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

# Mama's String of Pearls

by Rebekah Joy Pearl

Mama's string of Pearls began  
When Mama met that big Pearl Man.  
He smiled at her and Mama knew  
No other Pearl would ever do.  
The string was tied and soon twas' clear  
Another Pearl would soon be here.  
A Rebekah Pearl—so small and sweet  
With great big eyes and great big feet.  
A few years seemed but like a day  
Gabriel Pearl was on his way.  
A playmate for their little girl  
On Mama's string—another Pearl  
One year, two years, passed away,  
Another brother joined our play.  
Nathan Pearl was his name,  
But Gabe and I just called him Nate.  
The boys outnumbered us two girls  
So Mama had another Pearl.  
Shalom was added to her string  
And peace to our family she did bring.  
Then last of all, but never least  
Shoshanna joined our Mama's string.  
Dad's quiver full (the house was too)  
And Mama had so much to do.  
But I know somehow, she wouldn't trade  
Or give one single Pearl away.  
For all the jewels in the world  
Aren't like our Mama's string of Pearls.

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## Husband's Testimony .....

Dear Bro. and Sister Pearl,

I want to thank you for the blessings you have been to my family. We receive your magazine as well as own some of your books, one of which is *Created to be His Help Meet*. My wife told me that book was hers and I shouldn't read it because it was meant for women, but I have seen the results of it in our lives.

My wife and I have always had a very special relationship, and after 28 years I can truly say I love her more now than the day we wed. Your book helped to polish a few rough areas that I really did not know existed. It is amazing to me how two people can become one complete person, each no good without the other.

A couple of years ago, not long after reading your book, my wife did the most wonderful thing for me, and to think about it now still blows my mind. She put into practice what you instructed in your book.

I had lost my job at an assembly plant after 17 years, and I decided I wanted to go to school to drive an 18-wheeler. We talked it over and she was totally against it, but after a few days, seeing that I had made up my mind to do it anyway, she called and enrolled me in a driving school.

She never complained about the cost of the school or the weeks I was gone from home while attending the school, but encouraged me all the way through. Instead of arguing with me about everything, she took it to the Lord and left it with Him to take care of. After completing the school and receiving my license, I was accepted as a trainee driver for a large trucking company, but during the physical they found a health condition which makes it impossible to drive commercially.

Today I am unable to work at all due to the progression of that condition, and we are still making payments on the driving school, but my wife has never complained or thrown it up in my face and said, "I told you so." Instead she has comforted and strengthened me through the entire ordeal. The Lord has truly given me a treasure in her.

I was listening to a preacher on the radio a few weeks ago, and he put it into perspective for me just how special a woman is, and I don't think women even know it themselves. He said that each time God created something, He said, "It is good." But after God created the man, he did not say it was good—until he created the woman to be with the man, and then he said it was "Very Good." The last of God's creations was the best.

Men do not understand just what a precious gift they are given when a woman agrees to marry them. She is giving up her life and dreams to follow him and his dreams wherever he leads. If the man can remember to follow the Bible's instruction to love and cherish his wife, not just for the honeymoon, but for the years to come, she in turn will respect his authority over her. She looks to him for strength, protection, and safety, and in return she gives comfort and builds his confidence. She can be our common sense to ward off a rash action, if we only take the time to listen.

Men, on the other hand, place respect above, or at least equal to, love, and I am no different. A wife, who can respect her husband as well as love him, even though some of the time he is wrong, will soon find that her wants and needs become more important to her husband than his own.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

The old saying that behind every great man there is a great woman is, I have found, almost right. I believe that *beside* every great man is a great woman, even when he isn't so great. God did not take the bone from Adam's back; it came from his side, and I thank the Lord for my help meet every day, because that is just where she has been all these years, right by my side, helping me to meet whatever came along.

Thanks again, and may God bless,  
— Ron A.



Shane (15 mos.) working in the kitchen

## Smart Kids Work Hard .....

Dear NGJ,

This is our son, Shane, 15 months old. He LOVES to work with his daddy... here he has inherited his daddy's genes for handiwork! He must have stayed up there on the counter for a good 30 minutes! I am amazed every time at how smart kids really are—they should be given a whole lot more credit. He's such a joy to be around! Thank you for such a great ministry!

— Selah Y.

# Daddy's Little Man

*Daddy's Little Man* | by Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling



**J**ames, my husband, and Jeremiah James, our 19-month-old son, are two peas in a pod; they are together all the time, either working or playing. The other day, James decided to turn our old chicken coop into a creative playhouse where I can do my pottery. I am going to have a “sophisticated” arts and crafts center.

He installed three big, beautiful windows that we had picked up at a yard sale. Then he put on rustic metal and barn boards for the siding. Little Jeremiah James was as busy as a tumble bug keeping up with Daddy—learning to be a man. James would pick up the hammer, attack a board, put the hammer down, and in one swift movement, Jeremiah would replace the hammer with a level—the next tool Daddy would need. He was very serious about his part. I wish you could have seen the glow on his face, knowing he was helping Daddy. Jeremiah was trying to think about what his daddy would need next. Sometimes James would reach out for the hammer, and his grinning son would

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hand him the level. Daddy would instruct him, “Jeremiah, bring the hammer back; I have to use the hammer to nail the siding on. I will use the level later.” Even though Jeremiah had several tools available, he knew which one his daddy was asking for.

## *Organizational Skills*

It was interesting to watch Jeremiah James rearranging his daddy’s box of neatly organized screws and nails. He put all the galvanized nails together, all the sheet rock screws together, and all the indoor nails in another spot. He did not notice size, so I showed him how to separate between type and size. Once he understood this concept, he immediately started to re-organize them back to their original arrangement. Just having an opportunity to handle these screws and get familiar with them was a learning experience that would prove useful the very next day.

## *Building Confidence*

Later that afternoon, James was busy with his chain saw, constructing a cedar pole trellis on the front porch of my Chicken Arts Center. As he cut the ends of the poles off, he would toss them a safe distance so Jeremiah could get to them. Jeremiah James decided that the cut ends belonged in the fire pit, which was some distance away, accessed by climbing up a steep eight-foot rise. It was fascinating that, without being told, he had elected to do a job that he felt needed to be done. Of course, we cheered him on. “You are so strong; good job, little man! Get another one.” He continued working

until James finished his project that evening. I have two men!

**Self-Worth because he was Worth Something**

The next day, when James was gone to work, I decided to work on our craft building. After getting a piece of metal siding up and in place, I realized I did not have my hammer and nails. Here I was, spread out, trying to hold up the metal and reach for the hammer at the same time. I really didn't think my small son would understand what I wanted, but I decided to give him a try, "Jeremiah James, can you get me

**They remember what you did yesterday, and they will try doing it tomorrow.**

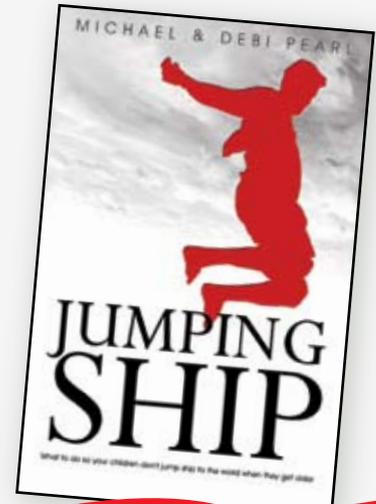
a hammer and a nail?" Sure enough, here he came climbing through the small opening with the hammer and the nails. And not just any nails; he had the galvanized roofing nails. In a whole tray of various nails and screws, he remembered which ones I had used on the metal the day before. I am sure that his experience of separating the nails and screws played a part in his being able to accomplish such a feat.

**Every minute counts**

Jeremiah is like a sponge soaking up every drop of what is going on around him. We have learned that whether you teach children something worth learning or not, they will be learning. It is a real shame when it is worthless nonsense that fills their little brains, or worse yet, something really negative. I see children who are two and three years old who seem to not understand when they are commanded to do something. They have learned to tune you out, unless it is a question concerning food, friends, going to town, or having a party. They have never learned to concentrate on a working command or project. It is foreign to them.

Training children is much more than, "Don't touch". Training is everything you do. They are watching and emulating, listening and experimenting, and constantly trying to figure out what you are doing so they can do it too. Little girls are learning how to be wives. Little boys are learning how to be men. They remember what you did yesterday, and they will try doing it tomorrow. Scary, isn't it? It scares me into training my son to be the best of men. ♦

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**JUMPING SHIP <sup>NEW!</sup>**  
*by Michael Pearl*

There is a troubling trend showing up among some of the "homeschool crowd." Their children are discontent and rebellious, jumping ship as soon as they think they can survive without the family—some as young as sixteen years old. I addressed this issue in a series of articles in 2006.

Finally, I have taken the *Jumping Ship* articles and put them all under one cover.

This 102-page book is much more than just the original articles. We received so many good letters, with questions and suggestions, that we were able to edit and expand the original five articles with the addition of two more chapters that are vital to preventing your children from jumping ship. There is a section on Biblical Admonition, and one on How to Teach Your Children the Bible.

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# Thankfulness

by Shalom (Pearl) Brand

**M**y husband is a mechanic, and in his line of work he meets all kinds of different people, because everybody needs their car worked on at one time or another. There are at least two kinds of people, the thankful and the unthankful.

My husband has a customer from out of state who comes by for Justin to look at his van during those times when he is in town visiting friends. Justin will stop everything he is doing just to help him, because this man's heart runs over with thankfulness. But there are other customers who come in that, no matter much how Justin goes out of his way to help them, they never think to say, "thank you," and they never act like they appreciated what he has just done for them. They will often come up with one thing or another that they think he is doing wrong, even though they might not know anything about cars. Their unthankful attitude portrays their unhappiness with life. Justin really does not care to do business with them at all; it just isn't worth the hassle.

Now, I know we should do our best for everyone, whether they are thankful or not. But, without forethought, we have a tendency to more readily respond to a thankful person. How

would you feel if you gave a present to your best friend and she looked at you with a grimace and said, "Thank you, but I don't need this blouse, besides I only wear name brands"? Yes, she did say the words "thank you," but her attitude was one of ungratefulness. Would you readily go out and spend another thirty dollars on her, hoping she will like the gift this time?

When does thankfulness start? You, as a parent, teach your child to say, "thank you," and everyone thinks it is so cute. But are you teaching them to *be* thankful as well? Thankfulness is more caught than taught. It comes from the heart, not the will, and not from good habits. Thankfulness is opposed to whining and griping; a child can't do both. So, a thankful child is a happy child. If a mother is joyful, the child will be as well. If the mother is unthankful,

she will never teach her children to be thankful, no matter what they say in response to a gift.

Most of the time, when I observe children with bad attitudes and bad actions, it is due to their not being thankful for what others are doing for them. Gracie, my little two-year-old, is thankful about everything. If I get up in the middle of the night to take her to the bathroom, afterward when she is lying on my shoulder, barely awake but kissing me, she says over and over again; “Thank you, Mama, thank you, Mama.” They are not just words to her, but a part of her heart, a part of who she is. At mealtime, she is always thankful for the food I put in front of her. We expect her to be thankful for the time I spent making it.

We teach her to be aware of the sacrifices others make for her. When I am about to serve food that I think may be too spicy for her, or if I am serving a food I know she just does not like very well, I tell her before I put it in front of her, “Gracie you do not have to eat this; just tell Mama ‘No, thank you,’ because Mama worked really hard making this food for you and Daddy.” I instruct her thus so as not to create an attitude of unthankfulness. The food is not the issue; her heart is. Because we have focused on the heart, there are very few healthy foods that she does not like.

I know that Gracie gets more than her share of gifts, because when you give her something, no matter what it is (even if it is small), she is so full of joy and thanksgiving. I have never really told her to say the words, “thank you”; she just learned that it was the word to say when you feel happy and thankful. Now, she uses it to express an attitude of gratefulness that has nothing to do with the word itself.

Parents, you must learn to be thankful for the little things in life

that are so big in the eyes of a two-year-old. I do not know how you feel, but I know that when my little girl is 18 years old, I want her to be filled with thankfulness that her parents are watching out for her best interests. I want her to have a good attitude toward life and toward us.

From the time Gracie was born, I always expressed great thankfulness toward life in general, and she is always watching and listening. I will tell her, “Daddy works so hard so that we can eat; let’s rub Daddy’s feet for him.” Justin, in the same manner, will say, “Look at Mama, she’s cooking supper for us. Do you want to help her? She loves us so much.” Whenever Gracie does something for me, like putting a piece of paper in the trash, cleaning up her toys, bringing my shoes, whatever it may be, I show her a thankful and joyful smile. She knows that I am pleased with her and with her service. She is a better helper than many six-year-old children, and has a better attitude too. I am very thankful for her help, and because she knows it, she is thankful for all the things I do for her.

Gracie has two friends from a broken family, who go to public school and are not trained in any way. The little boy is five, and his sister is three; they come over and visit off and on. Their dad works for my husband. One day when I was in the shop, I told their dad that they were so good about cleaning up after themselves. He laughed and said, “They don’t do that.” I told him, “They sure do.” His children, being untrained and never cleaning up at their own home, love to clean when they come to my house. They know that I will be so thankful for their help and that I will praise them for their good work and brag on them to their dad.

In times past, when their dad would come to pick them up, they would complain and whine about having to leave. It was a big, unhappy ordeal. So one day, I set them down and explained to them how their dad works so hard, then goes home and cooks for them, and washes their clothes, and takes good care of them. Then I asked them what they could do to help him. I was training them to be thankful, which translated into being hard, willing, thoughtful workers. “When your daddy comes to get you, do not

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complain, but be thankful that **he** is such a hard worker.” Well, when their dad showed up, they started eagerly putting their shoes on and gathering up their things. The five-year-old boy started to complain just a little, and right away the little three-year-old girl said, “Bubba, be sweet.” He donned a chastened look and went back to putting on his shoes. Their dad told me later that they had started cleaning up after themselves and were keeping their room clean. He said, “I do not know





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## REPENTANCE (FEATURING A NEW COVER)

Michael Pearl, author of *To Train Up A Child* and *Eight Kingdoms*, examines all 112 uses of “repent” in the KJV.

Debi says,

*“Of everything Mike has ever written, I like this the best!”*

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what has gotten into them.” *I know*; it is called **THANKFULNESS!** Only a few minutes of instruction, training, and reinforcement, and by reminding them of his sacrifice, was all it took to get them started on the road to thankfulness. It became a part of their heart and soul, once they saw their daddy’s heart toward them. Most training issues start with either a lack of instruction or too much heady, religious, soul-invading manipulation.

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He said, “I do not know what has gotten into them.” I know; it is called thankfulness!

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Most of Gracie’s baby clothes were given to me, and not all of them were the cutest or in the best condition, but I would let Gracie try on every one of them and make a time of enjoyment of the gift. I would always talk about how nice the person was who thought to give us their things. It is not about the clothes or whether they are cute or not; it is about your child’s soul,

and showing her a thankful spirit. Even if all I do is use the clothes for her baby doll, the point is still to be thankful. You are molding a little heart, and your every attitude will teach them how they should respond to life and to those around them.

Just yesterday, on the way home from work, I asked Gracie, “Who is Mama thankful for?” I was expecting her to say, “Daddy,” or, “Gracie,” but no, she sat there for a minute and then said, “God.” I was shocked that even at the age of two she has learned what Mama is thankful for: what **God** has done for us! She went on, in her own little words, to say, “Mama is happy, Daddy is happy, Gracie is happy, God is happy that Gracie is happy.” I started to laugh with her, because, yes, I was happy, and I am sure God was smiling as well.

Gracie is already learning to be thankful for what Christ has done for her on Calvary. It will be a few years before she totally understands why Jesus had to die for her, but she is on the right road to learning to be thankful for what he has done for her. And when the time comes for her to understand, I am certain she will be thankful for his sacrifice. ♦

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## FROM THE MAILBOX

### **“Created” Saved My Marriage** .....

Dear Debi,

God used your book “Created to be His Help Meet” to save my marriage. Almost from the day that we married, my husband was picked apart by my parents for every decision he made or didn’t make. They even questioned his salvation. I allowed their attitude to make me bitter and discontent with my husband, and constantly nagged and challenged everything he wanted to do. I was trying to save our family from the world.

My attitude drove my husband to look for happiness and acceptance with another woman. When I was blundering, blindly unaware that my marriage was on the brink of destruction, a friend gave me your book. I sensed I was losing my husband, but had no idea what was taking him. I began to apply your suggestions on “how to win your husband back.” I stopped complaining about the secular music, movies, financial splurges, his late nights out, and just tried to have a welcoming smile and open arms. I prayed for God’s direction in every word I said to him. My husband later told me that those changes were all that kept him from walking out on me. God worked miraculously, and everything was made public. My husband repented, and his heart came back home. We had several very hard months, crying, hugging, learning to forgive and rebuild trust. I must have re-read your book three or four times during that time. It was such a comfort, and helped to keep me on the right track.

I praise the Lord for sending your book at the right moments. It started the beginnings of my freedom from legalism and learning to open my heart to God and to my husband.

I had wondered if, in all the testimonies in your book, if they were real changes, if it would last. Ours sure has, though. Now, our conflicts are rare and handled calmly, not daily fights like we used to have. I feel so blessed!

Thank you so much for helping us younger women to learn to love our husbands and children. A sister in Christ,

— Beth

### **Extreme Writing** .....

Dear Extreme, far-removed, mountain woman,

I am an African American urban dweller who finds your writing extreme, far-removed, and mountainous. I wish I could use those descriptions of your personal choices to avoid the powerful conviction of the Holy Spirit in your writings. Alas, I cannot! Your words, good Bible teaching, are like swords in my hands in the war for rebuilding of the Kingdom of Heaven. If you are ever in Metro Detroit area, you are welcome in my home. You go, Mountain Woman! God bless,

— Abbey

### **Another Changed Life** .....

I’m still reading “Help Meet.” My life has changed! Suddenly, I love my husband more than ever, All our arguments were my fault, and it will never happen again. This book is the best I’ve ever read.

— Amanda in South Africa

### **Heart Surgery** .....

So thankful for your ministry! God is performing heart surgery on me. My heart is filled with the hope of enjoying my mate more than I ever thought possible.

— M. S.

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difference in eternity?  
Give this book to a  
Spanish family.  
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in Spanish!*



# Making a Knife

A Rewarding Do-It-Yourself Project | by Gabriel Pearl



**W**ith only a few hours and a little bit of effort, nearly anyone can make a knife that is not only useful, but looks good, too. Here's how to do it.



*The file before cutting*

## *Finding a blade*

The first thing you need to know is that all steel is not created equal. When making a knife, you want steel that will hold an edge but is not too hard to grind into shape. Large round saw blades, the kind used in sawmills, often about five feet in diameter, work very well, as do lawn mower blades, old chainsaw bars, and larger files. In almost any old horse barn or tool shed, or even in your grandfather's basement, you can usually find a large, rusty old file known as a wood rasp. Farriers use them to shape horses' hooves. I got mine

*Shaping with hand grinder ▶*

about 3 months ago from an antique tool trader who had about a dozen of them in a bucket for \$1 each. I picked out the largest one. It was about 16" long and 3/8" thick at the thickest part.

Since I don't have a plasma cutter or any other way to cut steel, I took the file to a welding shop down the road to get the rough cutting done.

First, draw an outline on the file with a permanent marker in the shape you want the knife to be, then cut it out using a torch or plasma cutter. Once this is done, heat the entire file to a dull red color, and then allow it to cool slowly in the air. (Files are so hard that they need some of the temper removed in order for the steel to be ground down.)



*File after rough grinding*



Next, secure it in a table vise, and shape it with a hand-held grinder. Grinding and shaping the blade to your personal taste and design is the most rewarding, and also the most time-consuming. I spent about 45 minutes with the disc grinder forming the knife into its proper shape.

**NOTE:** Be sure to move up and down the knife quickly while grinding, frequently dipping it in water, so that you never burn the steel or turn it blue in one area, which will damage the temper. Never grind or sand unless you are wearing safety goggles or glasses. If you are going to do much metal grinding, you will need to wear a dust mask.

Next, switch to a sander with 80 grit sand paper. If you do not have a bench-top sander, you can always use an 8" or 4" grinder or even a small hand-held belt sander. Smooth the surface of the entire blade and handle, switching from the 80 grit paper to 120, then to a 320 grit sand paper, getting all the little marks out, or until you are satisfied. Remember, the higher the number of grit, the smoother the paper and the smoother the finish.

*If you can still see the file lines, it needs more grinding.*

Then, take a 5/32" drill bit, and drill a hole in the center of the handle about 1/4" from the end. Next take a 3/8" bit to round the 5/32" hole edges.

### *Treating the blade*

To give the blade a different look and to make it more rust resistant, I decided to acid etch it. There are many different finishes you can do that work well and look good. Just to name a few, titanium oxide, cold

◀ *Putting edge on knife*



*Making the handle grip with paracord*

blueing, and paint, all work well as finishes. Or, you could just leave it bare, and wipe off any moisture. Occasionally, polish it with very fine sandpaper (400–600 grit) to maintain the bright metal finish.

I had a gallon of muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid) left over from a concrete job I did a few months ago, so I decided to use this for my acid-etched finish. This acid is available at local hardware stores and pool supply stores. As with all acids, BE CAREFUL! Always follow manufacturer's instructions, and always stay upwind; the fumes are nasty. It is terribly dangerous. So be especially careful around anything that you want to stay alive, including kids, pets, and plants.

I took a 16" length section of a 3" PVC pipe and glued a cap on one end. Next, I poured about 12" of acid into the pipe, which took nearly a gallon. Then I put a piece of wire through the hole at the end of the file, to dip it in the acid, where I left it for about 1 minute. I then removed the knife and carefully sprayed it off with a garden hose, being careful to maintain my distance and not get into the splash zone.

### ***Handle material***

There are a number of materials good for handles on hunting knives, and I like them all. But for the sake of convenience, availability, and practicality, it's hard to beat parachute cord.

Use a 9-foot length of parachute cord, and heat the end over fire (I heated mine over my gas stove) until it is melting hot. Then with a paper towel, smooth it off to a point. This keeps it from fraying.

Next, place the cord in warm water for 5 minutes. This makes it stretch.

With a small screwdriver, push one end of the cord through the hole in the handle until you have about a foot sticking through.

Then, take the long end, stretch it along the flat side of the handle down to the base of the handle and begin winding it tightly, pulling it as tight as possible until it is wound all the way to the end.

*Cramming paracord through the eyelet ▶*





*Time to make the sheath*

You should have about 18" left over. At the base of the handle push the 18" end through the hole of the handle from the opposite side that the 12" end went through. Getting both ends of the parachute cord through the 5/32" hole proved to be quite a trick, but with a screwdriver, a small nail, a hammer, needle-nose pliers, and 5 minutes of frustration, it finally went through.

Pulling it tight, tie a square knot at the top of the handle, then trim both ends at about 10". Make sure the ends are melted really well, and tie a knot to create a loop to go around your wrist.

*Total project time: approx. 3 hours ♦*



*Time to make the sheath*

## *Make the Sheath and Win This Knife!*

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*Please Note:*  
*We use extreme caution when working on this project, and advise you to do the same.*



*Gabe and Lori with their daughter, Jocelyn.*

# A Thankful Heart

*Children Learn Heart Attitudes from Mom and Dad's Actions* | by Nathan Joel Pearl

**“O** give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.” How many times have we read this, sung it, or admonished the little ones to be thankful?

**Thankfulness is not something you can teach by rote or script. You can't discipline your kids into having a thankful heart. If you tell your children to be thankful, and yet you are rude, discourteous, and unthankful to the waitress at the restaurant after church, your actions speak much louder than your words.**

Every night as I tuck my girls in and pray with them, I thank God for the things in my life. I thank him for loving me while I was yet a sinner. I thank God for dying for me, for giving me my precious children, money, health, and happiness. All this is good and important for them to hear, but that is not where they learn thankfulness. Those are big issues that are important to me, their daddy.

Financial well being is a difficult concept to grasp by the two-year-old mind. When I come home from work, hot, tired, and care-worn, and my wife greets me with a smile and a kiss, her eyes and spirit all say, “Thank you for what you've done for us today.” That is where my little girls learn a thankful heart. It is the spirit of the home that teaches thankfulness to my children, not just something that is said or taught. You can discipline for unthankfulness, but that does not create a thankful spirit. Thankfulness is a worldview. It is how you perceive your lot in life. Proverbs 23:7 says, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” So, in closing, just in case you were wondering — YES! I am thankful that I have the best wife in the world.



## *Just an Idea*

We have spent the last three months living on the Caribbean island of Utila, Honduras. We have enjoyed scuba diving with whales, sharks, and dolphins. Our days are filled with swimming, snorkeling, boating, and fishing. It has been an exhilarating and wonderful experience for the whole family. However, when I go out to dive, my wife and three small children cannot

go out on a commercial dive boat, as it is only geared toward adults. The same is true for most other activities. Even at the resorts, they want to split family activities up. We are considering the viability of creating a small resort with dress codes and Christian values/standards that will cater to like-minded homeschool families. The idea is to have cabins geared towards large families, classrooms to certify divers, and a sailboat from which to dive and snorkel. Prices could be kept very reasonable, and several families of like mind could come together.

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**Thankfulness is a worldview. It is how you perceive your lot in life.**

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Whole families could participate in sailing, diving, fishing, navigating, and learn about the underwater world, tying knots, and the science of ocean currents, tides, winds, and salt-water plants and animals, etc. This is something that I would like for my family. How many others would be interested in this type of experience. If you are, how long would you want to stay? What other activities would interest you? Would you be interested in participating in the structuring and organization of this type of adventure? We are also looking for investors. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed. If interested, email us:

[islandfamilyadventures@gmail.com](mailto:islandfamilyadventures@gmail.com)



# Little Women

*Pleasing Those You Love* | by Zephyr Pearl (wife of Nathan Pearl, Michael and Debi's second son)

I remember, as a young girl, my mother doing everyday things for Daddy, because Daddy was special. When he came home from work as an airplane pilot, Mom would have the house clean, supper prepared, the table set, and each of us six kids eagerly anticipating Dad's arrival.

Mom would rush around like a giddy teenager in love, dabbing on a bit of Heaven Scent (Dad's favorite perfume) as she scurried about. I remember so clearly her always preparing one of "Dad's favorite" meals. I don't know if that was her intent, but she was teaching us kids not just by words, but by actions, too.

As I got older, I would leave little "goodbye notes" that I sneaked into Dad's flightbag the night before he left on a trip. Sometimes, my sisters and I would slip downstairs at 4:30 am and make him a simple breakfast of eggs and toast. Dad would send us postcards from his different destinations, even though we didn't receive them until days after he had returned home. There were times when we all went with him on a three-day flight to someplace far away and exciting. Everything Mom did centered around pleasing Dad and making him happy. Mom's little gestures of love did much more than make a happy husband. She was making happy little wives and a happy home, as well.



Today, I am now a wife and mother. I find myself doing these same things; and my daughters are following in *my* steps, learning from me, and perpetuating the tradition of love. Laura, our first child, now four-and-a-half years old, is constantly trying to buy this thing or that for her Daddy, because she knows "it is his favorite." When we go to the local country store, she always gets two fireballs—one for her and one for Daddy.

As I write this, we are in the last month of our three-month stay in Honduras. The kids and I take a daily trek into town early, because

it gets hot here well before noon. By the time we get to town, the kids are hot and thirsty, so they occasionally get to pick out a box drink from the store's cooler. Needless to say, they don't have all the commodities here that we do in the States. Well, Laura picked out the Honduran version of a Starbucks frappuccino that looked as if it had been sitting there for a couple of years. As we paid for it, she eagerly opened the straw and started slurping it down. "Mmm, this is sooo good," she said, as we walked home discussing iguanas, whale sharks, airplanes, and other various and random subjects. Then, out of the blue, she stopped sucking on her straw and stated, "I am going to save the rest for Daddy and surprise him when he gets back from diving, because frappuccino is Daddy's favorite." When we got home, Laura carefully hid her drink box in the fridge, so Daddy couldn't find it, and then went to take her afternoon nap. While she was sleeping, I tested the drink to make sure it was palatable. I gagged and spit it into the sink, quickly guzzling some orange juice to kill the taste. When Nathan got home, I warned him of what was to come. Laura woke up soon after and hurried excitedly to get Daddy's treat. While she was busy making sure his eyes were closed for the surprise, I rushed to pour him a generous serving of OJ. The look of happiness, pleasure, and joy on Laura's face as she watched Nathan choke down the drink was priceless. My girl's Daddy is her knight in shining armor, and that is how it should be. My mother's example is bearing fruit. ♦

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**Mom's little gestures of love did much more than make a happy husband. She was making happy little wives and a happy home, too.**

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# A Cup of Tea

| by Rebekah Joy (Pearl) Anast



*Megan, Miles, and Molly. Photo by Erin Harrison.*

**W**hen Ryshoni Joy turned four years old last month, her birthday requests included a tea set and an apron. Unlike her mother, Rysha is the classic “little lady.”

She had multiple, miniature tea sets, and although they gave a day’s thrill, Rysha was more interested in actually serving the whole family a “real tea time” than just pretending. So we made a trek out to the pole barn and dug out a carefully-wrapped 50-year-old box: my great-grandmother’s bone china.

Rysha carefully helped me unwrap and wash each gold-embossed piece, talking the whole time with utmost excitement about how she was going to serve tea. The pink roses never bloomed so brightly on that china set as they did for Rysha Joy. Each day after naps, the girls and I set the table with saucers and cups, creamer and sugar bowl, and fill the teapot with tea. Little china bowls of nuts, fruit, and tiny cookies are set out. Then Rysha triumphantly serves tea in her little ruffled apron. Sometimes Daddy and Joe Courage join us. Rysha knows how to pour and stir, and does it all with a charming giggle.

Now, you should know that Rysha is not naturally very attentive or intuitively graceful. She’s actually a bit of a space cadet and is constantly knocking things over, running into walls, and falling off her chair. She is the most bruised and scratched-up kid I’ve seen since my sister Shoshanna was little. To watch her set the table with fine china is truly a breathtaking experience, to say the least. But I’ve no intention of taking that china to Heaven with me, and Rysha Joy needs something to give her incentive to learn grace and attention. I am not a tea party kind of gal myself.

When I was a girl, my all-consuming interest was reading and writing. I remember my parents driving me all over Memphis to

look in every office supply store for a hard-cover, lined journal that I could write my stories in.

This was before the journal and diary craze hit the market, and real journal notebooks were impossible to find. I loved those precious lined pages. I used to finger them with pleasure, and put my nose in the white pages to breathe in the clean smell of new paper. It was a sheer joy to write every letter of each word, and I sat for hours thinking up poems and stories so that I could continue to write. It seemed as though my hand craved the wooden feel of the pencil, and the detailed motion of each stroke. But, just as Rysha Joy is not intuitively graceful, I was not intuitively a good writer. I had extreme dyslexia and viewed the world in doubles until I was about 4 years old. For years, I wrote most of my letters backwards. I remember telling myself to write the letters the opposite of what seemed right so that my story would be readable. In time, and with huge amounts of practice, I learned to write my letters without having to double check myself.

Your daughter may be neither a tea party lady nor a writer, but she surely has a noticeable interest that drives her. She may not be like you in her likes and dislikes, but she is like you in spirit and heart. She needs a mama to provide her with the tools that will enable her to become great at what she enjoys, even if her handicaps seem overwhelming.

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Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, the author of one of the best music school theories in the world, tells a story about a little girl with paralysis on one side of her body. This little girl wanted to learn to play the violin. Her crippled arm kept jerking and throwing the bow, and her mother had to pick it up and put it back in her hand again and again. The little girl's eyes could not focus on the violin for correct fingering. The

mother was grieved for her daughter, and wanted her to stop trying, but Dr. Suzuki encouraged her to continue. Within six months, the "permanent" paralysis was beginning to fade and the girl could play her first piece of music all the way through without jerking. She became a fine violinist, and her childhood paralysis is now just history.

It's altogether too easy, upon recognizing our children's weaknesses and handicaps, to give in to making harmful pronouncements on them: "You'll never be a good housekeeper," or, "You'll never be a good driver," or, "You'll never be a good teacher," and shut the door on a world of possibilities. Handicaps come and go, as so many true stories have proven down through the centuries. Never assume you know what your child was made for; instead, rightly assume that you were made to beat a path for them to find it. It may mean digging out grandmother's china, or driving all over town to find the perfect journal. But, take it from me, the struggle is very much worth the finish. •

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### **Chaplain Thankful for Books**

Just a note to say thank you for the copies of *Good and Evil* and *Pornography: Road to Hell*. Your religious materials are always welcome here and I look forward to any future literature you can donate to our library. — *Chaplain*

### **From a Prison Chaplain**

I am requesting a donation of *Good and Evil*. Upon receiving two copies recently at the prison, I quickly read through one and was greatly struck by the tremendous potential blessing I see for the men. This blessing I believe is two-fold.

First, they will be impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ on a level they are more attuned to; their imagination. This I pray will be used by the Spirit of God as He broods over the prison calling to those who seek His face.

Second, they will be impacted by the powerful portrayal of masculinity. The powerful way the men (Noah, first, struck me) are portrayed, I believe, will speak to them on a deep level they may not even understand. My sense, is that their illusion of manhood is an emasculated one. To have the

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Scriptures portrayed in this manner will introduce them to a paradigm shift with potential implications for redemption.

Furthermore, we have so many that are virtually illiterate and "slow of wit." This book will enable them to conceptualize that which propositional truth might not have been able to do for them. And then, I pray the Spirit of God takes their imagination and opens them to a realization of their sinful state and the God Who is our Savior.

— *Jim C.*

# Angels, Good and Bad

A Study of the Cherub Face | by Michael Pearl



Dear Michael Pearl,

**L**ove all your stuff, but have a question about a doctrinal issue from *Good and Evil*. On page 75, “...The original image of Satan before he sinned was that of a bull.” We sure can’t find that in the Bible and would like to know where you did. Thanks so much.

—Jamie

Jamie,

I am glad to see that you do not take everything that Mike Pearl says as if it were gospel truth. Check it out with Scripture. I know that if you are calling me on issues, you are calling others as well, and, therefore, are not as likely to be deceived.

You are not the first to ask that question, so I think it deserves a public answer.

God told the prophet Ezekiel to “take up a lamentation” against the king of Tyre, which meant he was to repeatedly utter the lament in public for all to hear. This was a common method of the prophets. In some cases, they would cry the same identical words every day for a year or more until everybody, whether they wanted to or not, had memorized it word for word. The lamentation denounced the king by comparing him to Lucifer (Satan), in both his pomp and power and his certain demise. In this passage, we learn some things about Satan—the Devil.

- Satan was created by God, and was originally perfect, beautiful, and wise. (Ezekiel 28:12, 15, 17)
- He is a cherub. (Ezekiel 28:14)
- As a cherub, he had the special position of “covering.” (Ezekiel 28:14, 16)
- He radiated “brightness,” which is a word used 22 times in the Bible and is exclusively associated with the glory that radiates from a supreme potentate. (Ezekiel 28:17)
- He was originally covered with precious stones, as were the high priests. (Ezekiel 28:13)
- He had musical pipes in his body which made him an organic musical instrument. (Ezekiel 28:13)
- He was “anointed,” which is a term denoting the bestowment of a sacred trust. (Ezekiel 28:14)
- He was associated with a throne. (Isaiah 14:13)
- Satan is the author and originator of sin—lying and murder. (Ezekiel 28:15 with John 8:44; 1 John 3:8)

- The original sin of Satan involved merchandising. (Ezekiel 28:16)
- His original assignment before he sinned was on the earth, for he would “ascend into heaven... above the heights of the clouds... but would be “cut down to the ground” and “brought down to hell” (Isaiah 14:12–16). Further, he was “in Eden” before he sinned, which is a piece of geography on the earth in which God later placed a garden to put Adam and Eve. (Ezekiel 28:13)
- Lucifer was created before the six days of creation recorded in Genesis 1. (Job 38:4–7)
- He was called a “son of God.” (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)
- A cherub has the face of an ox. Ezekiel chapter one records a vision given to the prophet, and it contains a peculiar detail that, at first, seems to be irrelevant, but is given special attention by twice telling us exactly what day and where he was when he had the vision. He said he was “among the captives by the river of Chebar” (Ezekiel 1:1, 3). He sees what he calls “four living creatures” (Ezekiel 1:5). After describing their bodies, he tells us that they had four different faces each. They had the face of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. Now is where we do a little detective work. Ten chapters later, in Ezekiel 10:14, he again refers

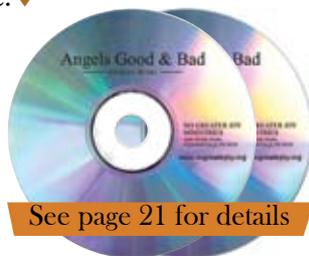
**This time when he names them there is a difference. ...he calls the ox face a cherub. So God has revealed to us that the natural face of a cherub is the face of an ox.**

to the living creatures with the four faces, but this time when he names them there is a difference. “And every one had four faces: the **first face was the face of a cherub**, and the second face *was* the face of a **man**, and the third the face of a **lion**, and the fourth the face of an **eagle.**” The face of man, lion, and eagle are the same, but he calls the ox face a cherub. So God has revealed to us that the natural face of a cherub is the face of an ox.

**The form most often used by idol worshipers is that of an ox. Baal was worshiped in the form of an ox.**

- Lucifer is an anointed cherub and therefore has the face of an ox. The form most often used by idol worshipers is that of an ox. Baal was worshiped in the form of an ox. When Satan inspires men to worship, it is in the form of an ox or a serpent/dragon—Lucifer’s later image. The Eastern religions hold the cow (ox) as sacred. They are worshiping the Devil.

There is much more, but space does not permit. I have an audio series entitled *Angels, Good and Bad*. This is everything you ever wanted to know about angels, demons, Cherubim, heavenly beasts, living creatures, and UFOs. These messages are not going to sanctify you, but they will excite you to study your Bible. ♦



See page 21 for details

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**Eight Kingdoms Truth .....**

We have read and heard much of your Bible teaching material. We do enjoy them a lot. Your “Eight Kingdoms” is most remarkable. In our quest to understand God’s word, this has been most enlightening. Understanding this truth puts our heart at rest. The kingdoms are where it’s at.

— Reader

**Learning from the Atheists ....**

I just finished reading your article “Learning from the Atheists,” and I wanted to let you know that I came to know Christ through your message. I was not an atheist to begin with. Rather, I was raised a Catholic. When we moved here to the Bible Belt, I had many new friends try to explain why I was not saved, but it never made sense to me. Your article explained it to me in such a wonderful, straightforward way, I will never be the same. Thank you!

— Jennifer

**From the Philippines .....**

Thank you very much for the wonderful books you have sent me. They are not only attractive to look at, but their contents are very informative. These books are good tools to train up children, most especially with my daughter who has children to be trained in the way of the Lord. Your books give many good lessons that reach the inner being of these children through the teaching and personal application of the tested formula of child training. May God give you wisdom to write more valuable truths that are vital to happy living.

— Cosme

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### **Christ's Sacrifice: Once for All** .....

Some weeks ago I ordered my first tape series of yours called *Sin No More* and it has changed my understanding of Romans - and sanctification. After many years of trying (unsuccessfully) to live Watchman Nee's "Normal Christian Life" and "Release of the Spirit," I am refreshed by your teaching on the gospel of sanctification by faith which delivers from sin. When listening to your CDs, I literally laugh out loud (with JOY) that Bible sanctification frees me from the boredom and drudgery of "dying daily in my soul life" and "picking up my non-wooden, lightweight, American-style cross daily"—it is annoying when one's conscience knows that it's a fake cross anyway. Thank you for helping believers like me return to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 11:3) and stop trying to help God with my sanctification which insults the finality of His Son's sacrifice.

— H.W.

### **Set Free** .....

I was living a "good Christian life," homeschooling, attending church regularly, and not watching TV. I was also marked by habitual sin, anger, struggles with an eating disorder, etc. I could go on about trying to die to self and struggling with my sinful nature (hee hee). I read your book *By Divine Design*. When I got to the part about the old love and the new love, I broke down. I had never left my old love (there was no new love). I then listened to your *Sin No More* CDs and was introduced to *The Man Jesus Christ*. I fell in love with the man who set me free from my life of sin and dead works. My soul was set free! Love in Christ,

— Tammarra



### **"Baking Class"**

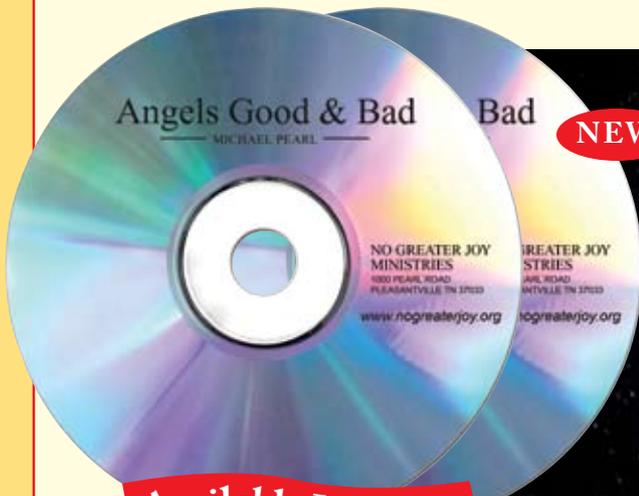
Grandma is teaching us how to make cherry rolls, Daddy's favorite.



### **"Our Greatest Blessings"**

Ryan (2½ yrs.) and Tanner (11 mos.)

Thank you so much for your insight on child-rearing. It has been a great help to us. Our boys are our greatest blessings in life, that God has entrusted into our care. — Tammy H.



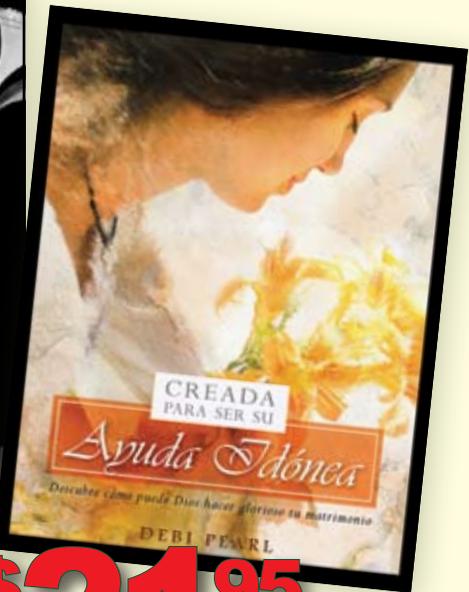
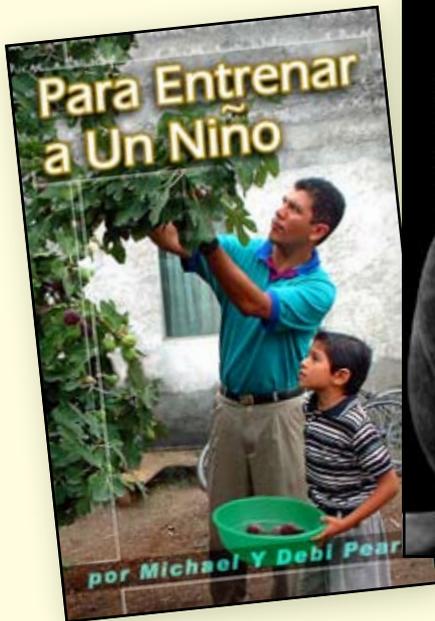
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# Parable of the King's Son

Excerpt from *By Divine Design* | by Michael Pearl



**I**n a faraway land and in another time, a benevolent king ruled his kingdom wisely, and all the people loved him. Well, not all. There was a small group of rebels who worked in secret, seeking to overthrow his rule. They wanted the freedom to engage in immoral revelry, which was not permitted under this righteous king.

The usual punishment for treason was death, but the king passed a law saying that anyone guilty of treason would be allowed to live but would have his eyes put out. On several occasions young men were brought before the king to be tried for treason. After carefully hearing the evidence the king had regretfully pronounced the penalty of blindness upon some of these young men.

One day the king's sheriff brought a young man before the court to be tried for treason. It was rumored that he was the ringleader of the rebellion. The king was disturbed by the hood covering the upper body of the prisoner. But the court lawyers requested that the concealment remain in place to assure that justice would be accomplished. The king went along with the request, assuming that the accused must be an acquaintance or perhaps the son of some state official. He had heard the evidence that proved to be overwhelmingly incriminating. When it came time to pass sentence the lawyers removed the hood to reveal the king's own son. The king was about

to pass the sentence of blindness on his only son. With great restraint of his emotions he announced that he would wait twenty-four hours to pronounce the judgment. Though it could not make a difference in the court's decision, the king used that time, to no avail, trying to bring his son to repentance. The son felt sure that the father could not forgive him, and the penalty of the law was unavoidable.

During the intervening time, word of the developing situation spread over all the kingdom. There was much speculation about what the king would do. Half of the people characterized the king as a man who placed duty and the letter of the law above his own feelings. They supposed the king would not only take out his son's eyes but also have him executed as an example. The other half of the kingdom believed the king would yield to deep feelings toward his son and free him unharmed. Many believed that he would elicit from the son a promise of allegiance and then set aside the penalty of the law.

The king found himself in a dilemma, with two conflicting compulsions. He desired to save his son, and he desired to remain a just and lawful king. Having blinded others for the same offense, could he make an exception with his son and still maintain the public perception of just? How could the public continue to respect his rule? Furthermore, if he should withhold the punishment, how could he command respect or control of his son? The offense would forever stand between the king and his son. If not

punished, wouldn't the rebellious son be even bolder in his rebellion?

On the other hand, how could he pass sentence on his own son? Could a father who begat a son of his own body, and invested so much in rearing him, suddenly shut off all feelings? Could he just blind his son and forget? Would life have any further meaning for a father?

Twenty-four hours later the court was reconvened. The royal city was packed with expectant, solemn onlookers. The prisoner was brought into the court. His face not being covered, his bitterness was clear for all to see. Looking at his countenance, one would think he was holding his father responsible for his rebellion.

The king was the last to enter the chamber. With expectancy running high, he was led into the chamber wearing the hood his son wore the day before. Feebly, he was steered to his place on the throne. He immediately commenced to recount the incriminating evidence. Then while the crowd stood in hushed wonder, just when he was preparing to pass sentence he reached up and slipped the hood from his head. The audience fell back in revulsion as they saw the two gaping, bloody holes where royal eyes had once been. The crowd gasped as the king addressed the general public. A servant placed before the people a tray containing the king's eyes. The king asked the general public if common justice could be served by the substitution of his eyes for his son's. The people unanimously agreed that justice was served. The king had found a way to be faithful to his law, thereby maintaining its integrity, and a way to satisfy his love to his son.

One problem remained, the son's rebellion. If the father had been able to elicit prior repentance from the son, the sacrifice would have seemed justifiable. But the offering

was made when the son was still a self-proclaimed enemy of the king. That too was resolved in the king's bloody sacrifice. Seeing the father's love and forgiveness, the son was moved to repent toward his father. All doubt as to the father's love and wisdom involuntarily vanished. The son fell at his father's feet and begged for the forgiveness that he had already received. He was placed at the father's right hand where he forever thereafter faithfully and benevolently assisted in all affairs of the kingdom.

The dilemma was solved. Sacrificing neither his love to his son nor justice, the law had been honored in a way that elevated it as never before. The king had not only expressed his love to his son, but had brought him to humble repentance. The integrity of the kingdom was maintained and the son was saved—all at the father's expense. "That he might be just and the justifier... For God so loved the world that he gave...."

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## For those who believe, God sees no sin except that which is upon Jesus.

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### *A sinner by faith*

Kneeling in the garden, Jesus believed God and received the weight of sin. God "made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21). God was willing to see Jesus as a sinner that He might be permitted to see us as righteousness. Jesus became what we are that we might become what He is. By the imputing act of God, He became a sinful son of man so we could become sinless sons of God. It was a trade. He traded His righteousness for our sin. He then bore the consequences of our sin

before God so that we can bear the consequences of His righteousness before God. He ascended the hill of Calvary so we could ascend Mount Zion. The God who "calleth those things which be not as though they were" called His Son something He wasn't—a sinner—so that He could call us something we are not—righteous. "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin" (Rom. 4:8).

For those who believe, God sees no sin except that which is upon Jesus. God therefore punished the man Jesus until the penalty of our sin was exhausted and the justice of the law was fully satisfied.

### *Under the curse*

Jesus hung on the cross, not as the accepted man, but as the cursed and rejected man. The human race was a mountain of condemned flesh. Jesus climbed to the top of the pile and received into his body the full blast of all God's fury. He alone knows what it is to fall into the hands of the living God bearing the full penalty of sin. The curse of the law poured into Jesus until it was empty; then the sword of justice was broken off in His holy flesh. ♦



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This is an excerpt from the book *By Divine Design*, by Michael Pearl. Many people have come to know God in the forgiveness of their sins through reading this book.

# Kings and Kingdoms

**What it Means to Reverence Your Husband** | by Debi Pearl

**A** wise woman always receives her husband's overtures with delight, no matter how clumsy he may be.

God created Adam and commissioned him to take the position of leadership.

Since then, every son of Adam has received the same mandate. Man was created to rule. It is his nature. But the only place most men will ever rule is their own little kingdom called *home*. At the least, every man's destiny is to be the leader of his household. To deny him this birthright is contrary to his nature and God's will. When a man is not in command of his little kingdom and is not shown the deference and reverence that goes with that position, his kingdom will not be ruled correctly, and the subjects of that kingdom will not experience the benevolence of a king who truly loves and cherishes them. When you neglect to reverence your husband, you are taking something precious away from yourself, your children, and your husband.

Your husband is not there to show you deference or to be your helper. It is NOT God's will for your husband to reverence you. It is not God's plan for you to remain seated at the dinner table or in your lounge chair and expect him to serve himself. Our modern society has conditioned us to expect him to serve us. It hurts our feelings if he doesn't do things that we feel he owes us, but that is not the plan God set into place. Our failure to know and believe the written words of God has caused us to accept a cultural lie. Our culture stands diametrically opposed to God at every turn. It is time to realize that feminist beliefs have tainted almost all the public schools and even the best of Christian teachers. God says in Hosea 4:6, **"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."**

Women feel that they will lose some of their self-respect if they surrender to a man who is less than wonderful. Surrendering your autonomy to another is not for wimps. People say of an obedient woman, "Oh, she is just the meek and timid type; she needs to get a life of her own." They know not whereof they speak. This is not abstract, puzzling doctrine; it's practical and pragmatic. The more I show my husband reverence, the more he treasures me and treats me like his queen. God made man so that our deference and respect feed his tendency to show tenderness and to be protective of us.

**Reverence is not just how you act; it is how you feel and how you respond with words, and with your body language.** It is not enough to get up and serve him; your eyes and the quick, carefree swing of your body must indicate your delight to be engaged in serving your man. You cannot fool a man. **He can see your heart as well or better than you can.** Keep an eye on his dinner plate so you can anticipate his needs. Deference is a hot cup of tea while you take his shoes off after a hard day's work. It is a glad face when he returns after being gone for a short time. It is thankfulness for his attention and affection. Deference to your man is the height of true femininity. It makes a woman beautiful, gracious, and lovely to all, but most especially to him.

*The next story is an example of the opposite of reverence.*

## Don't Mess My Hair

A few years ago, I attended a meeting with my husband where a group of leading men were discussing grave matters, trying to come to a conclusion as to what course of action they should take. The men sat in a circle, with their wives sitting beside or right behind them. Sitting across from me was a sober, earnest, young man whom I will call Charles. He was there with his attractive wife. In the midst of an intense part of the conversation, Charles leaned back

and draped his arm around his wife's shoulder. She immediately reacted with obvious irritation, shaking his hand off her shoulder, and leaning forward as if to get away from his embrace. Then she carefully fixed her hair where his arm had disturbed it. His mind was jerked off of the serious problem at hand and was focused on her, now—as was the attention of almost everyone in the room. To her, brushing him off was nothing, but to all those in the room (including her husband) it was an act of putting him down like a thoughtless, inept child. Everyone felt his humiliation. After that, Charles had nothing else to contribute. For the duration of the meeting, he sat downcast, properly chastened, with his hands in his lap. I wanted to get up and shake that girl until her teeth rattled. It would have shocked her to know that everyone in the room felt extreme disdain toward her for her self-centered response. She continued to straighten her hair, unaware that she had just shown a complete lack of honor and reverence toward her husband, and unaware that she was wasting her time trying to look pretty, for she had lost all that was *lovely* and *feminine* in that one act of disdain.

Carrying that kind of rejection on a regular, daily basis, Charles will never really be able to cherish his wife, and he will never have what it takes to become an effective minister or leader. Yes, she is his wife, and he will undoubtedly continue to love her. But his love will always be more of an attempt to win her. Until she repents, he cannot love her with abandoned joy. A man's ego is a fragile thing. How can a man cherish someone who cares so little for his reputation?

Her act was testimony to the state of her heart. She thought more

of her hairdo than her husband's honor. She was rebelling against God in not reverencing her husband. *To reverence* is an active verb. It is something you do. It is not first a feeling; it is a voluntary act. As we reverence and honor our husbands, they are free to mature before God and to minister to others. Charles was not free; he was troubled and bound inside.

Regardless of how a woman may feel about her husband, she can choose to obey and honor him. A husband is told to love his wife. It involves how he feels toward her. You can *will* to do what you ought to do much sooner than you can be motivated by your feelings to act. As we said earlier, when you choose the right way, feelings will soon follow.

**“A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing”** (Proverbs 9:13).

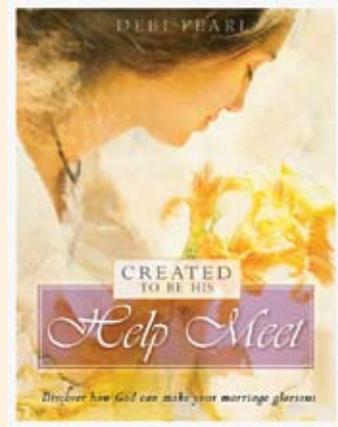
**“Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands”** (Proverbs 14:1).

## Not Fair

It doesn't seem fair that the wife is expected to honor and obey her husband even though he has not earned the right; yet she must also earn the right to be loved. If she has to honor him regardless of how he acts, why shouldn't he love her regardless of how she acts? If my husband was talking to men, he would tell them to love their wives regardless of how they act. But remember, this is me, the aged woman, telling the young girls what they can do to make a heavenly marriage. You cannot command your husband to love you, and you have no right to expect him to love you when you are unlovely. But God has provided a way for a woman to *cause*

her husband to love and cherish her. God gave us ladies some keys to the avenues of a man's heart. God made it so that we can actually *inspire* him into fulfilling his God-ordained duty. His very nature is made to respond to us if we will only treat him with reverence. A man does not have such power to influence his wife. Women are not built with the same response mechanisms. God did not give men the wonderful promise he gave to women, that they can win their wives with proper behavior. But women have a beautiful hope based on the promises of God.

We need to know how to cook, clean, take care of our children, etc. These are important and necessary, but the buck always stops right here at the action word *reverence*. **A man will allow his woman many, many faults, as long as he knows that she thinks he is great. The very heart of reverence is extreme appreciation and profound thankfulness that this man, just as he is, has chosen to love me.** ♦



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Hakha	Translating	30%
Hiligaynon	Placing Text	50%
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Karen	Final Proof	98%
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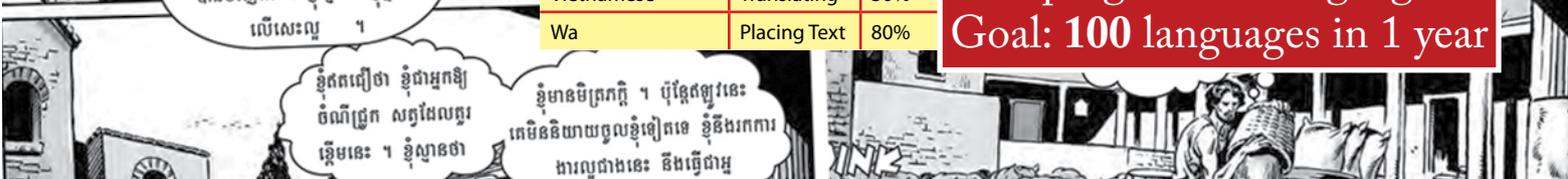


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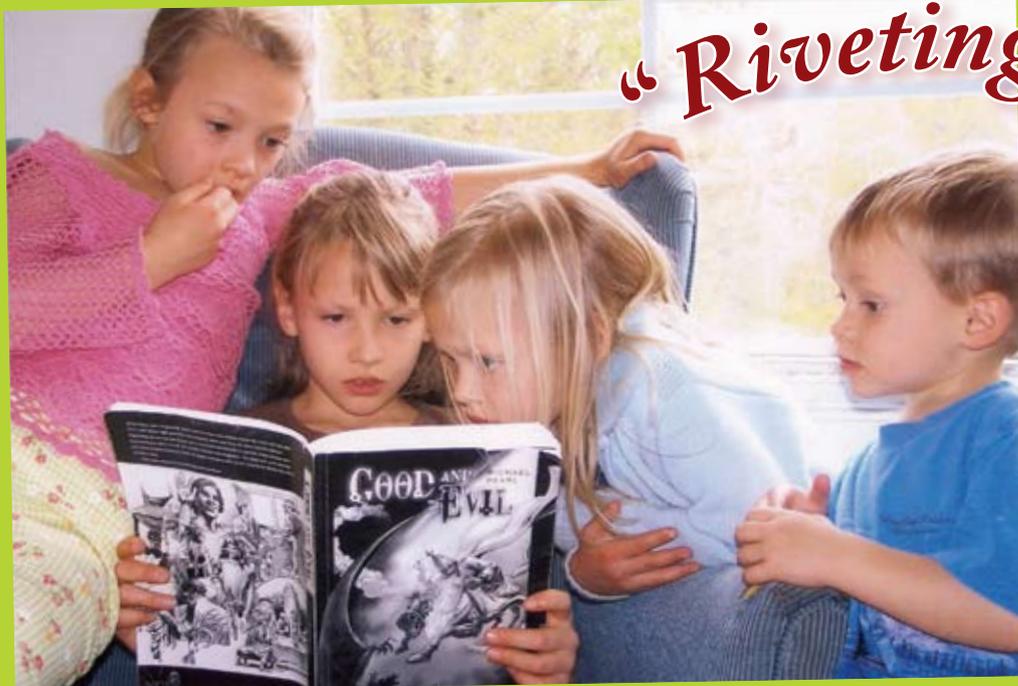


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