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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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I love that you have included podcasts!!! As a young, stay at home mom, I am tempted to watch TV as I am folding clothes or feeding the baby, and when I need to listen to something to occupy my mind. I do have a suggestion, perhaps as another podcast; you could include homeschooling/child training things; maybe even simply answers to the letters. ~ Jennifer

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Dear Pearls,

Help! My sons are driving me bonkers! You write a lot about raising girls, and changing their moody attitudes to thankfulness. You also have written a lot about how to deal with rebellious, angry sons.

BUT my three boys (4, 7 and 9) are just plain old goofy. They are silly, giggly, lazy, and disinterested. I am embarrassed by their stupid behavior almost every time we go out. My husband works 6-6, so he is not there most of the time. Why don't you write something on Silly Boys? ~ Frustrated Mama

Dear Frustrated Mama, this magazine is for you!

## Just Foolin' Around BY JOHN TAYLOR, SR.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines **foolishness**, in part, as: *Void of understanding or sound judgment; silly; vain; trifling; unwise; imprudent; acting without judgment or discretion.* The antonym of *foolish* is *wise*.

It seems that foolish children have become the norm in our society. Parents or guardians excuse silliness by saying, "They're just kids; they'll grow out of it." So they are allowed to be fools until it seems to be the accepted norm.

Our culture is fabricated to cultivate foolishness. Kids play video games, watch movies, listen to music produced by fools, "chill out" with their friends, and just sit around the house doing nothing until the next pleasure is available. Then, when the time comes for them to sit still and pay attention in a church, they act goofy and can't be still because they aren't being entertained. There are some fun things that will contribute to a boy's normal male development, but nearly all packaged entertainment is designed by fools for fools. They don't teach boys to be men.

Most boys today have one common problem, just one—lack of association with a strong father. Having a strong father but not associating with him is the same as not having a strong father. Boys need to be harnessed with men of character if they are going to grow up to be wise.

When I was a boy growing up (I was the only son in our family), I worked right beside my daddy. I am sure that, like every little kid, at first I was a burden and slowed him down, but my skills grew until I knew I was needed. He would always say, "Ain't no boy of mine gonna be a sissy." So we worked hard, wrestled hard, and played not so hard. When I would have been silly, my daddy was there setting the tone, and somehow silliness was always inappropriate. He was the main influence in my life, not the video games, sport figures, or movie stars. I was never left to myself to develop apart from him. My dad, to a point, was my life. But as I grew older, I came to understand that the things he required of me were for my benefit.

We as fathers have a huge responsibility to teach our sons to be sober minded. "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded" (Titus 2:6). Foolishness is part of depravity and will come naturally if children are left to themselves. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child" (Proverbs 22:15). That means you have to be there and be a part of their life all the time. Just as a tree cannot mature and bear fruit without the proper nourishment from the soil, sons cannot mature and bear fruit without our time and training. Around the ages of 12-16 years old they start to change. It is imperative that we have laid a wise foundation by that stage in their lives or the fool will emerge and dominate their lives.

I am now 36 years old and have been married almost 18 years. I have 7 children and I still talk to my dad about some of the decisions I make. He doesn't make them for me anymore, but I value what he thinks. You won't instill that in your sons if you have not been the major player in their lives. You had better get their heart while they're young.

**fool • ish**

\'fū-lish\ *adjective*





# Silly Boys

BY MICHAEL PEARL

**Perpetually silly boys are an embarrassment to their fathers and a shame to their mothers; moreover, they are the public proof of a father's neglect and a mother's indulgence.**

A silly boy is disgusting and repulsive, because he is the antithesis of all that is attractive in a male. There is no age at which silliness is normal. It is in all circumstances inappropriate. How many times have you heard people say it, "Don't be silly"? All of my readers could mimic the tone at which it is always uttered—a hurried, dismissive, embarrassment, carrying a presumption that it is out of place and most unbecoming.

Almost every boy will get silly from time to time. Mine did. Thankfully, it was passing, and not characteristic of them as a whole. But there are some boys who retreat behind a clown's mask of silliness. They adopt it as the persona of their social self. The sillier they are, the more they are rejected, and with further rejection comes more silliness, a make-believe world where all is laughter and irresponsible indulgence. Their fool's paradise is a retreat where no demand can be placed upon them and where they can take the stage as somebody else, hoping to get a laugh or at least create one for themselves. Silliness is a wall against transparency, a rejection of responsibility, and a denial of accountability. It is a drug, a high, a continuous party mentality, a thoughtless denial of tomorrow.

I was in grade school in the fifties and started high school in 1959. I don't remember any really silly boys, not like today's crowd of them. The average church in America has a parade of silly fools. Public schools must be giving the boys silly pills.

So, if your son is generally silly, what can you do to make a man of him? Start by killing his role models. Hollywood schools the kids into silliness with their goofy entertainment. I don't know the names of some of the characters I have briefly seen, but as I sit here, I recall a ridiculous grinning fool, dressed in flowery clothes, showing overly large teeth and gums, with a slobbery way of talking, making contorted faces and dancing around giggling like he had just had his brain replaced with bubble gum. I have never viewed anything with him in it, but I have caught a glimpse of him on several occasions, and he is always accompanied by several big-busted babes who must have failed the second grade and decided not to pursue any higher education. These are the idols of our present generation. Commercials, movies, radio and TV programming represent men as blundering fools and women as wise and in control.

In my youth, Tarzan, Roy Rogers, and Gene Autry were the entertainment models of maleness. I watched them and went outside to swing on a vine, shoot a BB gun, throw a knife, and dare the bad guys to molest the fair maidens; they would have to answer to me. Today, after kids watch the



media, whatever sort it may be, they go to the mall to play the fool. If you allow your boys to be exposed to “funny” fools—fools that you find entertaining—how can you expect them to be any different?

Parents don’t seem to know what the advertisers know—“monkey see, monkey do”. Companies pay millions of dollars to display a role model on the screen drinking their brand or wearing their shoes. If kids are not influenced by what they see on the screen, the advertisers are spending billions of dollars foolishly. Morals are continually being eroded, and the sacred is becoming profane on the digital screen. Hollywood injects their philosophy into the fiber optic catheter at their end, and **you** insert the digital needle into the veins of your children on your end every time you let them watch a perverse Hollywood flick, G-rated or not. Their hearts and minds are receiving daily infusions directly from the veins of queers, fornicators, atheists, evolutionists, and irreverent fools.

But media is not the only fountain of foolishness. Understand that it takes a certain context to be silly. When two friends encourage each other in stupidity, separate them until they mature. But you can’t save your child from being a fool just by preventing bad company. Put a boy in a man’s world and his foolishness will go the way of baby talk and wet diapers. Daddy and his friends will respond to foolishness like they would a cat licking its XXX. Try that nonsense in their presence and no one will be entertained. They will look at the kid like “What’s his problem?” and then return to their conversation. The cold critical looks of three men will do more to slap the sillies out of a kid than all the lectures in the world.

Silliness can only exist in a responsibility vacuum. A man (or boy) who is given responsibilities and is committed to performing his duty will never be silly. Where there is self-respect, there will be sobriety and dignity. When a kid knows he is valued for his participation in life’s duties, he will respect himself too much to play the fool. The boy who feels worthless is the one who seeks attention by opening his mouth wide like a toilet seat to display his chewed food. The kid who sits in church during communion and gets another kid’s attention by pretending to choke on the bread is one who has no real life of any consequence. He is disconnected from reality. To him, nothing is serious because nothing is real. He is not a real or active part of society. He is on the outside making faces through the window. One must contribute to be a member, and only members have responsibilities. An irresponsible child has been left out of life. He has been set aside like a bothersome child rather than made an apprentice to manhood.

A hungry child is never silly. A child in pain is sober. A child who just stacked a cord of fire wood is as serious as a veteran home from the war. A man and a boy walking out of the woods together carrying the game “they” bagged are a fellowship of men. A six-year-old boy who just tightened the screws on the doorknob again is grave and manly. He walks straight and would not demean himself by acting the fool. A boy who is talked to, but not talked down to, will maintain a social presence that earns him the right to adult conversation.



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A child who respects other people will not play the court jester at inappropriate times. Our worldviews are mirrored in our demeanors. A silly kid is revealing his lack of regard for what other people think is worthy of sobriety. You will gain a child's respect and thus create in him a reason to maintain his dignity in your presence by being interested in him as a person and sharing your life and work with him. Build camaraderie with him and you cause the kid to adopt your perspective, invalidating useless silliness which doesn't get him the kind of attention he now values from the people whom he values. Silliness fills a vacuum in a boy's soul. Don't allow that vacuum to exist.

I began by saying that silly boys are public proof of a father's neglect and of a mother's indulgence. I have addressed the father's responsibility. Now, please sit down, mothers.

When a son is over-indulged by his mother, and criticized by his sisters, he will be silly. Pay attention. A boy, at any age, is an incomplete man, with all the ego of a man. God designed man for a purpose. If he is deprived of opportunity to fulfill his natural role, he will be self-loathing—which is self-love turned on itself. If mother keeps her son close to her bosom, not allowing him to be a man, perhaps expecting him to be more like the girls in temperament, he will not be fulfilled as a human being and will express his self-disgust by acting in many disgusting ways.



*3 Taylor sons.  
Baby Taylor below  
and cover.*

It is often the case that a father is distant to his son, or the father is critical and rejects the boy. Perhaps he is disgusted with the silliness and girlishness of the kid. Mother sees her son's hurt and draws him to her love, heaping positive affirmation on his wounds. He willingly comes for reassurance, but he will not be fulfilled as a man. His silliness will eventually turn to foolishness. Mother, release your son from your emotional guard. Let him walk or fall as may be. Give him responsibilities, and do not pity him. The frame of mind that you must adopt is that you are going to work yourself out of a job as soon as possible. Your job is to harden him up and make him tough, and then to release him back to the wild to fend for himself. By puberty, you must have transferred much of the command to your son. The man you get back will be far more satisfying to you as a mother than the boy you attempted to preserve.

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they will be serious.**

Silliness can pass with maturity, but if it becomes chronic in the five- to ten-year-old boys, it turns to foolishness. A fool is one who lives without a consciousness of reality. He lacks understanding and imagines the world to be without rules or consequences. Nothing is sacred. He is

unaware of danger. He doesn't prepare for tomorrow, yet he won't deny himself any pleasure. The fool will talk as if he is an authority on a subject of which he knows nothing. Fools make a mockery of sin and brush off warnings.

Here is a study you can do with your young children, boys and girls together. Get a Strong's complete concordance and locate the 115 times that the word "fool" appears in the Bible—King James Version. Read all 115 passages with your children, allowing them to give their interpretation of each one. Do five every school day, and it will take you one month to go through them all. I guarantee you that you will see a difference in your children. The fool will be worked out of them through the word of God.





If you are a fatherless household, there are two things you can do. Find a worthy man who will allow your son to work with him, even one time a week. You will know he is a worthy man if his grown children rise up and call him blessed and they exemplify what you want your son to become. Secondly, provide contexts and circumstances for your son to succeed—at anything. Encourage him in different endeavors until several things stick. A kid that plays musical instruments should also take martial arts or archery. I have never seen a silly boy who was also good at throwing knives and hatchets, carpentry, mechanics, or lawn care. It is rare indeed to see a hardworking kid act silly.

Responsibility and fellowship are the two key words. If you see to it that your young men identify with serious people, they will be serious. If they develop a will to suffer the pain of work, they will never suffer from silliness. You can do it, mother. It won't be any harder for you, a single mother, than it is for the lady whose husband is emotionally absent or is abusive to the children. If there is no man in the family, make one of your son by the time he is eight years old, and you will have a male presence and perspective in the home that both you and he can recognize. ■

# ATTENTION!

ANSWERED BY: TERESA WARE AND DEBI

Dear No Greater Joy,

I have a question: My biggest problem is that I have 3 children 3, 5, and 7. They all need my attention at the same time, but I cannot stand the noise of everyone talking at once, and I feel like I am going insane, and I end up “freaking out” on everyone. How do you train them...only one at a time? – Kish

Dear Freaked out lady,

Forget about trying to train them one at a time, but rather train them all at once. When they are in the midst of their group pandemonium, speak with authority, reproving and rebuking them sharply. Demand instant silence, taking control of the fray before you unravel (freak out). Don't try to distinguish one voice out of the many. Rather, silence everyone and then point to them one at a time, allowing each one his say. If one interrupts, stop. If he persists, tell him he has lost his hearing and make him wait until another day to speak his mind. You are his judge, and it is your courtroom. Pound your gavel and say, “Silence in the courtroom or I will have you carried out.” You get the respect you demand, no more. Take charge. Children will appreciate being heard and knowing that a wise person is in control.

So buck up, Mama. Stop “freaking out,” which basically means you are pitching your own mad fit, and take charge. It is the loving, long-suffering thing mamas have to do. ~ Teresa and Debi

## Now My Kids are reading their BIBLES

Since receiving the *Good and Evil* books the other day, my six children have been poring over them. NOW I actually have to get after them for reading the Bible instead of doing their school work. Light-heartedly, though. I love that they are interested in and reading the Bible. Thanks for all the work you do and the light you shine. – J. D.





# Created Letters of Thanks

Your book *Created* has started a fire among the women in our little church family—a Holy Spirit fire. We are in Johnson City, TX, a very small community. I drive around 32 miles to Kendalia (an even smaller town) to their library. That is where I found your materials. I'm just amazed that the book had so much practical instruction on the subject of submission. I have to say, I wanted to throw it across the room so many times, but I didn't, and I got through it. I never had any examples of what it means to submit except from my own worldview. My husband and I love the no-nonsense-way you both treat God's word. Just wanted you to know I pray for you, and thank God for your ministry. Keep fishing, Mike! We need you here. — Love In Christ, Tami

My marriage was at the bottom of a downward spiral prior to reading your book. We had gone through everything from adultery to physical and emotional abuse, and we had been in our relationship for only about seven and a half years. A friend loaned me a copy of your book, and things have never been the same. I made a decision that, no matter what, I was going to be the helpmeet I was created to be. I was able to better understand my "command man" husband, and rather than be bitter about his demanding attitude, I began to be grateful for his leadership in our home. And I have noticed how much his macho side enjoys this leading role. I read your book almost a year ago. I started testing ideas in more of a science project sort of way, not truly knowing if it would make a difference. Let me tell you, there were changes almost immediately. We began to LOVE each other again and searching for more and more time to spend together. I have rediscovered the joy of flirting with my husband. I never tire of the look on his face when he knows I am in "one of my moods". He looks at me like I am truly a gift.

One last thing I must tell you is that my husband is not a saved man. He has never gone to church on a regular basis and is not making his leadership decisions based on biblical teaching. I am very lucky that God has handed down his mercy and grace for me to look past this fact and truly respect and honor my husband and his decisions. I notice so many changes in him, from the way he reacts to me and our children to the way he seems to hold his head higher when faced with making these decisions. He is still not a saved man, and I have come to understand that this does not diminish his role as leader in our home. On the back of your book, you say that a marriage can be "so good and fulfilling that it can only be explained as a miracle". I know that my marriage is evidence of just such a miracle, and I want to thank you for taking the time out to teach younger women in the ways of a biblical wife. — A satisfied wife

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

I have been a part of your ministry for the past 7-8 years. Oh, how times have changed. I am a completely different wife and mother! After eight years, I was able to recognize my husband is an adult, when I finally realized I was not his mother, and that he did not have to answer to me for his decisions. He has become an amazing Godly leader. I have been freed to be who God created me to be, a Helpmeet, suitable to meet the needs of my man. — ER

I recently started reading your book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*. My husband is a Mr. Steady, and I have been a COMPLETE fool in all the ways I have not appreciated him.





I also didn't realize how much this book about marriage would improve my parenting. I stopped wasting my time and now tend to things that need doing. I'm enjoying it so much, because now I have vision and purpose. Before, I would sit at the internet with my "eyes on the ends of the earth," chasing hobbies, nutrition facts, etc. All "good" intentions, but my children were constantly asking me to play with them, and I was constantly saying "just one more minute", which, of course, would always turn into several minutes.

Today I was reading the part of your book reflecting on Proverbs 31. The verse, "her children will rise up and call her blessed", stood out to me. Because just the other night, my daughter, who is only 4 and has been kind of hard-hearted toward me, said during supper, "Mommy, you're the mommy I wanted from God on His plan!" – K.M.

### FREE from PORN

My wife read *Created To Be His Help Meet* several years ago, and the Lord used it to begin changing our marriage for the better. There was only one hang up - ME. I was living in sin with a porn problem. This problem came to light last year. In the process of coming clean, I came across some of your articles on the toxic sin of porn and found a "gold nugget" that really helped me. I had confessed and received forgiveness, but I wanted to ensure that I would never go back to that dark place again. In one of your articles, you mentioned that turning away wasn't enough...and what I needed to do was turn away from sin and turn TO GOD. This was a key for me that unlocked the door to the road that leads to life! God is good.

Your writings have been a critical launching pad into other great writings, as well as the Word of God, for daily renewal of my mind, which is having a transforming power in me. I would encourage ALL men to read your articles, but specifically on pornography. It IS toxic to the soul and affects EVERY part of one's life. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump". We have been sharing our testimony with others, and I've been meeting with other men for accountability with one another. People are encouraging us to share our story through writing a book - there is more to it! May God continue to bless and encourage you and your children's families. – DJ

### From the Heart of a Young Mother,

Thank you and blessings for your amazing ministry. Your books and tapes saved my marriage and my family before they ever began. Way back when I was 16, I found a copy of *To Train Up A Child* in my mom's library. My mom didn't even know where it came from, and scoffed when I read it. She had a horrible marriage. I grew up (until age 16) thinking it was normal to speak to a father/husband in a cutting manner. After reading *TTUAC*, I saw something different, and ordered several more of your materials over the next several years. I was on the waiting list for *Created to be His Help Meet*, and WOW, the tears flowed as I read that book.

Well, I waited (impatiently) for God to bring that man to me... and He did, of course, when I was 24. I am 25 now, married, with a newborn, and my husband tells me over and over how thankful and blessed he is that his wife is respectful. I see my four younger sisters and the way they treat their boyfriends, no matter how often I suggest another way, I cringe when I hear them speak, and I know that would be me if, years ago, God had never brought your ministry into my life. – J



# A DOG'S DAY

Dear Pearls,

We had a training session for a silly son not long ago, which I thought you might enjoy hearing. One day while at the dinner table, the children and I were talking and carrying on, when my daughter says to me, "Bubba ate dog food today". My face must have reflected confusion because I surely couldn't believe I had heard her correctly.

"What?" So she says again, "Bubba ate dog food today." At this, all the kids started giggling. I turned to my eight-year-old son and asked him, "Did you eat dog food?" Giggling, he answered, "Yes." Then my daughter who is three years old spoke up and said, "I did too." So I asked her, "Why did you do that?" She answered, "Because Bubba did." Then I asked my son why he ate dog food, and he said, "I just wanted to see what it tasted like."

When I began to tell him about how he as the older brother needed to be more mindful of what he's doing because it will/can influence his younger brothers and sisters, he just laughed and thought it was funny. He took my admonition very lightly, pretty much ignoring what I was saying. He then proceeded to say how he wanted to eat more dog food.

Where had my wise son gone? I set out to find him again. So I set him up for a fall. "You do?" I asked, "Don't you think that's pretty silly, seeing that your mother fixes us good food, and here you are wanting to eat dog food?" While I was talking, he got up from the table, still giggling, then went over and got a handful of dog food and commenced eating it. I have to admit, at this point, I was genuinely disgusted, both at his silliness and at the thought of him eating dog food. My face must have reflected my feelings, because he just laughed and said in a challenging way, "Whaaat?" As if it was no big deal, and like he seriously enjoyed eating the dog food.

This was getting gross, besides the fact that my sober son was acting like a goofy nincompoop. I stopped right there with dinner and told him that since he thought it was so funny to eat dog food and since he seemed to enjoy it so much, he had to give the dog his food and he could not have anything else for dinner or breakfast but dog food. We had a fine dinner. My wife can out-cook any woman alive. He is a growing boy with a BIG appetite.

Oh, he tried to play it off, but the gravity of the consequence for his foolishness began to set in after about two minutes of wallowing the dry, gritty stuff around in his mouth, until he had to spit it out. His countenance changed, his giggling stopped and his foolishness was over. He had repented. He was hungry, but our deal was binding. He stayed hungry until the next day. I got my sober son back.

– An Alert Dad



## Tremaine Responds

Simple occasions like this can become defining moments...establishing what a boy is becoming. Each foolish happening must be considered and brought under control either by constrained consequences or by the rod.

I'm sure there isn't a child out there who hasn't done something equally as foolish at least once. Most parents are not weeding out foolishness like this wise dad, but are allowing it to continue, thinking it must just be just a passing stage. Discounting all the early signs, parents are shocked and surprised when their children grow up to be teenage fools. The Bible says, "...a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). It is truly embarrassing to see your children acting like fools.

**Proverbs 17:21** *He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.*

**Proverbs 17:25** *A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.*

**Proverbs 19:13** *A foolish son is the calamity of his father...*

**Proverbs 10:1** *...a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.*

God instructed us to teach our children sobriety.

There is a difference between childishness and foolishness. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:1, “When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child.” Childishness is immaturity, but it should not include “acting” the silly fool. Don’t pass over foolishness as a child-like behavior.

So then, where does foolishness come from? The Bible says in Proverbs 22:15, “*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*” Foolishness is pure silliness (in word or actions). Fools are born, but a wise, sober son is carefully cultivated.

What can a parent do? At the first foolish word or deed, bring it to their attention; tell them how silly it is, and express your displeasure in proportion to the act and situation. Arrange a consequence for every foolish thing they do, while exhorting them to be sober minded (to think soberly). Show them with your own life how we should live soberly. Hold each child accountable according to their level of maturity.

“*Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul*” (Pr 29:17).

If your son is already foolish, how do you fix the problem? The Bible clearly tells us what action(s) we must take if we are going to produce wise and sober children.

- **Proverbs 22:15** *Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*
- **Proverbs 29:15** *The rod and reproof give wisdom ...*
- **Proverbs 20:30** *The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly .*
- **Proverbs 19:18** *Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*
- **Proverbs 23:13** *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. (14) Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*

As parents whose intent is to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, out of love we won’t spare the rod, but we do understand that “*no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby*” (Hebrews 12:11).

**Ephesians 6:4** *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

**Proverbs 13:24** *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

## MINISTERING TO LOCAL LIBRARY

I already subscribe to NGJ....love it, and wish everyone was receiving it along with your other materials. I just presented four of your books to our local library. My two daughters are training their children according to *Train Up a Child*, and what wonderful grandchildren I enjoy! – Thank you! Ronni





Thanks for all the notes and letters. I feel like I have fully recovered from my heart attack. It took about three to four months to return to normal. I am spending more time working outside. I push myself everyday to strengthen my body, sometimes having to pause to rest for two minutes or so to let my partially damaged heart catch up with the rest of me. My wife has put me on a more strenuous diet. She reads several books every week, implementing the latest research in diet and vitamins.



## Michael Update

*“They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing”  
Psalm 92:14*

joy at the display of his Sunday attire. It brought him and everyone else such pleasure, I am going to see if I can find a pair in size 38. The church won't get to see mine, but when Jeremiah and I go swimming in the creek, we will look alike.

I have been working outdoors, building a new house on our property up on a high hill. It doesn't have any 90° corners. I designed it around multiple octagons. It is totally unconventional, with an indoor swimming pool and greenhouse combination. I cut all the timber off the farm and milled it on a sawmill that I built for that purpose. I have a huge stack of nine by five red oak beams drying. It will be post and beam construction with lots of poured concrete and local rock. The floors will be eight to twelve inch wide oak boards that I cut. The full basement will be left open for the grandkids to roller skate, and the pool will have rope swings and a rock climbing wall, complete with a waterfall and lots of live plants. It sounds expensive, but I will build the whole thing for less than \$80,000.00. I have been working on it for four years, here a little, there a little, as I get the money and time. Since my heart attack, I have been taking the doctor's orders and spending more time away from the office, working by myself or with one of my sons-in-law. Sometimes the grandkids think they are helping me.

When I get it finished, I will let you fly over and take an aerial photograph. At the rate I am working it will probably take me another three or four years to finish it, but it is not the finishing I need, but the building of it. I am back to preaching in the prisons and teaching here in church. I am writing three new books at once. Sometimes I work on one and then on another.

They say some people get depressed after a heart attack. I didn't. My life is too full of friends, kids, and happy, growing grandkids to get discouraged. I have enough good memories to last me through a thousand years of slowdown, and am making more memories everyday. This past Sunday, one of my grandsons, Jeremiah, 30 months young, came into the church service at the last minute after everyone was seated. He hurriedly marched up to the front where I was sitting and planted himself right in front of me. While jabbering something I couldn't understand he reached down, grabbed his pants, and pushed them to the floor, then he leaned back and jerked his shirt up, proudly showing me his new underwear with the blue and red thing-a-ma-giggles printed on it. He was grinning with delight and satisfaction as he babbled his



Finally, don't believe everything you read about heart disease. I am as far from impotence as I was at 25. Some things never quit or even slow down. Well, not much.

The staff of 15 here at NGJ is moving forward as never before. Exciting things are happening and the ministry continues to grow. I am thankful to have dedicated workers who have a heart for the ministry. Through the piloting of Mel Cohen, our General Manager, we have spread out into an international ministry. It gets busier around here every day. Pray for us. The wolves are circling and the stray dogs are howling, but we turn a deaf ear to them and charge ahead with all joy. ■



## LITTLE MEN

*Dear Pearls,*

*We adopted a child when he was just a baby. We now have several younger birth children. Our whole family enjoys camping and fishing except our oldest. He only likes sports. We have never had a TV or joined in games of this kind, but he will find a way to watch or play any chance he has, even to the point of lying. This causes an extreme breach between us. I have trouble forgiving him. What can we do to get him on the family team? How do we deal with a child who doesn't want to be a part?*

### DEBI'S COMMON SENSE (WITH A LITTLE EDITING BY MIKE)

You want him to be a part of your team but you do not want to be part of his. You are assuming that talent and interest can be dictated—a grave mistake. YOU are the one making it an “adoption” problem. When you love someone, you want to see them fulfilled as a person—as the person they are, not the person you want them to be.

You cannot, and should not, replace a person's dreams with your own goals and desires. If you like hunting or sports or mechanics, that is your heart, and it is fine for you, but if your son likes something different, you are the one who needs to sacrifice to aid him in the fulfillment of his dreams.

If you have read *Created To Be His Help Meet*, you know about the 3 kinds of men. Like God is three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, man was created in God's IM-AGE. Some men are Command men, some Steady, and some Visionary. Well, boys are little men. If you happen to have a Visionary, then you can be sure he will not be interested in sports or fishing. When you go fishing, he will be interested in building a dam to change the watercourse. If you take him to a sports game, he will be more interested in coming up with a new way to play the game. Boys need to grow up to be the men they were born to be. Help them be the best at WHO THEY ARE.

I detect that you think there is some vanity or evil in your son's interest. You are too religious even for God. Concentrate on building character in whatever pursuit your son chooses. It is wise to make available many options that are constructive and character building, but don't think that in the end you can dictate interests. Buy yourself a baseball glove or soccer ball and take him to play. Stand by and cheer like it was the most exciting thing in the world. It is the only way you are going to win. ■

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## CHAPLAIN ASKS

Dear brethren of NGJ,

You recently sent us 2 cases of *Good & Evil* in Spanish. We thank you. We are in the process of distributing these to the Hispanic Catholics in the two higher aggression cell-houses.

Let me update you to a new ministry door at the prison. We have five cell houses, plus a medium security unit housing 400 men. Our population at this time is a little over 3500. Thus far, the *Good & Evil* books donated to us have been almost exclusively devoted to “seeding” the Segregation cell house. Here, those inmates who have behaved violently or aggressively within the prison itself are housed. As described previously, all privileges are removed. They are without TV or radio. Many find themselves behind solid steel doors. It creates a desperate desire for “anything” to read. Thus, when we offer one of the *Good & Evil* books, almost without exception they are eagerly accepted.

Multiple numbers of testimonies of conversions have come specifically attributed to these books. But please note that we have only placed them in one of five cell houses.

The new ministry door is that my fellow chaplain will be focusing for the first time on getting into the galleries of the largest of the cell houses. Approximately 750 men are housed there. While these are not categorized as high in aggression as the other two previously named, this cell house is not as “receptive” as the Segregation cell house. The conditions of living in it are not “as bad”.

Our prayer is that a sufficient number of books can be donated to allow

*O God, thou art my God;  
early will I seek thee:  
my soul thirsteth for thee,  
my flesh longeth for thee  
in a dry and thirsty land,  
where no water is.*

PSALM 63:1

Chaplain Harner to aggressively hand them out in this cell house. A conservative estimate is that we could distribute 700 plus in two to three months.

There is another element of this harvest field. As one of three maximum security prisons in Illinois, and one of three processing prisons for new prisoners and those being “shuffled around”, we see a high turnover of inmates to us and from us.

Thus, over time the placement of these *Good & Evil* books in the hands of hundreds of Inmates will result in the books turning up in prisons across the state! When you envision 3500 men at Menard, realize that monthly we shuffle many from us to other prisons and receive new inmates constantly. The harvest field here is not static.

We know this is a large request. But the field white unto harvest before us is both very visible and massive. The donations that have come from and through you have thus far impacted one cell house of 670+ men. We are now ready to cast gospel seed in another cell house if the LORD deems fit to provide at this time.

Humbly, we lay this before you and will be praying the LORD of the harvest to provide according to His purposes and timing. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

~ Blessed be God for Christ, His Crown & Covenant,  
Pastor/Chaplains Claycomb & Harner



On behalf of the inmate population here at the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center, I thank you and appreciate the help that your ministry has given us. The inmates enjoy the literature very much.

Here at this facility, all inmates who are committed by the Department of Corrections are processed and then forwarded to a more permanent facility. The time spent here is a period of great adjustment and soul searching for most men. (Current number of inmates: 1,850)

With the amount of men processed daily, the materials are being put to great use here by the men in a number of ways. Again, I thank you for your willingness to contribute, and on behalf of all the men housed at this facility, may God continue to richly bless you. – Sincerely, Isa Abdul Basir/Chaplain

**Note:** This chaplain later contacted us for more *Good and Evil* books. Material sent.

## PRISONERS

Sir: I am in the middle of reading *Good and Evil* by Michael Pearl and really enjoy it. I am 25 years old and have never read the Bible, but believe me, when I finish this, I will start on the Bible. This helps me get an understanding of the Bible before I read it. – J.G.

Sir: I am currently an inmate in a work camp. I am very interested in God but seem to have a hard time following his Word. A fellow inmate here has received a copy of *Good and Evil* from you, and I have borrowed it several times. I can understand it very well and would like to have a copy of it for myself. I was wondering if it is possible for you to send me one. I would gladly pay for it, but currently do not have a way to do so. If you can, thank you very much! I know it will help me to understand more! – Thank you! Joel

## JAIL HOUSE MINISTRY

I just wanted to write and say, thank you so much for your ministry. I sent *Good and Evil* to my brother who is in jail. The “read-one-share-one” offer allowed me to afford to send two. Since then, he has gotten saved, and the second book is constantly out on loan. He has people coming up asking about his book daily! It really seems to be able to minister easily to those in the jail. What a blessing you and your entire staff are. – Thank you, Monica





Did you read this week about the recently released convict who broke into your next-door neighbor's house? The intruder told the police he thought the house was empty, but when the woman started to scream, he "just lost control". Her little girl was with her at the time, and...

No, you didn't read that story in your local paper, because that convict got a *Good and Evil* book 2 months before he was paroled out of prison. After reading *Good and Evil* he asked the Chaplain for a Bible. The soon-to-be-released rapist and thief had read Matthew, Mark, and Luke before he fell to his knees weeping over his sins. God saved that man. When he got out of prison he walked in truth, and his life has become productive.

How do I know it happened? I know because it is happening all over America. We have letters from prisoners, the wives and children of prisoners, and chaplains testifying of the miraculous salvation of lost souls.

## Peace and Safety

BY MIKE & DEBI PEARL

**Hebrews 13:3 "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them;"**

No, these wicked men do not deserve the gift of salvation, just as you and I don't deserve God's love, but that is the whole point. God deserves to be glorified in the saving of great sinners. Jesus went to ultimate lengths to purchase forgiveness for us sinners; to what lengths should we go to make his love gift known to sinners?

In Luke 8, we read the parable of the sower. *"And the sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."*

Most people discount "jail house conversions." I have been preaching in prisons and jails for 45 years and I have seen many seeds fall by the way side or upon stony ground, but I have sowed and sowed and I have reaped and reaped, for many seeds fell upon good ground and have been bringing forth good fruit now for many years. Now, with your help, we are sowing all over the world. To date, we have sent *Good and Evil* out to about 1,000 prisons in the USA.

You may have heard that I don't have much time for drop-in visitors from our readership, and that's true, but it is not due to my being antisocial. I have had as many as three ex-prisoners visiting here at one time. Furthermore, if you did come to visit, when you stopped by a neighbor's house to ask directions, they would think you were just another one of those "saved guys from the prison." I never turn away a former inmate who has come to know the Lord. They have my full attention. If you have ever received anything from NGJ, know that it was packed by a convicted murderer whom I ministered to for six years before he was released. He walks in truth. He now ministers the gospel in several state or city facilities. You can hear his testimony or hear him preach the Word on our free PODCAST found on the front page of our website. He is just one of many.

So, who were the lady and little daughter left unmolested this week because another sinner repented toward God? Maybe it was you and yours.

You can take books to your local jail, prison, or juvenile detention center. We will sell them to you at our cost of operation if you are giving them to inmates. Of all our ministries, the prison outreach is the one where we get the most requests for free books and the least amount of gifts to pay for them. We are not asking you to keep this ministry afloat and pay our salaries. That is taken care of in the sales of our materials. But we cannot supply each of the 2.5 million inmates in the USA with the *Good and Evil* books without your help. ■





## FROM THE PRISON

Dear Brother Pearl,

Grace, peace, and love from our Father and Jesus Christ the King. I am praying for you, brother. Jesus Christ is the Repairer of the Breach, and that's what HE WILL DO FOR YOUR HEART. It is done, my friend.

We have 155 postage stamps saved up. I would like to know if we can buy some of your *Good and Evil* books to pass out to non-believers, to save souls for Christ. We did this once before with the *Good and Evil* books. Awesome, brother! When your *Good and Evil* books came, they had a shattering effect on the stronghold Satan has built in these men's lives.

One day I came out of my cell for chow. In line, a Christian brother says, "How are you?"

I say, "I am blessed."

There was a man serving the food who said to me under his breath, "Bless these NUTS".

Wow, brother. Going to my cell, I committed murder hundreds of times in my heart and swore I would show this guy something. (You see, brother, I was a skin-head shot-caller. Jesus Christ saved my life out of the facility.) This guy is black.

I'm going through it inside my cell. I had just gotten four new *Good and Evil* books from our chaplain to pass out. I said, "I'm going to give him something, all right. It's not gonna be a book."

As the Spirit ministered to me, I started to repent. I ate and started my study. Then again the voice said, "Give him a book."

Naaa. I didn't want to give him one because of the verse that says "Thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head" (Romans 12:20). I wanted it to be a gift from God, not out of revenge. So I got back to studying. The voice again.

So I submit to God's voice. I get the book and write a note of love to this man, with some helpful Scriptures at the bottom: Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, and Acts 16:30-31. So now I call him to my cell. He doesn't want to come. He knows that I know what he said. Mind you, brother, I never spoke to this man before. He finally comes up the stairs mumbling and grumbling under his breath.

He gets to my door and I say, "God bless you, brother. Jesus Christ loves you."

"What'ch you want, man?"

"I got something for you." I pass the book out the side of the door.

He says, "How much I owe you?"

I say, "It's free, brother."

He said, "Ain't nobody gave me nuthin' my whole life. Are you sure it's free?"

I say, "Yes, brother."

He says, "I never said two words to you before."

"Jesus loves you, brother."

He walked off. I could swear he said, "Crazy \*\*\* white boy..."


Brother Pearl, that night, for the first time, that man accepted our Lord as his personal Saviour! Mighty, mighty, mighty is our Lord and King.

Our prison chaplain said that instead of just paying the postage for your books, we need to pay \$ 5.00 for each and the postage. Well, brother, we have 155 postage stamps saved up. Can we have an even amount of books: *Good and Evil*, *Good and Evil Spanish*? Whatever amount it costs, I don't care, brother. Just one act of random kindness and God's Word is saving men! If not, brother, keep the stamps as a donation to your ministry from us here at our prison.

- God is saving men, period! Glory to God, D




We have sent him \$1200.00 worth of books. Someone's donation will pay for them, souls will be saved, and the donor will receive the reward in eternity.





*And the earth brought  
forth grass,  
and herb yielding seed  
after his kind,  
and the tree yielding fruit,  
whose seed was in itself,  
after his kind:  
and God saw  
that it was good.*

GENESIS 1:12

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Dandelion: it’s not an obscure herb in our neck of the woods. Everybody knows the little flower and fuzzy ball plant. Did you know it has been used for centuries as a nutritious additive to salads, or that some people actually fry dandelion! That’s right!

Dandelion is rich in many nutrients: iron, magnesium, phosphorus, and vitamin A! When used medicinally, dandelion is known for it’s purifying and diuretic and blood purifying agents. The root has been used to treat heartburn, arthritis, and eczema.

If you are eating dandelion you want to pick it in early spring, before it gets bitter.

However, if you are wanting to harvest dandelion for medicinal properties, then mid summer is best, for its medicinal properties are at their peak. Dry the herb just like we showed you in Making Herbs Simple #1, store in glass jars, and use when needed!

Oh, but nothing can beat those dandelion salads. Send the kids out for some fun picking! ~ Shoshanna  
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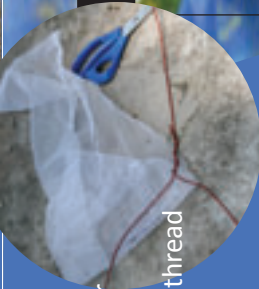
Jeremiah James (2 years old) son of James and Shoshanna Easing.



# CATCHING FISH & BUGS

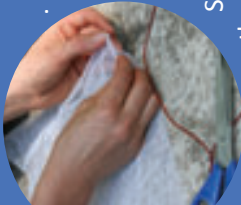






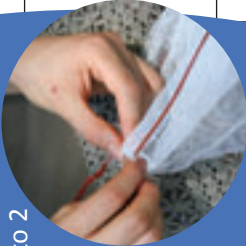
You'll Need:

- Wire hanger
- Netting
- Needle and thread
- Wire Cutter



- Use wire cutters to cut on either side of the hanger's handle. Cut the handle off and discard.

Straighten hanger the best you can.



- Bend the wire into 2 loops: a large one for the net and a smaller loop for the handle.
- Fit netting: Sew netting on three sides keeping one side open to wrap around the wire.

Fold netting over the wire and sew, looping through the two layers of netting and around the wire (with room for mistakes). Net should be 6-10 inches deep with a

$\frac{1}{2}$  inch over hang.



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My nine-year-old son already loves the Word. He goes to sleep every night listening to one of Mike's Bible messages. From time to time we discuss what has been stirred in his mind by what he's learned from the messages. Even though he is only nine, we have intelligent conversation on topics above the average religious man's thinking. His understanding is mature. I know the Word of God makes his path straight and is creating a sober-minded young man.



I was 20 years old, sitting in a prison cell, when the Word of God brought me to repentance. It won't be so with my children.

One of the great mistakes of Christian parents is thinking their small children are too young to receive knowledge and understand doctrine. God doesn't make that mistake. The Bible says, **"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he**

## Whom Shall He Make To Understand Doctrine

BY TREMAINE WARE

being quite familiar with these sanitized stories, seeing no connection between the Bible message and their sin. The "sweet" Bible stories of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and walking on the water don't have application to the real world. When some other kid approaches your four-year-old with a thrilling opportunity to fulfill elicit curiosity, and your child doesn't immediately fear God and the consequences of sin, you have miserably failed as the spiritual mentor of your child. Bible teaching stripped of its harsh realities in order to make it inoffensive to children also makes it ineffective in combating sin.

I have taught my son the Word of God long before I thought he would need to be armed against sin. I don't want him to go into battle with an unloaded gun. Instead of bringing us shame or grief, our son has brought to us great joy. I am proud of the boy he is, and am looking forward to the man I will help him become.

I told you he listens to Mike's sermons every night and has learned much, but I must offer one caution. He has also listened many time to Mrs. Debi's *My Favorite Homeschool* CD. He often quotes her when he doesn't want to go through long hours of curriculum. I remind him that Mrs. Debi doesn't know everything, so just do your work. ■

**make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts" (Isaiah 28:9).** Most Christian parents think that the Bible is too R-rated for their children, so they used Bible storybooks that are purged of sin, fire, judgment, and the wrath of God. No one would fear the God depicted in these stories. Children will commit vile acts while

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# Burning Coals

BY STEVEN BROOKS

**M**y family sat around a bonfire a few nights ago. After several hours, the fire died down, and Mom took the little ones inside to prepare for bed. I stayed behind with my 12-year-old son in order to secure the fire. He began poking the bed of coals, causing the coals to glow redder and redder. As I stared into the red-hot embers, I remembered a Scripture found in Proverbs 6, and I asked my son, “Could you take one of those burning sticks and hold it in your lap?” He, of course, answered that he could not because he would catch fire. Then I asked him, “Could you walk on the coals?” Again he replied, “No, my feet would be burned.” So, standing there in the dark, staring into the glowing coals, I quoted the passage and took the opportunity to teach my son that God says when a man takes a woman who is not his wife, he will be burned, and the dishonor will follow him for the rest of his life. I am trying to prepare my son for the temptations he will face in just five or six years. I believe that impromptu teaching like this will make a difference when the time comes. ■

## Proverbs 6: 23-33

“For the commandment is a lamp;  
and the law is light; and reproof of instruction are the way of life:  
To keep thee from the evil woman,  
from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.  
Lust not after her beauty in thine heart;  
neither let her take thee with her eyelids.  
For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread:  
and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.  
Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?  
Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?  
So he that goeth in to his neighbor’s wife;  
whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.  
Men do not despise a thief,  
if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;  
But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold;  
he shall give all the substance of his house.  
But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding:  
he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.  
A wound and dishonour shall he get;  
and his reproach shall not be wiped away.”

## Ps 111:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.”



# Learning with a Purpose

BY SHALOM BRAND

*Shalom is the second daughter of Michael and Debi Pearl*

I am a young mother and just beginning my homeschooling years. I am learning as I go along. Every day has new challenges.

I have been working with Gracie, my oldest child who is now three years old, from the time she was a baby. Every day in a playful way we do counting and reading the alphabet. Just lately, I have begun trying to come up with ideas of how to keep her attention long enough to sit and practice writing and working with her hands. She is very active and has a difficult time sitting still for any time at all. I think the impatient professionals would dub her “hyperactive”.

I do not want to make learning a burden to her, so I try to think of creative ways to make it delightful play. Most recently, while my husband was away on a business trip, I told Gracie, “Let’s make Daddy a card.” We were both excited

about this idea, so for the next two hours Gracie was completely engrossed in copying and sounding out letters and drawing pictures. She was learning but without even knowing she was learning. We both had a great time doing our Daddy Project. More importantly, I had learned more about my child and how to keep her engaged in learning.

Everyone needs some kind of motivation to force themselves to learn new things. The younger the child, the more immediate the reward needs to be. Telling a three-year-old that when she is twenty, she will want to know how to write and read is not going to work. Writing a card for Daddy who is expected home any day was enough motivation to cause her to enjoy the challenge of learning and writing. Children are very short term in many of their behaviors and emotions. A day is a long time. If I just tell her to sit down and write letters over and over again so she will know how to

read some day, she would dread the idea of school. But when we write a note to Mama Pearl, or a thank-you note to one of her little friends, she is highly motivated, because there is an immediate connection to the goal that is set before her.

Yesterday, we were making a cake together when Gracie said to me, “Mom, cake starts with a KA. Did you know that?” I laid the spoon down and said, “Let’s write it with our letters that Kathy gave us.”

We went to the refrigerator and moved the magnetic letters around spelling out the word CAKE. While we were there, she re-did words that we had made earlier in the week: EGG, MILK, CEREAL, DOG.

It is a great experience teaching my little girl to love to read. I look forward daily to us learning together. If I do it right, she will never dread learning, but will value it as a thrilling adventure. I know it is for me.

– Shalom





## **Allow me to start my letter by stating that I am a 34-year-old African-American female Chicagoan.**

I feel this is important to say because when first learning of your *Created To Be His Help Meet* book, I thought, that was not for today's black family. Shame on me, but I am typing this so others will not opt out of their blessing based upon stereotyping.

I have been married to my H.S. sweetheart for 13 years. Believe me, it has not been as sweet as it sounds. I come from a family of strong, independent black women. This was thought of as a blessing until I took a good look at why ALL the women in my predominantly-female family have been divorced. Yes, ALL OF THEM!

I was well on my way to being divorced myself. My husband and I had been separated for 3 years, 2 of which he had a live-in girlfriend, and 1 ½ years where all three of our daughters were sent to live with them! You read that mess correctly. I was 2 years into this situation before an older lady told me that I could pray that girl off of my husband. I did so half-heartedly. You see, I was busy becoming a modern woman. I joined corporate America in the hospitality industry, had a good position, and was making good money. To put it truthfully, I was miserable! Since I was in 4th grade, I wanted to be a homemaker, taking great care of my husband and children. I knew what it looked like but I did not know how to obtain it.

My husband and I reconciled and gave it another try. Now that I had been out in his world of backstabbing and water cooler talk, I came to understand his need for an understanding wife and peaceful home. Try as we might, we celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary in hopes of a new beginning. It wasn't too long before we were both not feeling as hopeful for our situation.

To make a long story short, a friend of mine moved to Louisiana with her husband as he went to pastor a small church there. My friend, being a big northern city girl shocked the southern women with her openness. It wasn't long before a wise lady that had befriended her gave her a book. Well, hurricane Katrina brought my friend and her family back to Chicago. The book came with her and it traveled to our national convention in 2006. My friend called 9 other ladies together one evening and shared Chapter 8 with this group of women that had just vented their dirty laundry in regard to being the Mrs. to our husbands in leadership in the church. (My husband was at this time a committed man of God and training to be a Deacon).

Well, needless to say, most of us went back and 'ministered' to our husbands. The convention came to a close and my husband and I began our 4-hour drive back to Chicago. I read him a Xerox copy of Chapter 8 and he could not have been more pleased if he had written the book himself. He was a Mr. Steady, no doubt, and I was the foolish wife of Mr. Steady. Once back to Chicago, my husband ordered the book for me.

My husband has always been a good provider, but now it is appreciated and respected. I left corporate America April 26, 2006. They begged me to stay, trying to give an absurd amount of money. My last response was this, "My interest is not in future investments; I'm leaving to invest in my future, the future of my family." As of September 2007, we started home schooling two of our three daughters. The oldest is in H.S. and my husband feels that is best for her at this time. No problem! He is the head of this household. Mr. Steady is also allowing his Command Man take control more often and I love it!

Thank you for writing and publishing *Created To Be His Help Meet*. You have blessed our home and so many others. You have put into words the bottom line. I can honestly say in the beginning, I pushed my husband in the hands of other women. I did so with my foolish ways. I took so long writing to you only because I did not know how to edit my testimony. I will leave that up to you. You have my permission to print my full name because I'm so glad the Lord has laid His hands on me. Your book has blessed me, my husband, and the future husbands of our three daughters and so on. Thank you Pearls!

Warm Regards,  
Datrice Weathers  
Chicago, IL



# Our Worldwide Ministries

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC, GENERAL MANAGER

## DISTRIBUTORS

On July 15, 2006, we launched two No Greater Joy Distributor Programs to give others an opportunity to purchase our material at heavily discounted prices. Thirty of them are located out of the US covering twelve countries. Many others now have the opportunity to purchase our material from individuals or businesses within their own country to avoid the high cost of shipping plus the long time delay in receiving their selections. It also allows for much more Ministry opportunity than we could possibly take care of ourselves.

## COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Dion Johnson is selling large amounts of our material so we have given him permission to print in South Africa and duplicate our CD's/DVD's. This allows him to have an end cost at considerable savings. He in turn pays us a small royalty on each item that was printed or duplicated. (See his testimony at the end of the article). We also have Rights Agreements in Korea, Poland, and India and pending Agreements in about twenty other countries.

## MINISTRY RIGHTS

We receive many requests to translate our publications into other languages. As long as it is for Ministry we do not charge a royalty; it is the way we serve other Ministries. We qualify the individual or Ministry to make sure they have the capability to translate and take the final work to print before approving their request.

This is a quote from someone that wants to translate *Good and Evil* into several European languages. "I'm seriously interested on participating on this project, for its production for Central, East and South Europe, with focus predominantly on post-communist countries of this region where I have 4 decades long experiences".

## SPANISH

One of our largest areas of growth is to the worldwide Hispanic marketplace. Within the past two months we have translated the *Good and Evil* Comics Volumes 3, 4 and 5 along with *Holy Sex*, *Jumping Ship*, and *Pornography Road To Hell* into Spanish.

We did this in anticipation of attending the Expolit Conference in Miami this past May. During the 5 day event we had numerous radio and TV interviews that went to Spanish speaking countries throughout the Caribbean plus countries in South America, Central America and North America. We had interest from businesses in ten countries. Columbia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Peru, Portugal, and Spain as well as from several Hispanic churches in the U.S.

One of the hits of the show was the Spanish *Good and Evil* Color Comic. Many remarked about the overall quality of the comic, the illustrations and the vivid color schemes.



*Spanish Created To Be His Help Meet attracted excitement with the women.*



*Missionary family to Hispanic brothers and sisters excited about NGJ materials.*



*Individual pointing out the quality of the Spanish Good and Evil comic.*



*Mel being interviewed by an English speaking radio station.*



*Shawn being interviewed by a TV station.*



Many fathers purchased the comics in English and Spanish for the purpose of teaching their younger children how to read in both languages. Most impressive was the Scripture verses that corresponded to the illustrated Bible stories at the bottom of each page. In May we joined the Spanish Evangelical Publishers Association (SEPA) to assist us in reaching this growing market.

## WHERE ARE WE GOING

To help us expand our worldwide presence, we have joined Christian Trade Association International (CTA). CTA is a nonprofit trade association committed to the growth of Christian trade worldwide. Their Market Directory has over 1,000 suppliers from 64 countries listed. They have over 2,000 members in 20 countries. Over the past two years our international presence has increased over tenfold. We will be attending the International Christian Retail Show to reach out internationally as well as to the US Christian booksellers market.

Pray with us as we reach out to those throughout the world so that those overseas can be Blessed with the same material that has Blessed so many in our great country.

Since we started home-schooling I wanted to run some sort of family business. Something that we could do together that would prepare my kids for the real world and make learning more practical. I wasn't sure what it could be. I was self-employed but the nature of my work (computer programming) was not something that my kids could be involved with much. My kids were 8, 5 and 4 years old when we started distributing the *Created To Be His Help Meet* books in our neighbourhood. We bought some boxes of 24 and started to lend them out and sell them very cheaply. Word got out and the demand grew for these books. We did not want to make any profit out of selling the books because we saw it as pure ministry and did not want our profit to hinder the books being read. At that very time, No Greater Joy started to offer "Business-In-A-Box" and we realized that this was for us. Only problem was that we didn't have any money to buy it. My wife and I prayed and within a few days we had the money in cash!! That was all the encouragement we needed. We immediately applied and paid and within a few weeks we were proudly opening up our materials in our lounge/kitchen. We started training our kids with labelling and now (2 years later) they are far advanced. It has been a big learning for us all, but the blessings have been fantastic. Running this business involves a large range of skills and opportunities to learn and develop. My 10 year old son is now basically running his own business of producing the DVDs and CDs himself (still under my supervision). Of course, receiving testimonies of marriages transformed throughout South Africa is another huge encouragement and we are even printing the "To Train Up A Child" books in South Africa now.

~ The Johnson family (trading as: Gideon Christian Books)  
Dion & Johanneke (Simon-Eric 10, Megan 7 and Julia 6)



Here are 2 recent photos of our girls at work in the business/ministry - actually taken today.



Mel, our General Manager, and Shawn Cohen, our translator at our Expolit Booth.



*They're finally here! Tremaine unpacks several Asian language translations of Good and Evil that have just arrived! Currently we do not have these for sale. We hope to have some available by 11/1/08.*

## SLEEPING PARTY

I wanted to share with you our late night party. I am new to your website and discovered your articles this evening. I stayed up late reading some out loud to our boys and my husband. We were really enjoying them. Time passed and two boys went to bed, so I continued reading out loud a longer article, really getting a lot from it, and, almost finished, I glanced over my shoulder, and there in our small 8 by 6 foot office, my husband was snoozing on the floor with my other son! What!? I say to myself, and looked at the clock on the computer, almost midnight!!! Time flies when you're having Fun! – Jennifer

(ATTENTION READERS: Would you consider emailing a family and attaching our web-address? Share with them why you thought they might enjoy the site. Thanks, Debi)

## GOOD EXAMPLES

*This isn't a question, just a comment. My 3 older sons and I had dentist appointments today, but I had no child-care for my 3-year-old son. I thought about calling a friend, but instead decided he could handle sitting quietly in the waiting room for the hour. I brought a couple books and toys and told him to "show all the dentists that you're the best behaved 3-year-old in the world." AND, he did! The entire staff commented on his behavior. He was completely still and silent the entire time. Most parents wouldn't expect this from their toddler, but I did, and he was an amazing example of homeschooling and training. Thank you, Pearls. I've been following your book for 10 years and am constantly praised for my boys' behavior. – Erika S.*

Dear Pearls,

Just recently, I ordered your home-schooling CD, "No Greater Joy" and "Teaching Responsibility." I received it yesterday and haven't been able to put the material down. I've been released from the weight this world tries to put on anyone "going against the grain" (i.e., homeschooling, training children, respecting my husband). I feel refreshed and have a renewed spirit in the middle of "suburbia". Despite what "others" may think, you speak the truth about what God requires of us. My life and the lives of my husband and children are lives filled with love and with laughter. Thank you for simplifying what the world and, unfortunately, most churches try to complicate, who God is and what He requires of us as husbands, wives, and parents. – Sincerely, Hummell

I just read that you had a heart attack last month! I do hope you are much better now. I have been receiving your magazine for about 3 years. At first, just like many women who write to you, I didn't always appreciate your direct approach! I always felt like you were yelling at me and I hated it. Of course, I needed it, and slowly the

Lord melted me down. I want you to know that you have walked your way into my heart. In some ways I have changed dramatically, and in some other ways, I have a long way to go. Since I lost my "chip on the shoulder", I really started growing as a person, wife and mother. Thank you for revealing to me my sugar-coating of sin. I love the peace and joy our family is experiencing. – Meagan

**Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. – Psalm 1:1-3**

## THE GOOGLE ATTACKS

I recently googled NGJ and was somewhat humored by the nameless, spineless, ignorant attacks against Michael and Debi Pearl. We love you guys, so keep up the good work! You're obviously doing good if you so provoke the ignorant to think. My boys thank you too; they see a calmer mommy everyday. – Hilario

Dear Hilario, When you get old...insults and even honor lose their power to hurt or bless you. BUT these negative remarks are hurting YOU and all other young families with children. These outspoken, uninformed critics are attacking YOUR rights every time they get on the web and speak out against us or any advocates for a godly family. They are saying that you as parents have NO RIGHT to spank your children. The courts have stated that parents need to be supervised to prevent child abuse, and that homeschooled children do not have the protection of being in public school everyday, watched by public officials. Daily these anti-parent-rights people are writing negative things about Christians who teach Biblical parenting. Many Christians have been so inundated with the world that they have joined the anti-family critics speaking against NGJ and other ministries. They think they are just attacking us, but they are supporting the worldview that will eventually turn on them. If this generation of young parents does not stand up and speak out YOU WILL LOSE YOUR rights as parents to train your children and educate them.

It is far easier for you to be heard now than it was 30 years ago when the government tried to stop us from Homeschooling. You have the WEB. Your written word can cancel out the nonsense these anti-parental-rights people write. If every person who reads this would only e-mail 3 different websites each week and give a 2 line positive report then the websites would be so completely overrun with good responses the negative folks would cease to be heard.

ONLY a FEW emotionally immature and intellectually depraved critics writing a few lines a week can change your children's future. YOU must act to secure your child's future. There is more to being a good parent than just being a parent. Good parents are proactive in defending their rights. They do not wait and just hope someone else will defend their rights. So sticks and stones don't hurt my bones...but they will destroy your home unless you speak (write) up. Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." 2 Thessalonians 2:15, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

Here are a few sites to start with:

[www.benedictionblogson.com](http://www.benedictionblogson.com)

[www.stoptherod.net](http://www.stoptherod.net) – worst one so far

[www.tulipgirl.com](http://www.tulipgirl.com)

[www.boycottcity.org](http://www.boycottcity.org)

There is a boycott letter going around that people are being urged to send to Amazon and Barnes and Noble, saying that they will no longer buy from them until they remove Pearl stuff from sale. Maybe people could write to the companies or go on their feedback and post a pro-blurb.

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

[www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)





Mr. Pearl,

I am a new learner about the Bible (the Holy Bible). Since I read *Good and Evil*, I understand it a lot more. I have read parts of the Holy Bible, but never understood what they were talking about. I didn't know the events that had happened, and to tell you the truth, I didn't really believe till now. I always thought to myself, how would they know all this stuff and the events that happened before man was made from dirt from the earth? God had a Son named Jesus and he had 12 disciples. They went all across the world to teach the people about God. Jesus Christ our Lord died for our sins. I would like to learn more about our God and the events that happened. I now do believe in the Lord named Jesus Christ and believe he died for our sins. I do not have a Bible to read, well, not my own. I would like to have a Holy Bible to study and learn more. Can you send me a Holy Bible, please? Can you also have a prayer for me, my brother and my mother? - C.T.

NGJ,

Thank you so much for my *Good and Evil*. I really enjoy reading it with the pictures. It helps me see things in my mind.

- God bless, Bennie

### Sin No More Series

Dear Pearls,

Your ministry has been a blessing and a joy to us. The child-training books and videos and the *Help Meet* book have been a gift from God to us. I continually pray for wisdom, and I believe your ministry has been an answer to those prayers. We are currently listening to the *Sin No More* series. As Independent Baptists, this is a new concept to us. I'm hoping it will help my frustration and discouragement over constantly going back to God and confessing the same old sins and asking forgiveness, only to commit them once again (sins of attitude). I've often wondered, "What's wrong with this picture?" I'm on #3, and looking forward to hearing the rest. — Stu



*Teens could not put down the Good and Evil story books at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation*



**The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth forever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. ~ Psalm 111:2-4**

## 8-YEAR OLD GIVES TO HELP SOMEONE RECEIVE GOD'S STORY BOOK

Alyssa wrote asking us to use her money for the *Good and Evil* project:

"Dear Michael and Debi Pearl, I love your tapes!! I just love them!! By the way, I gave some money to you. It should be in the letter. I am only 8 years old, so I do not have much. But I do have \$2 for you. I have been saving it for a fake horse but it can wait. Mr. Pearl how is your heart doing? Can you save this money please for your book *Good and Evil*. (Wow! I did not love God before!! Wow!!) – Love, Alyssa



**No Greater Joy Ministries** is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all children, but especially by educating parents as to their duties and responsibilities as the primary influence on their children. We share with all parents everywhere the sentiment of the Apostle John who said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 4).

Children will walk in truth if they are reared in an environment of love and peace, where the Word of God permeates the home. We want nothing less than to see all children grow into a God-honoring life of intellectual freedom, moral integrity, compassion, justice, and creativity. We direct and urge parents to stimulate children's creativity by providing them with the best education possible—in reading with comprehension, practical math, history, natural sciences, basic physics, chemistry, economics, political science, psychology, art, music, engineering, and medicine and good health practices. Above all, we teach parents how to maintain good will toward their children as they guide them through the complex process of growing to maturity.

Many parents were not ready for parenting when it "suddenly happened" to them. Consequently, they make mistakes in relating to their children, which then generates anger and resentment in their home on a regular basis. Children get out of control, becoming bitter and developing a will to challenge all authority, not just that of their parents. Sometimes, parents respond to that rebellion in a manner that is counterproductive or even abusive. No Greater Joy responds to this need with stern instruction and rebuke directed at parents. If you are among the many who have found that parenting is not fun, you can be certain that something is wrong. Moreover, if your children are not having fun with you, something is surely wrong. It is to this end that No Greater Joy Ministries seeks to help and instruct both parents and children to live in joyous harmony and good will. That is our passion and mission!

After fourteen years of ministry, we would like to say that our success has been phenomenal, but it is the successful parents who have made phenomenal changes in their families that deserves the accolades. We just rejoice with them in their successes. With a little encouragement and an occasional rebuke, parents have risen to the challenge of the most demanding and rewarding job on the face of the earth—*training up children in the way they should go, so that when they are old, they will not depart from it*. May their tribe increase!

## A-B-C BIBLE VERSE SONGS

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

**1 CD** **1010-45** **\$5.95**

## ALABAMA SEMINAR

Two hours of Michael Pearl speaking on child training. These tapes are geared toward the father's role in the family. Tales of Mike and his sons' wild adventures. Boys love it!

**2 CDs** **8325-45** **\$10.95**

## BECOMING A MAN

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

**1 CD** **1417-10** **\$5.95**

## EE-TAOW & NEXT CHAPTER DVD SET

This is a remarkable story of a native tribe being won to the Lord. The gospel is presented chronologically and the results are spectacular. It is a great video to watch with your children, grandchildren, Sunday School students, etc.

**2 DVDs** **2910-75** **\$19.95**

## FROM THE END OF THE EARTH

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

**1 CD** **3020-41** **\$8.95**

## BEST HOMESCHOOLING IDEAS

Debi Pearl discusses her best homeschooling ideas. 20-plus years of accumulated wisdom. This message can remove your burden. A best-seller!

**1 CD** **6170-45** **\$5.95**

## JUMPING SHIP

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

These have now been compiled into this book, along with new material and an additional two chapters covering further issues.

**106-pg. Book** **4940-10** **\$5.95**  
*8 or more copies ea.* **\$3.57**

## Abandonando el Barco

*(Span. Jumping Ship)* **4040-12** **\$5.95**  
*8 or more copies ea.* **\$3.57**

## REBEKAH'S DIARY

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

**106-pg. Book** **7810-10** **\$5.95**  
*8 or more copies ea.* **\$3.57**

## STARTING OVER

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

**1 CD** **8338-45** **\$5.95**

## TESTIMONY OF DARLENE ROSE

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

**2 Cassettes** **8605-40** **\$3.20**

## THE GAMI AKIJ STORY

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

**1 Cassette** **3420-40** **\$2.00**

## TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY

In this seminar, Michael Pearl uses humorous stories and practical examples to illustrate the simple process of training your children to work without complaint. Cut into his speaking presentation are hundreds of video clips and photos that help illustrate his message.

**2 DVDs** **8500-00** **\$19.95**

## THE JOY OF TRAINING

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

**2 DVDs** **4910-75** **\$26.00**

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**All Cassettes!**  
*While supplies last*



**TO TRAIN UP A CHILD**

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

<b>Book</b>	<b>8610-10</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
<b>3 Cassettes</b>	<b>8610-40</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>

**PARA ENTRENAR A UN NIÑO**

Spanish Translation of To Train Up A Child, Mike and Debi's best-selling book.

<b>Spanish Book</b>	<b>8610-12</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
<b>Spanish 5 CDs</b>	<b>8620-45</b>	<b>\$21.95</b>

**NO GREATER JOY - VOL. 1**

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

<b>Book</b>	<b>6230-10</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
<b>3 Cassettes</b>	<b>6230-40</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>

**NO GREATER JOY - VOL. 2**

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

<b>Book</b>	<b>6235-10</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
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**NO GREATER JOY - VOL. 3**

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

<b>Book</b>	<b>6240-10</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
<b>3 Cassettes</b>	<b>6240-40</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>

**FOUR BOOK SET**

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

<b>4 Book Set</b>	<b>3200-00</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>
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**CREATED TO BE HIS HELP MEET**

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

a word index at the back of the book to aid you in topical searches.

<b>296-pg. Book</b>	<b>2020-10</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
<b>Box of 24 books</b>	<b>2020-99</b>	<b>\$200.88</b>
<b>9 CDs</b>	<b>2020-45</b>	<b>\$34.95</b>
<b>1 MP3</b>	<b>2020-55</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>

**CREADA PARA SER SU AYUDA IDÓNEA**

Spanish Translation of *Created to be His Help Meet*, Debi's best-selling book.

<b>Spanish Book</b>	<b>2020-12</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
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**THE HELP MEET'S JOURNEY**

The Journey is a 184-page year-long companion workbook/journal for *Created To Be His Help Meet*. There are extra pages for your stories, doodlings, studies, and pictures where you will create a lasting memory of the miracle God is doing in you. This is a perfect study guide for individuals or women's study groups.

<b>Work Book</b>	<b>2030-10</b>	<b>\$10.95</b>
<b>Box of 24 books</b>	<b>2030-99</b>	<b>\$157.68</b>

**HOLY SEX**

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

<b>82-pg. Book</b>	<b>4125-10</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<i>8 or more copies ea.</i>		<i>\$3.57</i>
<b>Spanish Book <i>Sexo Santo</i></b>	<b>4125-12</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
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*Oh, the weight of sin our Lord must have felt on that cross! I love Him more than I ever knew I could, and I can finally have joy and freedom from sin. I thank God for your explanation of Romans for people like me who are just not going to get it any other way. How could any Christian live without that crucial information? Thank God I don't have to anymore, and I am free at last! – Mendy*

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