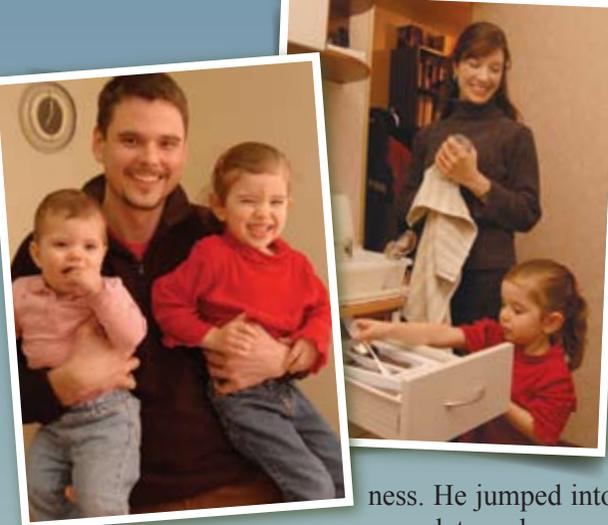


I have no greater joy
than to hear that my
children walk in truth.
III John 4





First-Generation Homeschool Missionaries

About sixteen years ago, before we wrote *To Train Up A Child*, Deb and I were in Fort Worth, Texas, ministering in a small home church. There we meet a sober-minded homeschool boy named Joshua Steele. He wanted to learn to share the gospel, so we took him and several other young people to the local mall to pass out gospel tracts and to witness. He jumped into it with all his youthful energies. Several years later, when we were again in Texas, he invited us to come down to the homeless shelter where he preached every week. I was amazed. In the midst of hundreds of hurting people, he jumped up and took charge, preaching the old, old story with conviction and power.

Joshua has always been single-minded, preparing himself for the ministry. He took every opportunity to go on short-term mission trips, where he saw firsthand the needs of the lost and dying. One such trip was to Ukraine. He eventually returned to minister there full time. After mastering the language, and with the help of others, he translated *Good and Evil* into Ukrainian. It has already been printed, distributed, and reprinted.

In 2004, he came home and met Kelsie, the girl who would become his wife. She, too, is a very talented and dedicated young lady, having committed her life to ministry long before she met Joshua. Like him, she had gone on several short-term mission trips. They were married and now have two children, and continue to live and minister in Ukraine.

Joshua takes young men on longer mission trips into the mountains of Ukraine each summer to distribute gospel literature. It's not for sissies. They hike long distances, carry their literature, food and tents, and camp wherever they find themselves when the sun goes down.

I, Michael Pearl, recommend and stand firmly behind Joshua Steele as being a faithful man who is worthy of eternal investment. You can contact him at:

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THE BALANCED PATRIARCH

BY MICHAEL PEARL

The amount of mail we have received in response to the former articles on the Cloistered Homeschool Movement has been phenomenal. Nearly all of it contains expressions of appreciation and testimonies of changes made in individual lives and families. But we have also received some criticism, as we do with nearly everything we write.

Dear Mr. Pearl,

As a father of 9, in fear and trembling, I write from Nathan to David.

Consider my own little lambs together with the majority of your audience: tens of thousands of young sons and daughters who, like me, know little or nothing about the “patriarchal” doctrine against which you have crafted such a skillful attack. Understanding that it’s not your intent, I pray for you to see how the effects of these articles fans the selfish, youthful attitudes so dominant in our world and contrary to the biblical principle repeated over and over again. (Ex. 22:7, Ex. 20:12; 21:17; Le. 19:3; 20:9; De. 5:16; 21:18; Pr. 1:8; 4:1; 6:20; 10:1; 15:20; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22; 30:11, etc.; besides Ep. 6:1,2 and Co. 3:20.) And so it is written: “Let him that thinketh he standeth...” “And if any man think that he know...”

God’s mercy on our generation and grace continue to abound. And we have so appreciated and continue to praise God for your insightful articulation of the sound doctrines pertaining to child training, family, and marriage.

Holding you in prayer, Don

Michael responds

I do appreciate this letter from Don, and I appreciate his praying for us. I also take note of the need for balance in discussions such as this very critical one. This article is an effort to achieve that balance.

Don feels that my articles and the published letters will provide justification for discontented youth to rebel against their parents. To those who share his concern I say, a healthy, loving parent/child relationship will not be disturbed by either the truth delivered out of balance or by a blatant lie. Children raised in a wholesome training

environment will not be looking for a way out. They will be pleased to walk with their parents far beyond the time when they are free to do otherwise.

And in regard to discontented youth: It is a fallacy to think that by shielding a discontented nineteen-year-old from the truth of his autonomy as a human being, he and the family will be the better for it. A young man who feels the need to sail on his own wings but is constrained from doing so through guilt imposed upon him by false premises will not be better served if he is kept in the dark. He will stew and sour at the injustice, wrestling with guilt that he knows is unwarranted, until the lid eventually blows off with an earthshaking bang, leaving lifelong bitterness. When a young adult feels ill-treated, but out of a sense of duty continues in a submissive role, it negatively affects his emotional and spiritual development. He will be a lesser man than God intends him to be. To constrain him and have him continue in that state is counterproductive for everyone, including the younger children remaining at home. For those reasons, I cannot remain silent and thereby enable parents to continue such an injustice toward their children. To do so, I would become complicit in the almost irreversible harm being done.

Now, I would like to deal with the issue of balance. Published truth is too often delivered like a pendulum; it swings from side to side, extreme to opposite extreme, always seeking rest. Each person receiving it is responsible to assimilate the whole spectrum and to strike a balance. That is the continual challenge of one's intellectual existence.

It is difficult—nearly impossible—to effectively press any urgent point and be balanced at the same time. If a writer does not challenge the comfortable status quo, he will often avoid offending everyone, but will not have struck a balance. It takes a forceful warning to save a blind wanderer from a deadly fall. Balance responds to the urgency of the moment in a voice that sounds one-sided and extreme. But in the never-ending tug-of-war for truth, one must frequently lean far from the center, or out of balance, lest his voice be of no consequence. So, now that I have shaken parents loose from comfortable commitment to a bad premise, it is time for balance.

We parents instinctively want our children to avoid the mistakes we made. We have taught them, protected, guarded, and prayed for them, spending nearly two decades of our lives looking to their welfare. Suddenly, they want to do it all themselves, and we know they are not yet ready. So, we hang on, trying to extend childhood into their late teens, and some parents even try to extend their oversight into their children's twenties and beyond—afraid to let go. It has always been so—always will be.

But today, there is a twisted Christian doctrine preached that justifies *not cutting the umbilical cord*, all in the name of “Children, obey your parents.” It is based on the assumption that one's offspring remain children, duty-bound before God to always be subject to the chain of command. This doctrine, misnamed The Patriarchal Family, has been around long enough for us to see the fruit, so I have characterized the extremes in this movement as Patriarchal Dysfunctional Families. When you see young adults continuing in the family unit in cloistered confinement, protected from making bad decisions, you are witnessing a PDF, even if they have never heard of the doctrine.

The Characteristics of a Dysfunctional Patriarch

- A dysfunctional patriarch believes he has a divine right and mandate to not just lead, but to command his wife and children perpetually. The key word is “perpetually.”
- A dysfunctional patriarch finds personal satisfaction in the power of his authority.
- A dysfunctional patriarch doesn't have confidence in his ability to train his children or in their ability to overcome the world, so he protects them from temptation.
- A dysfunctional patriarch discovers that his elevated position meets some deep unfulfilled needs to be respected and honored, something he may not have fulfilled outside the home.

- A dysfunctional patriarch makes his leadership role the centerpiece of his Christian experience.
- A dysfunctional patriarch uses his family and their submission to the process as a way to commend himself to others and gain respect and honor.
- A dysfunctional patriarch is in search of community and seeks to establish it in his family.
- A dysfunctional patriarch is fearful of and suffers a sense of loss at the thought of the breakup of his family unit. This is the most telling characteristic of a dysfunctional patriarch.
- A dysfunctional patriarch will use guilt to control his children and prevent them from developing independence.
- A dysfunctional patriarch ends up holding his sons and daughters back from life, rather than helping them build a life.
- A dysfunctional patriarch is most likely to be an Amillennialist or Postmillennialist—anything but a Premillennialist. Accordingly, he believes the church has replaced Israel, and thus views the family much like a Jewish theocracy—trying to emulate the ancient Middle Eastern cultural forms, which are incidentally revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. Vision Forum Ministries actually admits to returning to the Law in support of the Patriarchal doctrine:

“It is in the context of such ‘testing times’ that God’s people are often reminded to ‘open the lost book of The Law,’ and return to the ancient paths — the eternal, unchanging truths found within the pages of Holy Scripture.” - The Tenets of Biblical Patriarchy, VisionForum.com

The Characteristic of a True Patriarch

- A true patriarch never demands respect; he inspires his children to greatness through example.
- A true patriarch teaches his children to choose the good and reject the evil, and provides carefully-controlled exposure to temptation and careful admonition.
- A true patriarch passes along his wisdom and culture—“here a little, there a little,” as they “walk in the way”.
- A true patriarch does not invoke his authority to avoid discussion and reason by his children.
- A true patriarch does not act like someone on a throne, but like the Lord Jesus, with a towel girt about his loins in service.
- A true patriarch does not covet his authority. He knows that his job is not to remain at the head of the parade, but to train his children to take the baton and lead, following their Heavenly Father.
- A true patriarch, like John the Baptist, knows he must decrease and has his joy fulfilled when his children leave him to follow their calling in life by God. He will actually rejoice to see that his children are walking in truth—on their own!

As you read these two contrasting lists, you may have noted that the most prominent characteristic of each is the attitude of the father in regard to the specific duration of his authority over his children. The father who believes that God designed the family unit to exist as a clan, a pyramid ruled by the eldest male, with grown children expected to remain under their father’s umbrella of authority long after they have reached natural maturity, produces what we call the dysfunctional patriarchal family.



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In contrast, a father who believes that the largest family structure is one man and one woman and their minor children easily accepts as his chief duty the readying of those children for their inevitable development into the autonomy of adulthood. Faithfully and resolutely he prepares his children to that end, releasing them to autonomous action as God through physical and spiritual maturity readies them. This constitutes God's natural patriarchal ministry of a father.

The healthy parental attitude comes from a presupposition that human autonomy is an unalienable right and responsibility endowed in each human being by our Creator, and that it develops in each child incrementally in the natural course of physical and mental development, commencing fully at the commonly recognized onset of adulthood.

The arguments for patriarchal authority extending beyond the onset of adulthood are not based on nature or any command found in Scripture. They rest only on the basis of "apparent" examples in the Old Testament of patriarchal authority in a tribal and clan society that extends well beyond the commencement of adulthood, even until the end of their natural lives.



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If the historical customs found in the background of the Old Testament stories are sanctioned by God and carry the status of commands, then we would have to promote slavery, beheading of our enemies, mutilating rape victims (including the mailing of their body parts all over the country to stir up the ire of the public), polygamy, concubinage, and government by kings—just to name a few. One will search in vain to find a single passage that commands parents to continue control of their adult children, and no one will be able to substantiate this spurious doctrine from any teachings of Jesus or from the writers of the New Testament.

History of the Modern Patriarchal Movement

Ideas take hold and become movements only when they find fertile ground in a large number of people. The trail leading up to the patriarchal movement began to emerge in the early 1970s.

The passing of the Civil Rights laws of the 60s provided a legal door for anti-American, anti-constitutional, anti-Christian, anti-family, pro-Sodomite, and pro-abortion laws and sentiment. The moral slide supported by law became a "Disney" ride into degradation. Television, with its rapidly degrading programming, opened the veins of every home to direct injections of Hollywood. Where it once took a generation for sin to spread across the country, it can now infect society almost instantly, being distributed to even the most remote communities by the rabbit-eared altar sitting in the most prominent place of every home.

By the mid-seventies, it was clear that the Christian community was a thing of the past. The universities were declaring "God is dead." The public schools were stripped of what little authority and wholesomeness was left. The media steered the kids into premarital sex, drinking, and drugs, all to the beat of rock music. Parents, troubled by the sinful, hostile conditions of public education, founded Christian schools. But lost kids found their way into the church schools, rendering many of them just another cesspool of immorality, not one stroke different from public schools, except they had prayer before they "hooked up".

In 1974, my wife and I began teaching our first child at home. At that time, the concept of patriarchy was unknown in our community. We thought we invented the idea. But within five years, we soon discovered that there were thousands of young families just like us who, for their children's sake, were ready to take responsibility for the training of their children. The only way out of a culture war that we had lost was to retreat to a culture of our making, and there protect our children and prepare them to overcome a world hostile to truth and righteousness. The homeschooling movement exploded into a phenomenon that changed the face of Christianity in America. There was hope for the family once again, for in it we created a way to transmit our Christian culture to our children.

But the shift was not complete. Structured Christianity continued to degenerate along with the world. I read a survey stating that of the Christians who entered marriage having previously lost their virginity, over 50% revealed that it happened in connection with a church youth group. An equal number of those who did drugs and alcohol testified that they were introduced to it through their church activities. And some were even being molested by their church workers. As one homeschool mother wrote, "The only evil influence left in the lives of our children is our church." So, many homeschoolers became homechurchers. Others downsized to small traditional churches with believers of like mind, where they could control their environment.

Local churches were offended when they and their schools were being rejected as unfit to bear influence on these homeschooled children. Fathers were challenged for their practice of domestic priesthood to the exclusion of all other authorities. They aptly defended their right and duty to be the heads of their homes. Fathers took the place of pastors, and in fact, became the pastors of their homes.

The time was right. With pressure on these fathers to justify their family-centric rule, a doctrine slowly emerged. It was not really new; the seeds of it had been floating around since the advent of the new conservatism in the early seventies. It eventually came to be called "The Patriarchal Family," meaning, the headship of the father over his family.

In the late seventies, Deb and I attended a Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar taught by Bill Gothard. Much of what he said about dealing with bitterness was very practical information—highly useful in exposing sin and resolving personal issues apart from the gospel. But he also taught a strange principle of domestic authority which he illustrated with an umbrella. He made his point with a story of how a grown man with a wife and children had resolved personal issues by going back and submitting himself "under" the authority of his father, reestablishing the "Divine chain of command." When we left that day, I remember telling my wife that some of his principles were out of line with the Word of God. Today, I do believe that Bill Gothard, notwithstanding all of the good he has accomplished, and whether knowingly or not, was the key instrument in planting the seeds of the modern patriarchal movement. However, I would never hold him responsible for the excesses that have followed.

This not-so-new doctrine, dressed in old clothes from another time and another culture, continued to be fleshed out for a couple decades by different proponents, some good, some not so good, but all sensing that it needed systematizing. In time, along came Vision Forum. They canonized it and preached it as gospel. The following quote comes from Vision Forum's web site: The Tenets of Biblical Patriarchy, Editorial note: "...the church should proclaim the Gospel-centered doctrine of biblical patriarchy as an essential element of God's ordained pattern for human relationships and institutions." The editorial note continues: "Biblical patriarchy is just one theme in the Bible's grand sweep of revelation, but it is a scriptural doctrine, and faithfulness to Christ requires that it be believed, taught, and lived."

If we consider the fruit of the movement as seen today to be what the author had in mind in the above statements, the entire doctrine would be preposterous and danger-



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so they saw what they wanted to see in the more balanced literature and hijacked the principles of an otherwise legitimate concept to provide Divine authority for the aberrant course they had already plotted. These families existed in exactly the same structure before the advent of the modern patriarchal movement, but they had to remain “in the closet” before their control syndrome was elevated to the status of Bible doctrine.

After a long time of seeing and hearing about the abuses of present-day patriarchy and then revisiting its historic roots, we can say confidently that the Biblical patriarchy revealed in Scripture is not at fault. Nor is it the fault of many of the proponents of a Scripturally-balanced patriarchal ministry; it is the twisted application of it that is to blame. The metamorphosis from its original Scripturally-sound tenets to a completely different entity has gravely hurt many of God’s people. It is now being driven by a legalistic spirit that was not present in its historic beginnings.

When patriarchal guidance and ministry turn into patriarchal rule, a father stops being a mentor and becomes a policeman. The children will no longer view Dad and Mom as their ticket to a fulfilled life, but as the primary impediment to life. In many cases, these young adults come to view their parents’ relationship as the anti-example of a heavenly marriage. They do not long to have a life like their parents’; they long to get away from their parents, so they can have a life.

Dysfunctional patriarchal parents sense this attitude and call it rebellion, and respond by tightening down on the rules and rebukes. They demand obedience, based, of course, on the supposed precepts of the patriarchal doctrine and by employing guilt as the final fence to keep their grown kids “under the umbrella” and in check.

Most of the letters we receive from young adults who were hurt by the cultish patriarchal practice tell us that their mother was the big proponent and instigator. To

ous. I do not know what Vision Forum may have taught concerning the actual practice of this doctrine, but if we carefully examine their 26-point exposé defining the Tenets of Biblical Patriarchy, we cannot but agree and applaud their faithfulness to sound doctrine. The 26 Tenets also include cautions and warnings against excess, which proved to be needed.

They do a good job of defining the historic doctrines regarding husbands being the heads of their homes and responsible for the education and training of their children. They are calling Christian fathers to avoid the feminizing of our modern culture and to rise to their duties as the heads of their families—a very worthy crusade.

A restorative movement sometimes has a way of escalating into cult-like fanaticism, as families get excited and share their individual views. The immediate fruit that comes out of any fervency is exciting and provocative, generating a confident atmosphere that can encourage extremes. There are far too many propagating this “gospel” of patriarchal rule who have gone off the deep end. But the fault is not in these 26 Tenets. Spiritually dysfunctional men found that the precepts of the patriarchal doctrine provided legitimacy for their controlling tendencies,

them, the patriarchal family was really a matriarchal family. Mother used the doctrine to bolster her authority, even to the point of controlling Father with it. Daddy went along with Mama because he didn't want to appear unspiritual. Mama ruled.

But there is more to the story. There is a healthy patriarchal family!

Testimony of a True Biblical Patriarch

The following letter is a beautiful testimony of a properly functioning patriarchal family.

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I just finished reading your article, "Patriarchal Dysfunctional Families." Thanks for speaking out concerning this Christian crisis. It is grievous to us that the extremes in this movement have given a negative connotation to the word patriarch. I am the son of a pastor, and have attended church all of my forty years. I am writing this letter in defense of the word "patriarch," as I have seen it exemplified in the life of my father.

He was faithful through the pain of losing his first and second wives to cancer. He was faithful as he taught his seven children to think, work, and be useful. He sent all of us boys out of the house at age eighteen, knowing that he had done his job well enough for each of us to make wise choices. His sons are also faithful men serving as a pastor, a missionary, and church leaders; his daughters are missionary wives serving in Israel, Mongolia, and Honduras. I do not know another father more esteemed by his children or more honored by his congregation. It is my honor and privilege to be my dad's son and to follow the Lord as he has. May God's grace attend to me as it has my dad.

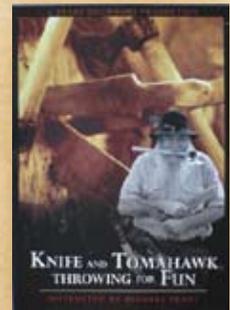
The fear-based, pride-seeking, and guilt-infecting control mentality in this PDF movement are absolutely not the characteristics of a true patriarch. The "Christian show life" is characterized by self-satiated, insecure carnality under the guise of spirituality. A holy patriarch does not live a life based on legalistic control. A real patriarch always produces good and lasting fruit.

I appreciate your analysis following the testimonials. I understand your responses to the trends you see. It has been hard to see the word patriarch maligned by this modern movement.

- Sam, from Washington State



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Sam said it so well. “The fear-based, pride-seeking, and guilt-infecting control mentality in this PDF movement are absolutely not the characteristics of a true patriarch.” And I do believe that the framers and promoters of the patriarchal movement, such as Vision Forum and Bill Gothard, would agree with Sam.

There are always those who join a movement just to add their own flavor, and we have all seen supporters of the patriarchal concept who have unwittingly swung the pendulum too far.

Give sinful men white robes to wear, and some will inevitably alter theirs to be more fashionable or to “stand out”. Give men the law of God, and some will teach for doctrines the commandments of men. Teach men about their liberty in Christ, and some will use it to fulfill their lusts. Instruct parents to use the rod to train their children, and some will see it as an excuse to abuse their children. Tell husbands they are the head of their families, and some will feel justified in emotionally and physically abusing their wives and children. Tell wives to submit to their husbands, and some will tolerate criminal acts against themselves and their children in hopes of being a good help meet. And, if you assure people they have eternal security in Christ, some will sin before sundown. It is the way of humankind, the lot of the fallen sons of Adam and the reason Jesus said, “the road is broad that leads to destruction” and “there will be many which go in thereat.” In the day of judgment, no one will be able to point to his teachers and say, “They made me do it.” Every man and woman will stand alone before God and give account of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad.

The Proper Patriarchal Perspective

I cannot think of a better way of communicating the proper parental attitude than through the words of Bob DeBolt. The story of Dorothy and Bob DeBolt is told in a book titled *19 Steps up the Mountain*. This brave couple parented nineteen children—six by their previous marriages, and thirteen by adoption or legal guardianship. Some of the children were paralyzed, one was blind, and one was born without arms or legs. The thing that caught my attention was Bob’s attitude toward these supposedly dependent children. He said,

“We try to raise our children for early emancipation. We give them love, but we are also demanding, and we can be tough. We find that it pays off. The child develops into a more competent, capable human being. We want every one of these children to reach a point where he or she will come to us and say, ‘I think I’m ready to leave now and make it on my own.’ But before a child can make such a break, he must face the fact that the world is not handicap-oriented. He is going to have to function effectively in a system in no way geared to crutches, braces, and blindness.”

Bob said so well what I have tried to communicate. Children are happiest when they are aware that you are raising them, as Bob says, “for early emancipation.” If teenage children are going to be content under parental mentoring, they must be convinced that their parents have a timely plan to launch them into a life of independence, where they can pursue life according to their own lights. A “patriarch” who is actively preparing his children to become responsible and self-supporting as early as possible, will not have to deal with mutiny. When children see their stay as indefinite, they do not feel an urgency to master the arts of living and wise decision-making. Furthermore, children prepared for early emancipation are least likely to “want” to leave home, even after they are emancipated.

From their earliest age, my children were aware that I was preparing them to succeed without me. I was working myself out of a job—seeking early retirement from parenting. They all succeeded at life, but somehow I can’t get rid of them. They have their own homes and businesses, but I have to look at most of them every day. They keep coming around, bringing our 14 grandkids—more to come—to spend time with Big Papa and Mama Pearl. I love it, because I am not responsible for them. I don’t interfere in their personal lives. I never tell them what to do. I don’t try to hold them to my convictions. Our daughters-in-law and sons-in-law never have occasion to be jealous for their spouse’s allegiance. I don’t rebuke them or try to direct them in subtle

ways. I do not expect them to ask my advice on anything, but they do. I have all the blessings of being at the top of a wonderful family, but none of the burden of responsibility. I do not rule my family. I don't even rule my wife. I rule myself by the grace of God and serve where I am needed. It can't get any better. I want this for you, too. Some of you "patriarchs" simply take too much upon yourselves!



Show them the light

I cannot do as many of you parents would like, i.e., instruct your restless young adult children to continue submitting beyond their God-appointed day of emancipation. But I can tell you how to create a relationship with your children that guarantees they will never revolt against your "control." The bottom line is, how can you, the parent, create an atmosphere that provides structure and discipline without leaving your charges feeling as if they are abused sharecroppers—smothered and trapped, with no future under the present regime?

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It's simple enough. Show them the light at the end of the tunnel before they get there, and put distance markers on the walls so they will know how much farther it is to independence day. Children, at every stage of their development, should know that you view their time under your tutorship as temporary, and that you are preparing them for the day when they graduate to complete autonomy. If their sojourn under your tutorship proves to be a difficult maze with no end in sight, they will grow weary in well doing and either faint or rebel.

Parents should view their role like that of a teacher with a fixed and limited amount of time to communicate the curriculum on a course called Life. There will be a day already appointed when they will go out on their own with the material you have communicated. You are their pre-school teacher and their 1st through the 12th grade teacher, and that is it. Your job is done. They may come back for a friendly chat or a little vocational advice; they will probably become your good friend, voluntarily seeking advice, but school is over. If you tarry and do not communicate the principles of life by the time they become adults, you cannot keep them sitting in desks too small for them now and listening to lectures delivered years too late.

Their contentment through the developing years totally depends upon what they sense in your attitude toward them. You must make them know that you have confidence in them, in their judgment, their ability to adapt, to overcome adversity, to bounce back from defeat, to rebuke the Devil and to embrace righteous judgment. When your children are aware that you are really committed to working for their productive independence, they will feel respected and trusted, and they will feel equal to the task. They will be able to remain patient in the rough times, and can trust your leading them on to their day of emancipation.

Understanding a Child's Development

This you must understand and remind yourself of it frequently: Children develop toward adult autonomy in stages. There is not a day marked on their calendar when they will make the transition; the metamorphosis from child to adult takes place every day of their lives, culminating at about 19 years of age (give or take a couple years in

more extreme cases). Every day is important in their development, and every day you must try to relinquish just a little more control, hopefully having prepared them for the increased responsibility.

You have full sovereignty over a child until about the time they begin walking. On that day, their journey toward independence becomes apparent. Every day that passes brings a little more independence—hopefully. But when they reach puberty, their development and transformation kicks into overdrive, that is, it becomes abnormally hormonal. It is a gift from God. They will be confused enough just adjusting to their change of feelings and size, but if you try to keep them in a box, they will fight you or shut down altogether. Fighting is preferred to shutting down.

Make them know they are going somewhere grand and wonderful! Your “curriculum” has already paved the way to give them an understanding of what is now happening. They are filled with dreams and visions of what will be. They are romantic and idealistic. It is your job and privilege as a parent to equip them every remaining day of their lives in your home so they can win in the game of life. They should be taught from the earliest age that you are going to be granting them ever-increasing freedom, which will be accompanied by an increase in their responsibility.

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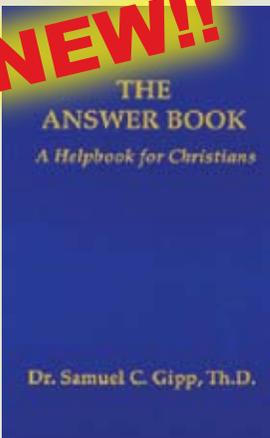
If they believe that you are contributing to their future, they will love you and trust you implicitly, never kicking against your directing hand. But if they feel that you are holding them back, not willing for them to take the next step toward autonomy, they will treat you as the enemy.

The only way to gain and hold their confidence is to join their parade, not constraining them to join yours. Find out what their goals and hopes are and help them become equipped to that end.

You can't make a preacher out of a musician or a doctor out of a cook. Respect your grown child enough to allow him to choose his own life.

The bottom line and number one key point of all our discussion on the cloistered homeschool syndrome enforced by the Patriarchal Movement is that, parents must ready their children for emancipation in a timely fashion. To mandate young adults to docilely submit as if they were still children is unnatural and damaging to all concerned. Train them up and let them go, so you can gain them forever. Letting them go is an integral part of all of God's creation, pictured so clearly in the life cycles of all living beings that He created. On the human level, it is God's special gift of autonomy to every child graduating into adulthood.

NEW!!



I recently re-read a book I purchased fifteen years ago and was again impressed with the structure and beauty of it. I decided to purchase a few cases and make them available to you. *The Answer Book* by Dr. Samuel Gipp, Th.D., contains answers to 62 most-often-asked questions concerning Bible translation issues and the preservation of the Bible in the Authorized Version. It is scrupulously researched and beautifully written—a pleasure to read. For me (even after 15 years), I find it extremely informative, yet easy to understand. You would do well to order your copy today, while we have them available.

The Answer Book by Samuel Gipp #1318-10 \$6.95

Thank you for your ministry

My wife and I truly appreciate your work on the subject of child-rearing. I have thought and thought about what the most crucial elements are. May I very succinctly share my thoughts: Love, Leadership, and Seeking first the Kingdom of God.

By love I do not mean the dad who makes it to all his son's ball games, but is pretty self-centered, otherwise. I am speaking of genuine delight and affection for a child, making the child feel his parents truly enjoy him and welcome his presence.

Leadership is an umbrella term for being THE active, involved, directional example in a child's life. It is the opposite of passivity and hypocrisy.

Seeking first the Kingdom of God is just that: The nature of the home, the casual conversations, the priorities, and the commitment and kinship to the Body of Christ and His work, and to the Lordship of Christ. He is the welcome head of the home.

Todd and Amy Baisley

You Pearls!!!! have been a awesome BLESSING to me and also our family. (me not married yet) I hope that you will continue in the work of our Lord Jesus. Love reading your materials! thanks again...Nate

MICHAEL PEARL 1969

40 Years ago when Big Papa was no papa but still preaching the Gospel



LITTLE DID I KNOW!

Forty years ago, a young minister named Mike Pearl led me to the Lord at the Christian Servicemen's Center in downtown Memphis, TN. Would this be you? The Lord has been good to me in my life. I became a special education teacher and now teach GED courses at a local prison. There I am allowed to share my faith and the scriptures with those who are interested. It's a real blessing. Anyway, if you are that Mike Pearl I know you are busy, but I wanted to thank you for taking the time that Saturday night after a Youth for Christ rally to change my life and get me started on my way to living forever with my best friend Jesus and our Father.

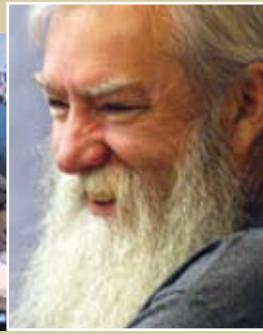
Rylan

This ministry's information has helped save our marriage (14 years), and helped us cut through all the religiousness of normal Christianity and see exactly what God says in His Word, but without denominational bias. We really thank God and applaud the work that you're doing in every area of your ministry.

Thank God and thank you.

A reader of our web site writes:

My parents divorced when I was three, and it left a huge scar on my heart. I am hoping to break that cycle even though I have suffered the consequences of not marrying a godly man. The Lord's grace is amazing. I have suffered, but it is not without a cause. I don't know that I could have held out this long if it hadn't been for the vision I received from your writings on this website. Many Blessings to you in this life and the next!



Blessed FRUIT

BY MICHAEL PEARL

Deb and I went to Southern California to conduct a seminar in mid-January and had the privilege of meeting a host of happy, successful homeschoolers. Each of the three sessions was packed out with about 1200 in attendance. Looking out over that cheerful crowd, it was easy to believe that the children of Israel have left Egypt once again. It renews my faith in what we are doing. When

we sit here in our office, reading hundreds of letters, many of which are seeking answers to failures in the Christian homeschooling family, we lose sight of the many families that are experiencing great success in their take-charge lifestyles. The endless parade of smiling, bold-face kids told me that America is not finished—far from it. The Philistines may be in charge now, but there are future Presidents and statesmen being made in the homeschooling movement. If the Lord tarries, their time will come to take the helm and lead this country back to the principles of the Republic it once was.

I must have had my picture taken 200 times with kids and parents. It was great. One seven-year-old boy gave me his business card and told me that if I ever needed any web work done he would be glad to help—at standard rates of course. I thought he was kidding. It was cute for Daddy to put him up to it. But I later discovered that he was quite serious. I was tickled just to see my boys splitting firewood and reading the label on the ketchup bottle when they were seven years old. Gabriel was wearing throwing knives when he was four but he was hanging his comfort blankie over the handle.

Our kids mature at different rates, and our abilities to teach are varied. It is not necessary that your kids be early learners and achievers, but it is important that they develop character early, that they are happy, confident, creative, and emotionally secure. I saw that fruit in southern California within mortar shell shot of Hollywood, just as I have seen it all across this land.

I am sure every one of those beautiful families felt inadequate in some area—sometimes wondered if they were doing everything right, but like you they have marked their course and they are walking a road that will perpetuate their godly heritage into the next generation. Keep on keeping on. It's worth it, and it cheered my old heart.

Testimony from California Seminar

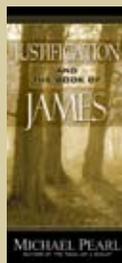
Gregg, When you did your drama my wife says for the first time she truly understood the gospel. The sin robe you wore it really helped her see sin and hopelessness. When she literally saw her sin put on the cross she wept. Neither of us have been the same since. She has been running around here so full of joy. Thank you so much. - Grace & Peace, Steve
P.S. I downloaded all of Mike's sermons and am walking through Romans.

Justified by works

If you believe in justification from sin by means of faith, you are correct, but what do you do with the book of James? “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). Does James contradict Paul?

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 2:16). “But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident” (Galatians 3:11). James said, “Was not Abraham our father justified by works” (James 2:21)?

Which one is correct? How do we honestly reconcile these two? You can find the answers in this 26-page booklet, *Justification and the Book of James*.



Baptism in Jesus' Name

When you were baptized, chances are, the preacher pronounced the words over you, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt 28:19). Was he correct?

But there are those, and the number is growing, who insist that you have not been properly baptized unless the preacher utters the “formulary” words, “In the name of Jesus.” “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:5). Those who hold this view are called Jesus’ Name Only adherents. The United Pentecostal Holiness denomination is the original catalyst for this movement. What is the correct view? Only a thorough examination of all the Scriptures on the subject will answer that question. This 17-page booklet by Michael Pearl uncovers the truth: *Baptism in Jesus’ Name*.



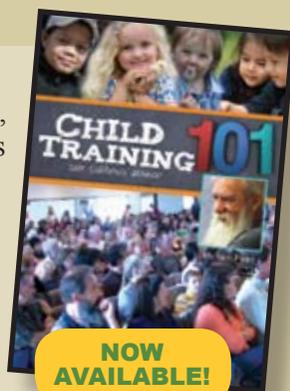
Keep Short Accounts

When I was a young Christian, my spiritual mentors taught me to “keep short accounts,” to confess my sins every night and before each church service, and especially before partaking of The Lord’s Table. I was told that confession secured forgiveness—the very thing taught by most Christian churches. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

I had a continual sense of insecurity, always wondering if my sins were all forgiven—if I had forgotten any. In time, I learned to study the Bible for myself and discovered the truth that brought me peace. Read it in the 23-page booklet, *1 John 1:9, The Protestant Confessional*.

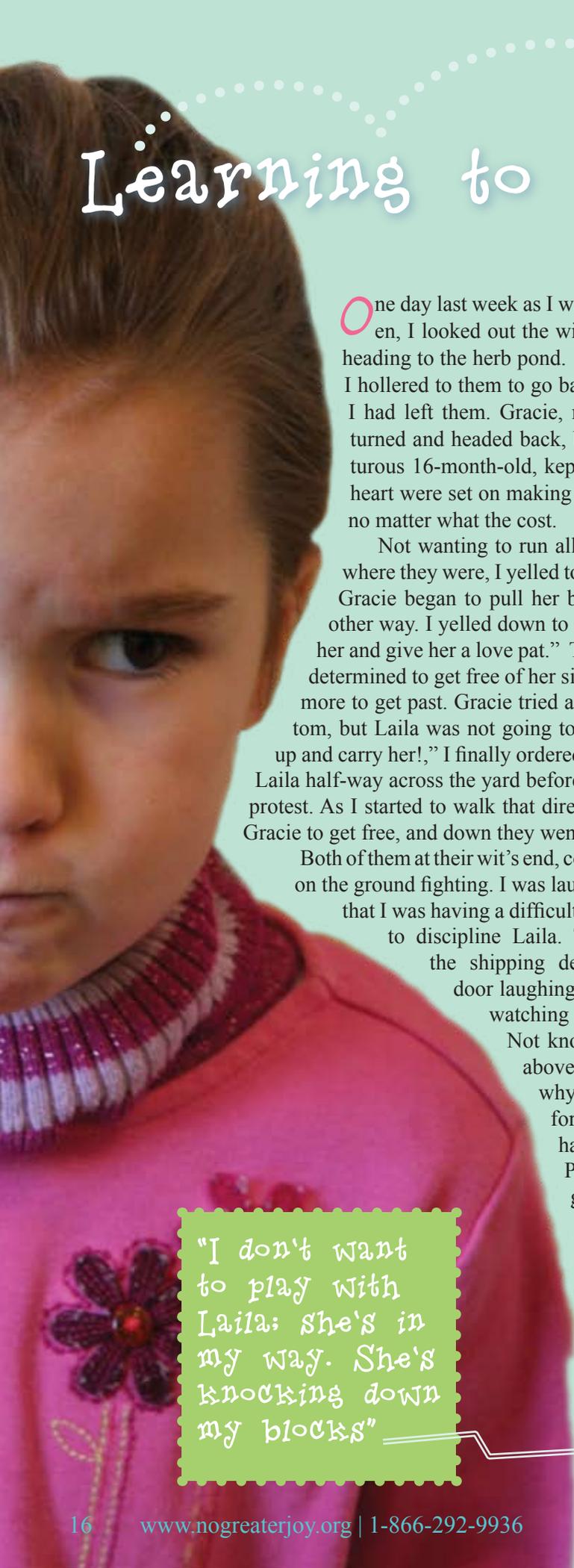


NEW DVD!! In the middle of January 2009, we held a seminar in southern California. The three sessions were packed out with 1200 happy souls. We took along a professional videographer and got some great footage. Our evening session, *Child Training 101*, takes the viewer back to the basics. The audience was great, and Deb and I had loads of fun. The audience laughed and hooted when I wasn’t even trying to be funny. You and your children will enjoy and benefit from this 90-minute session. If you want to introduce child-training principles to a friend, this professionally-produced DVD will make a great impact.



1 DVD \$12.95

We are producing 2 more DVDs from this great seminar. The second DVD covers the patriarchal family, and the third DVD contains a positive list of original, practical suggestions about preparing your children for their transition into adult autonomy. They will be available around May 1, 2009.



Learning to Share

BY SHALOM BRAND

One day last week as I was cleaning the NGJ kitchen, I looked out the window to see my two girls heading to the herb pond. Running out to the porch, I hollered to them to go back to the swing set where I had left them. Gracie, my four-year-old, quickly turned and headed back, but Laila, my ever-adventurous 16-month-old, kept on going. Her mind and heart were set on making it all the way to the pond, no matter what the cost.

Not wanting to run all the way down the hill to where they were, I yelled to Gracie to go back for her. Gracie began to pull her back, and Laila pulled the other way. I yelled down to Gracie again, "Get behind her and give her a love pat." This only made Laila more determined to get free of her sister, and she fought all the more to get past. Gracie tried again to pat her on the bottom, but Laila was not going to have any of it. "Pick her up and carry her!" I finally ordered. Gracie was able to carry Laila half-way across the yard before she began screaming her protest. As I started to walk that direction, I saw Laila kicking Gracie to get free, and down they went!

Both of them at their wit's end, could be seen rolling around on the ground fighting. I was laughing so hard by this time that I was having a difficult time being strong enough to discipline Laila. Tremaine, who works in the shipping department, came out the door laughing, for he, as well, had been watching them from his window.

Not knowing I was on the porch above, he could not figure out why they were struggling. So, for all of you out there who have ever wondered if Mike Pearl's grandchildren ever get mad, there it is.

My girls are best friends and enemies at the same time. They can play like champs together, and the next moment be fighting like cats and dogs. When Laila began to get around and

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Gracie has learned that it is better to have a little sister in the way than to play by herself in her room. 



play like a kid and not just a baby, Gracie started to play the first-born card. “I don’t want to play with Laila; she’s in my way. She’s knocking down my blocks,” and on it went. I don’t blame her, though. I would not want to play with an uncoordinated wrecking machine either, living at the same time, in the same house, and being together all the time.

But I wanted Gracie to learn to be tolerant. I wanted to get Gracie to the point where she wanted to play with Laila, and do it without constantly fighting over this or that. So, after some thought, I began to tell Gracie, “That’s fine; you don’t have to play with Laila, but you have to go to your room and play if you want her to leave you alone. Laila will stay with me.” Off she would go to play in her room. Then, with great enthusiasm, I would begin to play with Laila. Gracie never lasted more than three minutes on her own; she would come out to tell me she wanted to play with Laila now. After about five times of my sending her to her room to play, she very rarely says anymore, “I don’t want to play with Laila.” That does not mean they don’t still have their moments, but at least Gracie has learned that it is better to have a little sister in the way than to play by herself in her room. This will not work with all kids. Some would be glad to be by themselves, but Gracie loves interaction with everything that is happening.

They share a room, and Gracie, being three years older, has things she does not want Laila to touch. So, to keep the peace, I set the closet up to be Gracie’s special place. I put a small shelf in the bottom of it, and all the stuff that she does not want Laila to touch goes on it. Laila is not allowed to go into the closet. She knows that it is off limits. Gracie will sometimes invite Laila to sit with her in her special closet. Laila knows this is a special thing, and she is always very thankful. They both sit there smiling from ear to ear, both knowing that life is better when they’re playing together and willingly sharing.





been diligent and faithful, but it is slow going in a country that thinks evil spirits are gods. Everyone has to be taught and re-taught who God is and what he has done, and still there is much confusion and superstition. The Bible is a big book. People who don't really care will listen one or two times, but they will never make the kind of commitment necessary to really get to know the content of the Bible, let alone come to know the God of the Bible.

This past year, Steve and his son Stephen, with the help of some nationals, translated the Bible story book, *Good and Evil*. Steve and other missionaries now

have a tool that the people hungrily read, re-read, discuss, and ask questions about, and then they turn to the Bible itself to verify the contents of this attractive book in their language. They are quickly learning the WHOLE story of God. Steve only had enough money to print 5,000 copies, so he set out to disperse them as widely as possible among the thirteen million people of Cambodia. His next goal is to use the Web for making *Good and Evil* available to many more.

Steve Schnell told of one incident where he had to use a ferry to cross a river. He gave the old couple who ran the ferry a copy of the newly-translated Khmer *Good and Evil*, asking them if they had ever heard the name, Jesus. Later that evening as he was returning on that same ferry, the old couple refused his money (very unusual for the poor people of Cambodia), saying, "When we were young, we heard of Jesus and always wondered how we could know more about him, and now we know."

Steve and his family are ready, prepared, and willing to plant the seeds deep in the hearts of the Cambodian people. If you would like to know more about this ongoing work, you can contact Steve at:

schnell_family@hotmail.com

Speaking of his return, Jesus said, "And the gospel must first be published among all nations" Matthew 13:10



Cambodians riveted to *Good and Evil* in their own language.

"And the GOSPEL must first be PUBLISHED among all nations"

MATTHEW 13:10

*BBTI email: info@baptisttranslators.com

BY DEBI PEARL

LEARN & LIVE WELL

This is a worn-out looking Siberian Kale plant in the middle of the winter. It should look exhausted, because it has provided a hundred salads or stir-fries and will continue to provide food for several more months, until it finally seeds. It has endured winter temperatures below 10 degrees. In the spring, we will gather its seeds so we can share with hundreds of other families. All of those many meals came from one tiny seed like the one pictured here in my hand.



Most people plant large, labor-intensive gardens. They are useless for several reasons. It is difficult to accumulate enough organic matter to accommodate a large garden, so, due to poor nutrition, many plants are stunted or get diseased. Bugs attack only the unhealthy plants. Also, big gardens are difficult to keep weeded, so plants get choked out. Furthermore, big gardens are fun in the spring when the weather is perfect, but a misery in July when the sun is hot, so they get neglected. And finally, big gardens, properly

tended, produce so much fruit that we grow weary trying to keep up with picking.

The key to a good garden is not harder work, but smarter planning. Last year, I had a vegetable garden about 15 feet wide and 25 feet long. I picked bushels of food and NEVER weeded. Yes, it took a little planning.

First, several months before planting, the planting area was covered with a layer of composted manure and hay. Second, it was covered with several layers of cardboard derived from throwaway boxes, which I soaked with water once they were in place. Third, I covered the ugly boxes with a layer of wheat straw. Any organic matter will do—grass clippings, wood bark, leaves, etc. During the winter, I place heavy rocks or old board, as needed, to keep the boxes from blowing away.

Then, when it came time to plant, I made holes in the decaying boxes and deposited my seeds or young plants. Midsummer, I added a few more boxes where the weeds were poking through. Since the boxes helped hold the moisture, I only had to water once all summer.

One afternoon last summer when I was in the garden gathering tomatoes, Gabriel dropped by to pick some of my sweet peppers. Gabriel was so impressed with the amount of vegetables and the lack of labor involved that he got out his video camera and started asking me questions. You can view clips of that interview at Pearloutdoors.com.

James, Shoshanna's husband, was also impressed with the ease of having such an abundant garden. (I am one cool granny to impress the young folks!) Anyway, James asked me to give him a list of my favorite garden seeds so he could make them available through his herb store. I like to use heritage seeds, not the hybrid or genetically altered seeds. If you are interested, you can get **Mama Pearl's Garden Seed** at: BulkHerbstore.com

Also, here are four books I would suggest for aspiring gardeners:

Lasagna Gardening

This book teaches untraditional methods of gardening that are not only organic, economical, and incredibly easy, but it will enable you to accomplish more in less time, and with less work! (This is the way I like to garden...Debi)

All New Square Foot Gardening

By Mel Bartholomew. If you are a visual learner, this is your book. It has lots of beautiful, full-color pictures, instructions and plans for square-foot gardening methods. It can save you time and money. 271 pages.

How to Grow More Vegetables (Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine)

By John Jeavons. This book has been around a long time and has proven its worth. It is now in its revised seventh edition, with over 300,000 copies sold.

Seed to Seed By Suzanne Ashworth. Complete gardening, from planting the seed to a Seed-saving Guide for 160



vegetable crops. It includes detailed information on each vegetable: pollination methods, isolation distances, caging and hand-pollination techniques, proper methods for harvesting, drying, cleaning and storing the seeds. This is the best book ever written on seed-saving from mature plants. If things ever get bad worldwide, the knowledge gained from this book would be priceless.

Books available through BulkHerbstore.com

Homesteading For Beginners DVD

Learn everything from starting and maintaining a garden, raising and butchering chickens, cutting firewood, to baking bread, making cheese, and much, much more. This video is for anyone who would like to have basic country life skills but is not sure how to even start. It is entertaining for the entire family. Available through PearlOutdoors.com



EXPLORING BELIZE



I woke suddenly to the squawking sound of a parrot that sounded an awful lot like an alarm clock. In my sleep-fogged mind I recalled where I was and what I was doing.

This past January I went to Belize, Central America, to explore the possibility of homeschooling families taking residence there if our economic or political climate changed suddenly. So, with the help of three other good men, this is what we learned.

For more pictures, video, and full articles, visit: PearlOutdoors.com and Belize-Now.com



Property in Barton Creek, Cayo District near Georgetown



Good and Evil Letters

I will just tell you that it was so cool to see a teen boy with spiked pink hair (in the weirdest cut imaginable), dressed in a skull t-shirt completely, and all wrapped around this comic book. He and an unruly group of teen boys sat quietly for almost an hour reading it, and they had many questions and comments afterwards.

I recently acquired a copy of your comic book *Good and Evil* by Michael Pearl. I am a Christian and would like to say to you-- WELL DONE! Praise God! The book is truly a blessing to whomever reads it.



Created To Be His Help Meet (NEW COVER--Same content!!)

I want to sincerely thank you both for sending me the book *Created To Be His Help Meet*. We have experienced such tenderness, intimacy, and goofy laughter these past couple of weeks since receiving your book. I have long wanted to have a truly heavenly marriage, but failed to see that it is not how much I clean, how well I cook, how consistently I discipline the boys, or how nice I am to my husband. What you have helped me understand is where God has placed me and, most importantly, how I am to function within that role. Now I have found the great peace, love, harmony, and affection that I so desperately wanted with my husband.

I know that you guys are busy, but I just wanted to let you know that Debi's book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*, helped me as a new wife. I just got married to my husband in June, and we struggled for a month or so. But after reading your book, I had a whole new outlook, and I am pleased to say we are both doing much better and still fully in love! Thank you so much for writing such a blessed book! -Casey

... a response to "One Upset Lady." I feel so sorry for her, she has no idea what great joy this book has brought into my life and my husband's. I am not a rug on the floor for him to walk on, but a help meet, and we have more fun together, laugh together, talk together, share together, than we ever did before. I love my new life, and every woman I've shared this book with says the same thing (though one couple has admitted that at times they wanted to burn it!). I told my husband, these are the best years of all our 41 years together. I absolutely LOVE our new life.

My wife read (and is re-reading) and APPLIES *Created To Be His Help Meet*. She thanks you, and I thank you! (What an "eye opener"! I just wanted to

California givers & artists

Thank you for coming and preaching to us.

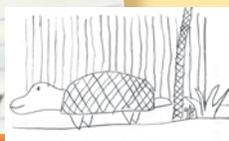
Niklanna Kornoff age 9

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl
I earned this money for you. This money is to use when there is a need. May God Bless you.

Niklanna Kornoff age 9

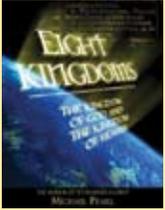
Dear Mr. Mrs. Pearl
you are doing a good job for Jesus and God. you helped my Momma and Poppa Learn the ways of God and Jesus. Here is some money for you. I earn this money by pulling weeds. use it for books for a poor family. I am excited to see you.

Love
Taybella Kornoff age 7



say how blessed I have been from reading *Created To Be His Help Meet*. I have given it to everyone I know, and I have to say that this book is the closest to the Bible truth compared to all the other ones I have read.

I have actually read *Created To Be His Help Meet* three times, and I love it! Please tell Debi thank you for writing it, and her husband for helping her. I praise the Lord for them, and you. It is such a good book. I probably will read it again and again.



Eight Kingdoms

Thanks so much for writing the book *Eight Kingdoms*! Through an interesting set of circumstances, I was led to purchase a copy of your book, and I'm so glad I did. Your book cleans up so much confusion and is answering so many of my questions. Your books have been an answer to my prayer of wanting to understand the Bible better.



TTUAC

A friend of mine introduced me to your ministry a few months ago, and my home has been so very blessed. My husband has been grateful for your ministry because I have become a better help meet to him. We are also using *To Train Up A Child* with our son who will be two years old this Thursday. We often receive compliments about his good behavior. I decided to go ahead and order 8 copies of this book so I will have a ready copy to give away next time a frazzled mom asks how I get my son to mind me so well. To God be the Glory for your ministry.

After dealing with a less than perfect 8-year-old about loading and unloading the dishwasher on an every meal basis, I was so exasperated one day that I prayed, "God please help to come up with something that will help him and ME!" Then an idea came to me: If he does not unload the dishwasher, BEFORE he eats, he will not eat! My husband was on-board with the idea, so he told our son, "The Bible says, if a man does not work, he does not eat!" What brilliance! Let me just say, the boy has not missed a meal, and the dishwasher gets done WITHOUT him being asked! Thank you for your encouragement and reminding us to be creative, and biblical! You are a blessing!

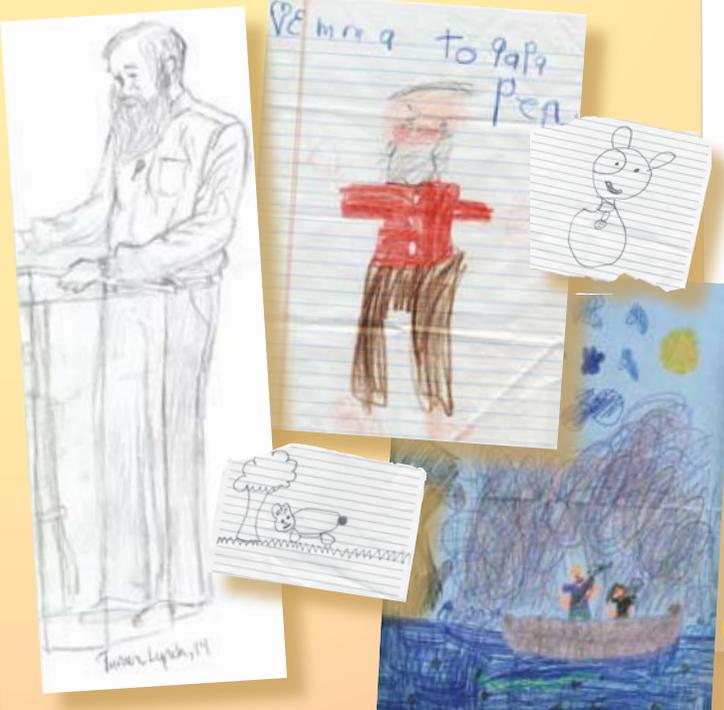


COOKBOOK REMINDER!!

In the last issue of our magazine we featured an Amish cookbook called *Cane Creek Cooking*. To purchase the book, please send \$18 and your name and address to:

Judith Stoll
899 Miller Road
Pleasantville, TN 37033

This is not an NGJ item.



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**

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**

CHILD TRAINING 101

This message takes the viewer back to the basics. If you want to introduce child-training principles to a friend, this professionally-produced DVD will make a great impact.

NEW!

1 DVD **2007-75** **\$12.95**

KNIFE AND TOMAHAWK THROWING FOR FUN

Michael Pearl demonstrates and teaches knife and tomahawk throwing.

NEW!

1 DVD **5300-75** **\$16.95**

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

This is a great book. I was able to understand more of what the Bible actually says to the people that read it. It's captivating from the start. I couldn't put it down. After I finished it I had more understanding of the word than I ever had before.



It's great for a person like me. I have a problem keeping my mind at attention. So it was to keep me focused and it did just that. From start to finish. Thank you very much for such a great book. Sincerely, Jeremy

the Kumboi village, Rebekah writes and sings songs about her God. She accompanies herself on a classical guitar.

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

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**

Jumping Ship DVD
1 DVD **4940-75** **\$12.95**

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**

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY

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ing presentation are hundreds of video clips and photos that help illustrate his message.

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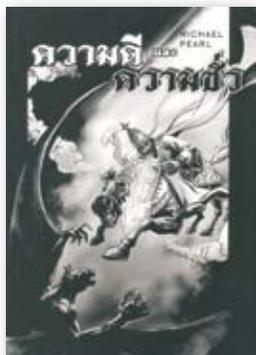
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