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

# All You Need is Love

Training and Loving Your Children | by Debi Pearl



Gracie flying kites with Daddy

**O**UR granddaughter Gracie is now 16 months of age and a delightful buzzsaw of activity. Her mother, Shalom, and I were riding along in the car with Gracie, headed toward their home, which is located off the highway behind their auto shop. When we topped the hill where we could see the distant lights glowing from their property, from the back seat of the car came a thrilled shout, “My home, my home, Daddy, see my daddy!” It only took three minutes to reach the drive, but it was three minutes

of increasingly excited chatter about “Daddy.” As we drew near, we could tell by the light coming through the open garage door that Gracie’s daddy was still in the shop. There was no way we could bypass it and go to the house beyond as we had intended. As we drew near, we rolled the windows down to ease the decibel level in the car and to give Gracie the opportunity to announce her arrival. Gracie’s daddy didn’t disappoint her. While Shalom parked the car and attempted to unbuckle Gracie’s seat belt, her joyful shouts of “Daddy,

Daddy, Daddy” evoked a harmony from inside the shop, “Gracie, Gracie, Gracie!” And around the corner and out the big door he came running. You would think they had not seen each other in a year; it had been only a few hours. Here is child training at its best—life at its best.

My son-in-law can be a bone-head in a hundred different ways, but I will always love him because of moments like that. There is a connection between father and daughter that is all light and love. It generates hope and good-will all around.

She knew he would come running to her, and she was right. He has earned her trust and admiration.

After observing this scene, I began to contemplate the different parent/child relationships that I have seen and to analyze the root and the fruit. Daddies are different from mothers in the way they relate to their children.

Consider for a moment the development process. Early in a child's life there is a bond between mother and child that is generated by nature. These maternal and filial instincts are just as strong, if not stronger, in the lowest and dumbest animals. Little ones love Mama because she is the source of food, warmth, comfort, and security. Mama loves her infant because it is her animal nature to do so. Rare indeed is the mother—human or animal—with no maternal instincts. As children get older, say age three or four, and grow to be less dependent, mother's maternal instincts diminish and are replaced by real love and respect. At least, that is the way it is supposed to happen. When hormones change and maternal instinct fades, the true heart of the mother is manifested. Is there a spirit of good-will and mutual respect, or is mother tense and distant, resenting the seemingly endless demands of parenting? The mother who is freed from the maternal-filial instinct will then relate to her child according to her heart. If she has not earned the admiration and respect of her child by then, their relationship will rapidly deteriorate. It happens at between two and four years old.

Discussing it with Mike, we came to the conclusion that mothers get a jump-start in relationships from nature, but fathers must *earn* love and respect from their children right from the start, and keep on

earning it. Mothers, on the other hand, sometimes rely on the maternal-filial instincts, trusting that all is well, and they are shocked when hormones and nature will no longer carry the relationship.

We were talking about this in our office kitchen the other day, trying to determine how best to convey to our readers how to really love their children. The young

stands. If your love is not visible, it doesn't exist. It is nothing more than an unapplied doctrine.

Mike and I struggle with how best to communicate to parents the things that are most important. How is it that one man loves his child as soon as the child is conceived and the other man sees his one-year-old son as a nuisance to endure? Is it because one man was

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married girl who does our cooking was busy in the background, but I could tell just by the way she moved that she was intently listening. I turned to her and asked, "So, your dad really loves you?" When she turned around to face us, I saw the same glowing look on her face that I had seen on Gracie's face when she was calling out to her daddy. "There is nothing on earth as important to my dad as us kids. Yes, I always knew he loved me as much as any man could ever love his kids." Do you think this young woman ever caused her father grief in her growing-up years? No, she was always her daddy's darling. It was his heart that kept her, not just good training, although I am sure that training was a great part of her upbringing. Parents will profess love for their children, but you can hear the "but" before they utter it. But "we are so busy . . . under so much pressure . . . and we just can't take the noisy nonsense from our children." For a child, love is not talk. It is not a theological doctrine. And it is not assumed, understood, or taken for granted. Love is visible, tangible; it is doing, not occasionally, but constantly—that is the only kind of love a child under-

raised by a loving, attentive dad, and the other man was raised either fatherless or by an uncaring stepfather? In other words, are we victims of our upbringing? Do lousy dads make lousy kids who become lousy dads who again produce lousy kids, generation after generation? Yes and no. Kids do have a strong tendency to grow up to be like their own dads. But we are all free to choose as we will, to make our own bed and lie in it, not in one made for us by our heritage. That is what Christ is all about. He frees us from ourselves, crucifies the old man and enables us to walk after the Spirit of God, daily transformed into the image of Christ, from "faith to faith," from "glory to glory."

I want to blame it on inherited traits, but I know from 35 years of ministry that it is not so. We have worked with people, teaching them how to train their small children; we have watched these little ones grow up to become adults and have children of their own. We have struggled to help several generations to train and love their kids. We have been around long enough to know it is not genetics or family history or even a bad past that makes men

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Pearls,

My wife and I have read and enjoyed your work for years. This is hard for me to write, because I feel like I am a seasoned Christian, I should be able to deal with this, but I can't.

We have been married for 12 years and have several fine children. I have my own business and do very well working right out of our home. I love my children and spend a lot of time doing fun things with them. My wife is a perfect mother and wife, cooking 3 meals a day, keeping the house nice, etc. But something in me longs for love. I do not lust for other women, but I am so lonely. If I were not grounded in the grace of Jesus Christ I would be a surprising candidate for an affair. I say surprising because everyone that knows us thinks we are the perfect pair. I have told my wife repeatedly that I have a real need to laugh, hug, kiss, play, talk, intimacy, just be together in a rich rewarding way. She says she is just not the affectionate type. I have gone to bed at night holding my pillow to my chest wishing it were her. I know that there is no perfect match for all of our hearts desires, and I am not expecting that, but in the deepest center of my heart I know it is meant that my mate, my help meet, my wife love me. In my soul I find little or nothing. I am so thirsty for love. She is like living with a robot doing all the right things but not being a living, loving woman. It robs me of my confidence, my joy, and my esteem. I know I sound pretty fragile. I have a hard time getting my mind off of all this, and then I realize it is not my mind that is tugging at me, it is my desperately lonely heart.

I pray God will continually guide you into His perfect truth.

—A lonely husband



and women not love their children; it is selfish hearts. I know the daddy of the young cook in the kitchen that spoke so passionately of her father's love. I knew him when he was young. He had nothing but grief as a child. I know that after he had children his job in the Navy often took him from home for extended periods. Yet his children knew his love for them was great. His past never found its way into his children, for it died in him when he died in Christ and was raised to walk in newness of life.

I can tell you about another wonderful dad, who is downstairs packing and shipping your orders from NGJ. He never knew his father. This dad's entire youth and early manhood was spent in prison, yet he pours his heart into his children. Again, genetics, history, and an ugly past have not followed him in his parenting. His children are a testimony to him and a praise to God.

I know another dad who is raising another man's child. The only people who know the boy is not his child are people who knew them before the child was born. This dad is so loving and so caring that it never occurs to anyone that the boy is not his natural-born son. This man's love is greater than most natural dads', and is a living testimony of God's love.

In contrast, we know a man who had a great father, yet he is a selfish, irritable dad. His children respect him because their good mama cultivates it in their hearts, but you will never see them light up for their dad the way Gracie does for hers. In fact, you will never see his children light up with shiny faces on any occasion. Their hearts just do not know the depth of loving security that Gracie takes for granted.

Love wears the garments of laughter, joy, thanksgiving, delighted eyes meeting delighted eyes. Love is driving down the road singing together because the children's joy is more important than your own tranquility. Love is hugs, cooking together, taking time to build a tent over the furniture. Love is making the children a part of your life—a part of your daily routine. Love is an irresistible delight in the developing soul of another person.

When your heart is full of love, it shows. You can see it; you can hear it, perhaps even smell it. If you know you don't have the love I have described, then ask God to change your heart. It is worth it to hear, "Daddy, Daddy, Daddy!"

*"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Luke 11:9). ❖*

# Tumbling Tots

by Michael Pearl

You can learn a great deal about child training from watching other parents relate to their children. It is easier to see their faults than



Jeremiah drops in the office for a free photo shoot of a happy, tumbling tot

our own, mainly because we aren't emotionally involved and are free to think objectively. It is good to consider the advice of others whom you trust.

The other evening I was visiting a home, enjoying watching the small children romp. They had placed an old mattress on the floor so the kids could tumble on it. The daddy was stretched out on one side of the mattress encouraging the kids to do bigger flips. Every once in a while they would pile up on him. Great fun indeed! Mother sat off to the side laughing at their creative acrobatics. As the kids started to wear down and the hour grew late, he suggested that it was almost bedtime. After making the same observation several more times over the next few minutes, he told them to stop tumbling and prepare for bed. All three kids took another turn. He

then spoke more forcefully (but it still sounded like a suggestion to me) commanding them to cease tumbling and prepare for bed. I could see that they regarded him

a little more seriously this time, for they were somewhat hesitant when they again did a flip. He was a little agitated, and so with more force and threat in his voice, he again commanded them to cease their antics and prepare for bed. I watched them mill around as a struggle went on in their souls. "Can I get away with one

more tumble? How serious is he this time?" The six-year-old boy put his head down on the mattress and slowly flipped over, looking at his daddy to see if any wrath would follow. His half compliance met with a half command and so he got in one more slow, tentative roll before he settled down. It took about five minutes from the first command to complete compliance. For this family it was normal. The kids obeyed without a fight. No one threw a fit. No one got a spanking. Daddy never got mad. For most families it was without incident—no problem, totally normal.

The problem in all this, aside from the fact that the children are not learning to instantly obey, is that for five minutes the children were saturated with anxiousness

and rebellion, however subtle. They were defying authority and acting out their self-will. That five minutes was not good for their souls. It created insecurity and damaged their relationship with their parents. You can be certain that because of many moments like that, there will be times when these kids will push it further and openly resist authority. Every moment they hesitated, they were dishonoring their parents.

I get anxious at moments like that. I recall how we handled similar situations. I would have been shocked if my children had not instantly ceased with the slightest command. It was unthinkable that they should hesitate to obey and take another half tumble. If one of my kids had ignored my command and done another flip, I would have immediately secured a spanking instrument, had the child bend over in the tumbling position, and given him one good lick on the backside. It is because we were always consistent that we didn't have to spank very often and never had to nag. The children didn't have those five-minute periods of defiance. We remained in fellowship, and they grew up emotionally stable. Think about it. ❖



# Can God Bring Our Dog Back?

Faith of a Little Child | by Tremaine Ware

**W**e have a small dog that usually goes with us whenever we travel. On long trips we let him out for a quick trip to the grass, and when he is fin-

ished he jumps right back into the question until we found Ty. We all headed in different directions looking and calling for our little dog, but the dog was gone. “Someone has stolen our dog,” my son said with great sadness in his voice.

My seven-year-old has grown up with this little dog. It is part of the family. We gave up our futile search and went into the restaurant, but my son could hardly eat. He was so torn up. Mama and others tried to console him. All that afternoon and into the night he kept asking, “God can bring our dog back—right? Do you think he will? Will we ever see our dog again? Should we pray and ask God to bring him back?” I felt a little bad about the whole thing, but enough was enough, so I said, “Listen, son, the dog is gone; that’s all there is to it, so you need to just suck it up and get over it. Just think, in a big city like this it could have been you or your little sister that was taken instead of the dog, so be thankful that it was just the dog.” With that my son dropped it.

The next day, while still visiting with my mom, she received a phone call from the local pet store. “We think someone has found your dog,” (Unknown to us, she had gone to the local pet store with information about our dog and asked them to call her if anyone should contact them about a small dog.) A family had found Ty and put

out flyers and listed him on the internet. One of the pet store workers saw a flyer and called my mom.

After the dog returned, my son said, “I prayed.” He believed that God would answer him. He knew that it wasn’t just a coincidence. As you can imagine, I felt mighty small after having brushed off my son’s desire to pray. Yes, I believed God **COULD** bring our dog back, but I did not believe he **WOULD**. My son believed. I did not have a single verse of Scripture that indicated that God would bring our dog back, but my son didn’t need a verse; he just felt that God cared about what he cared about enough to do something about it. To God I must have been like the disciples who ushered the children away from Jesus’ presence. Jesus rebuked them with the now famous words, “Suffer the little children to come unto me.” As a parent and theologically versed adult, I learned that our Heavenly Father is moved by the simple prayer of a grieving seven-year-old boy.

*“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief” (Matt. 13:58).*

*“Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel” (Psalm 78:41).*

God wants us to learn to trust him. *“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24).* ❖



Trajan and his dog, Ty

ished he jumps right back into the vehicle. He has done this so many times that normally we don’t even bother to watch for him. On a recent occasion while sitting in a restaurant parking lot, waiting for relatives to arrive, I said to my son, “Open the door so the dog can go to the grass.” Soon, the other family members arrived, and as we were about to go into the restaurant my son said with a touch of panic in his voice, “Where’s Ty? He never came

## FROM THE MAILBOX

### **Created to be His Help Meet**

Thank you for your book *Created to be His Help Meet*. My husband and I are first-generation Christians. We have three daughters and a son. Because of what I have learned from your book, there are three girls that will know what God says about marriage; and if they each have three girls, that will be nine girls who will know what God says about marriage—and it goes on. That is so exciting!

Thank Michael also for my husband. I download the messages he teaches, put them on my husband's iPod, and he listens to them at work. We appreciate that you both have the boldness to speak the TRUTH about God's word, because there is a lot of sick, twisted stuff being taught out there. Sometimes that alone can make you feel like just giving up because people sometimes just don't "get it." It is so simple to just keep on doing what you are doing.  
— Thanks, Jason and Heather

About 1 month ago, a friend handed me *Created To Be His Help Meet* and told me I could borrow it if I'd like to. I took it home and couldn't put it down. I wept as I looked back on my ten years of marriage. I married a VERY zealous Christian man who was now discouraged and depressed. I had been praying for ten long years for God to show me His "will" for my life... all that time it was right in front of me. My precious husband...loving him, serving him, HELPING him. THAT WAS AND IS GOD'S GLORIOUS WILL FOR MY LIFE! I began to apply everything I read, chapter by chapter. I didn't tell him at first that I was reading the book because I wanted to see if he would notice anything. BOY, did he! He needed my encouragement and love. The book by Debi has saved our marriage. *The Joy of Training* and *No Greater Joy* Volumes series have challenged and encouraged us to get our house in order! We just started *Marriage Gods Way*. I am so excited, I want to shout it from the rooftops! We had lost our way, but God has restored us.  
— With much love, JS

This is an order for the small church fellowship, Calvary Denver Downtown. We have reviewed *Created To Be His Help Meet* and have found your direct, biblical honesty and boldness, and full-of-real-life love and Scripture-based advice to be both refreshing and full of the power of our Lord. — Pastor Larry

I read your book *Created To Be His Help Meet* and thoroughly enjoyed it, after I repented, of course! My sister-in-law and I have created a Bible study/support group called Wives to the Utmost. The basic requirement is that everyone reads your book! May God bless you for speaking the truth in a world of lies! — MF

### **Spanish Created book**

Just wanted to thank you for the marvelous translation of *Created To Be His Help Meet* into Spanish. — Clara

### **Friends For My Children**

Dear Pearls,

I have one question regarding my children. How do I go about finding godly friends for them?  
— Robin

Shalom answers:

Dear Robin,

I never remember any time growing up (when I was small) that I had a friend outside my family. My brothers and my sisters were my playmates. My Dad was very careful when we were young to protect us. As we grew older Dad set up times where he was in control but we could still interact with young people our age. He bought us a volleyball and net and invited young people over to play with us. If it rained, we would play games in the house, but Dad or Mom was always there. We played volleyball, tennis, badminton, etc. He kept us busy.

Dad took us to lots of Bible conferences, church camps, and anywhere he could still maintain control. We were given the opportunity to interact and grow into confident young men and women.

Right after I turned 18, Dad and Mom sent me off to work in an orphanage for Russian children. It was a great experience for me and I grew so much as a young woman. Even though I was not home under Dad's watchful eye, he was still in charge. He put me there and he knew I would be safe. He knew there were times when he had to let us go in order to grow. If you can do that and still protect your children, then you are a wise parent. Dad did it for every one of us kids. I thank God for wise and caring parents.  
— Shalom (Pearl) Brand

# This is Your Box

You Can Play With This | by Shalom (Pearl) Brand & Debi Pearl

**A**RE YOU A parent that is always saying “no”? “Honey, don’t do that.” “Leave that alone.” “Sit down, be quiet, please be still, not now.” There are a thousand ways of saying it; you can even say it with your eyes and the shadow cast by your stiff body, but it all boils down to “no, No, NO!” And you, the zoo keeper, keep fussing at them, causing them to feel rejected and agitated for a few minutes before moving on to the next interesting venture, like Curious George. Phew! I am tired just thinking about it.

Even though your children are trained to obey your commands, you are not satisfied. Something is wrong. You feel like a tyrant. If you will admit it, you know that your heart does not reflect the heart of God. Jesus is the “Yes” of God. *“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us” (2 Corinthians 1:20).*

Just a few days ago a young mother asked me this question: “How do you ever get anything done? I feel like I am always running after my little one and there is no time for anything else, and I am always so tired and frustrated with myself and with him.” I told this mama that everyone, including her baby, needs absolute boundaries, which includes absolute free zones. Most people think of boundaries as a

Thaddaeus at work with Dad, playing with “his box.”



fence of NOs, but boundaries also prescribe liberties. What do I mean by absolutes? It’s simple; I just say, “You can play with this. You can not play with that. You may never go there, but you can always go in here to play. This is your drawer in the kitchen, but the other drawers are Mama’s; this is your shelf in the living room, but do not touch the other shelves; this is your box of toys in the den, but do not touch the China figurines. You always put your toys away before you leave the room. You eat at the table . . . no exceptions.”

From the time Gracie could sit up she knew that there was one drawer in the kitchen that was hers, and all other drawers were off limits. She has always accepted that distinction and respected it. There are no gray areas. Gray areas rot your crazy. Most mamas have gray areas as well as gray days when they do not feel well enough to deal with the child, so the child gets into the off-limits drawers. When the exception has been allowed even one time, the drawers are no longer absolutes. They are now gray areas, up for

contention. By not constraining to absolute obedience, you have put them back into play. Now, each time the child wants to get into the drawers, he will expect protracted negotiations. It will likely end only when you get angry enough. But the “off limits” drawers are no longer off limits, just more difficult to access. The child thinks he has as much right to them as you do, so he will fight you for them.

I work part-time at NGJ, and Gracie always goes with me. It is a great joy to both of us to have this time working together. She sits on my lap or on my desk as we open letters. I keep her busy at all times. I started collecting stamps from the letters we receive from overseas. She pastes them into her own little book of stamps. I never leave her to fend for herself. I give her projects, chores, ideas, or set up a play area. Proverbs 29:15 tells us that a child left to himself will bring his mother to shame. It sounds like it takes a lot of time, but, really, it saves time. It takes me about 30 seconds to tell her to make a tent over her chair so she can have a “house” to play babies, or to hand her a book and

colored pencils and tell her to do school. I let her deliver the mail to each of the office personnel, and she loves her job. There are many things at the office that a two-year-old child could get into that would not be acceptable, yet she never touches these things. They are absolute no-nos. There has never been a time that these no-nos were not absolutes. Just think what frustration she could cause if on some occasions I allowed her to get away with touching a no-no. Gracie and I would be in a “what can I get away with” struggle all the time. Are you in a constant struggle with your little one? Maybe simply setting up a play area in each room of your house could bring peace to your life.

#### *Debi speaks:*

This training translates to the shipping room as well. During the holidays the office was very disrupted because orders increased and office workers decreased as many of the staff took time off for the holidays. This year Teresa, who worked here in times past, came back to work for a few days with her husband, Tremaine. They are expecting their fourth child. It takes good parents, not just good children, for parents to be able to work ten full hours in a large shipping area with three small children. Tremaine was thrilled to have his family at work with him for a week. He sat his little 15-month-old son, Thaddaeus, up near the shipping rollers so he could watch his daddy pack boxes. It is a fast-moving line, about 60 feet long, where books are pulled, put in containers, and then rolled down to a packing area where Tremaine packs. Then they are sent down to the postal area.

Tremaine uses lots of different tools, such as tape guns, tape machines, small tape dispensers, bags, boxes, bubble packing, etc. Thad-

daeus must have thought he was in kid heaven when he was first allowed to sit up close to the rollers in the midst of all this STUFF. Tremaine

knows there are absolutes that will be obeyed.

There is a twofold secret to making boundaries (absolutes) work.

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is teaching Thaddaeus his boundaries; or to say it in a different way, he is teaching him what he can play with and what he can never touch. So Tremaine gave Thaddaeus a safe

tape dispenser and a few other whatnots and told him, “This is for you to use, but do not touch any of these other things, because these are for daddy to work with.” A tape dispenser is an exciting object until you have played with it for ten minutes; then the other items begin to look more interesting. The first day, Thaddaeus would watch his daddy for a few

minutes with his head down, but he kept peeking up to see if Daddy was looking at him. Then he would put his tiny hand just a little closer to the no-nos. His ever watchful daddy would lock eyes with his son and silently shake his head “no”. Thaddaeus would go back to his now interesting tape dispenser. Over the next few days Thaddaeus got new and exciting things to play with, and he was always expected to keep his hands off Daddy’s work items. It is amazing how obedient and happy a child is when he

First, you have to stick to your word. You cannot have a “sometimes I am a good mama and sometimes I lie on the couch and just don’t care” attitude. The second



Thessa loves to play in boxes, so they set her up a play area with a box. As you can see, this was fun stuff. We will miss the kiddos now that everyone is back at their work stations.

rule, which is just as important, is to have some things that are totally exciting to play with that are always available to the child. They need to be given a tape dispenser if you are working with tape. They need to feel like they are doing something that in some way reflects what you are doing. Gracie needs her pots and pans drawer in the kitchen, so when I get my pans out and start cooking, she can go to her work drawer and start to play cooking. When I go into my office to open envelopes, she goes to her box and

opens junk mail. When I write notes, she writes in her little notebook. Her life is not made up of plastic toys that have no meaning. Her life is made up of things that she can do that relate to what I am doing.

Therefore, absolute boundaries require both taking and giving. It is your duty as a parent to set up your child's limits as well as to set up your child's exciting play matching your work. If you are a "No No" parent, yet offer very little real-life activity, you will raise children that are always looking for a way to jump the fence and experience life. If you are a lazy, sweetie-pie type that does not like to say "no" to anything (no absolutes), then you will raise children that lack self-discipline and may become inclined to self-loathing. If you are a wishy-washy type that is a stern religious master one year (all absolute no's), and the next year you are a passive "don't give a hoot" type, then you will reap an uncertain harvest.

Now, here are some simple ideas to help you begin to make changes your children will like.

1. Have your two-year-old help you choose a drawer in the kitchen in which to put her pots and pans, spoons, and such.

2. Take your four-year-old son to the garage and let him help you make an area where he can work with his own tools. Please do not make the dumb mistake of creating these play areas yourself. Half of the joy and success is creating these places together with your child.

3. Set up a shelf in the living room where the children can keep their books, papers, and pens. Teach them how to keep it orderly.

4. Take your little ones to the kitchen, set them up on the counter, and make cookies. Let everyone have a chance at stirring. It is like magic for a child, and it is an amazingly powerful technique for child training. ❖

## FROM THE MAILBOX

### THE EYE OF THE STORM

I just read Beka's article about Noah's wife, and I had to chuckle. I have a "follow my man" story that might encourage you.

In September of 2004, my husband felt led of the Lord to take our family to Orlando, Florida for a vacation. Now, our idea of a vacation in Orlando does not include the Mouse and all its trimmings. We rent a house with a private pool and then spend several days swimming, and several days at the Holy Land Experience. If you have never been there or even heard of it, look it up on the web. It is life-changing. But back to my story.

Orlando had just endured two hurricanes, and as we planned our trip, we learned that there was a third, even larger one, brewing in the Atlantic. This hurricane was affectionately named Ivan, and was, they said, headed straight for mid-Florida. After much prayer, my husband said we were going, and God said I was to follow. It hadn't been a year since I had uttered the words, "I'd follow him (my husband) off a cliff." Now was my time of testing.

We headed south from our hometown in north Alabama, concerned, but knowing we were in God's will. As we crossed the state line into Florida, we began to see pick-up trucks, also headed south loaded with plywood, generators, and gas cans. What were we getting into? Approaching the city of Gainesville, a steady and forceful rain was falling, and we noticed that the south-bound side of the interstate was nearly empty while the north-bound side was bumper-to-bumper. Great fear seized me. The locals were fleeing, and we were headed to destruction.

But the Lord had given me the story from Joshua 3 and 4 as my banner for this journey. There, the priests were told to go stand in the Jordan River so that the Israelites could cross the river and enter the Promised Land. The priests had to get their feet wet **BEFORE** the ground dried under them. The message was to follow my Joshua (and possibly get really wet) in order to see the workings of God. Even in my fear, I knew we were to continue to Orlando.

I saw that God had a sense of humor in the middle of my testing. As we passed the Gainesville exit, suddenly the flow of traffic reversed. The south-bound side of the interstate was bumper-to-bumper, and the north-bound side was nearly empty. My wise husband turned on the radio to confirm his suspicions. A football game at the University of Florida in Gainesville had just ended, and the crowd was headed home. We had to laugh.

Once in Orlando, we watched the swirling mass of Ivan on The Weather Channel as it completely missed Florida, swung up through the Gulf, and slammed into Alabama. It eventually made its way to north Alabama, toppling a large walnut tree in our front yard. But in Orlando we had beautiful weather all week and immediate seating in all the restaurants.

God is good! It's always worth following your man, even into the eye of the storm. – *Shalom, Roxanne*

# A Good Pair of Glasses

Truth directs love | by Michael & Debi Pearl



**W**OMEN view life through glasses that see everything in terms of feelings, while men view life through glasses that sometimes seem to be without any feelings at all—just plain logic. We were laughing about it in the office the other day when the newest member of our staff told this tale. She was having herself a good cry. For most women a good cry is like a good nose-blow: when you have a cold, it just clears your head—most refreshing. Hearing her cry, her young husband came rushing in, wanting to know what was wrong. It is totally annoying to be forced to stop in the middle of a good cry to try to explain that nothing is wrong; you just need to cry. But the young wife did stop crying long enough to explain to him that when a woman cries there doesn't have to be a rational reason. It's just a girl thing. Of course, being a man, he didn't have a clue. And, in addition, being a young man with little experience in the art of 'husbandhood,' he didn't believe her; so she called his mother and ask her to explain it to her dumb son. He is learning ever so s-l-o-w-l-y. Men just don't get it when it comes to emotions. Women are equally as out of touch when it comes to cold, clear logic. Most

problems arise because our actions are prompted by our feelings rather than objective analysis.

Both feeling and logic are a necessary part of life. A logical man and a feeling woman can make a good team. If a man can borrow his wife's glasses and get a view of the world from her perspective, it helps temper his perception of humanity. When a couple can work together, each knowing his or her gifts and abilities, and when they can trust each other, they can reach far higher together than either could alone. Logic tempered with sensibilities is like wisdom with compassion, judgment with mercy. *"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven"* (Psalm 85:10).

But sometimes we see problems between couples caused by a lack of balance. Sensibility strives with judgment. When a wife's sensibilities displace a husband's logic and judgment, what you have is caring without discernment. How does this imbalance occur? How do feelings triumph over facts?

When a man's moral confidence is broken by his sin, by constant criticism, by the hard knocks of life, or when his morale is bro-

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ken because he and his wife do not function as one, the husband may lose his resolve as a man. He doubts himself and loses his ability to see absolute truth and judgment; in which case the man will defer to his wife's interpretation of life in many areas. He becomes the sensitive man, nearsighted, where feeling dominates, instead of farsighted where truth rules.

It is appropriate that a man should defer to his wife's sensibilities when it comes to babies. Her motherly instincts toward the newborn are a compelling force of nature. Even in training children, especially with the younger children, husbands have a tendency to trust their wives' instincts. But as children grow into the world of responsibility, they have a greater need for objective wisdom, which sometimes may seem unfeeling to the sensitive mother. If mother seeks to protect her children instead of deferring to her husband's just rule, daughters grow sulky and sons grow

effeminate and weak, leaving them both unfulfilled. Fathers are prone to reject sons that mothers protect.

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Emotions, by their very nature, are poor indeed as a basis of decision-making. Sentimentality necessarily lacks judgment, and judgment is essential to the perception and execution of truth. Hearts cannot afford to be tender until justice has had its due.

The other day our daughter Shoshanna had made arrangements with a ten-year-old friend to come over and entertain their baby boy while she and her husband worked on a project together. Shoshanna gave her the time and made it clear that she was in a hurry, so she should watch and be ready to come immediately when she heard the horn. Shoshanna arrived on time, honked her horn . . . several times, waited 5 minutes, and then left. While Shoshanna was growing up, she periodically worked for the young girl's father. He would come by the house at 5:00 in the morning and blow his horn. If she was not out the door in 60 seconds, she got left behind. Our family was raised to respect the time of others and to always be punctual. Leaving them behind when they lagged was the strongest tool in our training arsenal. You only have to leave them once or twice and they learn to be punctual. In speaking of it, Shoshanna said that in time she expects to have the girl working for her often, so now is the best time to train her to be disciplined. Shoshanna—as a female, emotional by nature—has learned to think with her head and not just her heart (in some cases). The next day she heard from the girl's mother. She

was deeply hurt because her daughter was so “bitterly disappointed” that Shoshanna was so “unfeeling” as to “break the poor child's heart”—a typical emotionally driven female response. Of course the child's father recognized the need for his daughter to learn the lessons he had taught Shoshanna many years before. After reflection, the mother could see the justice and the training in the situation as it had unfolded. Emotions can short-

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circuit wisdom and allow selfishness to take charge. Wisdom must be objective. Many conflicts that should have been dealt with by truth were sodden with emotions and stripped of objectivity.

Now here is the point of this article. It is a warning, a caution, a course correction. We see men who have laid aside their objective glasses and are seeing the world through female glasses. There has been a paradigm shift in the church. Modern Christian worldview has communicated the idea that sensitivity is spirituality, that passivity and unregulated compassion are the heart of God in every matter. The church as a whole has adopted a female worldview. Modern worship and preaching have effeminized the men. Even in cultures where women are not officially given leadership capacity, their sensibilities are in control—through the men. Much of the “praise” music is more like a weepy love song than marching, militant, warriors going to do battle with the devil, wearing the armor of God. We are seeing the fruit in the weak and sensitive sons.

A man of God is compassionate and sensitive to the needs of others, but he is first a man of truth and judgment. We are a whole being, made in the image of God. Our souls possess the three attributes of intellect, volition, and sensibilities, more commonly called mind, will, and emotions. Balance is found in order. Doctrine, truth, worldview, belief, and convictions all originate in the mind, not the sensibilities. To follow feelings before filtering them through truth is to yield to fantasy and personal pleasure. But that is where the church is today—and where the home is.

Wives must be careful not to feed the “feeling frenzy” by insisting that their husbands share their sensitive perspectives. Allow your husband to be a man without judging his spirituality when he acts out of objective convictions rather than touchy-feely sentiment. Do not interfere when your husband tries to make men out of your little boys. A good father must sometimes act a little bit like a Marine sergeant. If a child sees his mother's hurt feelings, he will develop a chip on his shoulder and assume he is the victim and his dad is at fault.

The Bible recognizes the proper order when it says, “...speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things” (*Ephesians 4:15*). Truth directs love. Love, forgiveness and compassion cannot be indiscriminately given, or it will lead to injustice. To sympathize is not a luxury of truth.

I can see where some of what we have said can be taken out of context and used to justify the selfish responses of a husband and father. Nothing ever written is free from misuse. But a pure heart will see the wisdom and truth of the admonishment as it was intended. We call on you to resist this slide into the feminization of our culture, our churches, our homes, and most of all, our young men. ❖

*Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. — Psalm 100:2*

### **Bible Studies**

In the calendar issue [November-December 2006 magazine], you wrote about how to study the Bible. Until I got saved and then started listening to your tapes, I, too, thought that I could never really know what this or that passage meant. Based on your recommendation a while back, I read Floyd Nelson Jones' *Which Version is the Bible*. Now for the first time I understand the translation issue. What an eye opener!  
— Peter

Please know that many of us look forward to hearing you teach online. There are no churches in our area that teach verse-by-verse that are pro-KJV. The churches that teach verse-by-verse use NIV or some other perversion. Those that teach KJV all teach topically (in a self-help style). So we like receiving the meat from you on Saturday and enjoy the fluff from church on Sunday. — JIM

### **Military**

I just received a military wives' package from you a few moments ago. There are many wives out there who are missing their husbands as greatly as I am missing mine, and it is such a blessing to know that there are people who care for the men and women that serve our country, and the families they leave behind.

Last week, I gave my copy of *Created To Be His Help Meet* to a friend who needed it. I didn't want to give it away because I knew I wouldn't be able to purchase it again any time soon. But she needed the book. When I received the book today in the military package, I was so thankful that I will be able to read it again. With sincere thanks and appreciation, — Heather

I just received my copy of *Which Version is The Bible*, and I am now ordering five more copies—one for my parents, one for my sister, one for a dear friend, and two to just share as needed. I have always laughed at "KJV Only" people, thinking them ignorant, until I began hearing Mike Pearl teach legitimate and convicting reasons WHY. Just 20 pages into the *Which Version* book and I knew I needed to "spread the word!" Last week I bought myself my own KJV Bible and am now deciding what to do with the old NIV—throw it away, or keep it for a few good laughs. Thank you so much for making the *Which Version* book available at such a great price, and thank you for helping me to finally understand. — Amy

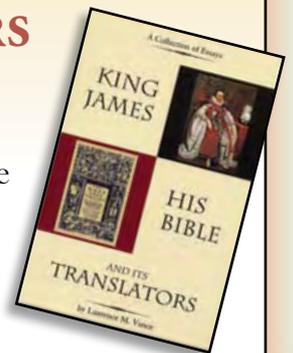
For Christmas I got [my husband] the *Righteousness* CDs. He drives a lot on the job, so he listens as he drives. He came home after listening to the *Imputed Righteousness* CD and said he had been more encouraged by that than anything else in about 2 years! "It has changed my life" were his exact words. We have been going through Romans again, through different eyes, though, this time. My husband and I were wondering if there were any Bible teachers that just taught the word anywhere...we feel church has become entertainment more than anything else, sadly. Thank you so much for the simple teaching and the black and white truth, especially in a world where the gray has found its way into even the "Bible-teaching" churches. We can't get enough! — Jaime

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# The Case of the Big Fuzzy Spider

Obedience saves the day | by Shalom (Pearl) Brand; edited and embellished by Good Ol' Mom

**No one can say I'm not trained!** Even though I am now 25 years old and have been married for four years, I still instantly obey my mama. Last week's unexpected visit from a giant spider proves it.

No Greater Joy was having its weekly office meeting. There were about eighteen employees all sitting around tables, quietly and respectfully listening to our manager, Mel Cohen, as he gave an update on all that NGJ had done that week. I sat with Gracie on my lap in front of the big window, and with the warm sunshine beaming down on us, I have to admit I was in a relaxed state of "half in, and half out." Without any warning, Mom, who was about fifteen feet directly across from me, jumped up and started yelling while charging my way, "Shalom, move!" So I did—really fast. I was trained to obey first, and think second. Before I knew it, I was across the room with Gracie in my arms, ducked behind a table as if something was about to explode before the rest of the staff even had time to look up from their notebooks.

Gracie, of course, immediately started a high pitched scream, both from alarm and excitement. The others basically sat stunned, like confused zombies—all except Lynne. Lynne, who had been looking down, saw the spider within an inch of her skirt tail, and immediately jumped onto her chair and started making panic-attack sounds. I still had no idea what was going on, except that Mom was running wildly between the still seated, dazed office staffers, chasing something around and around, then stomping and jumping up and down. I'm sure everyone's blood pressure went sky-high during the two minutes of chaos.

It was a total hoot. Mom loved it. She is the type who loves an exciting, unexpected wild moment. Mom may have been an ADHD kid, but she still made a fine mama. So all you parents (like me) with hyper children—be relieved in knowing how well your children might turn out. The moral of this story is that when you train a child to obey instantly, without thought or question, it sticks with them; and, who knows, the training may one day save them from having a spider crawl up their leg. (Mom told me later that when she first spotted the spider, it was traveling up my skirt). To be fair, I have to say that the spider really was huge, fuzzy, and fast, and it would no doubt have caused a much greater commotion had it made its way up one of the ladies' skirts.

Hey, thanks, Mom. ❖



# GOOD AND EVIL PROJECT—UPDATE

Karen translation and others completed; graphic designers begin work | by Tom Gaudet



Graphic designers in Bangkok place translated Good & Evil text into speech balloons using a software program

One of the translators we have worked with is in a refugee camp on the Thai/Burmese border. His language is Karen, the largest ethnic minority language of Myanmar or Burma. He is an educated, elderly man who speaks three languages fluently. He has been a Bible student for many years. Many who know him talk of how much of the Bible he has committed to memory.

When he handed over the completed translation of the *Good and Evil* book, he said that he had learned many things. This was surprising, as he was such a student of the Bible, but he explained that as he translated the book, he saw for the first time

how the Lord had a plan for mankind from the very beginning of time. Through the illustrations and the chronological presentation of the message, he saw the blood of redemption from Genesis to Revelation for the first time—not as disconnected Bible stories, but rather, the plan of God as a whole. He was very excited about this, and said he could not wait until the book is printed in Karen for many of his people to read and understand, as he has.

The Karen translation is one of the languages being worked on now in the facility in Bangkok. The text is being dropped into the speech balloons on each page. It should be ready for press in February. ❖

The "Good and Evil" picture Bible being translated into the Karen language



Translations now in progress:

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# Hearts of the Fathers

Father, do you have the heart of your son? | by Michael Pearl

The Great Tribulation is a menacing promise looming in the shadows of history, a Divine challenge to the best laid human plans, the inevitable demise of all hope. Global warming, poverty, war, and nuclear proliferation are nothing in comparison.

God will not only bring judgment; he will also unleash the devil and all his minions to do as they please. So terrible is their wrath that the angel announces, *“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time”* (Rev. 12:12). In the tribulation, God and the devil will share the same objective—to damn the human race. It will be almost as if they had joined forces. What inescapable judgment!

In that day no one will ask if AIDS and venereal diseases were created by God to punish sinners. Rather, the Scripture says, they *“blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory”* (Rev. 16:9). Antichrist is given power to kill every one of those whom God has sealed (Rev. 6:9; 13:7; 20:4).

At first, famine sweeps the earth. Then nations begin to conquer one another. God pours out detestable vials of new and unique diseases, which afflict men with incurable suffering. They are covered with sores. The fountains of the earth are polluted and the water becomes undrinkable. Heaven rejoices that they have nothing to drink but blood. Throughout the tribulation many die from famine, war, disease, and the beasts of the earth. Hungry dogs travel in packs and tear human flesh, accounting

for many of the dead. An asteroid hits the Mediterranean Sea and destroys one third of the life in it. The sun burns seven times hotter, burning up all the green grass on the earth and one third of all the trees. The atmosphere is blackened to the point that the daylight hours are reduced by one third. At one point one third of the earth’s population is killed in one blow (Rev. 9:18). At present population levels, that would mean two billion dead by the will of God. It is a picture too horrible to imagine.

There will be a five month period in which the angel of the bottomless pit will release locust-like creatures with scorpions’ stingers in their tails. The suffering caused by their stings will be so torturous that men will seek death, and God will prevent them from dying so as to prolong their suffering (Rev. 9:6-11). The suffering is so great, and the world is so fully aware that God himself is responsible, that *“men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great”* (Rev. 16:21).

In predicting this event, Jesus said, *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved”* (Matt. 24:21-22).

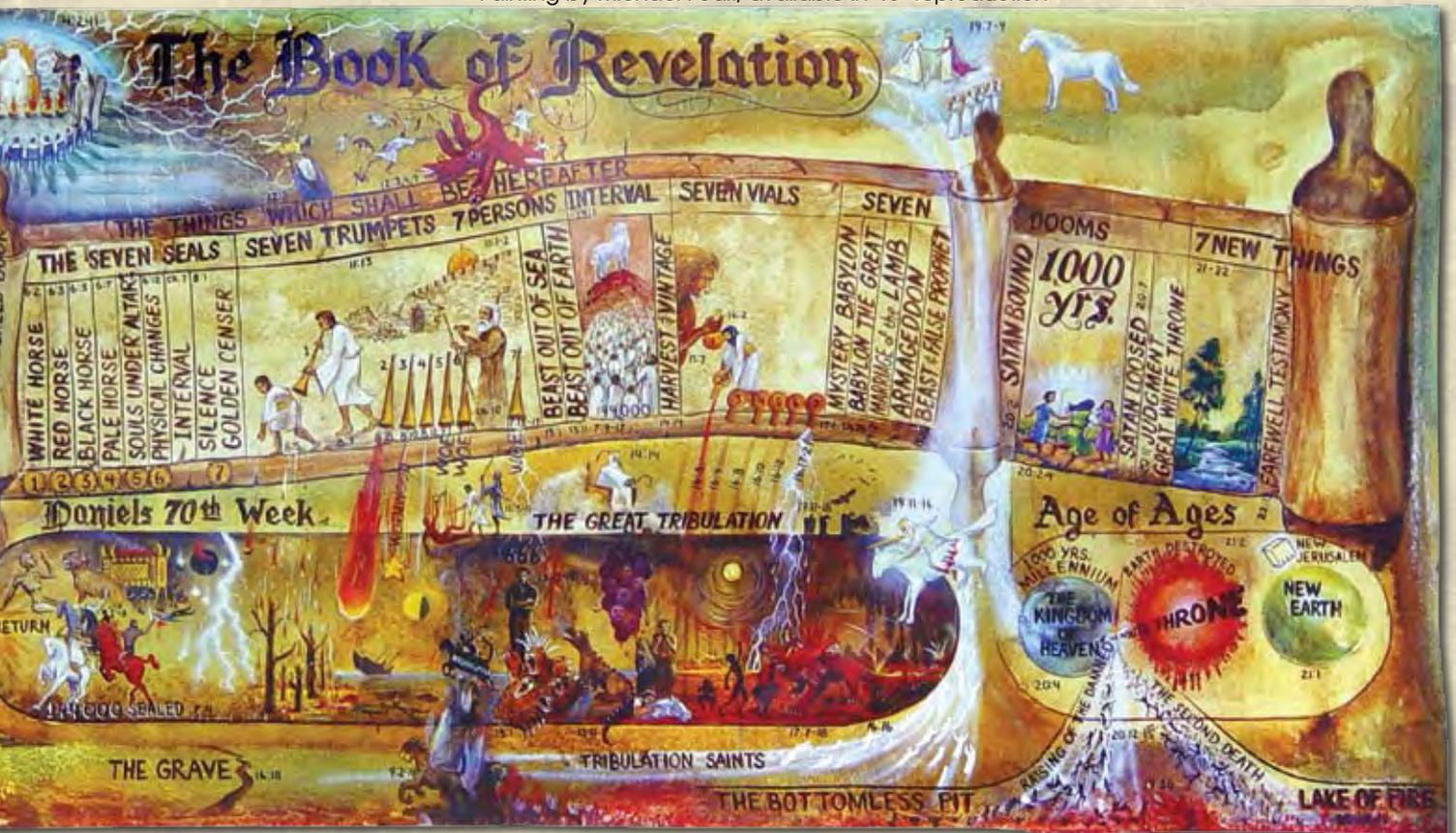
Four world powers gather in Palestine to wage war for what is left. The soldiers will die in such numbers that in the low places the blood will run four feet deep (Rev. 14:20). God has prepared vultures to invite to what he calls his supper to dine on the flesh of the slain of the earth (Rev. 19:17-18; Ezekiel 39:17-21; Zeph. 1:1-18).

The earth will be left in total dev-



astation. There will be a number of tribulation saints who have survived the great tribulation, and they will be looking for his appearing, hoping to join the church age saints who have already been raptured out. *“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory”* (Matthew 24:30). Sinners will hide *“themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”* (Rev. 6:15-17)

What great sin provokes God to unleash plagues and torments upon every man, woman, and child in every country, city, small town, village and remote farm on the face of the earth? The prophet Malachi recorded the words of God concerning this event: *“Behold, I will*



And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6

send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5). Don't believe the unfounded opinion that John the Baptist was the fulfillment of that prophecy. John did indeed come "in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). But the people did not receive him, so Jesus said, "If ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come" (Matthew 11:14). But they killed the prophet.

Seeing that John was dead, and knowing the prophecy of Elijah, the disciples asked Jesus, "Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and re-

storeth all things" (Mark 9:11-12). According to Jesus, speaking after John was dead, Malachi's prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. The curse is still pending. Elijah will yet come as one of the two witnesses described in Rev. 11:3. More than ever, there is a need "to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers". The text suggests that repentance would prevent God from smiting the earth with the curse of the great tribulation.

So what is the root sin, the cause of other sins like fornication, theft, murders, sorceries, and blasphemy, all named in Revelation? Failure of fathers to have the hearts of their children and the failure of children to have the hearts of their fathers. Mothers are not mentioned here. This is for you fathers. The greatest judgment of all time is provoked by fathers who do not connect with their sons. It is clear that the family is broken down today like at no other time in history. Fathers are

busy and distant. They have left the training of their children to Mother. Mother does the best she can, but she is not held responsible when it comes time for judgment. Fathers will be the defendants. The implication of Malachi's prophecy is that the great tribulation would not occur if fathers would do their duties. We know that this will never happen on a wide scale. Fathers will continue to fail and the tribulation will come. But what about you, right now? Father, do you have the heart of your son? What would he say? Has your heart as a son been turned back to your father, who may now be old and possibly bitter? I have said enough. What are you going to do about it? You alone cannot save the world from the great tribulation, but you can save your family from it.

If you are interested in knowing more, Michael's teachings on the book of Revelation are available at [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org) as a free MP3 download. ❖

# Cinnamon & Spice and Everything Nice

Delicious and good for your health | by Debi Pearl

Cinnamon has become a good friend to me this past year. Diabetes runs in my family. When I was expecting my 3rd baby I found it necessary to watch my diet in order to maintain a normal blood sugar level. I had to eat protein every 3 hours—a handful of peanuts, a glass of fresh milk, or a bite of tuna, just to keep from feeling like I was going to forget who I was. It was scary not having a clear mind. My sugar level would go low or high, depending on when and what I ate. If it was low, I felt weak and confused; if it went high, I felt agitated. The high sugar level did not affect my performance that much, but I knew from reading that it can be a killer. I therefore determined to learn what to eat in order to stabilize my sugar level. During my research I came to understand the function of the pancreas and how different foods affect it. A doctor can give you general advice, but it doesn't have the same force as knowledge acquired through your own research. Only when you seriously study for yourself will you gain control of your own health. Although cinnamon can not replace eating correctly, sometimes eating correctly is not enough to control your sugar levels. That is when cinnamon can mean the difference between insulin dependence and a pancreas functioning sufficiently to maintain balance on its own. It is amazing how much cinnamon has helped me.

Research shows that cinnamon does improve type 2 diabetics' ability to respond to insulin, thus helping to normalize blood sugar levels. Compounds in cinnamon stimulate insulin receptors while at the same time inhibiting an enzyme that deactivates them, thus significantly improving the cells' ability to use glucose. Studies have shown that less than half a teaspoon of cinnamon per day reduces blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes. In testing, even when participants added sweets to their diets, cinnamon was able to help control their blood levels. This amount of cinnamon also significantly lowers LDL cholesterol and triglycerides. Cinnamon also has the remarkable ability to reduce inflammation in the body. Inflammation is now being targeted as a major killer.

When I started using cinnamon regularly, I noticed as I worked at the computer that my mind was sharper. I thought it was due to my sugar level being corrected, but since studying all the new research I have discovered that just smelling the odor of cinnamon boosts brain activity. Tests have been conducted where participants have been exposed to different pleasant odors while being tested on several tasks such as crossword skills, matching cards, and remembering flash card sequences. Cinnamon emerged as the clear winner in producing positive effects on brain function. So when I drink Shoshanna's Doctor Cinnamon Tea and breathe in its wonderful fragrance, I smile because I know my brain function is at a peak.

Cinnamon is the bark of a tree and comes powdered, chopped, or as dried bark rolled into sticks. There are many companies now carrying cinnamon in capsules that are easy to take as a supplement, yet common sense tells me that dumping all the cinnamon in the body in one serving is not wise. As in all foods and supplements, adding a little here and a little there is much safer and more natural for the body to absorb. I keep the bark sticks at my desk and use them to stir (steeping in liquid) my tea, coffee, chocolate, and fruit drinks. It adds a pleasant taste, and each stick lasts several days. When my



grandchildren spot the bag of cinnamon sticks, they ask for one to chew on. We often have little tea parties, and each child stirs her tea with her own cinnamon stick. It is totally fun. As they use their cinnamon sticks like straws, spoons, or chew on them, I know their little bodies are absorbing manganese, iron, calcium, and dietary fiber.

Because I enjoy drinking herbal teas, Shoshanna and I started working together to come up with the best tasting and healthiest herbal blends that we could. (She is strong on flavor, and I am best at health.) After lots of experimenting with different herbs, we finally came up with several blends of herbs that taste great while enhancing health in various areas. My favorite blend is called Doctor Cinnamon. It is my favorite because it tastes great and it helps control my blood sugar level, even when I eat a bite of cake. Just two or three cups of this tea a day helps keep my sugar level normal. As with most of Shoshanna's Doctor herbal blend teas, Doctor Cinnamon has a base of green tea because of green tea's extraordinary healing properties.

*Here are a few other ways we enjoy cinnamon:*

- Mike loves cinnamon toast. We start with whole wheat bread, drizzled with butter or flax seed oil, honey, and then heavily sprinkled with cinnamon. Toast, lying flat, until golden brown.
- Stirring hot chocolate with a cinnamon stick really gives it a delicious taste.
- Adding cinnamon to breakfast cereal could help start the day a little healthier, and it makes the cereal taste a lot better, especially oatmeal or rice. ❖



*Cinnamon Corn Tortillas*

- Smear Corn Tortillas with butter
- Drizzle honey over butter
- Sprinkle cinnamon over honey
- Bake on 450°F until very hot.
- Sprinkle powdered sugar lightly over hot tortillas

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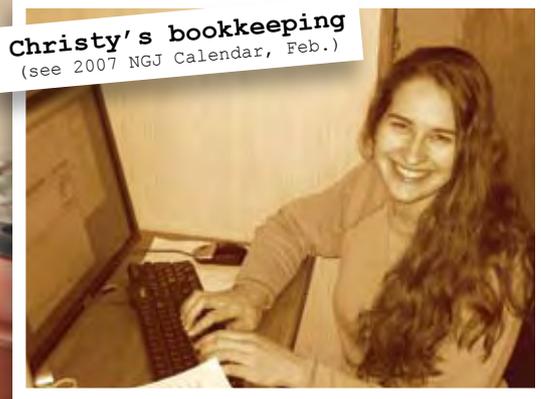


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# InfoCenter

Online resources that tackle common questions | by Rebekah Anast

Many of the letters in our mailbox cannot be answered with a simple reply, or even a lengthy article. There is just too much to communicate, and too little known about the questioner, for us to fully satisfy the need. Thanks to the ever-growing world of technology, there are several resources that we ourselves have found useful and have come to depend upon. This “Info Center” is a list of those resources—or at least some of them!

*Q: Dear Pearls, I have four happy, obedient children, and one hyper, off-the-hook, unmanageable child. What am I doing wrong? Sincerely, N.M.*

*Q: Dear Debi, I am a young mother with no godly example of how to be a housewife. I read your book, but I'm still clueless on so many of the basics. Can you give me some practical tips on cooking, cleaning, and managing a home? Love, Clueless*

*Q: Dear Rebekah, I bought a bunch of herbs, and now I want to make salves, soap, tinctures and teas! Okay, so now what? I remember you recommended a book once – but I can't remember what it was called. Thanks, An Eager Beginner*

## Answer:

[WellTellMe.com](http://WellTellMe.com) is a free online forum where you can ask questions (or give answers) pertaining to all the practical aspects of healthy homemaking. More than 1,800 families have found this website a daily source of good ideas and practical advice. Learn how to make whole grain sourdough bread, detergent-free laundry soap, calm down your wired kids with a diet change, treat eczema, yeast infections, or find a full-body cleanse. Moderated by friends and family, this website is a great source for any mother who needs the practical knowledge it takes to raise a healthy family.



*Q: Help! We live in suburbia CA, and are desperate to get out! My husband feels God is calling us to move to a rural area and live simply. He wants me to find out about job opportunities in the country and all the basics of homesteading. This seems like an overwhelming task for a third generation city girl like me. Please point us in the right direction! Thanks, L.D.*

*Q: We're looking for rural land near likeminded people. Any suggestions? Dan*

*Q: Hey, you're country folks, right? I want my kids to learn animal husbandry; where do I start? Jess.*

*Q: Dear Pearls, we appreciated your last newsletter on preparing for disaster; it really confirmed what my husband has been saying for a while already. We know God is calling us to move out of the city, but are not sure how to make the transition. Can you recommend any resources to help us make the change? Thanks, Mary*



Would someone please direct me to the nearest city?

## Answer:

[UrbanExod.us](http://UrbanExod.us) is a new, growing online forum where topics like animal husbandry, land for sale, building with adobe, straw, and stone, going off the grid, and camping out are discussed by families who, like you, want to leave the city for “the good life.” Those of you who are now “country folks” are more than welcome to share your experiences and knowledge in modern day pioneering.

Books that cover these subjects are sold by [PearlOutdoors.com](http://PearlOutdoors.com), or look for them at your local library:

- *Build the Perfect Survival Kit*
- *Self-Sufficient Life and How to Live it*
- *The Encyclopedia of Country Living*
- *The Worst-Case Scenario*

*Q: Dear Rebekah, I believe your son is the same age as mine (5) and you must be about to start homeschooling. I loved your Mom's best homeschooling ideas CD, but I could really use a little more detailed direction. What curriculum do you use – or recommend? How does one actually start homeschooling? Sincerely, Anne*

**Answer:**

[Amblesideonline.org](http://Amblesideonline.org) is a website with lots of free information on teaching according to the Charlotte Mason method. This method is similar to the way I was homeschooled, and is the approach I have chosen to use with my son Joseph. It is not a specific “curriculum”, but is rather a “freestyle” booklist and can be tailored to the individual child’s needs and your own standards. I love the way it has helped my children learn to think and problem-solve. Some personal variations of my own have been to add piano and violin lessons (Suzuki Method) and to do a lot more audible teaching (math out loud, spelling out loud) throughout the day. I’ve found that all three of my little ones (ages 5, 3, and 2) are learning together as we use this method.

*Q: We have 7 children or should I say young adults (14-24) that will soon be on their own. You give lots of ideas for men who work with their hands but what about us city folks?*

**Answer:**

Many homeschoolers are coming of age and wondering about how to move into further schooling or a job. Here is what two homeschool grads did to prepare themselves for office-type work.

Jeremiah is 24 years old and is currently working for a Fortune 500 company at a very respectable salary, although he does not have a college degree. His co-worker is paying off a \$60,000 college debt, but Jeremiah is debt free. Jeremiah was “self” educated. He grew up taking old computers apart and rebuilding them.

He played with every setting, option, toolbar and menu on many different programs until they were intimately familiar to him.

He taught himself networking, improved his Visual BASIC (VB/VBA) skills, including Windows and



Office scripting. Most software-based skills have certifications, and he used these to help get an interview when looking for a job. He did not reject an entry level job, because it was a good way to get his foot in the door, making it easy to prove his worth. To read more about how Jeremiah got his “homemade, homeschooled upper-level education,” go to: [biz.practicallegacy.com](http://biz.practicallegacy.com).

If you want to go into a different field of study than working with computers, or did not get started taking computers apart when you were 10 years old, then you might need to get into a program to help you stay on track with your studies.

Our general manager’s son, Shawn, decided to further his education through an organization called *College Plus!*. It offers Accelerated Distance Learning (ADL), where mentoring and accountability is accomplished through phone and e-mail by coaches. Over 90% of their students are homeschooled. Students independently study for and take college-level exams instead of sitting through semester-long college courses. They also employ memory and speed-reading techniques that help accelerate their study time. These two factors enable most students to complete their accredited degree from start to finish in less than two years, with the costs being less than \$10,000, compared to \$64,000 and up from a typical state university to over \$160,000 from many private universities. With such a large number of homeschoolers reaching college age, organizations like this are a great alternative to expensive, worldly universities. It is a wonderful program that allows homeschoolers the opportunity to continue in a home schooled environment to get their college degree from an accredited college. To learn more about *College Plus!*, go to: [www.collegeplus.org](http://www.collegeplus.org). ❖



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# Men of Action

Stand up like a man | by Gabriel Pearl

Reflection upon ourselves and the world we live in is one human faculty that separates us from the animals. Having been created in the image of God, we intuitively know what is right and what is wrong. So I appeal to your own perception of truth. The pressures of this fast-paced world with our high standards of living and our big financial ambitions can distract us from the ultimate goal. A month turns into a year, a year into a decade, and our beautiful house will be left to four children who will probably fight and squabble, and in the end will go to court to see who will get the most.

On a five-day trip down through the Mexican Baja last year, my wife and I listened to some CDs on financial freedom. I'm usually not too big on the 1, 2, 3 step, Oprah or Dr. Phil plans, but this guy made some strong points that really hit home with us. Your first goal, if you are a child of God, is to love and respect your wife as Christ loved the church. Your second goal is to raise your children to be godly, upright people who in turn will raise godly children.

I'm trying to think of an eloquent way to put this, but I can't. So here it is: I see a lot of men whose jobs are more important to them than their families. Even the physical state of their home and their place in the commu-

nity are more important. Very few would agree with me if I told them this. Some would get angry and tell me that I don't know their circumstances. Others would say that they are doing the best they can, but the proof is in the fruit, that is, in their children. Most men are more concerned for what their extended family and their friends will think than they are about taking a radical step for their family's sake. They spent six years in school and are afraid to waste it by stepping off a ladder rung. When it comes to eternity, the number of steps that you have climbed up the ladder won't matter at all. It's time for godly families to take charge, for fathers to step up to the plate, to quit waiting and to take action.

In the mid-70s, when my parents decided to homeschool, it was illegal in every state. Many men of God told my parents that it was wrong. Some families were very disappointed in them for taking this stand. How could my father, an ordained minister with a college degree, be so selfish as to deny his children the social and educational foundation that we children deserved, that only formal school could give? But my parents knew it was the right thing to do, and they did not back down.

So this is a call to action. If you are dissatisfied with where you are, and you are unable to spend the time with your children that you and they both deserve, then take charge. Stand up like a man. Know this: financial security is enormously overrated. The kids are better off eating cabbage and deer meat with you at the table than they are eating pop tarts alone. I am not suggesting that you should immediately quit your job and get radical. The point is this: if your children are getting 8 hours of the world every day and only 2 hours of you, who do you think they will choose? The odds are stacked against you. Take thoughtful action. My parents did, and their children are better for it.

Gabriel Pearl is the older son of Michael and Debi Pearl. Check out his web site at [www.pearloutdoors.com](http://www.pearloutdoors.com). ❖



Gabriel with his wife, Lori, and daughter, Jocelyn

## DEAR MIKE & DEBI PEARL,

Your new book, “Good and Evil,” has been such a blessing to us. We read it every-day and we cannot put it down. It has been a huge blessing to my husband in helping him understand the Bible. My husband was not raised in a Christian home, (I was) and his understanding of the Bible is very limited. He’s always struggled to understand the messages in church, and I tried hard to explain the doctrines to him. Well, this book has really opened his eyes. He loves it and reads it all the time. It has greatly improved his ability to understand the Bible as a whole and the gospel message. I can see changes and improvements in his whole character and he is starting to become the spiritual leader that God intended him to be. I have many of your other books, too, and they are a huge help. We are training our soon to be three-year-old according to the principles and guidelines in your “Train Up A Child” book. May God bless you in your endeavors and may your ministry continue to reach a lost world. Thank you. – Carol

## I WANTED TO BE A MISSIONARY PILOT.

After completing my training, people asked me, “Why aren’t you flying?” I answer, “I don’t want to fly away from my babies.” Now I can stay home, train my children, and God’s complete gospel message can fly around the world from my mailbox. I am so excited to give away Good and Evil and plan to give it to my missionary friends, my brother in prison, and my husband’s coworkers. – Angie

**THIS IS THE FIRST TIME** we have given to a ministry like this. We are always wary of giving, not knowing whether any of our money will truly help spread the Good News. We have gotten burned in the past, finding out our money was not used to further God’s kingdom or help people in need. We know that your ministry is different and have seen for ourselves your sacrificial love and desire to reach a lost world. It is with joy that we give this money to you, trusting that the Lord will use your book [Good and Evil] to win many souls to Christ. – Laura

## Good & Evil

Written by Michael Pearl and featuring spectacular artwork by Marvel Comic artist Danny Bulanadi. Over 300 pages illustrated in comic book format show the Bible stories in a chronological approach. Great for any child, teen or as Sunday School material.



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**I MUST TELL YOU HOW GREAT AN IMPACT** your book Good and Evil is already having in my home town! I bought a case of them, giving one to each child in our small church and each relative on my gift list. I am already getting calls and comments on what a wonderful book it is and how my nephews and the children at church can’t seem to put it down! I am excited to see this book be part of a revival in our church youth. I know Good and Evil will point them in the direction of good and to turn from the evil that is so prevalent in this world. My own children are also enjoying it, and we are going to read through it in our homeschool too.

I am excited to also see my nephews who do not know the Lord learn so much about their heavenly Father. May many be saved through this wonderful resource.

I hope to order another case soon and keep them in our van and hand them out as the Lord prompts me to. – Janelle

**I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW** that I got the flyer [Special Edition NGJ magazine for missions] for the Good and Evil book the other day, and my soon-to-be-7-year-old son can’t put it down. He has never seen a comic book before in his life, but he loves the pictures. He tries for hours to read it on his own. I am so excited to buy the book for him for his birthday. I am thrilled to see him that interested in a Bible story.

– Alysha

**I AM SENDING A DONATION** for the Good and Evil translation and distribution project – awesome outreach. I believe the Lord will use the book a mighty way and many souls will be saved. I am honored to become part of that miracle. Five dollars is a lot of money to my family right now, but I pray we can send more money later. – MS



**WHAT YOU** are doing with the *Good and Evil* book is great. I can’t wait to read the entire book with my children. It’s the best “storybook Bible” I have ever seen. – Thank you, AP

**LET THE PEARLS KNOW** that our order of a case of Good and Evil books is going to orphans in Liberia, West Africa! – Michelle

### 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.

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### SOLDIER SUPPORT BOXES

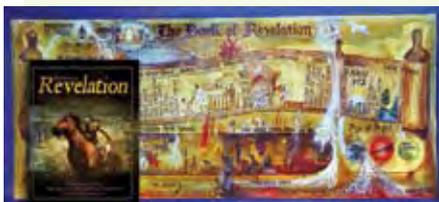
Thanks for the support you show towards our military forces. I returned to duty after Christmas and was pleased to receive your Soldier Support box. I can't begin to express my gratefulness for the materials inside. Please keep on serving those who are serving this great country God has blessed us with. — Maj. T. L.

### TO BETROTH OR NOT TO BETROTH

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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.

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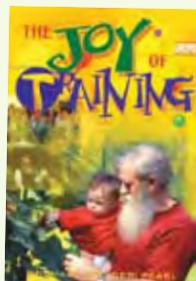
Author: Laurence M. Vance, Ph.D. This is a detailed historical examination and critical biblical analysis of Calvinism. Extensively documented from Calvinistic authorities, this book presents the other side to the over 400-year-old debate of the doctrines of Calvinism. Mike Pearl states, "This is the 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.

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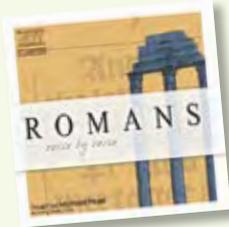
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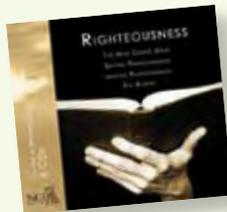
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## Mr. Landscaper

Mike Pearl,

I am the guy with a landscaping business—you know, the one that all the parents want their sons to work for, so I can teach their kids how to be hard workers. When some mama comes and asks me to take on her son, I have to say red flags go up. How can I tell them that what the boy needs is his own dad? I have tried working with their sons but I cannot address what these boys need. I am not their dad. Can you help me get the news out to these well-meaning parents?

I was where they were some years ago. Every day I left my sons at home so I could go to work. I had to stop and re-evaluate and change my direction. After 13 years of the same job, it wasn't easy. It cost. It was scary leaving the securities of an established company and its benefits. It was the scariest venture I've ever taken. My co-workers told me I would be sorry. My wife and children had to tighten their belt buckles and live with a lot less for several years while I worked to get established. But the benefits have far outweighed those early years of sacrifices. My business has flour-

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**Ten years of working, walking, talking, and watching me conduct my business—my sons have seen who I am by how I have lived.**

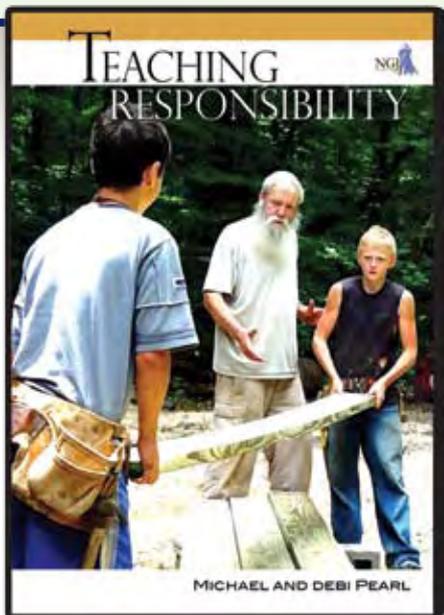
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So many men approach me and want to get out of the rat race. They want to work like I do but they only want the cream days not the days of struggle. They see what we have in our family but they don't realize the hardships it takes to be here. There were years when we were vegetarians because meat cost too much. We spent all our free time passing out flyers trying to drum up jobs. No one ever approached

me in those days saying, "Hey, we want a life just like you have." Yet we were happy back then. We had a vision of what could be and we knew what we wanted for our future.

How can I tell these parents that their sons need them, not me. I don't have all the answers, only the answers we found for us. I cannot solve their problems. I know and understand the cry of their hearts. I remember my wife telling me, "Honey, if we don't do it now—we won't." I remember our oldest son at age 9, hanging out all day with mom and the girls. If he were going to be a man he needed to learn how from me. We now have 6 sons ranging from 12 to 21 years old. We all work together and we have a lot of fun and get a whole lot done! It's not just something that happened, it's something you make happen. It's about the relationship of father and sons and it's about work.

— From the heart, Tom Zackey



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Joe Courage (5) is learning to read...



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— *The L family*



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