not depart from it.

Thank You again.

—W. L.



**Sandy Kisses.** Life can be so good! Lori and baby Jocelyn Pearl.



## Where do I go from here?

Lately, we have received so many letters like the two below, that I think we need to answer them in this open letter to all. *By Michael Pearl*

### “DEAR MICHAEL PEARL,

I am writing to thank you. I am 31 years old. My life without Christ was one of continual party, alcohol, women, and porn. After I was saved, the many pornographic images that had been burned into my head came to haunt me. This left me defeated. I sought and received advice from several teachers, even visiting missionaries. They told me that my struggles and failures were normal for young men, but the words of Jesus about cutting off that which offends you would not let my heart rest on the issue. I felt like a complete loser. I was desperate, and several times I held a hunting knife to my offending member, but could not go through with it. Although I married an amazing woman, this problem followed me into marriage.

When I heard your series, “Sin No More” the Holy Spirit of God set me free—by FAITH. Thank you for being faithful to the text. I am so thankful to have been set free from the bondage of sin. God has put it in my heart to share the gospel with those

who have never heard. As you must know, what I now believe is not what is traditionally taught by fundamental churches. So I have been rejected by 2 mission boards because I could not sign their statement of faith. Furthermore I would like to share with others what the Bible really says about freedom from sin, but what I now believe is not acceptable doctrine in my church. I feel it is wrong to withhold truth from another struggling brother, yet I fear causing division in my church. What do I do?

By the Grace of God,  
—Your Brother A”

### “DEAR SIR,

I would like to thank you for making the Romans series available as a free download. Your teachings have changed my understanding on just about everything. I have been studying my Bible and reading history. It seems there were always people who believed the gospel as Paul taught it. I can see that ‘perfectionist’ movement and Finney’s Congregationalist

all had bits of the real gospel. Both these movements taught that God would not send His only Son to die and then leave us in bondage to the flesh, and that overcoming sin is a gift of faith and not a struggle of the will. They were not right on the money, but it is obvious that they knew something of the truth. Once I came to grips with Romans, I re-read all the epistles and have seen the truth as you taught it in your Romans series in all of them.

Now I ask myself, “Is there any denomination even close to the truth? Are my children learning stuff that will keep them in bondage to sin when they become adults?” Sometimes I want to publicly ask, “Are we new creatures in Christ? Are old things passed away? Are we risen to walk in newness of life? Is it then possible to overcome all sin? Does salvation work or not? What did Jesus mean when he said, ‘Be perfect as your father in heaven is perfect,’ or when he told the woman at the well ‘go and sin no more?’ ”

This whole new understanding has really spoiled my ideas of a church. I am open to go anywhere God leads me, but so far we have visited 12 churches and have not felt led to any of them. Plus many are so worldly. What seminary would you recommend?

Thank you sir, for your boldness in ministry. May God richly bless you.

—Brother S”

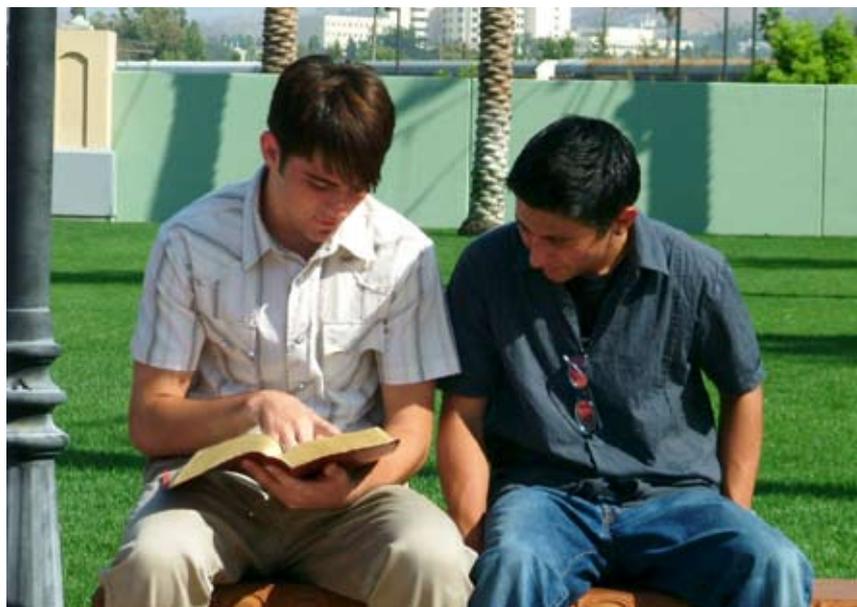
### MICHAEL PEARL ANSWERS:

I UNDERSTAND YOUR DILEMMA very well. Jesus predicted that his very church would be marked by false doctrine, false converts, corruption, lack of faith, and would be a habitation of devils and their doctrines. There is no surprise that it is so today.

When I was still a teenager, I came to the rude awakening that the preachers I knew, the fine church I

attended, and my Christian friends, were all quite imperfect, sprinkled with hypocrisy, legalism, error, secret sins, pride, greed, and the list runs on and on. But, like family, they were all I had, all I knew, and I was discovering that I was no better. In time, when I was about 25 years old, long after I had graduated from Bible college, and after I had been a pastor for four years, through reading the word of God, I discovered the doctrine of Sanctification by faith. Through continual reckoning myself to be “dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God” I experienced deliverance from sin. It was a thrilling miracle, as good as salvation itself. I immediately tried to preach it to my congregation. It was new to me. It was unfathomable to them. In six months of preaching it, no one caught on or understood, for I did not yet understand clearly all the ramifications of my new doctrine and could not distinguish it from the traditional beliefs I had received from my youth. I must have seemed confused to them. In my heart and experience it was clear, but my doctrine was not well-defined. It was ten years before I was really qualified to teach the truth (though I continued to try). In time I saw others begin to experience complete deliverance from sin, and together we rejoiced in the finished work of Christ. Our numbers grew, and I saw homosexuals, porno freaks, pimps, murderers, dope heads, and preachers discover the simple truths of Christ’s finished work in the believer.

It has been 35 years now, and I am not as pushy as I once was. I am not as quick to try to straighten out the thinking of others. Some time ago, I determined that if the life of Christ in me does not demand an explanation, then I shouldn’t exclaim so much. If Christ in me does not make me love more, be more patient, and more understanding of the faults of others, what do I have to offer? If my discovery of Biblical doc-



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trine makes me reject other believers simply because they are presently where I was before I saw the light, could it not be said by onlookers that my doctrine of sanctification by faith has made me judgmental and sectarian—maybe a little bit self-righteous?

My advice to those of you who have discovered life-changing truth through my Bible teaching is to let your new message be your changed

life. If your friends don’t see the change, you don’t have anything to offer. When they ask why you are out front telling sinners about Jesus, why you suddenly rejoice in the Lord more, why you are giving more to missions, why you spend more time with your family, why your wife is praising you so fervently, why you never miss a church meeting, but are praying fervently for your pastor, why you are visiting the sick and going to the local jail and the old folks home, then you can try to teach them a Bible doctrine that is different from the one that has left them living in sin. In short, keep your mouth shut until your life demands an explanation.

If you have just got to tell somebody, as the song goes, then find a sinner that is not already in church and start at the beginning with him. Teach him the whole gospel until he rejoices in Christ’s finished work for him and to him. That way you will not dishonor your pastor. You will not sow confusion. You will not become a wandering Jew, going from church to church trying to find perfection, and you will not sow a spirit of exclusiveness in your children. In time you will see the conversion and sanctification of several people. If you can’t find believers with com-

mon understanding, you can make such a fellowship out of the great pool of sinners.

As to your children, I would recommend removing your family from any environment that is a bad influence on your children, including a church. However, neither adults nor children understand very clearly the nature of the systematic dogma that is taught at church. More is caught than taught. Most people, especially children, are more moved by the ‘spirit of life’ than by the doctrines underlying the church experience. If you teach the truth at home, not in a combative manner, and not in such a way that you are arguing against church teaching, and if you live the truth, your children will be eighteen before they realize that the church is not teaching the same thing they have taken for granted through your teaching. If your children do recognize the difference, then you should lead them to accept the er-

rors of others without being critical or condemning.

Finally, don’t come here to Tennessee and try to join our church. I don’t want anyone following me. Nor will I come where you are and help you start another church. Once you have learned the truth through my teaching, forget me and continue to allow the Word of God to be your final guide. It is not about being right; it is about being right for your family and fellow believers.

Finally, I understand the pain of sitting in a church and listening to a sermon that is so false it is closer to Buddhism than Bible. But I learned long ago that God can use a crooked stick, and I have watched God abide with and bless a sincere group of believers who were in error while a man with more accurate doctrine wanders around screaming the errors of other, and all to no avail, and without the blessing of God upon him. When you cut off God’s people, no

matter how messed up they are, you have cut yourself off from the church and from God. If God has received them, can we do any less? Heed the admonition Paul gave to a young minister:

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As to which Seminary do I recommend: Any Seminary that believes that God has indeed inspired and preserved his words in a book that you can hold in your hand so that you can accept every word in it as the perfect Word of God. You will then have an authority higher than the opinions of the teachers. ❖

## MILITARY MINISTRY LETTERS

### MILITARY

My husband is a Military Chaplain. I was thrilled to learn that you are sending materials to young military families. We have seen families brought CLOSER together due to times of deployment when the men reached out for spiritual guidance and came to walk with the Lord, then returned to their families as godly Christian men concerned. My husband recently attended a meeting usually led by chaplains, to his surprise it was led by a representative of the Secret Service. He was astounded by their statistics and predictions that if America does not return to her “moral roots” they estimate that like Rome, our nation will fall from within. It is up to this generation to turn the tide.

-A Chaplain’s Wife

### MR. PEARL,

I am in the U.S. Navy and currently deployed. My wife signed me up for your military package and it was a nice surprise to receive it. I enjoyed the sermons and have begun to read *By Divine Design*. I myself have been called of God to work for him. I have been holding a Bible study out here on the ship with some regulars attending. I am very happy that you are such supporters of our military. If there ever was anyone who needed to hear the Gospel, it is the men and women of our military forces. So please be praying for all of our service members, both for their salvation and their safety. I thank you once again for all the support and encouragement you give to the Lord’s children.

-Chris



Elizabeth and Kate boxing the military packages

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## DEAR DEBI,

Like the leper who returned to Jesus to thank him for the cleansing, I want to say thank you. After 26 years, God's grace has touched my heart and I am now my husband's help meet. I cried out for years for what was happening in my rebellious daughters' hearts and now I know I was teaching them this rebellion. I am now walking in the TRUTH and my daughters will get this book so that they will not have to go through what I did. My husband hugged me the other day and whispered in my ear, "I wish all couples had the glorious marriage we have." He

has not read any of the book, yet he repeated the very phrase. I have captivated him with my love. How can I ever say thank you enough. I am comforted, my waste places are comforted, my wilderness like Eden, my desert like a garden of the Lord; joy and gladness are found within our home, thanksgiving and melody. My husband is so free. I love it when my Mr. Steady gets all commanding and bossy. I just look at him and go Wow—there goes my man—he is a REAL MAN. He was the man all along—I have learned to be his lady. —RP

# When the Rubber *Missed* the Road

Sometimes unexpected events make you step up to the plate and test you on things you thought you knew. *By Debi Pearl*

**T**hat's what happened this week when two friends of Shoshanna's took a nice easy motorcycle ride on a rural (curvy) Tennessee road. Just a small patch of loose gravel caused the wheel to slip sideways, and the next second they were lying out in the hot noon sun moaning in pain.

As far as I am concerned, motorcycles should be called *murdercycles* and hung by their chains. I know I am old, and when people get old, they tend to get uhh...sorta... uhh...SMART.

You've all likely heard the old idiom, "Where the rubber meets the road." That is akin to "Put your money where your mouth is" or "Down to brass tacks" or "Put up or shut up." It is where talk stops and demonstrative reality begins. It is the moment of truth. A person studies and prepares to meet a challenge, and it is when the challenge becomes a reality that you find how much you really know, and if what you know

in theory actually works!

The wounded couple had to lie out on the road in the 100-degree heat for 20 minutes before someone finally came down the road to get help for them. They were rushed to an over-crowded hospital emergency room, where the medical care left a lot to be desired. Some of the larger raw 2nd and 3rd degree burns were not even cleaned before the couple was released. In the wee hours of the night the two victims were released from the hospital and came to James and Shoshanna's house for recovery. It

was Shoshanna's chance to find out if all the "herb stuff" she had learned over the years and had applied to much less severe wounds could bring healing and keep down infection in the wide variety of serious wounds of her two friends. It is her rubber meeting the road story.

—Debi



**T**HE MAN: IN ORDER TO protect their identities, I will call them Man and Lady. Both had a number of serious skin abrasions caused by sliding on the asphalt, plus numerous bruises, and they were generally beat up quite badly. The lady had 3rd degree burns on her hand where she was pinned under the motorcycle while touching the exhaust pipe. The man had a large deep cut on the bottom side of his forearm, with rocks shoved all the way up inside, and he had surgery while at the hospital to tie a cut tendon. Upon leaving the hospital, the wound still looked dirty and ragged, like it was full of debris from the roadway. It had nine rough stitches. Even though they put him on antibiotics at the hospital, twenty-

four hours after the accident his arm was swollen, inflamed, hot, and throbbled painfully. It looked like a bad infection had set in, and the skin around the wound was purplish.

## **Shoshanna tells how she treated his wound**

**I** washed the wound with warm water, anti-bacterial soap and applied green salve. Then I made a poultice with fresh herbs, which included root and leaves of Echinacea (about ½ cup), the leaves of plantain and comfrey (about ½ cup each), and crushed garlic (1 clove), and aloe (4-inch piece). After washing them, I just threw all the herbs in the food processor for a few seconds and then wrapped the damp green mass in a

strong paper towel and applied it to the wound. I am sure I could have used dried herbs instead of fresh (garlic and aloe must be fresh), but I was able to get fresh plants out of Mom's garden and the plantain out of our front yard. This fresh poultice was applied once daily for two days and was kept on the wound for four hours at a time. The fever in his arm was gone within 36 hours. We continued to apply a fresh poultice each day (excluding the garlic) for three more days. Each time the poultice was removed, there was dirt on the cloth that had come to the surface. It has now been a week since the accident. His hand is still slightly swollen, but there is no fever or redness in the wound. It is healing rapidly now, although it still looks rough.

**The Lady:** The lady had deep 3rd degree burns on the upper palm of her left hand about four inches long and three inches wide. Both fore-arms were burned/scraped to 2nd or 3rd degree burns about eight inches long and three inches wide. On the upper back part of her thigh there was a large oval 2nd and 3rd degree burn and a scrape eight inches long and five inches wide. She had a cracked hip bone that was also chipped, and her pelvic bone was cracked in two places. The three breaks left her unable to move without extreme pain, and she required much help in the process.

At the hospital, she was X-rayed, and the hand wound was dressed by a burn specialist. None of the hospital staff took note of other wounds that were on her back, in part I think due to the extreme pain she would have suffered in turning her over. She was released from the hospital 12 hours after the accident, and was not put on antibiotics.

The first 24 hours after the accident, we began cleaning the front wounds two times daily, washing with soap, then heavily applying the prescription burn cream. By the second day, the wounds were red, feverish and very painful. We did the same herbal poultice as the man's (no garlic), except that we added flaxseed oil to keep it from sticking to the open burns. She said the poultice tingled, but brought relief from the extreme pain. Late the second night as I was applying her 2nd poultice, I noticed the back of her calf appeared red, inflamed and oozing. We built a table the next morning where we could turn the lady over on her tummy. It was then we saw the large, feverish and inflamed wounds on her upper thigh and calf. The wounds were full of road dirt, and there was no skin of any kind left in many areas. I literally pulled a stick out of the calf area. The wound was so grievous and painful that we decided to cleanse it by laying luke-warm soapy cloths on the large areas, and let them soak for two minutes before we gently removed the cloths and repeated the process. We did this for over two hours until the wounds appeared cleaner. Then we applied the poultice for four hours. When the poultice was removed, a fresh thin pink layer that looked like skin was clearly visible. The burn cream was heavily applied, followed by the wrap. This was done three times daily for the next four days.

In the meantime, her broken hip was really hurting, so 36 hours after the accident, we started applying a bone-mending poultice made out of comfrey (several large leaves) and aloe (one four-inch piece) which she kept on all day. According to her testimony, that made a big difference. She woke up the first



**Lady's hand 2 days** after the accident. Burn cream was used to treat burn initially.



**Lady's hand 5 days** later showing new layer of skin growing.



**A couple days** after leaving the hospital. Lady is resting face down on a table covered with cushions. She is listening to music to block out the kitchen noise.

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I came up with the Eden salve a few years ago for some missionary friends. They needed an all-purpose salve for a family of seven. I wanted it to be an astringent for bites and stings, to slow bleeding, to fight infection and aid in healing skin irritation such as sunburn and skin rash. They came back with stories to prove that my Eden salve was a wonder cream. I was thrilled, and continued to work and rework my formula by adding a few more natural ingredients. We made large samples of Eden and gave it to many people to use for every sort of ailment, then asked each person to give us an evaluation of the salve. My husband and I continued to research and refine the ingredients until we developed the best natural salve we could. I have used it on everything from diaper rash, to bloody cuts, to insect bits and it works! We have found success with pain and itch relief from stings, rashes, poison ivy, boils, shingles and more. What started out to be a blessing and help to those on foreign soil serving God turned out to be an unexpected blessing to many.

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morning after using this poultice and was able to move some by herself and felt much better. We applied this poultice every day thereafter.

At the wreck scene, she had ended up in a freshly mowed area that included poison ivy. The day after the wreck, a large area of her stomach, back, arms, and face began to break out into swollen red blisters. You cannot imagine the feelings of frustration and grief this caused. At first, we thought it might be a hive reaction to the pain medications, so we treated it as such and also changed her medications. The blisters got much worse, and it soon became apparent that it was poison ivy. We applied calamine lotion. It didn't help! We tried a topical prescription medication to control the poison ivy. No improvement! It still was very bad. We lived in dread that the poison ivy would get into the open wounds. After two days, the lady decided to use prescription cream on one arm and applied a poultice of fresh jewel weed (1/2 cup), plantain (1/2 cup), aloe (four-inch piece) and green salve (2 tablespoons) to the other areas. Yesterday, the prescription arm was still full of ugly poison ivy blisters, but the poultice/green salve area is almost dry and free from poison ivy. The poultice/green salve did wonders. The lady then used the poultice on the other arm last night.

**It has been** a week since the accident, and the two victims are still slowly recovering. Starting on day six, we only washed and changed bandages once a day. This gave the wound time to grow skin. The man is back to work, although he cannot use his arm. The lady hopes to travel home with her family in the next day or so. Her poison ivy is obviously drying up, the back thigh wounds are healing, and she is able to stand alone for a few seconds. Her hand wound is healing, although it will take some

time before it is useable. The pain has receded, and the lady is able to get a good night's rest.



Man's elbow cleaned up and stitched.

From this real life nightmare-like experience, I have learned a great deal. More than ever before, I have gained confidence in the efficacy of herbs for physical healing. I have seen firsthand that in some cases, herbs work better than prescription meds. I have also learned (and seen) how extremely important it is to keep a wound clean.

There are several herbs that are easy to grow and should be kept in every home. A pot of aloe can grow near any window of your home and is a good investment of time and space. Echinacea is a beautiful yard flower, and the seeds can be bought from almost any store that carries flower seeds. It is a perennial (comes back from root every year) flower, so it does not need to be replanted once you establish a bed, although it is important to start it early in the year. Comfrey plants can be bought from many plant catalogs or on the web. It has large leaves and small, pretty flowers. Echinacea is taller than comfrey, so plant it in the back. Comfrey is full, so it shades any small weeds. Garlic can be bought fresh in most groceries and kept on hand for cooking and healing. Plantain is a yard weed. My parents travel all over

the country to seminars, and Mom says she has seen plantain in every area of the country. The seeds are readily available in herb catalogs, which can also be found on the web. If you don't have web access, go to the library and have the librarian look up some addresses for you. Many libraries now have web access. Plantain is also a perennial. Its root will stay in the ground and come back every year, and the seeds will cast into the wind to make more plants. Jewel weed is native here in Tennessee, and you will need to research where to get those seeds for yourself. My mom always grinned at me at times like this and said, "Now, that's a good homeschool project. Be sure to tell me what you learn." ❖

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## ECHINACEA

by Debi Pearl

Echinacea is best known for building up the immune system. The herb has a natural antibiotic (echinacoside), which is similar to penicillin in that it has broad-spectrum activity. It also contains a chemical called echinacein that protects body tissue from the tissue-dissolving enzymes produced by some bacteria, thereby acting like a shield against germ attack. These two chemicals alone would make Echinacea a wonder herb in the world of natural healing.

This wonderful herb has been found to function in a manner similar to the body's own defense system. It appears to simulate the action of the chemical, interferon. This chemical boosts the body's ability to resist infection.

Echinacea is known best as a beautiful flowering plant rather than as an herb. It comes back from root year after year and multiplies each year. It grows to 3 feet tall and bears large cone-shaped purple flowers. The seeds are readily available in almost all flower seeds catalogs or department stores that carry flower seeds.



## COMFREY

by Rebekah (Pearl) Anast

Comfrey is traditionally used to speed the healing of flesh wounds and bruises, and to reduce inflammation of sprains and broken bones. Allantoin, which is good for healing wounds, is a key active ingredient in the leaves of Comfrey. Comfrey also contains rosmarinic acid, which helps decrease inflammation and helps heal blood-vessel injuries in the lungs.

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Comfrey thrives in damp soil, but will grow almost anywhere. It will reseed itself every year, but does not grow well in containers indoors.

The young leaves can be picked throughout the season. Comfrey plants are tall and wide-spreading, and have large coarse leaves. Its flowers, which are blue or creamy white, grow in spikes and bloom all summer. So, remember, when you need "comfort" from inflammatory pain, use Comfrey herb.



## PLANTAIN

by Debi Pearl

The leaves of the Plantago genus contain tannin, thus are an astringent (a drawing agent). Many herbs have astringent properties and can be used in the place of Plantain. We chose Plantain because it is a good astringent, has some anti-inflammatory properties, and because the herb is readily available. Astringent herbs can be used to draw out the poison of an insect sting or bring an infected spot from a splinter to the surface. It can be used to draw out toxins from a dirty wound, as in the case of "the man's" wound on his arm which was full of road trash. Astringents can even be used cosmetically to draw out blemishes from the skin or even discolored areas in the skin. When you understand the properties of Plantain, you will see and marvel at how many different ways it can be used.

Plantain grows wild in many areas of the country. It is a rosette-type plant with smooth shiny leaves and has 12- to 15-inch stems (which bear the seeds) coming out of the middle of the rosette. The seeds are available from many herbs and seeds catalog stores.

To read more on Echinacea, Plantain and others, go to [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org), select "Calendar" then select "Herb Lessons."  
Also visit Shoshanna's [www.bulkherbstore.com](http://www.bulkherbstore.com) for a wealth of health, home and herb information.

*WellTellMe.com* has grown to 600 people now. I am absolutely amazed at the amount of information that has amassed on that site. Every ailment you can think of, from autism to eczema, from diabetes to low blood pressure has been discussed. Lots of midwives, nurses, and backyard herbalists have contributed information, and most of them are NGJ fans. It's comforting to know there are still good people out there. Thanks so much for sharing what you have learned. —Rebekah

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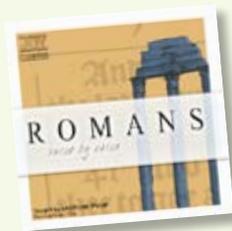
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### FINDING PURPOSE

Dear Pearls,

*Created To Be His Help Meet* has really helped me understand what I am destined to be. I have spent years trying to figure out my purpose on this earth. I have been practicing God's plan since I read the book and have been reaping the fruit of my labor. Mr. Steady man is now in command leading out family into spiritual victory. I am enjoying my new found freedom, since I am no longer have to spend my time dwelling on what needs changing. My days are filled with happiness and the candles are burning in celebration all night.

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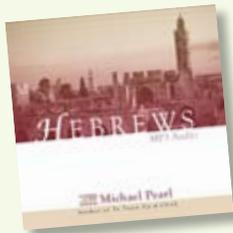
Books of the Bible continued

### Books of the Bible

#### **GALATIANS**

Many professing Christians who don't have a personal relationship with Christ are seeking meaning in Rabbinical Judaism, keeping feast days and Sabbaths, and resorting to using Hebrew words for God and Jesus. Many are "falling from grace" in their attempt to give the Law of Moses a place in their daily lives. God gave us the book of Galatians to answer this ancient, and now modern, heresy.

**6 Cassettes 3410-40 \$21.00**  
**6 CDs 3410-41 \$21.00**



#### **HEBREWS**

This is a book that will bless you like no other. As you study the book of Hebrews, you will not only learn about faith, you will actually have faith built into you by the Word of God.

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**MP3 (1 CD) 3800-55 \$12.50**

### Bible Topics

#### **AM I SAVED?**

This three message set: Born Again, Am I Saved? and Repent, discusses the nature of repentance and faith as it pertains to salvation.

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#### **AUTHORITY PRAYING**

Michael Pearl preaches on the believer's position in Christ and how prayer is based on the authority that is ours in Christ.

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#### **BALAAM & HIS ASS**

Insightful and entertaining story of Balaam and his ass.

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#### **BODY, SOUL, & SPIRIT**



Five messages discussing the nature of man, temptation and sin, the sovereignty of God, and the free will of man. Illustrated diagram included.

**3 Cassettes 1435-40 \$12.00**  
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#### **BY DIVINE DESIGN**

If you are philosophically-minded, this book will appeal to you. Michael discusses some of the basic presuppositions that lead us to believe in and trust the unseen God. We are part of a great drama that is perfectly orchestrated by both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man.

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#### **CHRONOLOGICAL PROPHECIES**

The infidel is silenced with this irrefutable testimony of the Bible's accuracy.

**1 Cassette 2080-40 \$5.00**  
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Michael Pearl addresses the faddish teaching on generational sins, sins of the fathers visited on the children, family curses, etc. Let the word of God free you from the curse of pop

theology.

**1 Cassette 3730-40 \$5.00**  
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#### **GOD'S ETERNAL PROGRAM**

Most of Michael's tapes and CDs are teachings. This one is a sermon preached at a camp in California. It is fun and a blessing.

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**1 CD 3610-45 \$5.00**

#### **GOD HATES SINNERS**

It's time you knew the truth.

**1 CD 3615-45 \$5.00**

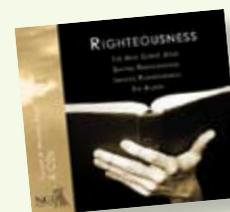
#### **REPENTANCE**

When the Bible warns a sinner to repent, what is the nature of that repentance? Michael Pearl examines all 112 uses of 'repent' in the KJV. Designed to put hearts at rest in Christ, and correct error.

**44 pg. Book 8120-10 \$4.00**  
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Four messages on salvation:



Blood, Imputed Righteousness, The Man Christ Jesus, and Saving Righteousness

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#### **SABBATH REST**

What does the Bible say about keeping the Sabbath, be it Saturday, Sunday, or Tuesday?

**1 Cassette 8310-40 \$5.00**  
**1 CD 8310-45 \$5.00**

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### SANCTIFICATION

Three sermons by Michael Pearl contain the good news of complete and immediate deliverance from any and all sin by the miracle of the gospel alone.

**3 Cassettes 8320-40 \$12.00**  
**3 CDs 8320-41 \$12.00**

### SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

You will be surprised at what you hear. The Church (at large) has been divided, both sides holding to a portion of Scripture while explaining away the other Scripture. Can one believe all the Scripture on both sides of the issue? Absolutely.

**2 Cassettes 8322-40 \$10.00**  
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### SINFUL NATURE

These four messages answer some of the ridiculous teachings of an ancient heresy sometimes called "Calvinism." For too long, Reformed theology has robbed the church of the power of God. The petals fall off of Calvin's tulip when it is held up to the light of Scripture.

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**3 CDs 8330-45 \$12.00**

### DEAR PEARLS,

After 8 years of religion I was born again last summer after listening to Mike's Romans and Colossians series. It has been about a year and I am still walking in victory, free from sin. I tried so hard to please God but my life was full of sin and guilt. I struggled because I knew I had to endure to the end or else. It is so wonderful to be free and at peace and resting in Christ. Hallelujah!

—From Ohio

### SIN NO MORE

The big question is: "So how do I stop sinning?" You have confessed your sins, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of everything but ceasing to sin; yet you are still a Romans 7 Christian. I assure you, God not only saves his children from the penalty of sin but he saves them from its power as well. You can stop sinning.

**7 Cassettes 8315-40 \$24.00**  
**9 CDs 8315-41 \$28.00**

### SIN NO MORE & SANCTIFICATION MP3

Two books on one MP3 CD.  
**MP3 (1 CD) 8315-55 \$12.50**

### SONS OF GOD AND GIANTS

The Jews have taught it for 3500 years. The church fathers believed it and wrote of it. It has been commonly believed by Bible Believers down through the ages, but it is too radical for our present generation. They will ridicule you if you believe it.

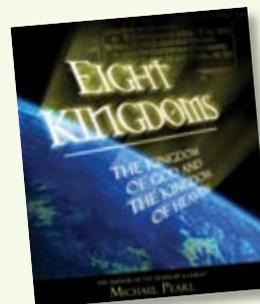
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**1 CD 8336-45 \$5.00**

### WHEN FORGIVENESS IS A SIN

The Bible does not teach that Christians are to forgive everyone. In some cases it would be a sin to forgive. See what the Bible says and free yourself from the bondage of modern psycho babble.

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### EIGHT KINGDOMS NEW!

The Bible speaks of eight kingdoms. You can't see one of them. One is coming but you can't be a part of it. Another must be resisted. You have been removed from another. You must honor another that is evil. One is now fighting for its life. One is going to smash all the others and reign forever on the earth. If you don't want to be challenged, don't bother buying this book.

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Written by Michael Pearl and featuring spectacular artwork by Marvel Comic artist Danny Bulanadi. Over 300 pages with over 1,000 frames and 10,000 drawn figures illustrating the Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation in comic book format.

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### Booklets

All booklets are \$1.50 each or \$1 each for 25 or more of any one of the below. These are great resources for teachers to use in Bible classes.

#### 1 JOHN 1:9 THE PROTESTANT CONFESSIONAL

A core belief held by most conservative Christians is that Christians who have unconfessed sins in their life are in need of forgiveness, are out of fellowship with God, and are walking in darkness. The underlying assumption is that God forgives only sins that are confessed. What does the Bible teach? Does God withhold forgiveness until sin is confessed? Not on your life.

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#### BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME

There are those who insist that New Testament water baptism is not valid unless the one doing the baptism vocally utters the words "in Jesus' name." It is

the conclusion of this study that the verbal utterance is never an issue in Scripture. It is erroneous to insist on any certain phrase being pronounced over the baptized.

**17 pg. Booklet 1410-10 \$1.50**

#### IN DEFENSE OF BIBLICAL CHASTISEMENT

Michael brings clear understanding back into the confusing and often misunderstood subject of corporal chastisement. After firmly laying the Biblical foundation for chastisement, he then answers the question, "How do I apply corporal chastisement properly?" Finally, he shows the effectiveness of Biblical chastisement demonstrated in those families that practice it as taught.

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#### JUSTIFICATION AND THE BOOK OF JAMES

James clearly teaches that works justify a man while Paul teaches that a man is not justified by works. Are they contradicting each other? Which one is correct? This study resolves the issue once and for all.

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#### PORNOGRAPHY - ROAD TO HELL

While most ministers avoid the subject, Michael Pearl addresses the deadly scourge of pornography head-on. He shows how repentance toward God

and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ can break the bondage of this wicked perversion through the abundant mercy and grace of a loving God. There is hope for the man caught in the snare of pornography and hope for the helpless, angry wife who finds it difficult to honor him.

**12 pg. Booklet 7030-10 \$1.50**

#### TO BETROTH OR NOT TO BETROTH

All Christian parents want their children to have God's first and best in all areas of their lives, and this includes marriage. In an effort to avoid the dangers of the modern dating game, families are giving attention to the concept of betrothal. The dangers of the betrothal system are exposed with the light of biblical truth, bringing objectivity back to an often-misunderstood subject.

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### Posters

#### REVELATION POSTER AND HANDBOOK

This poster is a print of an original painting done by Michael Pearl which shows the events of

Revelation in chronological order. It is 40"x19" on heavy, glossy paper. The handbook which accompanies it is filled with Old Testament references and commentary to the events in Revelation.

**Poster 8130-10 \$12.00**

#### Other Authors

#### WHICH VERSION IS THE BIBLE?

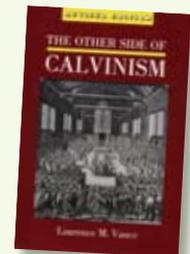
Author: Floyd Jones. Answers all your questions about Bible versions. Proof that the King James Bible is the perfect Word of God to the English-speaking people.

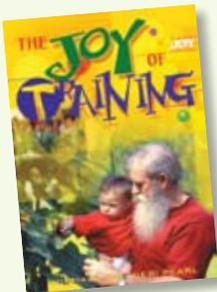
**Book 9510-10 \$10.00**

#### THE OTHER SIDE OF CALVINISM

Author: Laurence M. Vance, Ph.D. This is a detailed historical examination and critical biblical analysis of Calvinism. Extensively documented from Calvinistic authorities, this book presents the other side to the over 400-year-old debate of the doctrines of Calvinism. Mike Pearl states, "This is the best book exposing the heresies of Calvinism. If you are a Bible believer concerned about TRUTH, this is a 'must-read.'" Hard bound book of 788 pages.

**Book 6610-00 \$19.50**

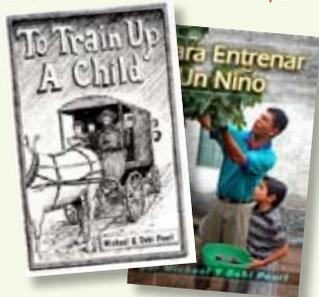




### THE JOY OF TRAINING

Michael and Debi Pearl tell how they successfully trained up their five children with love, humor, the rod, and a King James Bible. The 2 DVD set contains the same high-quality, digitally-filmed content as the video set and hundreds of snapshots and video clips of family and children, illustrating the things being taught.

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### TO TRAIN UP A CHILD

From successful parents, learn how to train up your children rather than discipline them up. With humor and real-life examples, this book shows you how to train your children before the need to discipline arises. Be done with corrective discipline; make them allies rather than adversaries. The stress will be gone and your obedient children will praise you.

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Reprints of the first two years of No Greater Joy articles. Covers the subjects of sibling rivalry, pouting, bad attitudes, and much more.

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Let your children listen to great bedtime stories. Covers the subjects of rowdy boys, homeschooling, grief, and much more.

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Children learn wisdom and enjoy listening to the stories as you read to them volumes 1, 2, and 3. Covers the subjects of marriage relationships and how they affect children, joy, much more.

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### FOUR BOOK SET

Get the *No Greater Joy Series* and *To Train Up a Child* in this four book set. This is a perfect gift for friends or anyone who is seeking help in parenting.

**4 Book Set 3200-00 \$16.00**

### DEAR DEBI,

I remember clearly how frustrating it was to have older women give me such pansy advice. 'Make sure you get time for yourself,' they would say. I DID NOT WANT TO HEAR THAT!!!! It would make me want to shout, "DON'T TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK I WANT TO HEAR, TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO HEAR.." Finally an older woman says it JUST like it is. I'm ordering two more [Created to be His Help Meet] books.

—M. Falcon

### THANK YOU

Thank you for your ministry. I've been very confused and mislead and downright sinful for a long time and you are helping me (which helps my husband and children as a result) to overcome my ignorance and sin. I will be praying for you. Thanks especially for your online audios. They've helped me the most.

—Heidi

### FREE DOWNLOADS

My husband is really enjoying your free downloads—A true blessing.

P.S. Please let Debi (and Beka) know I love the monthly Herb lessons on the web.

—E.K.

Michael posts weekly Bible Messages every Saturday on our website. He is currently teaching through the book of Mark. Go to [nogreaterjoy.org](http://nogreaterjoy.org), select "Calendar" under Categories then select the subcategory "Bible Messages" for a complete list.

# Family Resources

Audio, Books, DVD, & Video

## A-B-C BIBLE VERSE SONGS

Beka and some of the kids in the church sing the A-B-C Bible verse songs that her mother taught her when she was growing up. Your little ones will want to listen to this day and night, and by doing so they will learn 26 Bible verses with the references. This is the smilingest tape you will ever hear.

**1 Cassette 1010-40 \$5.00**  
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Two hours of Michael Pearl speaking on child training. These tapes are geared toward the father's role in the family. Tales of Mike and his sons' wild adventures. Boys love it!



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**NEW!**

## BECOMING A MAN

This message is for parents concerned about raising their boys up to be men, and for encouraging boys and young men to take the steps to manhood, and it is for fathers who never learned to be real men. It tells you what you need to do to become more than just an adult—how to become a real man.

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## FROM THE END OF THE EARTH

Songs by Rebekah Pearl. All alone in a bamboo hut on the top of a mountain in New Guinea, the first white woman ever seen by the Kumboi village, Rebekah writes and sings songs about her God. She accompanies herself on a classical guitar.



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## MAIL BAG

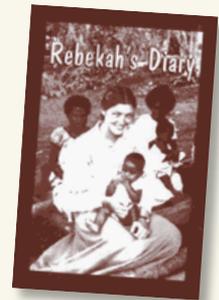
The Pearls offer candid answers as they open their mail and discuss your questions. Many readers say it is the most interesting and helpful information on child training we have.

**6 Cassettes 5910-40 \$18.00**

## BEST HOMESCHOOLING IDEAS

Debi Pearl discusses her best homeschooling ideas. 20-plus years of accumulated wisdom. This tape can remove your burden. It is our best-selling cassette!

**1 Cassette 6170-40 \$5.00**  
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## REBEKAH'S DIARY

Rebekah Pearl, (now Rebekah Anast) daughter of Michael and Debi Pearl, tells the awesome story of God's guidance and protection as she, a 22 year old girl, all alone, where no white person had ever been, adapted to a primitive culture.

**106 pg. Book 7810-10 \$5.00**  
**8-99 copies each \$3.00**  
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## STARTING OVER

The basic message, "Okay, I know I've messed up in child training, now what do I do?"

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## TESTIMONY OF DARLENE ROSE

Hear the missionary story of Darlene Rose. Rebekah Pearl listened to these tapes when she was young. She says they helped mold her life toward missions.

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## THE GAMI AKIJ STORY

Your heart will be stirred as Rebekah Pearl recounts how God prepared a people for himself. The story of her time in the mountains of Papua New Guinea, translating the Kumboi language. Young people love it.

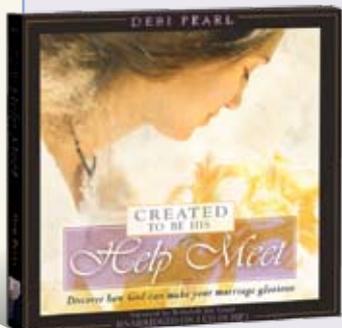
**1 Cassette 3420-40 \$5.00**

**“Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good”** Isaiah 7:15.

# Marriage Resources

Audio, Books, DVD, & Video

**NEW!** **CREATED TO BE HIS HELP MEET AUDIO BOOK**



Created Audio is now available! Read by two of the Pearl grown children, Rebekah and Nathan. Listen while you walk, bike, drive or do housework! Available on CD or MP3 CD.

**9 CDs 2020-45 28.00**  
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### DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN MP3 IS?

Our MP3 discs look just like CDs, but there is one big difference. Our Matthew set requires 24 CDs=\$65, but it only requires one MP3 disk=\$12.50. Most all new players are MP3/CD combined. You can purchase an MP3 player at Walmart for around \$25. Our new Created to Be His Help Meet requires 9 CDs=\$28.00 or 1 MP3=\$12.50.



### CREATED TO BE HIS HELP MEET - BOOK

What God is doing through this new book is amazing! We are receiving thousands of letters from people giving testimony to marriages restored and made new. Pastors, bookstores, and teachers are ordering and reordering cases. 296 Pages.

**Book 2020-10 \$12.00**  
**Box of 24 books 2020-99 \$172.80**



### FOR WOMEN ONLY

This book by Shaunti Feldhahn is based on surveys. It was a real eye-opener. Michael says it will help women understand men's thoughts and struggles.

**Book 3210-10 \$8.50**

### HOLY SEX

Michael Pearl takes his readers through a refreshing journey of biblical texts showing that God designed marriage to be the context of erotic pleasure. The world and the devil have attempted to make the subject of sex their domain. No longer.

**82 pg. Book 4125-10 \$5.00**  
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### MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY

Husbands, learn how to sanctify your wife and cleanse her of spots, wrinkles, and blemishes. You have the power to bring your wife into the fullness of all that God intended her to be. Wives, learn the freedom of honoring and ministering to your man. You can help him become all that God intended him to be.



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**2 VHS 4140-70 \$18.00**

### ONLY MEN

Michael Pearl speaks directly and frankly to men about their responsibilities as husbands. Wives should not listen to this tape. We don't want you taking advantage of your man.

**1 Cassette 6650-40 \$5.00**  
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### PANEL OF FIVE (LADIES)

Five wives whose husbands have far-reaching ministries speak out on what a woman can do to be a helper to her husband.

**1 Cassette 7010-40 \$5.00**

### YOUNG ADULTS & MARRIAGE

This message, spoken by Michael Pearl in California, was given to help parents and their young adult children make wise decisions concerning marriage. It has the story of all five of our children finding their mates.

**1 Cassette 9810-40 \$5.00**  
**1 CD 9810-45 \$5.00**

### DEBI,

I keep loaning "Created" books and giving them away so fast, my husband told me to just order a case this time! We've been missionaries in Botswana, where marriage is a dying institution, and your book has been a great inspiration to the women there, who are reading them and sharing them with everyone they know!

Thank you!  
 —Sonya

## Testimonies of “Created to be His Help Meet”

Newlyweds or grandparents, Debi’s recent book is renewing, saving and strengthening marriages everyday.



### DEAR DEBI,

Hi, I wanted to let you know that I finished reading *Created To Be His Help Meet* and can genuinely say it has changed my life. My husband is a pastor and I have been such a hindrance to him these past 26 years of marriage. We are both reaping the blessing of a heavenly marriage as I confess my rebellion and find new strength and purpose realizing what I was created by the CREATOR to be. I am undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer and even through I am as bald as a bat and have no breast, my husband thinks I am more beautiful than ever because my beauty is finally manifested from the inside out in a submissive spirit of joy and thanksgiving. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

—*Finally His Help Meet*

### MRS. PEARL,

Recently I had written you a letter telling you how your book *Created* had really helped a lot of women that I loaned it to. I also told you I had encouraged them to stick with it and they would see the results. I wrote you and told you how well it

helped those people but my husband and my marriage was still in turmoil. No matter how hard I tried, he got worse. It seemed all the women were getting results in a month and I had been doing all I could for six months. You replied to my letter and told me it seemed that my husband indeed was out of the will of God and that I just needed to stick with it and stay nice. So for another month I continued, with honey at his attacks. I was more confident after I read your reply that maybe I wasn’t doing every thing wrong and it would work, just to hang in there. On Mothers day my husband asked me what I wanted. I told him I only wanted him to go church with me. He went and grumbled that it didn’t mean that he would be going back. I smiled and told him I was just glad that he went. Wednesday service rolled around and he got ready while I was cooking supper and went again. Since then he hasn’t missed a service. I am so happy to write you a good reply of how your book helped me. I am so happy my marriage is going so good. My husband is serving the Lord 100% and teaching the

children again. He is speaking up in Bible study at church and getting involved in working for the Lord. Again I know you all prayed for me and my home and I thank you so much. Thank you for your book and sharing what God has shown you. It has helped me, my family and many people.

From a woman who was still trying, who has finally seen the results and watched God move.

### DEAR MRS. PEARL,

A friend recommended your book, I got it from the library. I thumbed through it and got so angry, I was going to punch out an email. Then I felt like God was saying for me to just start from the beginning and take it all in context, and then when finished, if you still want to email, you can. My husband and I had a big fight so I stayed up all night and read the whole book!!! I can’t began to tell you how it changed my life. I am amazed at how “independent” we are brought up to be and not knowing it. I had not realized how much I had passed on to my 3 daughters. I repented and prayed the prayers in the book. I am so thankful it is not too late to raise my daughters with this information. I have bought 3 more books and gave them away and at tax time we are going to buy a whole case to give away. To say this message is so critical to get to people is an understatement. I continue to pray blessings on you for following such an important mandate. I grew up in a Christian home yet I lacked this information! Thank you, Thank you and Thank you.

—*A New Woman*

### READ EXCERPT

To read an excerpt of Debi’s book *Created to be His Help Meet*, go to [www.createdtobehishelpmeet.com/excerpts](http://www.createdtobehishelpmeet.com/excerpts). The page contains a condensed version of chapter 8, “Who is your Man?”

## COUNTRY BUMPKINS

Dear Mike and Debi,

Every issue of NGJ is eagerly awaited at our house and read through multiple times. We are country bumpkins who love the Lord and love the life He has given us. NGJ has helped us to realize there are many more folks who feel like we do. My heart sorrows for those who exist in such rigid spiritual paralysis that they miss the joy of the liberty in Christ to live and learn about our great God and heavenly Father and to love others for Jesus' sake.

In 1979 when Peggy and I married we went to the altar in our local church and prayed a simple prayer together. We asked the Lord for His favor to be blessed with children in our home. We also promised that if he did grant us the gift of children that we would seek earnestly to bring them up in such a way that their lives would bring glory and honor to His name. Now, 27 years later, we are still on this remarkable journey. It's hasn't been without a lot of mistakes and mess-ups on our part, but mercy and grace are more real for the experience.

As far as child training concepts, we just had a macro-view rather than a micro-view of our children's lives. From the time they were each born we had in view what they would become in the years to come. We were always mindful that despite short-term problems or difficulties we would evidently encounter, there was always a long-term view that kept us pointed the right way as husband/wife and as a family.

Tramping in the Ozarks is where my sons (and daughters) received most of their training, both in child training and in life. At that age (two or three) they had to stop and investigate every thing in sight. We studied together animal tracks, animal poop, rocks, sticks, holes in the ground (great speculation about what made the hole or might be living in at present) currents in the streams, how beavers dammed up the creek, birds nests, piles of bones and so forth. By the time they were six



they were handy little scouts and fairly knowledgeable about a number of things in the "real world". They have been trained by being cold, being hot, enduring hardship or even hungry.

As they got older I'd "pay out a little more rope" to them and let them explore further on their own. To see their beaming smiles when they found their "own" deer trail, squirrel den or brought in some remarkable rock was and is a great feeling. They learned to use their initiative (not dad's) by figuring out deer patterns on their own, trapping their own fur, training their own dogs and cleaning their own game. They were and are little men under construction.

We did things together with much laughter and joy. Going to church, going to mission fields, going to the woods or waters, or just being at home, we did it together. We've had our share of disappointments, discouragements and despair. A lot of tears have been shed, a lot of wrongs have been made right, but in spite of it all we've always been able to smile and laugh at ourselves. We take serving the Lord and others seriously, but we don't take ourselves too seriously.

It would be impossible for me as a husband to put a price on the effect my wife's spirit and influence has had on our children. Her children and her husband rise up and call her blessed! I'm the outgoing take-the-bull-by-the-horns type while she is the diligent, behind-the-scenes steady as she guides the home. In our home I would rally the troops and lead the charge on hell with a squirt gun while she would want to make sure everyone's squirt gun was full of water before they took off and be ready to reload for us. She is a crown to her husband.

And now as our children are getting older God has seen fit to give us the ministry to care for my Dad who has suffered a paralyzing stroke, Mom and little brother David (handicapped).

I write this letter now because I want you to know that if you grow weary and attacks come against you for your stands for Christ, if and when it all seems overwhelming just take heart in this: You have been and are a heaven sent breath of fresh air into the sails of the Stanley family and many more like us.

Yours for sailing on,  
—Mike and Peggy

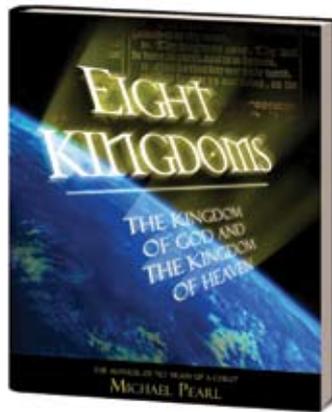
**> NEW BOOK BY MICHAEL PEARL**

# EIGHT KINGDOMS

THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

ONE SATURDAY MORNING, forty-two years ago, I stood on the sidewalk in downtown Memphis preaching to the city drunks, hippies, and dope heads. I told the listeners that they could be saved and enter the kingdom of heaven. After I finished my message and moved among the people, a dignified old man humbly approached me and spoke with a strong, educated voice that resonated with conviction. "Young man, the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are not the same; knowing this is key to understanding God's Word." With that he turned and walked away. At the time, I dismissed him as a quack or a representative of some radical sect, but what he said stuck in my mind.

From time to time as I read the Scripture, I saw little things that made me wonder if they were different, but I did not see that it made any difference. The Bible college I attended told me that the kingdoms were the same, as did the many books I read. But the sincere, modest old man had awakened a deepening curiosity in me. After graduation, when I began to investigate the Bible in an original way (from scratch!), I gave an increasing amount of time to examining



the kingdom passages. Wow! What a beautifully hidden/revealed mystery I found in God's word! I have often wondered if the old man was a visitation from above. He was right on both counts; they are not the same, and knowing this truth is key to understanding God's Word.

It was not until the mid-1990s when I began to work with a computer, that I was able to gather, shuffle, and accurately compare

the many passages and then produce documentation on "the mysteries of the kingdom." For the past 10 years, I have sifted, filtered, and refined the kingdoms documentation. The result is a book like no other that has ever been written. If you are a student of the Word (as we all should be), this is a must-read, must-study, must-know volume that clearly reveals the key of knowledge that God has given us. You, too, can use that key to unlock the treasures that God has placed in His word to bless us.

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**The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are not the same. You may ask, "So what? What difference can it make?"**

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- It is the difference between believing that David will be resurrected to sit on a literal throne in Jerusalem, and believing that Christ will sit on a throne in heaven.
- It is the difference between Christians keeping the Law of Moses or not.
- It is the difference between Jewish Sabbath-keeping and New Covenant rest.
- It's the difference between the doctrine of security of the believer and that of losing your salvation.
- It is the difference between pre-millennial and post-millennial eschatology.
- It is the difference between the pre-tribulation, pre-wrath, and post-tribulation and pre-wrath rapture of the church.
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## > NEW BOOK BY MICHAEL PEARL

# GOOD AND EVIL

Debi writes,

WHEN I WAS A KID, Sunday School bored me to death. My teachers followed a curriculum that must have been written by someone who had failed at publishing their works. It was all about the principles of prayer or the concepts of loving your neighbors. Even now, I want to stand up and say, "Blah, Blah, Blah." It was a total waste of time. But once each week, an old lady from Child Evangelism Fellowship came to our church to teach women how to teach children in the Good News Bible classes. She always had pictures of the stories she was telling. My mom took me along with her, and I LOVED that class! While I was just a 13-year-old child, looking at those illustrations and listening to the old lady as she taught the Bible stories, Mike Pearl, whom I had not yet met, was going door to door in the poor sections of Memphis, rounding up groups of children to teach these same Bible stories, and he was using the same illustrated books!

God introduced himself to mankind, not through principles and concepts, but through stories, picture stories, if you will, of prophecy, war, mercy, judgment, miracles, death, life, rebuke, forgiveness, and God's coming redemption plan. These stories tell more about who God is and what he expects of us than all

the doctrinal books ever written. God reveals himself in the events of history as recorded or "pictured" in the Bible.

The missionaries we support needed a good set of Bible illustrations to aid in their ministry to those tribes who have never yet heard the gospel. We found that other illustrated books in print were too expensive and too juvenile, not appealing to the adult comic-book crowd. Thus,

the illustrated Bible (called *Good and Evil*) was born, first in our hearts, and after seven years of hard work, it is now available to you. Mike wrote it so as to easily and quickly communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ, covering key stories in the Old Testament that are pertinent to understanding the gospels and epistles,



and then continuing through the New Testament and Church history up until these very present times. It is a summary overview of God's eternal program as revealed in the Bible. It is written and pictured as an exciting drama.

It can be used as a Sunday School curriculum that will hold the interest of children and adults alike. It could be used as a complete year of Homeschool curriculum, as Bible study, art classes, reading classes, and as a translation project (for teens who are studying a foreign language). Every family could use it as a family devotions book. It is guaranteed to be interesting!

It will make a great gift and can be used very effectively as an evangelistic tool for adults and teenagers who are otherwise resistant to any "verbal" witness.

We tried NOT to get into doctrine,

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but stuck with retelling the stories just as they are written. Most pages include the Scripture references at the bottom so students of the Word can do more in-depth study.

Mike wrote the stories and drew the preliminary pictures. It is a large-format book, over three hundred pages, with more than one thousand illustrated frames. We were able to secure the services of the artist, Danny Bulanadi, who was the “inker” (drew the pictures in ink, before they were shaded or colored) for Marvel Comic books, such as Batman and The Incredible Hulk. After he was saved, he dedicated his talents to God. His drawings for *Good and Evil* took over three years to complete. We then had to secure a computer artist to do the gray-shading and add the bubble frames and text. Missionaries, lay people and ministers all helped in purifying the text as well as the pictures. Every step of the way the Devil stood against the project. It has been a costly, time-consuming, mind-boggling project. When you see it, you will understand why we persevered.

It is with great joy that we report that these marvelous illustrated stories from God’s Word are now being translated into 21 different languages, including some languages where the Bible is not yet available.

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# TWINS

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO we ask mothers with twins to send us stories of how they trained their twins. We received lots of cute pictures but NO “how raising a set of twins is different” training stories. I was truly surprised considering the amount of training ideas we do receive from our readership. Therefore I have to conclude that raising twins must be very much like raising babies that happen to be born close in age. So for our twins NGJ issue we have PICTURES!



Courter Twins



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Micah and Benjamin Nyland  
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# Summer School

- Homeschool Kid

“How many seeds is there, Mama?” Rysha asked me as we cut off the seed heads of the fading calendula flowers and picked the drying poppy pods. The flowers in our front yard seemed to have tripled in volume this year, thanks to the seed-gathering and sowing of last year’s efforts. Three little heads bobbed around me in the bright flowers, pulling or clipping the seed heads off and drop-

ping them in my plastic bag. “Okay, kid- does, let’s wait for a few more days for the rest of them - they’re still a bit green.”

Joe Courage lined the floor of our minivan with paper, and we spread out the seeds we’d picked. Here, they would have 24 hours to completely dry. I held up one little calendula seed cluster.

“Look, Rysha - here’s where the petals came out all around... and then the petals got old and blew away. Now all that’s left is a ring of seeds around the middle. Look how many seeds there are in one flower! Let’s count them.”

We counted the seeds, removing them one at a time while all three kids pressed close to watch and count aloud. “Thirty two seeds in one flower! That means this one flower has the potential make thirty two more flower plants next year!”

We picked up a poppy pod shaped like a small green bean. It was dry and papery. “Watch this. When I blow on it like the wind... pop! It splits open and the seeds jump out!” The kids squealed in delight and blew on their own poppy pods.

We spread the seeds to dry more thoroughly and, in a few days, we’ll scatter them over the front yard for next year’s summer school and blossom festival.

-Rebekah (Pearl) Anast



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