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



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# Potty Time

by Shalom Brand (Pearl)



Our children come into this world without a single habit. Every time we put a diaper on a newborn baby and allow him to soil it, we are conditioning him to accept that as normal. We impart a habit. Babies who are breast-fed will rarely want, and in most cases won't even like, a bottle. Training for life (and habits) starts at birth, in every way and aspect of life.

I have never been comfortable where there is conflict, so I knew that I had to train my Gracie from the start. I decided what habits I wanted to impart and commenced laying the foundations for those habits. One of the first important foundations was potty training. When she was only one week old, every time I went I put her in front of me on the potty. Even though she did not know at that time what it meant, I was making her comfortable with the idea of sitting over that gaping hole with water in it. I carefully observed her in respect to her eating and drinking and watched for the signs that she was becoming uncomfortable in her bladder or bowels, and made sure I took her at those special times. I even took her at night. I can honestly say that I can count on my fingers how many times I have had to change a stinky diaper.

Yes, you guessed right. It is more the parent being trained than the baby. You just have to be consistent in "your" training. When she did have an accident, I did not treat it as a discipline problem; it was okay. All I was trying to do in training her at a young age was to start the habit early. By the time she learned to walk and talk, she had already been trained to go on the potty, so she started to ask and go on her own. It made my life and her's so much easier.

I never used a potty chair, because I wanted her to learn to use the big potty with no fear. I always just held her on the potty until she was old enough to climb up on a stool and go by herself. When we go to public bathrooms, I just hold her over the potty. She knows that I am going to do this because this potty is dirty, so she never fights me.

There will be times that you will not have a potty chair, and your baby will not go without it, because that is the way she has been trained. I have seen mothers who must carry a potty chair with them everywhere they go, or their baby will not go for them. I did not want to be burdened like that.

Starting a habit is so much easier than breaking one. As adults, we have the will power and the understanding to change a habit. Yet, even if we find it difficult to go against a habit and are always tempted to fall back to the former ways. Think how hard it would be for a two-year-old to break a lifelong habit. It was okay for two years to soil a daily diaper or two or three, and suddenly their parents are looking down at them and saying, "Stop going in your diaper; I want you to teeter over this great big hole that if you are not careful you might fall into and get flushed down." I can easily see why an untrained child would be afraid and fight against it.

Today Gracie is two-and-a-half years old, and every moment with her is a joy. What I do with her today will make a better tomorrow. I am still building new foundations for her every day, things that won't become issues for many years, but I want her to be ready for future challenges. It gives me great joy to watch her grow into the woman I know God wants her to be.



*Happy wife and mother,  
Shalom Brand*

# Men Only, Not Boys

OK Men, It's Your Turn | by Michael Pearl

*From a reader*

*My wife read "Created To Be His Help Meet", but it did not change her or our marriage. She has absolutely no respect for me, is very rebellious toward me, and outwardly refuses to obey me in nearly every manner possible. She does not acknowledge that I have any authority over her. I have told her that she needs to obey me and leave it up to God to deal with me if I am wrong. I am heartbroken. I have been unable to make her happy in nearly everything for years. I feel that she needs a serious trial to bring her to her senses. I want God to do this, but... We have been married nearly 30 years. I don't want a divorce, but I do want her to be my true Help Meet.*

life. In time, perhaps the change in you will provide fertile ground for a change in her, resulting in a heavenly marriage rather than a hellish home.

## UNDERSTAND YOURSELF

If you are to change for the better, you must first understand yourself. Until one hates what he is, not what others are, he cannot change himself into something better. If a traveler strays from his path and gets lost, he must first locate where he is on the map in order to correct his course and navigate back to his desired destination.

No marriage has improved by one person getting concerned about changing the other. Those on the outside can see what you cannot.

You think your wife is the cause of your unhappiness. Not so. I must do surgery on your self-perception before I can give you the cure. So bite the bullet, and hold still. This may hurt a little.

You have made yourself dependent. In your struggle to be recognized as the head of the relationship, you have actually consigned yourself to a secondary role. Like many people—husbands and wives, teenagers and children—you look to others to make you happy and meet your needs. And when they don't come through for you, you grow weaker and more dependent. You will disagree with my evaluation, for your anger and aggression make you think you are strong, but those emotions are a further expression of your crippling dependence.

You regret that you phrased the letter the way you did, feeling confident that if you could just explain further, I would see that you really are the abused victim and that she is the guilty party. Let's get this straight. I am

## Michael Answers:

Dear Heartbroken,

Why should your wife have respect for you when you don't have respect for yourself? You sound like a 13-year-old boy, whining because his six-year-old sister won't treat him with respect. Did this wife, with hair on her chest, crush the man in you, or did you bring your insecurity to the marriage? It really doesn't matter how you answer; the cure is the same.

I cannot tell you how to MAKE your wife lovely. I can tell you how you should conduct yourself as a man and a husband, which MAY result in her becoming a worthy help meet. Even God is unable to change men and women who will not cooperate. However, there is hope. There is a way that offers great promise for the redemption of your marriage. But first you must obtain for yourself that which is readily available to make you the husband and MAN you need to be.

Hear what I say: You cannot decisively change your wife, but you can change yourself so that you do not suffer so. And change you must, if there is going to be any joy in your



not absolving your wife of blame; it is just that it is a waste of time to discuss your wife with anyone other than your wife. If she is troubled about her miserable marriage, let her obey the Biblical teachings found in my wife's book, "Created To Be His Help Meet". I can't change her, and neither can you, but she doesn't have to change anything for your life to become joyful and confident.

## BE THE MAN

The apostle Paul said, "Quit you like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). The word *quit* means "to show one's self a man, be brave". A commander would say to his soldiers before battle, "Quit yourself like men this day; act like the men you need to be to win this battle. There is no place for the squeamish, the cowards, the weak, and the fearful. Stand tall and be bold, like the great warriors who have gone before."

To equip you to be a man, we are going to do a Bible study, not to be religious, but to obtain the grandest knowledge and wisdom the world has ever known concerning these issues. You have misperceptions. The Bible will correct your thinking (2 Timothy 3:16-17). But first, we are going to look into your heart through your words.

## GOD DID NOT COMMAND THE MAN TO RULE OVER HIS WIFE.

You said, "*I have told her that she needs to obey me.*" Let me say it again, God did not command the man to rule over his wife. There are several passages that address the woman, telling her to be in subjection to her husband; for that reason men get the impression that God has granted them some divine right to rule their wives. Not so. The Bible never gives the man license to command his wife. That is a Muslim practice, not Christian. God does command the wife to submit to and follow her husband, but it does not command the man to demand submission. God did not create one sex to rule, and the other to be ruled. A wife's submission is a gift to be given. It is a praise and honor to her man. No man deserves the submission of another human being. No man has a right to subjugate another—especially not a woman whom he loves. The role of a wom-

an's submission to her husband is a spiritual duty before God, not a social class system to be politically enforced. When Sarah called Abraham *lord* (1 Peter 3:6), God commended her for it because it was a voluntary act of humility and faith and an expression of her submission to God.

## NO AUTHORITY OVER HER

You said, "*She does not acknowledge that I have any authority over her. I have told her*



*that she needs to obey me and leave it up to God to deal with me if I am wrong.*" Authority is the power to constrain. God did not give you that authority, nor even the authority to rebuke. I have been married for 37 years and I have never so much as hinted to my wife that she should be in subjection to me. I have acted as one in charge, and in most cases she has honored that. But in our early marriage, when she was sometimes cantankerous, I left her alone and moved forward as if I were in charge and she were voluntarily following. In time, she always caught up and was right by my side with her support. I knew well what her God-ordained duty was, but I also knew that God had asked more of her than I deserved. I felt that it was my duty to earn her respect and trust, not to come between her and her God, lashing her with my words when she did not obey God's command. A man is never so arrogant and small as when he acts the dictator and presumes upon his wife's spiritual duty to be his helpmeet. She is a voluntary helper, not a ward of his state.

On a side note: If you were to ask my wife, she would tell you that she has made it a practice to follow even when I led in a direction she knew was wrong and when I acted unworthy of her submission. And I have already told you that I led without rebuke

even when she didn't follow. The truth is that neither of us has been perfect in practicing our principles, but when at least one of us was willing to do his or her part, it created a bridge until both of us were back on track together. With that kind of support, we have had a perfectly beautiful marriage, where the little bumps are forgotten and in time seem not to have been bumps at all.

## HEARTBROKEN

You said, "*I am heartbroken.*" Excuse me for not being sensitive like a psychologist, but my response to your broken heart is, "How pathetic." Where is the man in you? As they say, "Get a life." What woman respects



or is attracted to a brokenheart? As I think about it, there are a few, but they pick up stray cats and sick dogs who don't need them as badly as they need to be needed. They are also attracted to men who are whining losers. It gives them a sense of purpose to have the weak and broken depend upon them. Your wife, like most wives, is not looking to be a martyr. Stop crying, and get a vision outside your marriage. Enjoy life. Become exuberant with creativity and adventure. Share the gospel with others. Minister in a rescue mission or homeless shelter. Get a speed boat or go wind surfing. Do some gardening or build a chopper (motorcycle) in your garage. Take up sky diving, or go on mission trips to the Kurds in Turkey or Iraq. Do all of it. Cram your life full of service to others and of daring adventure. In doing so, you will become attractive to everyone, including your wife. If not, at least you won't have time to whine and feel sorry for yourself. You may not have a good marriage, but no one will know it, and your life will still have meaning.

## NO RESPECT

You said, "*She has absolutely no respect for me, is very rebellious toward me, outwardly refusing to obey me in nearly every manner possible.*" It is embarrassing to demand respect and then be brokenhearted when you don't get it. Where is your self-respect? Determine to earn any respect you get, instead of trying to undeservedly cash in on her spiritual duty before God. Until you respect yourself based on your life outside your marriage, don't expect her to respect you just to make you happy.

## UNABLE TO MAKE HER HAPPY

You said, "*I have been unable to make her happy in nearly everything for years.*" Quit trying to make her happy, and get happy yourself. It is the case with most women that the more a man grovels at their feet, the more they despise him. Get some steel in your backbone and some gravel in your voice. Approach her like a lion, not like a rabbit that needs petting. If she rebuffs you, keep your chin up and walk on past her like someone with another destination in mind and more important things to do. Women are attracted to men.

## TRIAL FOR TRIAL

Finally, you said, "*I feel that she needs a serious trial to bring her to her senses. I want God to do this, but...*" But what? If God doesn't cause her to suffer for hurting you, then you will. . . what? Your desire to bring a "serious trial" upon her is vindictive. You are not loving her; you are bitter because she has hurt you.

I told you I was going to put the knife to you. Now let's look at the Bible text itself.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

To begin with, the Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 3:19). It is a fact that God made the male to need the female's honor, affection, and voluntary submission. Without being able to define it, all men feel that these things are their due. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church" (Ephesians 5:23). So when their woman defies the natural order, a husband feels cheated, like someone has broken in and stolen what is rightfully

his. When the man takes verbal steps to try to reclaim what he instinctively feels is his due, and he meets with repeated resistance, even defiance, in his frustration he will become bitter toward her. To avoid bitterness, a man must surrender his emotional needs to God and accept the fact that he is not his wife's god, and has no right to thunder judgment at her. He must let it go, stop dwelling on his loss, and build a successful and full life without her. It is difficult to go forward joyfully without a gentle help meet, but it is very possible.

## A SAVIOR

Nature teaches a man that he is the head of the relationship. That comes through loud and clear, but there is another aspect of the relationship which, due to our fallen condition, nature does not teach us. If a man is walking in love and harmony with his wife, nature will make him act as his wife's "savior," laying down his life for her. But, if she gets cantankerous, nature teaches him that he is her boss—a fallen assumption based on our degenerate minds. We husbands are commanded to relate to our wives as saviors, the same way Christ relates to the church. We are told to do as he did and "give ourselves" for our wives. Read that Scripture carefully.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:" (Ephesians 5:23-29).

You hoped to marry a perfect woman, but you discovered that she was a descendent of a fallen race. God has made you her "savior" in the relationship. The assumption is that she is in need of saving from herself. Saviors lay down their lives for their charges. They bleed and they suffer. They are longsuffering and forgiving. They are patient and kind—merciful to the point of ridiculousness. That is a savior. That's what you are created to be!

## SANCTIFY YOUR WIFE

Being her savior doesn't mean being her servant. It means taking steps to heal and sanctify her. The text says that a man is to "sanctify and cleanse" his wife, just as Christ does the church.

If we husbands are not enlivened by the Word of God, we become demagogues, and put our wives in the position where if they will obey God they must obey us even to the point of suffering wrongfully. It is wicked to take advantage of a woman's spirituality by accepting the gift of her suffering on our behalf in order to fulfill her role. Just as we Christians are forgiven and accepted into God's kingdom when we are still ungodly and sold under sin's habits, so we husbands must embrace the responsibility of sanctifying our wives.

A sanctifier must look beyond the outward hostile words and see the hurting heart inside. Don't dwell on your innocence and her abuse. Dwell on her need. Try to see things from her perspective. How is she interpreting the relationship? It is not about what you said; it is about what she heard. It is not about what you did; it is about what she thought you should have done.

## BY YOUR WORDS

What tools do we have at our disposal to sanctify our wives? "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." Our tools are identical to Christ's tools—our words. Words can be a sword that cut, or they can be a balm that heals. A savior doesn't cut. He heals. His rebukes are patient. His judgments are measured to bring healing, not pain. His words are never the final straw that breaks the emotional back of his charge. I love the song, "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life. Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life...beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life." Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). Jesus prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

Just as a man has a natural need to be honored, a woman has a natural need to be cherished (Ephesians 5:29). When a man

learns to speak sincere words of tenderness and love to his woman, she will respond like butter in a hot skillet. She will sizzle and melt all over him. Learn to speak words of life to your woman, and then watch her become your sweetheart.

## CLEANSE

The text, speaking of Christ and the church, says that he would, "...cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26). It offers this as an example of



how a husband should cleanse his wife. Your wife may be quite unclean in spirit. She may have, like the wife of Hosea the prophet, come to you defiled. Or, maybe she has become defiled just living under your regime. Regardless of how she got there, wives need cleansing of all manner of negative thinking and reacting. You cannot just demand that a woman be all that you dreamed she should be. Coming into a marriage is like buying an old house. It needs fixing from the start. It must be maintained. Some men are lazy. They are absorbed with themselves and want to come home to a perfect family. They are shocked that their wives are "fruit cakes" and their home is a preschool in the Bronx. Rather than taking the time to be a savior to heal and to cleanse, they get angry.

Some of you guys reading this should be very thankful that your wives have read my wife's book, "Created", and have learned to suffer in silence. Otherwise your wife would already have left you and not looked back. Your marriage has improved greatly, but no thanks to you. You just have a far better woman than you deserve. Shame on you for allowing her to carry the entire burden and then sitting back enjoying the fruit of her sacrifice to God. Now, wife, don't show the former statement to your husband.

## A GIFT TO YOURSELF

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" Ephesians 5:27. Again, Paul uses Christ and the church as an example of how the man should relate to his wife. A man does not marry a perfect wife. But with some effort, in time, he can present to himself a glorious wife without spots or blemishes. God doesn't give men glorious marriages. Men and women make their marriages glorious through attention and sacrifice. Nothing in this corrupt world comes to us perfect. By God's grace—lots of enabling grace—we can arrive at the most glorious thing this side of heaven. Don't expect God to give you a glorious marriage. You must labor to "present" it to yourself.

## ONE MORE PASSAGE

Let us examine one more passage.

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, [knowledge that a man doesn't possess naturally] giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered". [A man or a woman out of sorts with their spouse puts themselves in a place where God will not hear their prayers.] Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; [opposite to what you are receiving, give her a blessing] knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. [blessing from God, not your spouse] (1 Peter 3:7-9).

## WEAKER VESSEL

He tells us that we should relate to our wife according to the knowledge that she is the weaker vessel. That means that we should carry the heavier load. Women are not as equipped emotionally to juggle the various issues of life as are men. Of course there are exceptions on both sides. Just as there are some women taller and stronger than some men, there are some women emotionally stronger than some men. You might have married a woman taller and stronger than you. Exercise and drink a protein drink. You are to carry the heavier load regardless of your emotional size. Wives will respect a little man who tries. They will not respect a little man who cries.

## HEIRS TOGETHER

The text says that husbands and wives are “heirs together of the grace of life.” That is an amazing and critical point to our discussion. Just like a safety deposit box has two keys that must be inserted at the same time and turned together, a man cannot enter God’s “grace bank” without his wife inserting her key at the same time. He can access grace to be saved and to be sanctified from sin without her, but he cannot access what is called “the grace of life.” Think of someone you know who is perpetually out of sorts with his wife. You know that there is a certain something of life missing from his eyes and his step. It is the grace of life. For that man, life is a burden that must be borne, not a gushing fountain.

### “THAT YOUR PRAYERS BE NOT HINDERED”

A man who is out of sorts with his wife cannot pray effectively—neither can the woman. Where does that leave the children who need a prayer covering? A woman who is not in fellowship with her husband but thinks she a fountain of grace is deceived, just as is a man who neglects his wife’s needs and thinks he can minister to others.

### BLESSING FOR RAILING

The text says, “Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing.” This is self-explanatory. When your wife rails (nags, condescends, criticizes,) don’t return the ugliness. Bless her

in return. That is what separates the saviors from the divorcees. In one’s own strength he cannot bring himself to bless when cursed. Only a touch of the grace of God will enable a man to see beyond his needs and consider the needs of his nagging, cantankerous wife.

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:12-13.

## CONCLUSION

A good Christian man is a good husband, and a good husband will usually make a woman into a good wife. If not, then he has great reward in heaven and a ministry of mercy and helps here on earth.

Our ultimate goal in all of life’s circumstances must be the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom. If that is the case, then a bad wife will not destroy us—discourage us from time to time, yes, but not disable us. When a man’s strongest passion is to be satisfied in a beautiful marriage, he becomes unreasonable and desperate, actually making the thing he desires less likely to occur. But when his all-consuming passion is the Kingdom of God, then he becomes more attractive to his woman and is more of “the man” altogether. Quit ye like men.



*Thank you for the Godly advice in your books. An engaged friend of mine recently came to visit me and saw the relationship between me and my daughter and how I include her in all my activities. I thought you would like to hear her response to what she saw: “It is so cool to see how you interact with your daughter. You encourage and push her to try things, but also love and comfort her. It was so neat to see the two of you cooking together. Most mothers would send their child off to play with toys or sit them in front of the TV to entertain them while they cook. But you involve and teach her - and she loves it! That was so refreshing to witness how you raise her.” I told her that I*



*learned how to “tie strings of fellowship” from your books and articles. It is working, and people notice the difference. I can’t thank you enough for showing me how to have such a close bond with my daughter.*

*Christine*

# Fear

by Michael Pearl

## From a reader

*We have a question about fear. We are a missionary family in Guatemala, where it is very common to see armed guards outside of almost every store. Our three-year-old daughter asked us one day why they had guns. Our simple yet truthful explanation was that there are some bad guys who try to take things that aren't theirs. So, the guards stand watch and make sure that nobody can get in. All she seemed to hear were the words, "bad guys." Now, she will not sleep soundly. She asks all night long and even sometimes during the day when she hears an unfamiliar noise, "Are the bad guys coming?" We are at a loss to know how to handle this. She has genuine fear. She wakes us after a few hours of sleep in a scream of terror. Her heart is racing. Her eyes are wide with fright. It is not so much the dark that scares her, but what she thinks is in the dark. At first, we didn't treat it with very much concern or compassion. We didn't want to start a pattern of "special treatment" and therefore condone the fear. But it has only gotten worse. In the course of the night, she will scream and cry. The sleepless nights are getting very tiring for the whole family. She shares a room with her one-year-old sister and wakes her every time she screams. We are open to do anything and can surely take it if it is our fault. We are willing to correct our behavior in any way if it is contributing to our daughter's growing fear.*

## Michael's answer:

Fear is not a discipline problem. Your answer made her afraid; don't punish her for believing you. You "trained" her to fear; now, train her to not fear.

Fear is not resolved by internal self-determination or self-control. It is an involuntary response to perceived danger—a natural instinct necessary for survival. Fear is to the soul what pain is to the body—a warning to take flight or prepare to overcome a threat. One can no more ignore fear than ignore pain.

You should know that the negative influences began long before the child asked about the men with the guns. The word *gun* is meaningless unless the child has first been made to think of a gun as a fearful thing. Has she been exposed to violence on the TV? If

so, that was your first act of conditioning the child to fear. Have you expressed fear in front of her? Fear is contagious. Fear of any kind will breed fear of every kind. Have you spoken your fears in front of the child? Has she heard you discuss stories of crimes committed in your neighborhood and of harm done to people and children? When you answered her questions about the men with the guns, she apparently already possessed concepts which she associated with "bad men."

So, to begin retraining her, speak faith and confidence, not fear.

I would leave a dim light on in her room.

While she is truly afraid, I would allow her to sleep in a small bed in your room or just outside your door,

which you keep open most of the time.

Put bars on your windows and such locks on the doors that she is assured that no one can get into your home at night.

I would read the Bible to her (or tell the stories) of how God protects his children from harm. "Angels encamp round about those that fear him."

I would tell her that "If a bad man ever came into our house, he would be sorry, for Daddy would tie him in a knot and flush him down the toilet. Bad men would be afraid to fool with our family."

Next time you are out with your daughter and see an armed guard who appears friendly, sporting a big smile, stop and talk to him. Let her see that you are not afraid of him, and that he is not trying to hurt anyone. Fear is re-

moved by divesting the beast of his claws and by coming to see it as nothing more than an oversized, harmless shadow. The fearful must face the scary monster in small, manageable increments that challenge courage but don't produce flight. When she is afraid at night, give her a flashlight, and go with her to investigate the locks and anything that concerns her. You could even allow her to keep a flashlight to peer into the darkness anytime she wants. You could put small nightlights throughout the entire house. Don't show grave concern when she gets scared. If you get upset when she is upset, she could take your emotional state to be a confirmation of the danger she imagines. Laugh a little at her fear. Brush it off as unwarranted. Ask her, "Is Daddy scared? Is Mama scared? Is

sister scared? No, of course not. No one can get through our locks. Furthermore, the bad men are at home asleep. Don't be silly. Take your flashlight and look around."

Finally, and by no means least, I would pray specifically against the Devil in regard to fear, but not where she can hear. Rebuke the Devil in Jesus' name, and command him to depart, taking his fear with him. Her fear may be entirely natural, in which case, rebuking the Devil would avail nothing. But if it is an unholy gift from the evil one, exposing him and standing against him will bring immediate relief to the child.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Let me know how it works out.



### Good and Evil

Many of you have contributed to the Good and Evil project. Your gifts are bearing fruit. There are 56

languages currently being worked on. Our goal is 100 languages in one year. We have established a translation headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, where a long line of computer operators are importing the translated text into the text frames and resizing the bubbles to match. In most languages, we hire a professional Christian translator to do the initial work. It is then proofed by several national Christians and missionaries. We do not do sloppy, hasty work. We don't want to miss a chance to communicate the gospel to a lost soul. Christ is building his church, and we have made ourselves available to be a part of that outreach.

Ukrainian, Spanish, Thai, Mongolian, and Lao are already in print and are being distributed. By the time you receive this magazine, if the money becomes available, we expect the following languages to be in print: Karen (language of Myanmar, formerly Burma), Burmese (language of Ma-

yanmar), Hmong, Chinese, and Wa (language spoken on the border of China and Myanmar). Russian and Korean should be printed in September, if not before.

Faithful missionaries are given charge of these books to help in spreading the good news in languages where Christ is least known.

The translation into Arabic is well underway. We are anticipating securing a Japanese translator right away. Many of you have been a part of this, so this is your missionary project, as well as ours. Pray for our translation crew. Some of them are sickly and worn out. They are burning the candle at both ends; they just need more wax (prayer).



Workers in Thailand

### Good and Evil

*I just ordered your book "Good and Evil". It is AWESOME!!!! It brings the Bible to life in a way I have never imagined or seen before. The pictures keep you fascinated as you read the word of God!!! Michael, thank you; your book is a great work of art. I get a blessing everytime I open it. My kids love it. I am telling everyone about it. Keep up the good work! Thank you, again.*

– C.M.

# Correctional Institutions Say “Thanks”



Some of the thank you letters came from:

- Omaha Correctional Center
- Chaplain's office, Oklahoma State Penitentiary
- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility
- Minnesota State Corrections
- Florida Dept. of Corrections
- West Tennessee CCA
- Missouri State Corrections
- Walsenburg, CO
- Mayo Correctional Facility
- Buena Vista Correctional Institution
- Maine State Prison
- Norfolk Massachusetts
- Jackson, Michigan
- Defuniak Springs, FL
- John Wilden Youth Development Center, Summerville, TN
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Robinson, Illinois
- Union Springs, Alabama
- Morgan, Georgia
- Dillwyn, Virginia
- Keen Mountain Correctional Center, Oakwood, Virginia
- San Diego, CA Correctional Facility
- New York, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
- Kansas Dept. of Corrections
- Sing Sing, Ossining, New York
- Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
- Fishkill Correctional Facility, Beacon, NY

## From Chaplains

*Thank you for the three copies of “Good & Evil”. What a beautiful job, both in writing and illustrations. I am a correctional employee with close to 21 years of prison service. Your ministry is only the third package I’ve ever received containing a “donation” of Christian material.*

*Why were you compelled to make prisons part of your vision for the book? I ask only because it’s rare to see such dedication to the spiritual needs of prisoners. The prisoners have already taken a look at the book and have enjoyed reading it. Please keep up the truly good work that you’re doing. It is both admired and appreciated.*

*– Sincerely, W. M., Institution Librarian*

*“We keep reaching out to the many, despite the rejection, because it’s the only way to reach the few who will receive the life-giving Gospel. While we rejoice in the few, we still weep over the many.”*

*Michael & Debi Pearl,*

*Thank you for the copies of “Good & Evil”. As the Chaplain of two correctional facilities with a population of over 800 men, I rejoice to report that most of them are now devout Christians. This is a wonderful book for all Christians to have. The only problem is, you did not send me enough books. Once the books began circulation, requests to read it have not stopped. Please send more!!!!*

**NGJ has sent free books to 948 prisons to date including: Good & Evil and Pornography Road to Hell.**

*The Good & Evil book is a good study aid for our twice a week Bible study; it has helped the men to understand the Bible so much better.*

*– Thank you, Christopher Wallace /Chaplain*

*Dear Michael & Debi Pearl,*

*Thank you for the copies of the “Good & Evil” book. I cannot begin to tell you how well received it was. The day I put them in the library, someone checked it out to read, and soon word was spreading like wildfire about how good it is and how much everyone who reads it enjoys it.*

*Praise the Lord that you followed your dream and have blessed so many with this wonderful one-of-a-kind book.*

*And because it’s a wonderful book, I was hoping you would bless us with some more donated copies.*

*– Thank you again, C. B./Chaplain*

*I must say we are surprised, yet very grateful to have the blessing of your donation of “Good & Evil” and the pamphlet of “Pornography – Road to Hell”. It is not every day that we find someone with a heart to do God’s will and reach out to the souls that are incarcerated. Thank you so much;*

your donation is such a blessing! We are in great need of them. I pray that God continues to bless you, your ministry and others who receive this great gift of life.

– Chaplain S. W.

We are a Maximum security state facility for juveniles (ages 16-20) that are adjudicated as adults. The pen and ink drawing done in the comic book format has a lot of appeal to the inmates. They have been checking the book out on a continuous basis since they arrived. Thank you for this very practical donation to our population.

– Sincerely, M. A., Religious Coordinator II

Hello. I am the chaplain at the John Wilder Youth Development Center in Somerville, Tennessee. I work with boys, ages 12-18, all incarcerated at this facility, and sent by juvenile courts. These young men have much anger and have had no real training in life. Most have been gang members since about 9 years of age. Yet many of them are open to the gospel. Many have professed to have repented of their sins and received Jesus Christ by faith.

Please accept my gratitude for your generosity and your involvement in this ministry.

– Chaplain J. W.

Dear Michael & Debi,

The Keen Mt. Correctional Center wants to thank you for your wonderful book "Good & Evil" it was well received here. Some of the young men have no real education, and your

Dear brethren in Christ,

Thank you again for the generous gift of 4 cases of Good & Evil. I have had a stunning response to these Illustrated Bibles.

I made two separate trips to Four & Six Galleries in Segregation. The majority of these men are single-celled behind steel doors. The only view outside is a 10" x 18" window which is itself barred and covered outside the bars with heavy plexiglass. Hence, communication is through the ¼" opening between the steel door and the steel wall the door slides across when opened.

Two Galleries with 50 cells each. Of these some 30 were double-manned. I gave these only one Illustrated Bible telling them they must share as I did not have enough to even get to another Gallery.

Success ratio? Out of 130 men only 3 declined. And of the rest (who accepted), they were eager to ecstatic. I approached them in this manner:



"Hello men. Chaplain. [While holding the book up for them to see...] Heard of Marvel Comics? [At this point almost every man eagerly responded, jumping up from their bunk to come to the door]. One of Marvel Comics artists joined with this ministry to produce this Illustrated Bible with incredible artwork. [Through this I slowly fan through the pages]. Great artwork and all with the KJV. Would you like a copy?"

98% eagerly accepted. I have been stunned by this response.

But now my request. Is it possible to receive four (4) cases per month; at least for a season of time? Segregation has 8 Galleries. North, East & West Houses have 10 Galleries each. South has 8. I could probably distribute 100 per month on an ongoing basis because the 3500+ population does not stay static.

I realize this is a large request. I am praying about a Church channeling some money to you to offset this. Yet, I believe in this tool as a powerful means to introduce the Scripture and Gospel of Jesus Christ into their imaginations and prayerfully into their hearts.

May the Sovereign God continue to use and bless your ministry.

For Christ's Crown & Covenant,

Pastor/Chaplain Jim Claycomb

book is making it easier for them to understand God's word. The Chaplain's Library is a tremendous benefit to the (1,000) men housed here. The thirst of His children has grown so much, so fast, that we ask for help in some areas of communication; such as DVD's & CD's. Your ministry helped provide these needed materials. We humbly express our gratitude, and recognize the spiritual place you must be in, in order to bless us in this way.

Continuing In His Service,

– Chaplain – R. W.

Dear No Greater Joy Ministries,

Just a little note to say a Big Thank You for your gracious gift; your book "Good & Evil", it has gotten a lot of attention. I also want to thank you for the booklets "Pornography": Road to Hell". A lot of men began down that road at an early age. The spirit behind that had them hooked without any of them knowing it. With Many THANKS! – D. S., Chaplain

Thank you for so much for your generosity toward these prisoners. Many of them are slaves of pornography, even in prison where you would not think they could get their hands on

such things. However, our pagan court system has determined it is their legal right to feed the very addiction that contributed to their crimes. Please pray for us as we minister in this harvest field for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. – C. F., Madison, Florida

Thank you very much for your generous donation of the "Good & Evil" books. They will be a valuable addition to our collection. It is very important for the women here to know that there are people in the outside world who are aware of their situation and reach out to them. – Many thanks, A. L. Senior Librarian

If I had five million dollars, I would see to it that every prisoner in America got a copy of *Good and Evil*. We have mailed at least three copies to nearly 1000 prisons. Many have requested additional copies. Some chaplains are receiving as many as 100 copies every month. We are sending additional material as well. We are able to function from month to month on the sale of our materials, breaking even at the end of the year, but when we take on these colossal missionary outreaches, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, it is your gifts that make that possible.



## A WORD ABOUT PRISON CHAPLAINS

A prison chaplain is the most unsung hero of the Christian faith. He must be highly educated to procure the job, yet he does not take a pastorate where he would be better paid and receive more recognition. He chooses rather to consign himself to the upper reaches of the bottomless pit, making himself the last hope for souls traveling the slippery path to perdition.

A prison chaplain goes to work everyday behind closed doors. No one ever really knows or cares what he does—no honor for him. There is no one to pat him on the back and tell him how wonderful he is. He chooses rather to serve those who have nothing to give in return.

A prison chaplain works with rebellious and troubled people. It is emotionally, spiritually, and even physically exhausting. There are no choirs, no cake sales, no summer camps, no one to encourage him or lift him up when he gets down.

A prison chaplain has to jump hoops to get simple things to use in ministry. Things every pastor takes for granted, like Bibles,

books, tapes, pens, and paper are not taken for granted. As you will read in their letters, they weep with thanksgiving for three simple books.

A prison chaplain could be a pastor of a large church, commanding tremendous resources with much power and clout, but, instead, he has to submit a request to the bureaucracy and wait for weeks to appropriate the simplest things for his flock. He is under strict guidelines as to what he can say. If Muslims complain, then he has to give in to their selfish demands. It is often a humiliating job.

Each day when I read the letters from the different prison chaplains, I weep in thankfulness for their sacrifices. They do it for God alone, yet I also know it is for me, for you, for our children. Most of the men in prison will get out one day. If they have not been born again, they will continue to prey upon the innocent. But many are saved and transformed. By laying down their lives, prison chaplains make us and those we love safer. Of all the ministers serving in America, we owe them the most.

# From Prisoners

Dear NGJM, Inc.

I just received the book "Good and Evil" and "Pornography-Road to Hell." I have to tell you that as soon as I received this material and imagined all the possibilities of the ministering I could do with this material, especially among the young inmates, I totally broke down and started bawling my head off; and I am still crying as I write this letter. I believe God has answered prayers. – C.M.

I am a new believer and would like the "Good & Evil" book by Mike Pearl. It sure would be appreciated. I AM HUNGRY FOR THE WORD – I LOVE JESUS. – O.M.

Greetings! On behalf of all the brothers here at Calipatria State Prison, I wish to express our thanks and gratitude for the copies of "Good & Evil". Personally, it gives me joy to see that even though we are separated from society, we are remembered and prayed for by brothers and sisters throughout the country. Please, if it is possible, can you please send copies of "Good & Evil" in Spanish for our non-English-speaking brothers here? – Thank you so much for your donation. S.R.

I am an inmate in the Colorado Dept. of Corrections. A fellow brother here shared your ministry with me, particularly your "Good & Evil" book., AWESOME!!!! If it's possible, could you please send me a copy of it? I would greatly appreciate it. God Bless You. – Sincerely, R.R.

I was looking at your "Good & Evil" book, and I think it is absolutely great! What a great ministry tool. – B.J.G.

"Good & Evil"--it's a God-inspired Masterpiece!!!!!! Guys who saw this Master Artwork in my hand had to ask to see it. It opened the door to witnessing like nothing else here yet! It caught more non-Christians' eyes to open conversation that did not want to be quieted. An older man on my tier who cannot read enthusiastically allowed me to read "Good & Evil" to him. – Praying for Your Ministry, J.N.

[The prison Mike ministers in every week]

Brother Pearl,

Greetings! Your book on Romans opened my eyes to truth. I have read Romans before and never fully understood it. Your way of teaching the scripture has helped me with all the books in the Bible. The way you teach scripture with scripture gives me a better understanding of the word. The study Bibles and commentaries I went to for help and understanding seemed to explain scripture away. They say that some words were not interpreted right. They manipulate Scripture to fit their man-made doctrines. –Thank You, J.B.

Mr. Pearl,

Thank you so much for everything you are doing for us here at South Central Prison. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to hear you preach. Today you started teaching from the book of Romans; I can't wait till next Saturday to learn more. Thank you for the Bible you gave me today. I want you to know how much we appreciate you. – J.M., Clifton, TN

P.S. I love the "Good & Evil" book.

"Good & Evil" is an awesome way to witness to teenagers. I am in prison, and I would love for my daughter who is 15 to have one of these books. I am in a tight situation financially, but I know a pot of gold when I see it. Your book "Good & Evil" is the door to lead a lot of people to Christ. – Thank you & God bless, M.B.

I am an inmate here at Howard McLeod Correctional Center. You sent us the "Good & Evil" book and "Pornography: Road to Hell" pamphlets. I want to thank you on behalf of the Christian brothers on this yard. The type of people interested in the "Good & Evil" are not your normal church goers; I was surprised to see how excited they were about it. I wanted you to know that your work is definitely planting seeds in the right soil. – Sincerely, Brother D

My wife is now serving time in a women's prison. I believe she would read your "Good & Evil" book. Please send her one. I am imprisoned as well; I would love to receive a book also. – R.L.

I found great joy in reading the "Good & Evil" book. Would there be an opportunity for more public awareness of this "GREAT BOOK"? – J.P

What does an old sock full of dog food and a roll of rabbit cage wire have in common? If you guessed “a fish trap” then you’re right.

# Making a Fish Trap

BY GABRIEL PEARL

One of my fondest memories as a child was when our family lived in Belize for awhile on a short-term mission trip. For a 6-year-old boy, it was about as good as it gets: huge ant hills, iguana lizards as big as I was, and a fish trap my dad made. He fashioned it out of chicken wire one afternoon, and for the bait, he used some innards left over from a freshly killed cow. In only one hour and with a little sweat, the trap was ready to go.

The missionary we were working and staying with had a piece of property that backed up to a nice-sized river. It was the perfect spot for the trap. We went to the river every day to swim and wash clothes, which made the trap very easy to keep an eye on. After the first night, we were catching fish right and left. It was like a miracle! Overnight we went from eating lousy canned goods to eating freshwater lobster tail and fresh baked fish every day. My mom was pregnant at the time with my youngest sister, and it was especially nice for her to be able to eat fresh fish.

I shared this story with you to give you an illustration of the importance of knowing and learning a significant outdoor skill.

In a survival situation, a fish trap can be a real lifesaver, providing fresh meat with minimal labor.

Here is how I built my fish trap:

## **STEP 1: Getting the wire**

I bought 9 feet of wire from our local hardware store. The wire I chose was 3-foot-wide galvanized wire with half-inch squares. I went with the half-inch squares because I wanted to catch the little fish, too.

## **STEP 2: Cutting it out**

Next, I cut 5 feet from my 9-foot piece, placing the two cut ends together and overlapping about 3 inches to make it more rigid. Then, I tied or stitched it together with some cheap, 18-gauge wire to ensure that it wouldn't come loose. This made a 2-foot wire cylinder about 3 feet long.

## **STEP 3: Closing the ends**

Now, with the center section of the trap made, we needed to close off the ends. Setting the 4-foot leftover piece on one end of the center section, I cut it into a rough circle about one and a half inches bigger than the center section. Next, I bent the extra one and a half inches down around the edge to make it stronger and more rigid. Then I stitched it and tied it into place.





#### **STEP 4: The funnel**

Cutting out a funnel can be real tricky, because it is such an odd shape. The way I did it was to simply bend the wire into the shape of a funnel. Make sure it is the right size and then tie the fastened wire so it can't pop back straight. Next, I took the uneven top and bottom and trimmed them straight. Remember, it's important to trim the large end of the top to the same diameter as the funnel's center section.



#### **STEP 5: The door**

This is definitely the easiest part of the entire trap. In the middle of the center section, I cut out 3 sides of a 10-inch square. This works as a door to get the fish out and to put the bait in. Tie 2 pieces of wire 6 inches long to serve as the latch. The door is now done.



#### **STEP 6: Baiting the trap**

Now for the bait. Different fish are attracted to different baits, that's for sure. For the sake of making it easy and effective, I went with dog food. Catfish, brim, bass, and even sucker fish seem to like it. The trick is suspending it in the middle of the cage so the fish have to come inside for a last taste. For that, I put a couple handfuls of dog food in a sock, tied the end of the sock closed, and ran a wire through the middle of it. Next, I tied one end inside the cage and the other end to the other side of the cage, suspending the sock in the middle. Now, all I had to do was to tie a rope to the side of the trap, toss it into a deep hole, and wait overnight.



**NOTE:** For inflowing streams the funnel must point downstream.



#### **STEP 7: How it works**

The fish can taste the bait in the water from a great distance and will come looking for the delicious dog food. When they come to the trap they swim around and around, trying to get to the food. When they come to the funnel, they just naturally get directed inside. Once inside, they swim around trying to find a way out but cannot usually find the small hole now located in the middle of the trap. You have caught a load of fish. Happy eating!



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# The Salvation of Children

by Michael Pearl



## From a reader

*I have a 6-year-old and an 8-year-old. We have preached the Gospel of Christ to them and read out of the Bible daily. I am now finding myself in a strange situation. How would you recommend I handle their not being saved? As they reach the age of accountability, we know they will become guilty of sin before God's eyes and be damned unless they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*My dilemma is that I don't want to sugar-coat their position in Christ, nor do I want to scare them into verbally accepting Christ and not have it truly come from the heart. I know that if I "recommended" they believe on Christ and be baptized, they would do so. However, I fear that it would not be real and would lead them into a life of confusion. Any thoughts concerning this would be greatly appreciated.*

## MICHAEL ANSWERS

This issue is open to various opinions. I am not sure that there is one answer for all. I have held a singular view from before my children were born until the present, and, despite the various opinions, I will present what I believe with all the conviction that I have practiced these many years.

First, we will examine the Scripture on issues pertinent to the subject.

## THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

What is meant by the age of accountability? It is a reference to that point in a child's development when he becomes responsible for his own soul, when God holds him accountable, when he will be judged as an adult. The concept that children are not accountable or responsible, even for their "sins," is based on the assumption that God would not damn a child who is ignorant of his responsibilities. How could God or anyone blame a child for being born into a sinful world? If children are in jeopardy of damnation, a miscarried fetus would also be damned. Unthinkable!

Not all "Christians" believe the same on this point, and there isn't a lot of Scripture on

the subject. We have to admit that there are a few suppositions in our doctrine—in any doctrine on the subject.

But of one thing I am certain (supposition), there is no age of accountability. There is a *condition* of accountability which occurs in the life of each individual when they have matured to the point of responsible reflection upon their duty before God and their fellow man. I wouldn't even guess at what age that might occur in respect to any given child. However, there is a maximum age given in the book of Numbers. It is 20 years of age by ancient Hebrew reckoning; that would be 19 years old the way the West reckons age. In their culture, a child was reckoned to be 1 year old at birth. After living one year, he was then in his 2nd year and reckoned to be 2 years old. According to our Western reckoning, that maximum age of accountability would be the first moment one is 19 years old.

You know the story. When Israel refused to go in to possess the promised land, God made them wander in the wilderness for 40 years until all those responsible for their national unbelief died off—"from twenty years old and upward" (Numbers 14:29). And in Deuteronomy 1:39, God described those under 20 years old (19 in the West) as having "no knowledge between good and evil." Until the completion of their 18th year they were not held responsible for the unbelief of the whole nation.

A child is born with no knowledge of good and evil, just as Adam and Eve were created with no knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3:22). Even Jesus was born thus, for Isaiah prophesied that the land of Israel would "be forsaken of both her kings" before the child Jesus (Immanuel) "would know to refuse the evil, and choose the good" (Isaiah 7:14-15). In Jesus' 11th or 12th year, the last king of Israel was deposed. One must be of "full age" in order to "have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

God was reluctant to destroy wicked Nineveh because of the many ignorant chil-

dren. “And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?” (Jonah 4:11).

This principle that accountability is in proportion to one’s ability to discern truth is well-represented in the New Testament.

James 4: 17—Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

John 9:41—Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

John 15:22—If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

Romans 4:15—Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Jesus alluded to a special consideration for children when he said, “Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16). Again he said, “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10). Apparently the children who died went into God’s presence so as to gaze upon the Father.

There is much more that can be said. I have offered limited argument for the principle that children are not accountable to God until they grow (mature) into accountability.

The sobering questions for parents are: When are our children accountable, and how do we know when they are? Is it at 12 years of age—the age of Jesus when he went into the temple, the age of the Jewish Bar Mitzvah, as many think? Or, is it at one’s 19th birthday?

I find it inconceivable that God should arbitrarily designate a set date, so that all young men and women become accountable at the first second of time beginning their 12th year, or the 19th year, or at any pre-designated point on one’s calendar. Surely, just as God judges each man according to the truth he holds (Romans 1:18), he would judge the child according to his capacity for holding truth. As I have pointed out in my Romans Commentary, Chapters 1:18—2:11, God judges each man according to his own understanding and for how he has responded

to what he knows is his duty. There are as many scales of judgment as there are individuals. Each of God’s judgments are tailored to the individual. So if a child grows into a functional knowledge of good and evil at 6 years old or at 18 years of age, that will be the point of his accountability before God. A child might have a 50% knowledge of good and evil at one point and the next year mature to a 70% and the following year to 95%. But only when the child reaches that place of a fully functioning conscience would he be deemed accountable.

When God chose the age of 19 in the wilderness, I do not believe that he was stating that none of them reached accountability at a younger age. I believe that 19 was a safe age that was sure to include the slowest developing individual. Perhaps there are those very slow in developing both mentally and spiritually who didn’t reach accountability until their 18th year, while others reach it much sooner.



I have known several adults who know for sure that they understood the gospel and were saved at 4 years of age. From that point, they went on to grow in the Lord and to become witnesses to others. I have no basis to doubt their testimony. However, from experience, I know that there are many 8 and 10 year olds who definitely have not arrived at full moral understanding.

What influences in life determine the rate at which a child grasps a workable understanding of the knowledge of good and evil? Again, we are back in the areas of supposition, for there is not much to go on in Scripture except application of the principles we find clearly stated. I have observed that a child who is raised on good moral teaching and in an atmosphere of Bible teaching, both the law and the gospel, becomes morally and spiritually alert much sooner than does one raised on cartoons. Knowledge of good and

evil is surely dependent upon intellectual development, as well as spiritual awareness. A brighter kid who learns more readily will mature in all areas sooner than the intellectually slow child.

I share my reader's concern. It is a horrible thing for a parent to know that one day his child is going to be in jeopardy of eternal damnation. It is enough to keep one up day and night praying and standing guard. If I knew of a certainty that I had a lost child, I wouldn't want that child to leave the house in an automobile or swim in a pool or climb a tree, for fear they would die lost.

Now I will share with you my approach to preparing our children to receive Christ at the earliest possible moment of their accountability—so soon, in fact, that the transition is



seamless. God asked a pertinent question and then answered it in Isaiah 28:9-10. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." I taught my children about the Lord Jesus Christ from the time I taught them to say, "Daddy." Just as children become aware of a grandparent whom they have never seen, but hope to visit some day, my children were aware that all things beautiful were created by God and that we loved and honored him. Just as children develop a caution for fire, heights, strangers, and contracting disease in a public restroom, my children developed a caution for sin and its awful consequences.

We were not desperate or super-religious. If you had spent a day with us, you would probably not have noticed that we were instructing, "Here a little, there a little."

"Don't touch the toilet or the door knob."

"Watch out for snakes in that old pile of lumber."

"Don't ride your tricycle on the sidewalk."

"Don't push your sister into the pool."

"God wants us to love each other. It is much nicer than anger."

"Don't lie to me. Lying is a sin, and God wants us to tell the truth. Jesus always told the truth."

"Those bad men who kidnapped that little boy and hurt him will go to hell and suffer in the fires of hell for ever and ever, unless they repent and trust in Jesus as their savior."

The children were exposed to adult Bible studies several times each week. But above all, we taught them Bible stories regularly, or read from Bible storybooks. We even had them take turns teaching the Bible stories to the family.

Our conversation was seasoned with allusions to Biblical events and principles. They were raised on a King James Bible, hard work, and lots of laughter and fun.

Now, to address our reader's concerns: I, too, was aware that my children would do anything I suggested. At any time in their youth, if I had asked them if they would "like to ask Jesus to be their savior," they would have done and believed anything we asked of them. For that reason, I never approached them thus. Understand me when I say, they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ continually from the time they were old enough to believe anything. There never was a time when they didn't believe and trust in Christ. As they came to know good and evil in increasing measures, and began to feel twinges of guilt, they already understood that Christ forgives sin completely, and they trusted in that fact to the degree that they were capable of understanding. My 3-year-old expected God to forgive her sins just as Daddy and Mama forgave her. My 6-year-old, who had matured to possibly a 75% knowledge of good and evil, trusted in Christ to the extent that he understood.

Now, I am not suggesting that they were born again at that age, only that they were as repentant and believing as anyone could be. As they approached the moment of a completely functioning conscience—the moment of eternal accountability—they were not rebellious, impenitent sinners; they were believers. So, ideally, the moment they became accountable, their faith in the finished work

of Christ ushered them into the kingdom of God. I never knew the exact moment or day that any of my kids got saved. They knew. But it was only afterward that they would testify to us of that final conviction of sin and of their understanding that they were lost without Christ and that his blood was sufficient for all their sin, and then, they fully believed and were born again and knew that they were a new creation in Jesus Christ.

I never felt unrest over their condition. I had confidence that they all had the heart of a believer. But understand, we did not take their salvation for granted. They saw many people get saved. They knew there was a heaven and a hell, a righteous God and a

wicked Devil, and that the world was divided into the lost and the saved. They knew that it was their responsibility to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved, and they were never allowed to believe that they would get into heaven on their parents' faith, or on their Christian upbringing.

*"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment"* GENESIS 18:19

*"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children"* ISAIAH 54:13

### Thanks for an article, from a young girl



I am a 13-year-old girl who absolutely LOVES Mrs. Shalom's article in your [May-June '07] issue, that was called "My Love Story"!!! I agree with everything she said, espe-

cially the part about how she said, "If my Dad says 'yes,' I say 'yes.'"

There are so many girls who don't listen to their dad when it comes to courting and marriage. I, for one, have strong beliefs on the whole thing. When a man comes around to ask for me, I am definately saying, "Talk to my dad or leave me alone." I don't want to take it out of my dad's hands. Under Christ (of course), he is the ultimate head, the one who makes all the decisions, and the one who tells me if I can or cannot marry the one who wants me. My dad has four girls (including me) to take care of. The other four are boys, and he takes care of them, too, but not in the same way. You should understand that. I like in the article when Mrs. Shalom said that Mr. Justin wanted to get to know her by interacting with the family. Totally point blank – that's how you get to know a guy, and how he gets to know a girl: by spending time with the family. I do not believe in dating at all!! That's the world's way of getting people into trouble. Courting is the best way to go if you want a good, strong, relationship with your future spouse. – Thank you, Katarina W.

Dear Shalom,

I really appreciate your articles on raising your Gracie. Your latest article on thankfulness is golden [July/Aug 2007 issue]. Thanks so much for sharing your insights and wisdom! – Kenna



We love the No Greater Joy parenting and marriage books and magazines! We love how they reinforce actively training your little ones to be helpers at an early age. Our daughter Madison is 18 months old and we have been having her help with chores around the house. She helps me put clothes in the washing machine, picks up her room, helps me cook, rinse dishes and helps put the groceries away. Sometimes things like toilet paper end up in the food shelves, but that just makes it that much more fun! We want her to learn the joy in doing things to help around the house and a good work ethic. All I have to do is be willing to let her help and take the time to instruct her, even though I know if I did it alone it would go much faster. But we have had the best of times doing chores together and will have joyful memories of these early times together. Just yesterday I was doing the dishes and I looked down and Madison had pushed her stepping stool up to the sink and was saying "mamma, water". It was like she was saying "Why are you doing those dishes without my help?"

–What a joy! Kristin Rogers, Fullerton, Ca.

I am a U.S. soldier currently serving in Iraq. I am also a husband and a father. By the time I rotate home from Iraq, I will have spent 25 months on deployed status away from my wife and two children. My wife recently found your ministry resources at No Greater Joy, and over the last several weeks, I have noticed through our correspondence, how your ministry tools have helped her in my absence. Being away from my family for so long, I was concerned about how my family would be cared for spiritually. We are members of a good church, and our pastor has made an effort to pay special attention to my family while I'm gone. But I wanted to say thank you from all the way in Iraq, because I have been able to see the effect your material has had on my wife and my children. Being away, it is comforting to know that my family is being cared for and nurtured in the way they should go. It has allowed me to focus on my mission and my duties here in Iraq. Again, thank you very much.

– Stephen Ewing

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! We just received the military support box you sent us, and WOW! What generosity! The items you sent will be so helpful, and your letter was very encouraging.

Your ministry has been such a blessing to us, and we want you to know that. Please say, "Thank you!" to the other contributors on our behalf. I am so eager now to hear what my husband received in Iraq! Thank you!!

Most sincerely,

– Mrs. Catherine Ewing

I am a soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany and currently fighting the Global War on Terror. When I stopped in to check my mail, there was an unexpected package waiting for me. I cannot imagine a more perfect set of gifts for myself and my wife. We recently had our first child, so I'm extremely interested in the books on raising a child. **I was also just recently checking out web sites with techniques for throwing knives. What a great surprise to see a DVD on throwing knives!** We are also considering homeschooling, and my wife will be ex-



tremely excited to see that material as well. I'm still digging through the box; I just felt the need to sit down and thank you for everything. Work keeps me busy, so I may have forgotten to write if I put it off any longer. Thanks again, and best wishes to you and your family. God Bless!

– SGT G.B.

**P.S. I'm a huge comic book fan, and I just noticed the graphic novel, awesome!**

I wanted to send a heartfelt thank-you for the package I received. I did not know it, but my wife signed me up, as I am an Army officer serving in Baghdad, Iraq. The fact that my wife now will have her own copy of "Created to Be His Help Meet" instead of getting the benefits piecemeal from our friends (they introduced us to your ministry) is also a plus. Being able to delve into your inspiring literature gives me



great hope, and helps me appreciate the woman, daughter, and life with which I have been blessed. Again, thank you, and God bless.

– D. C.

A note to say thank you for the military package you sent to me while I am serving in the Air Force overseas at this time. I have enjoyed the material so far, and plan to finish all of it before I leave. I will be leaving most of it here for others to read after I leave. Again, thank you.

– C.N.

Today your box of books and other things arrived in the mail. My husband is currently serving in Iraq; he's doing well and hopefully is coming home in the fall. The first book to catch my eye was the book on being a help meet. It's fascinating, overwhelming and very thought-provoking. I wanted to say, thank you for sending these things. I believe that they will be a help in my relationship with my husband and kids.

–A.T.

I wanted to thank you for your wonderful box of books & goodies you mailed to me. I am a military mother of 4. I had a chance to read 'Created To Be His Help Meet' before my husband returned from deployment. This has been such a blessing for us & made his return even sweeter. I have recommended it & lent it to others. Thank you & bless you. Sincerely,

– Suzanne

Dear Mike & Debi,

Thank you that you support our troops & their families. I love your materials and am so thrilled to think you care so much that you send the men and their families packages. Thank you for this great service of love.

– Sincerely, Jane

Hello,

Your last magazine invited readers to send pictures. Here is a very old picture of my son David trying on his dad's Air Force uniform, he was about 7 years old. Now he has one of his own, he is 32 years old and just returned from the Middle East for the fifth time. Well, the pictures are probably not good enough to get in the magazine, but I am glad to have the chance to share them with you.

He is happily married with three beautiful little (homeschooled) girls who love their daddy. They are in the second picture. We all read your magazine faithfully. I wish I had it when raising my kids. Keep up the great work!

– Debbie Thieme, Palm Bay, Florida



## What Are YOU Waiting For?

Last July we started two new home-based business programs custom-made for families just like yours. Our website, [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org), gives a detailed outline, how it works, the cost, and how your family can get started right away! This is a good way for you to minister and to make extra income at the same time.

NGJ now has over 180 Distributors and Master Distributors in 12 countries. In the U.S. 32 states are represented. Our goal is to have at least 300 distributors over the next year. We are adding new features to make the program even more exciting and profitable for you.

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# The WOW of HERBS

by Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling

**T**he WOW of herbs seems to hit me over the head quite frequently. I am constantly amazed at the herbs God has given us. “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth” (Genesis 1:29). “He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man” (Psalm 104:14). My latest WOW was last week when Jared, a videographer for our upcoming Herb video, came up to film. There was great lighting for the day and we were taking advantage of it. As we searched in the wild, looking for plants and breath-taking views of nature, Jared saw an old abandoned rusty bridge that he wanted to climb for a shot of the river. I had jumped off of it when I was a young girl, but it was even prettier than I remembered with the 20-foot-high, hand-cut stones supporting one end, with the other end anchored directly into a rock cliff. Not much of the wooded roadway remained on the old rusty structure, with gaps in the rotten flooring up to five feet wide here and there. It was scary and beautiful at the same time. We started up by climbing on the low end. Jared holding the video camera and I the tripod, we slowly balanced on the old wooden beams, step by step heading for the large boulder 40 feet away. Through the lovely

*Herbs shown—plantain; top, (flowering) jewelweed; bottom*

green vines draping the bridge we could see a rusty plaque, dated 1901, inscribed with the names of the founders. By the time we reached the rock flat, Jared’s legs could not stop shaking.

There was a spot to one side of the bridge with enough boards still intact to support the tripod, but it was covered with poison ivy in full bloom. It was absolutely beautiful if you did not know what it was. I asked if he was allergic to it, “Very much so, and when I get it it spreads.” Being a dedicated videographer, he chose the best angle and footing for the shot in the midst of the poison ivy. We got some beautiful pictures. But when we climbed down and headed back to civilization, by his scratching I could tell that the itch had begun. Upon returning he washed his exposed skin with homemade lye soap. Still itching, he worked another 4 hours. In





*Laura Rose Pearl in a patch of comfrey*



that time he videoed jewelweed and more. I started telling him what jewelweed and plantain can do to clear up poison ivy rash. "Just wait, I will make you a believer in herbs before you know it." I think he wished more than he believed.

I put jewelweed and plantain in a food processor with just enough water to help it blend. After it was all smoothly blended, I strained the herbs through a cotton cloth, leaving a thick, dark green liquid. I added aloe gel to help the herbs soak in and soothe the red and aggravated skin. His wife rubbed it all over the exposed area. I sent a small jar home with them to apply until the itch was gone. By the next day there were no blisters or redness, just a little itch between his toes. The second day it was all

gone. He is now a true believer in herbs. I don't know about you, but to me, that's a WOW.

Just in case you want to see the adventure for yourself, we hope to have our herb video out by mid-November. For more herb tidbits, look us up at BulkHerbStore.com, or if you want a great recipe for natural body care, check us out at ShoshannaGardens.com. You can call or write for a FREE catalog @ 1-877-278-4257 or Bulk Herb Store, P.O. Box 430, Lobelville, TN, 37097.



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*It doesn't take a good man,  
or even a saved man,  
for a woman to have a heavenly  
marriage, but it does take  
a woman willing to honor God  
by being the kind of wife God intended.*

*For many ladies reading this,*

it will take a miracle for you to have a merry heart, to be joyful and full of thanks. Think of it: God performing a miracle in you! The challenge is bigger than you. You will need an eternal vision. You will need to take God at his word and become a help meet for his sake, knowing you are fulfilling your mission here on earth. You are being God's helper on earth...."If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men [and women] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). It is a gift, but it is not given unless you ask for it. Just think of all the wisdom Christian women could have if they would only ask!

– Excerpt from *Created to Be His Help Meet* by Debi Pearl



*I am ordering my fourth case of "Created To Be His Help Meet"!*

*A little girl's daddy is now building her an elaborate tree house because her mommy read the book. Before reading the book, the mom kept putting the idea down. Now the little girl will have many wonderful memories of the planning, building and playing in her daddy's dream house for her.*

– L.O.

*I just wanted to stop for a minute and thank Michael and Debi for the book "Created To Be His Help Meet." My grandmother bought a large amount of the books, I believe when they first came out, and gave me one to put in my Hope Chest. I was about 17 years old at the time. My mom had wanted me to read the book then so that I could prepare for marriage, but I decided that since I was not engaged and there were no "prospects" at the time, I would rather not read it. I did not get that chance to read it until years later, 2 weeks before my wedding. Upon sitting down and reading the part where Debi tells of how the Lord worked in their lives for their marriage, I was overcome with happiness, as I had been getting some "flack" for marrying a man I had only known for 3 and one-half months at the time, and our courtship had lasted 1 and a half weeks before we were engaged. My husband is the Godliest man I have ever met, and my parents and his approved, but many friends intimidated to me that I had not prayed about this*

*because we were moving "so fast". We have now been married for almost five months, and our marriage, I can truly say, is a heavenly one, and a perfect one, as The Perfect One Himself has appointed our marriage. We would have already met some obstacles in our marriage, had I not read your book beforehand. (Not to say that we haven't met with any, but that many have been avoided because of the knowledge gained of marriage from the book.) Thank you so much, and may God greatly bless your ministry.*

– L. R.'s Help Meet

Mrs. Pearl,

*My mother has been through it all: multiple affairs, an alcoholic husband, severe health challenges and a prodigal son. I gave her your "Created" book with some hesitation, as I knew it would be hard for her to do some of the things the book said. She's been married 29 years to my dad. Long story short, she is living out what your book says to do, because it's God's Word and His will. God has given her the strength to love my dad in a new way, and the change I see in both of them is incredible.*

– Thank you! God Bless! JP

*I just want to say thanks, my marriage was dead, but now it is alive. I was blind, but now I see.*

– Thank you, Lisa

*I just wanted to tell you, thank you for your book, "Created To Be His Help Meet." A friend*

said it was the best, and she was right! I have been married only 4 months, but I had been feeling like something is not quite right. I was just not what I should be, but I didn't know why. Realizing my place in my marriage has been LIBERATING. I'm just beginning my work as a help meet, but I already feel different. Instead of feeling forced into submission, I feel grateful to be covered by my husband and the Lord. I am grateful that I discovered my calling while we are still young and before bad habits are set. I am so fortunate to be married to a good man, not an abuser or cheater and I want him to know it!

– God bless, Amanda

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Debi,

I just read a friend's copy of "Help Meet". One day, whether in this life or the next, I hope to look into your eyes and express my deep gratitude for saving my family. For now I will have to settle with saying, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, and thank you. We have 5 children, so that's one thank-you for each of the 7 people in our family whose lives will not be the same. The Truth has set me free!

– In Him, Kristen

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I just wanted to write a note of encouragement, because you have encouraged me to be the Help Meet God designed me to be. I began to think about all that is said about men not taking a leadership role in church. I believe your book addresses most of the reasons why that is the case. (I am talking about myself here, as well as any other woman who thinks it is her job to correct and discipline her husband.)

– Jennifer

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I would like to thank you for your work. I was recently given your books "Created To Be His Help Meet" and "To Train Up A Child." My eyes have been opened to many things I refused to see in the past. I have been stubborn and bitter to my husband. Thank you for giving people like me a place to turn to for wisdom and guidance.

– K.A.

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Dear Michael and Debi,

About a year and a half into my marriage, my pastor's wife lent me "Created To Be His Help Meet". The Holy Spirit used your book to

show me my pride. He also freed me up to follow my 80% visionary husband. I no longer felt the duty to do His job - to be my husband's Holy Spirit. My husband noticed the change pretty quickly. We have since purchased our own copy and lent it out to several women.

I still constantly battle with my tendency to defend myself, or to challenge my husband. But the battle is worth it. I was sobered when Jesus showed me how close I came to ruining my marriage.

My husband went through a difficult time a year ago where he felt disenchanted by the church, the Bible, and me - basically anything related to Christianity. This shook me to the core. While praying, I determined to remain silent and allow him to face God on his own instead of manipulating him into fervency.

By God's grace, after several months, he came out of this valley with a deeper love and appreciation for Jesus and His sacrifice. We reflected on the delicate nature of those months and concluded that a few thoughtless words from me could have caused a lot of damage. Oh, how indebted we are to Jesus Christ! He has given us His mind, and has led us through quandaries where our own limited understanding would have failed us. Thank you for your part in spurring us on toward love.

– God bless you all. K and L

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Dear Debi,

Last Sunday I told my husband of 13 years that he had to leave. I had had enough of the fighting, no affection, and constant wondering if he was ever going to be happy. After 2 days, my very good friend was advising me of how I may have been wrong and gave me your book, "Created To Be His Help Meet" to read. Within the first two pages, my heart became very heavy from the conviction of my wrongs. I never realized how horrible of a wife I was being to him. It has been over a week since he left, and I am greatly hurting, but I know God had a plan for me to hit my rock bottom instead of me thinking he was going to. I am continuing to read your book and have asked God's forgiveness for my disobedience to him through my marriage. I trust that God will restore my marriage and that I will NEVER allow myself to fall into the world's view of marriage again. I know I was created for my Mr. Steady, and I thank God I realized it before the divorce.

Thank you for your wisdom.

– S.L.

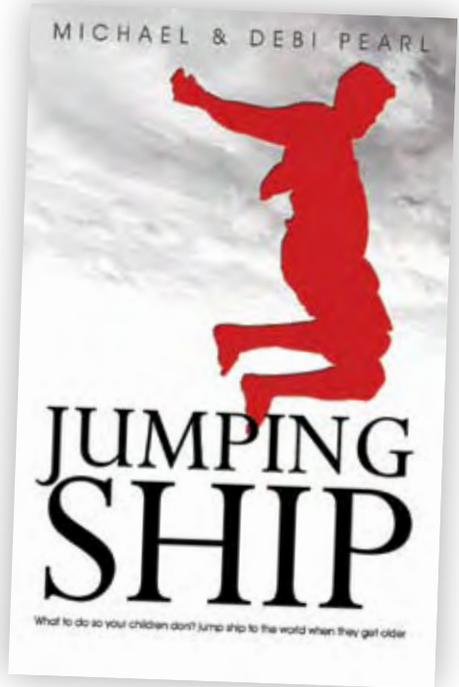
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# Jumping Ship

The homeschool movement has matured to the point that we now have a large pool of graduates from which to survey our successes and failures, and, if need be, to modify our course accordingly. The first wave, in their late twenties to early thirties, are now married and have children of their own. There are many success stories among them. Success can be measured by the many attorneys, doctors, scientists, teachers, and statesmen who are now making a difference in the world and in the lives of the individuals they touch. But success is best measured by the emotional stability and spiritual perspective that homeschooled young people have carried into their marriages.

Regardless of the prestige of their vocations, we have a new generation of godly parents, not having been suckled by the world. They are now building heavenly marriages and raising a fresh new breed of stable, godly children. While the public school system continues to degenerate into a drug-stupid, sex-oriented, illiterate morass of misfit Marxist clones, the homeschool movement



from the TV. We homeschooled and home-churched, were careful to only associate with families of like mind. We taught them the Word of God and protected them from evil influences; but the first chance they got to join the world's parade, they did so without hesitation."

## Jumping Ship

*I've kept Mr. Pearl's articles on Jumping Ship. I am SO glad they've been compiled in book form so I can share them more easily with other Christian homeschoolers. This is a vital topic and one that I don't often see addressed in other faith-based homeschool publications.*

*Thank you for having the courage to spell out the problem and then to provide ways to solve it!*

*M.W.*

is producing intelligent, clear-thinking, confident citizens ready to stand in the middle of the cascading corruption and declare their allegiance to God and family.

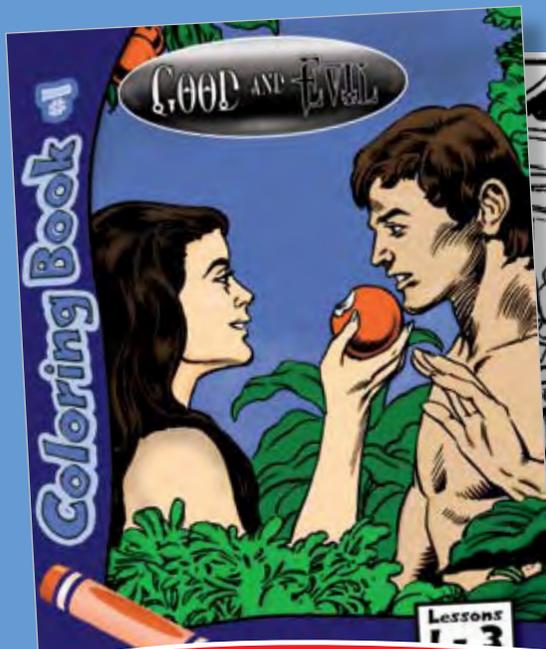
However, not all homeschoolers become success stories. A few fail to measure up fully, while a small percentage fail miserably. We are receiving far too many letters from parents who tell us that their older children, 15 to 18 years old, are jumping ship, bailing out, changing sides, looking for the meaning of life on the other side of the tracks. Parents are shocked. They tell us, "I kept them

- ♦ What can I do to be sure that my children are actually embracing the values that we teach?
- ♦ What can I do to prepare my children to resist the temptations of the world?
- ♦ How can I impart a knowledge of good and evil to my children that will cause them to choose the good?
- ♦ How can I forewarn and forearm my children without taking away their innocence?
- ♦ How can I cause them to love righteousness and hate iniquity?
- ♦ How can I cause them to be patient and wait for the spouse God has prepared for them?

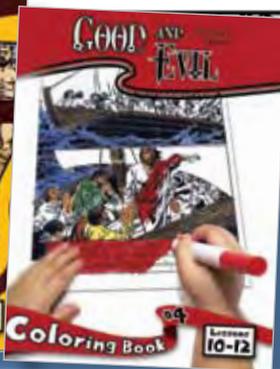
For a whole year, we addressed this subject in our magazine No Greater Joy. The response was so great and the questions so extensive that we decided to address the subject further and publish the original articles with two additional chapters. Jumping Ship is now available. We have kept the price down so you can afford to purchase extra copies for your friends. Save 40% on eight or more.

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### **From a reader**

*We have friends that are doing Christian-based home-schooling. The raising of their children in a Godly way is their primary aim. They draw very valuable resources and advice from your literature and are doing a wonderful job as parents. One child at age 12, however, has been gripped by pornography. It started when he was looking at a “The Body” interactive educational CD. He got curious, and then made one fatal mistake of Googling the 3 letter word... sex. Apparently the most horrific content popped up all over and he became hooked. After dealing with that issue, a year later he was shown, by a fellow Christian child, as they walked to the youth meeting, how to download it off a cell phone. He has just run up a bill... I know that our solution, both for the parents and us as friends, is to pray, pray, pray. Please give me some advice - whatever else the Lord lays on your heart to share with us to fight this. – A Concerned Friend*

### **Michael answers:**

Any parents that would allow their children to have the capability of going online or to possess a cell phone with those capabilities are naive beyond belief. The family should move to the country, away from all media, where the boy is kept busy working 12 hours a day, so as to manage his lifetime addiction to evil. He is masturbating several times a day and is likely to molest any small siblings with whom he has opportunity. He is a candidate for homosexuality. He should never be trusted to do what is right.

In addition, the parents should now warn him strongly and acquaint him with the demise that awaits him. He should know in

explicit terms that his life is destined to ruin and misery—that he no longer controls his life—the Devil does. He needs to know that in his sin he is the enemy of God, and that God will treat him as the enemy. You can help him by seeking out low-class sinners in the places where sinners hang out. I would take him to the sin holes where sinners puke. Let him see their vileness. He needs to see the diseased end of sin. Seek out some saved sinners who had horrible pasts, and let them tell him how sin hurts. There is nothing to take away the attraction of a whore like seeing a severely used one up close.

He needs to know the laws and the punishments for crimes. He should be isolated from any kids who would lead him back into this deadly path.

He is clearly old enough to embrace the gospel of the grace of God and to resist the temptation that will be his for the rest of his life. Mark what I say, the most relevant thing that can be done for him is to cause him to know that his sin is ugly and infinitely harmful, and that it will result in the utter ruin of his life. At the same time, however, he must be caused to believe that God will forgive him if he repents thoroughly and walks in the light that true repentance gives.

Finally, parents and friends should recognize that by going onto the degrading path he has chosen, he has opened himself up to the Devil and all his minions. You must pray against the forces of darkness that now control his imagination. He must be saved and taught to stand against the Devil.

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Dear Pearls,

*Several years ago I was going through this super spiritual time in my life where I wanted to make a stand against everything evil. So for Halloween I decided to lock up and go out to eat in order to avoid the constant stream of children banging on my door for the devil's night. After we ate I laid down my very first gospel tract with the tip. I was so nervous and scared. After escaping the restaurant, we ran into kids dressed up in the most death-obsessed costumes. I thought to myself, “I can't even go down town to a restaurant to get away from all this stuff.” Then I saw this teenage kid and two of his friends in*

*t-shirts with the number 666 across the front. It was like a light went off in my head. I saw so clearly that all these children need the gospel. We all just started handing them tracts. I didn't need to hide away at a restaurant and leave one tract—I needed to be home with my door open to every child that wants to come, giving them interesting, exciting gospel tracts. What the devil meant for evil—God could use for good, and I was going to be on God's team. This year I will be giving the new Good and Evil comic books. It will cost more than candy, but it will make an eternal difference. – LH, Connecticut*

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by Michael Pearl

I remember so clearly how it used to be: “What are we going to do, Daddy?” Now it is: “What are we going to do, Big Papa?” One of the Russian boys is back with us for the summer. Having him in the house causes me to recall how it was when our children were still at home, especially as teenagers. This Russian sixteen-year-old comes in from working all day in the 95-degree heat, and before he is completely through the door, he is wanting to know where the action is. He spends the rest of the afternoon and into the evening and clear up till bed time, either playing volleyball, fixing a motorcycle, skateboarding, or some other vigorous, lively activity. He has no idle speed in his genes. He never parks. Life is there to be lived to the fullest, and he is determined not to miss a moment.

I vividly remember my children being the same way. They were always doing something. I couldn't keep up with them, especially when they reached about fourteen or fifteen years of age. I helped them pick their company and the places they would gather, and I was there enough to get a feel for the spirit of the group. There were times when I would cut off some association or some activity, but I always allowed them to replace it with something else that kept them busy.

Far too many parents make the grave mistake of trying to smother their children in boresome activity. The quickest way to produce unhappy teenagers is to put them



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in a protective cage and demand that they be happy. When parents become so fearful of bad influences that they isolate their children from having something interesting to do, it will erect a wall between parent and child. The teenagers will come to see their parents as impediments to happiness, rather than their source of joy. Furthermore, if parents lead the kids to believe that it is God who wishes this isolation upon them, they will see their parents as unreasonable religious fanatics, and they will dislike God as well.

I understand that some of you live in an environment that offers your children very little opportunity for safe interaction with others. If you live in a Sodom-like town or neighborhood, your only options are keeping them indoors or letting them play with the children of Sodom and near the child molesters among them. You are going to lose either way. It is for that reason that I moved my family out of Memphis, 20 years ago when my older kids were just entering their teen years. It was the best move I ever made.

I realize that, as desirable as it is for Christians to live in a Godly rural community, some of you are either unwilling or unable to make such a move. So what can you do if you are trying to raise kids and you are living in or near a “Sodom”? It is going to take more energy than raising kids in the



country, because you have to be so much more on guard. You must make a serious effort to create a play and entertainment environment for your teenagers, and then be on hand to manage it.

I know some city parents who take the kids to music practice twice a week, keeping them highly stimulated. They spend a good amount of time at home practicing and playing together. A family that sings together clings together. I know another father who takes his girls to soccer practice several times a week. He is there actively cheering them on and is just as active in guarding them from the world, the flesh and the Devil. He sifts those who would be friends with his daughters, inviting them home and getting to know them. They don't hang out at someone else's home. He willingly puts up with their friends' cluttering up of his home. He goes to all the games and encourages them in every way. And they are remaining content, waiting for God to bring the man they will marry into their lives.

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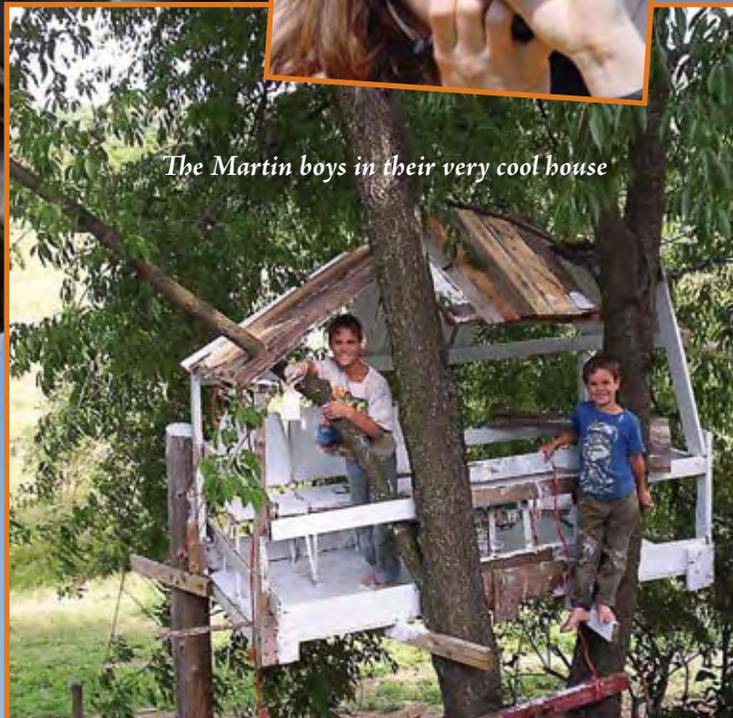
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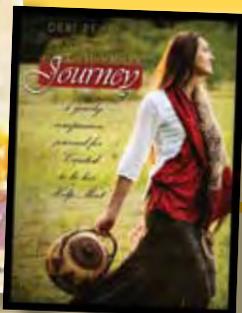
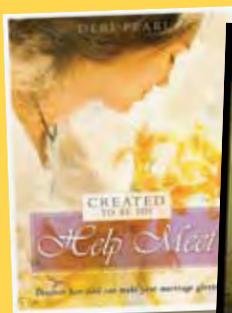
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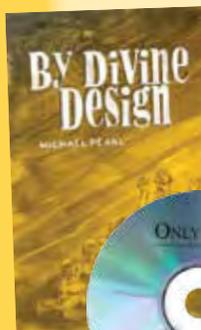
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2330-10	By Divine Design - Book			
	1 - 7 Copies - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Copies - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
2020-10	<b>Created to Be His Help Meet - Debi Pearl</b> <b>Currently our #1 Seller</b>			
	1-23 Books - each		\$12.00	
2020-99	Unbroken Case of 24 Books (only)		\$172.80	
2020-12	Creada Para Ser Su Ayuda Idónea (Created to Be His Help Meet - Spanish) - Book		\$12.00	
2012-99	Spanish-Unbroken Case of 24 Books (only)		\$172.80	
2030-10	The Help Meet's Journey - Companion Workbook/Journal to <i>Created to Be His Help Meet</i>		\$10.00	
2030-99	Unbroken Case of 24 Books (only)		\$144.00	
2020-05	Help Meet Special - <i>Created to Be His Help Meet</i> (book) and <i>The Help Meet's Journey</i> (journal)		<del>\$22.00</del> <b>\$16.50</b>	
8328-10	Eight Kingdoms Book		\$12.95	
8328-99	Unbroken Case of 34 Books (only)		\$265.00	
3750-10	Good & Evil Book		\$12.95	
3750-99	Unbroken Case of 26 Books (only)		\$200.00	
3750-12	El Bien y El Mal (Spanish Good & Evil)		\$12.95	
3712-99	Unbroken Case of 26 Books (only)		\$200.00	
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	25 or more - each		\$2.00	
3761-99	Unbroken Case of 150 (only)		\$269.10	
3750-05	Good & Evil Comic Special - 1 <i>Good &amp; Evil</i> (book), 5 <i>Good &amp; Evil Part 1</i> (color comic books)		<del>\$27.99</del> <b>\$20.00</b>	
4125-10	Holy Sex - Book			
	1 - 24 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
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	1 - 24 Copies - each		\$1.50	
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	1 - 8 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
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	1 - 24 Copies - each		\$1.50	
	25 or more - each		\$1.00	
5200-10	King James, His Bible, and its Translators		\$8.00	
(Books continued in next column)			<b>Sub-Total (column 1)</b>	

BOOKS (continued)				
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5600-10	Learning From the Atheists - booklet			
	1 - 24 Copies - each		\$ .75	
	25 - 99 Copies - each		\$ .65	
	100 or more - each		\$ .50	
6100-05	Men's Study Special - <i>Divine Design</i> (book), <i>Romans Commentary Chp. 1-8</i> (book), & <i>Only Men CD</i>		<del>\$18.00</del> <b>\$12.00</b>	
6230-10	No Greater Joy Vol. 1 - Book			
	1 - 7 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
6235-10	No Greater Joy Vol. 2 - Book			
	1 - 7 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
6240-10	No Greater Joy Vol. 3 - Book			
	1 - 7 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
3200-00	Four Book Special - <i>To Train Up A Child</i> (book) and the <i>No Greater Joy</i> book series		<del>\$20.00</del> <b>\$16.00</b>	
7030-10	Pornography - Road to Hell			
	1 - 24 Copies - each		\$1.50	
	25 or more - each		\$1.00	
7810-10	Rebekah's Diary - Book			
	1 - 24 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
8120-10	Repentance - Book			
	1 - 7 Copies - each		\$4.00	
	8 or more - each		\$2.75	
8130-10	Revelation Poster & Handbook		\$12.00	
8140-10	Romans Commentary Chp. 1-8 - Book		\$8.00	
6610-00	The Other Side of Calvinism		\$19.50	
1420-10	To Betroth or Not to Betroth			
	1 - 24 Copies - each		\$1.50	
	25 or more - each		\$1.00	
8610-10	<b>To Train Up a Child - Start with this book!</b>			
	1 - 7 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
8610-12	Para Entrenar a Un Niño (To Train Up A Child—Spanish) - Book			
	1 - 7 Books - each		\$5.00	
	8 - 99 Books - each		\$3.00	
	100 or more - each		\$2.50	
9510-10	Which Version is the Bible?		\$10.00	
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Item#	Item Description	Qty
8430-10	Sample Magazine	
2020-15	"Who is Your Man" Created to Be His Help Meet flyer - contains brief description of book, condensed version of chapter 8, testimonies and contact/order information	
3620-10	God Made Jesus to be Sin tract - first 200 free	
3620-12	God Made Jesus to be Sin tract (Spanish) - first 200 free	
6220-00	NGJ business cards - directs parents to No Greater Joy Ministries	
3750-11	Special Edition Good & Evil book	

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Item#	Item Description	Qty	Cost	Total
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1010-45	A-B-C Bible Verse Songs - 1 CD (music) <i>A best-seller!</i>		\$5.00	
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2020-45	Created to Be His Help Meet - 9 CDs		\$28.00	
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3800-45	Hebrews - 12 CDs		\$36.00	
6020-41	Matthew - 24 CDs		\$65.00	
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8620-45	Para Entrenar a Un Niño - 5 CDs		\$18.00	
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8310-45	Sabbath Rest - 1 CD		\$5.00	
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8322-45	Security of the Believer - 3 CDs		\$12.00	
8315-41	Sin No More - 9 CDs		\$28.00	
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8338-45	Starting Over - 1 CD		\$5.00	
9580-45	When Forgiveness Is Sin - 1 CD		\$5.00	
9810-45	Young Adults & Marriage - 1 CD		\$5.00	

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Item#	Item Description	Qty	Cost	Total
2060-55	1 Corinthians/Colossians - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
2020-55	Created to Be His Help Meet - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
3800-55	Hebrews - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
5950-55	Mark - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
6020-55	Matthew - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
8140-55	Romans - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	
8315-55	Sin No More/Sanctification - 1 MP3 CD		\$12.50	

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Audio CASSETTES				
Item#	Item Description	Qty	Cost	Total
1010-40	A-B-C Bible Verse Songs - 1 cassette (music)		\$5.00	
8325-40	Alabama Seminar - 2 cassettes		\$8.00	
6170-40	Best Homeschooling Ideas - 1 cassette		\$5.00	
2330-40	By Divine Design - 3 cassettes		\$12.00	
2930-40	Ephesians - 10 cassettes		\$30.00	
3020-40	From the End of the Earth - 1 cassette		\$5.00	
3420-40	Gami Akij Story - 1 cassette		\$5.00	
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6230-40	No Greater Joy Vol. 1 - 3 cassettes		\$12.00	
6235-40	No Greater Joy Vol. 2 - 3 cassettes		\$12.00	
6240-40	No Greater Joy Vol. 3 - 3 cassettes		\$12.00	
6650-40	Only Men - 1 cassette		\$5.00	
8605-40	The Testimony of Darlene Rose - 2 cassettes		\$8.00	
8610-40	To Train Up a Child - 3 cassettes		\$12.00	

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Item#	Item Description	Qty	Cost	Total
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4910-75	Joy of Training - 2 DVDs		\$26.00	
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