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

III John 4



Many Thanks!

Your ministry has made such a difference in my family. We are not “there yet”, but people used to shake their heads at my son’s antics and rebellion when he was four. He’s seven now and they ask what I do to get him to be such a great kid!! My teenage daughter used to feel like I was the enemy, but now we are best friends! And I’m even training the 8 month old! Hubby is much happier as well. I just tell everyone who asks, “It’s the Pearls, you have to read the Pearls”. I thought you guys were so mean at first but you know, mean is what we parents are when we raise selfish, untrained children. Again, we have not arrived, but I want to share the light we do have with everyone! ~Thanks & God Bless, Shana

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the Gift of Wisdom

BY SHALOM BRAND

James 1:5-6

Have you ever prayed something like, “Thank you, Lord, for this day; please give me **wisdom** and **understanding** to do your will,” and then went on with your day, never thinking twice about the implications of that prayer? Me, too, until late one evening when my young daughter helped me see God’s divine answer to her prayers.

“Tell me a story I never, never heard,” said Gracie. This is the same line I hear from my two small girls every day, but especially at bedtime. Just a few nights ago, as I was putting my girls, ages 4 and 1, to bed, I started telling a story that Gracie had never heard. I told her that when I was a young girl, I started praying and asking God to give me wisdom so that I could be a good girl; and I had often asked God to give me the wisdom to choose the right man to marry so my children would have a good daddy. This really grabbed Gracie’s interest. “What is wisdom, Mama?”

I was delighted to answer, “Wisdom is the understanding of how and why to make good decisions, like when you are playing with Laila (her baby sister) and she knocks **your** blocks down. It is having wisdom that will help you respond correctly because of her very young age.”

Her youthful eyes searched mine as she asked, “Where do you get wisdom?”

Isn’t this the very question every parent wants their child to ask? Isn’t this what every parent hopes all their children will seek and then find? “Wisdom is a gift from God, Gracie. The Bible says that all you have to do is ask, and God will give it to you. It is a free gift.”

Gracie’s smile was infectious. “A GIFT!” She wanted to ask God for wisdom right then. We closed our eyes to pray. Her prayer that night was not just the generic, “Lord, help me sleep good.” My little girl prayed, “Lord, please, please, please, give me wisdom and understanding. Amen.”

I thought, *how cute*, and kissed her good night. The next morning we started our day as always, only this time, it went more smoothly than usual. I stopped my work to tell Gracie how good she was being. Every time something came up between her and Laila, she handled it like a grown-up. She was not just backing off and letting Laila have her own ‘little one-year-old selfish way’. She would very calmly tell Laila, “No”. And then, she admonished her baby sister, “Say, Yes, Laila.”

Halfway through the morning, it finally dawned on *‘my lack of faith adult mind’* what was happening. Gracie was experiencing the promised supernatural gift from God called **Wisdom**! It was God’s promised gift that was causing my 4-year-old to answer her sister with such sobriety. After all, God did say that all you have to do is ask. Who said God would not give wisdom to a four-year-old? When I spontaneously began to laugh with thanksgiving and joy, Gracie wanted to know what had made me

laugh. So I explained to Gracie that God had blessed her with the gift of wisdom, which in turn had made me very happy.

She did not see what all the fuss was about. She responded, “I know, Mama, because I asked him for it, **remember?**”

I continued to watch her throughout the day, and, sure enough, she was still the wonderful little rascal that she always is. But when it came to handling Laila, she was incredible. She has been telling all her friends about wisdom, and that she is asking God for it. She also explains, “It’s a gift. All you have to do is ask God, and he will give it to you. He promised!”

A Special Day

BY MICHAEL PEARL



Yesterday was a Spring day to remember, a gift from God, unseasonably warm, more appreciated because it came after a long cold spell of ice and freezing rain. One week it was very winterish, and the next was all brilliant yellow buttercups and white-blossomed plum and Bartlett pear trees. It was one of those windy 72 degree days in the hills of Tennessee that always provoke me to say (tongue in cheek, of course,) “This is a bad winter day in the Millennium.”

But this day was made more special by the children present. I was out applying composted manure and hay to the garden and disking it all in, getting it ready for planting potatoes, cabbages, and onions. When I reached the end of my row where I turn to make another pass, I looked across the yard and was blessed by the most beautiful sight. Not too far away, my wife was working in the herb garden, with several kids, none older than four years, working and playing around her. They were pulling weeds and placing stones. One was digging in the sand pile. The warm wind stirred their hair and clothes. They were having more fun than most people have in a month.

Beyond them, I could see several more kids playing on the swings and slides. I could hear them squealing with delight as they swung so high that the chain went slack. Further on, I saw two more kids dragging their plastic kiddie cars to the top of the steep concrete drive. I stopped to watch, hoping that someone would come out and rescue them before they did what it looked like they were going to do. But no, they mounted their red and blue vehicles and simultaneously shoved off down the hill, screaming their exuberance with the prospect of winning the race. The little three-year-old boy beat the five-year-old girl to the bottom. She lost control and veered off onto the grassy bank where her ‘race car’ slowed. The little fellow jumped out and started dragging his plastic race car back to the top. He was the champ. But I could see that the girl wasn’t a bit daunted. She dragged her car out of the grass and raced to the top to try it all again. More fun!

Two of the kids were my grandchildren, but the others were a various assortment of No Greater Joy workers’ children and three children of a visiting missionary. At the time I didn’t take note, but as I write this I recall that the kids represented Shem, Ham, and Japheth—the complete spectrum of all the races. (You remember the sons of Noah and the division of the races at that time, don’t you?) Three of the kids were black, three were oriental, and two were Caucasian, friends all.

My wife noted my tractor paused in its rounds and looked up to see what I was doing. I let out a joyous whoop and waved a hallelujah greeting before turning my Kubota tractor back into the warm wind and lowering the disk into the black, organic soil. I had to thank God and rejoice that this moment of deep pleasure is just a foretaste of the glory that is yet to come during the Millennium in the kingdom of Christ.

As I continued my disking across the garden, I recalled the passage Brother Davidson read during our wedding so many years ago, suggesting that we claim this promise for our own. And we did!

Deut. 28: 2 And all **these blessings shall come on thee**, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. 3 **Blessed shalt thou be in the city**,



and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. **5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. 7** The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. **8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto....**

Wow! God's promise has become our testimony. The passage says it so well, and Deb and I have certainly been overtaken by blessings. We have lived in the city and been blessed, and have lived in the fields and hills and been blessed. We have been blessed when we come in and when we go out, when we lie down and when we rise up. Our God took charge of heaven's storehouse of blessings and "commanded the blessings upon" us.

Our sons have been "**as plants grown up in their youth**", and "**our daughters as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace**" (Psalm 144:12).

My wife has been "as a fruitful vine by the sides of [my] house." **My children are "like olive plants round about [my] table."** We have seen our "**children's children, and peace**" has been upon us (Psalm 128:3).

It's not too late to claim this promise for yourself and your children right now.

"The LORD shall increase you more and more," you and your children.

"Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 115:14-15).

You can still say, "I and my children are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth." Do it right now.

Jesus loves little children in a special way, from the moment they are conceived. The disciples, like many adults today, thought that children get in the way of "adult" worship. If you are concerned about children getting in the way of "your" worship, very likely God is not paying attention to your worship anyhow. Jesus said, "**Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God**" (Luke 18:16). Think about it, the kingdom of God is not constructed of brick and wood and padded pews. It is constructed of children—"of such is the kingdom of God".

Jesus spoke of departed children; I suppose those who died before reaching a state of accountability—that would include all aborted babies and those stillborn or who died from disease early in life. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That **in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven**" (Matthew 18:10). Like a small child looks into the face of his mother, soliciting a smile, or pleading for attention, the angel presence of little children look into the Father's face, and he looks back. Rejoice, for your little ones who have gone on are not lonely or sad; they are being babysat by God the Father.

Speaking of the coming reign of Christ over the earth, the prophet observed, "**And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof**" (Zechariah 8:5). Every day in the Millennium is going to be better than the best of our moments here on earth. The curse will be lifted from nature. The prophet Isaiah said of that time, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down



with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and **a little child shall lead them**. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:6-9). Can't you just

see it? Jesus surrounded by little children playing—aborted children, children killed in war, children taken by disease, every nationality and race, from every age, all growing to maturity in the Kingdom of Christ? Children still nursing (suckling child) playing in the hole of what was formerly known as a deadly serpent, but without harm. Thinking on what the prophet said, I can visualize a small child walking down a sidewalk in a peaceful neighborhood, leading his pet lion past sleeping sheep and cows. The lion spies a meal and runs over to take a big bite out of someone's lawn. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Bring it on! I won't mind seeing my grandkids grown to maturity in the Kingdom of Christ.

In the meantime, we fathers need to be like Abraham. God chose him to be the father of a great nation for one virtue that he exercised. God said of him, “For I know him, **that he will command his children and his household after him**, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (Genesis 18:19).

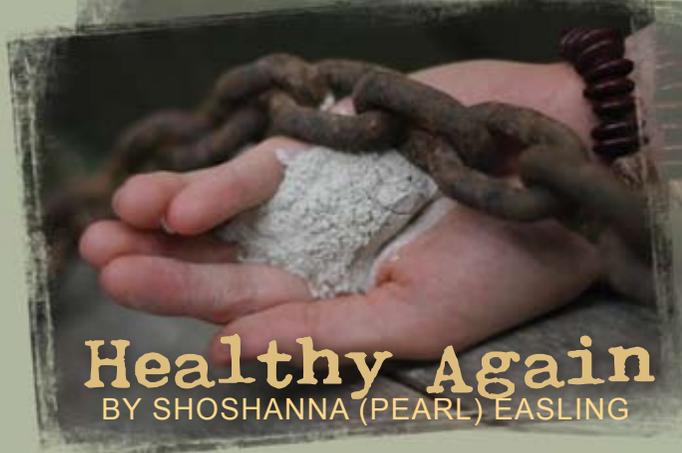
On the day of Pentecost, Peter spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, “For the **promise is unto you, and to your children**, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:39). Don't leave the children out. God had them in mind when he gave the Holy Spirit to his people, which is why we have taught our children about God at the same time they were learning the difference between a boy and a girl and between Mama and Daddy. “And that **from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

Isaiah asked the question and then answered it. “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little” (Isaiah 28:9-10).

The Lord Jesus Christ so identifies with children that he said when we receive a child in his name we receive him (Matthew 18:5).

So don't waste your time on adults or adult church. Did you hear about the time Jesus was invited to speak in a big urban church on Sunday morning? The church was packed out early. At 10:30 he was not there, so they started the singing without him. At 11:15, when the preaching was supposed to start, Jesus still had not showed. The people were greatly disappointed, because he had promised to come and minister. The preacher left the platform and went back to his office to get the letter of acceptance. Yes, the date and time were correct. How could the sovereign God, who knows all, make a prior commitment and then fail to keep it? The preacher delivered an old sermon and let the congregation out at 12:00 as usual. When the parents went by the children's church to get their kids, they heard the greatest hilarity going on. When they looked in, there was Jesus putting on a skit for the kids. The pulpit committee approached him afterward and expressed their disappointment at his failure to show. Jesus responded, “I was on time, and I ministered to the church just as I said, and they ministered to me—for of such is the kingdom of God.”





Healthy Again

BY SHOSHANNA (PEARL) EASLING

A few years ago my husband and I moved into a house infested with black mold in it—but we couldn't see it and didn't know it was there. In a short time, we both started getting sick. At first we just thought our immune systems were run down, but three months later I was in the hospital with my heart hurting. Long story short, we did not get better overnight. I tried many things. We even tried a diet for three months of no sugar, no grains, no yeast, and no dairy. We ate wild meat, organic vegetables, and, later in the diet, added some organic fruit. We felt better while we were on the diet, but after we stopped, I started getting sick again. I did some more research and found that a person's body can hold metals and will hold them more often if your immune system is down. Having large amounts of metals in your body can be fatal. That is when I started using Sodium Bentonite Clay.

When bentonite clay is taken into one's body, metals and toxins are drawn into the 'sponge' through electrical attraction and bonding.

Bentonite clay is made up of a high number of tiny platelets with negative electrical charges on their flat surfaces and positive charges on their edges. When bentonite clay absorbs water it swells up to anywhere from double to triple its size; in other words, it is stretched open like a highly porous sponge. When bentonite clay is taken into one's body, metals and toxins are drawn into the 'sponge' through electrical attraction and bonding. I had tried many detoxes in the past, but they all made me too sickly. My body could not handle the flush of toxins that my body discharged so suddenly. So how was this detox different? Bentonite clay does not flush toxins into the liver and kidneys; it absorbs them. It has a high astringent quality. I read that if you take a bentonite clay bath, depending on how much metal you have in your body, the clay will darken and get a little slimy. If you are highly toxic, the clay will turn black and tar-like.

I mixed 2½ lbs of the clay into a hot bath. I drank lots of water before and throughout my bath. I was sweating as I rubbed the clumps of undissolved clay against my skin, being careful to get clay on all my glands (armpits, neck, crotch, behind the knees, etc.). After 20 to 30 minutes of soaking, I got out, but left the water in. I let it sit for a few hours until the clay settled. Then I drained off the water and wiped up the very dark, slimy clay out of the tub.

This worked very well to help with my problem, but it was very time-consuming. Later, after much more research, I compounded an internal cleanser mixture with bentonite clay, active charcoal, bilberries, fiber and small amounts of other ingredients, which I call Detox+. This was my turning point.

It is best to drink bentonite on an empty stomach at least one hour before or after meals. If drinking it is too much for you, bentonite powder can also be encapsulated. Fiber helps the bentonite do its job better while getting the toxins out quicker. I started with one tablespoon of my bentonite clay compound daily, mixed with a small amount of juice. I paid attention to the results for a week, then gradually increased the dosage to no more than 4 tablespoons daily, in divided doses. As my body "cleaned house," it started healing itself. All of sudden, the supplements I had been taking started working again.

My body had been so overloaded with metals and toxins that it could not heal itself; now it does. I hope this helps you as it did for me. I am not a doctor and cannot advise or prescribe any treatment for you. Consult your physician, and do your own research before taking anything internally.

For the sodium bentonite clay (loose clay and capsules) and my Detox+ go to **BulkHerbStore.com** or write to us at **Bulk Herb Store, 26 W. 6th Ave. Lobelville, TN 37097** or call us at **877-278-4257**.

I love to learn and teach others what I've discovered. For more about herbs and remedies, check out my video, **Making Herbs Simple** at: **BulkHerbStore.com**

In a previous article I characterized the teaching of Bill Gothard in a manner that is not representative of his views. He graciously called to inform me of his position. I asked him to document his views in a letter to me. Here is Bill Gothard's letter in its entirety.



Seminar in Basic Youth Conflicts Institute in Basic Life Principles

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Dear Michael,

I appreciated our phone conversation a few days ago, and I am happy to clarify and expand on the points that we talked about.

WHEN IS A FAMILY ESTABLISHED?

I was pleased to learn from your recent article, "The Balanced Patriarch," that you and your wife were able to attend a Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar in the early 1970s. That seminar was born out of the Biblical concept to turn "the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). (See also Luke 1:17.)

In this seminar, we explain that a man is to leave his father and mother when he gets married and is no longer under their authority. (See Matthew 19:5.) However, many husbands are not prepared or equipped for the challenges that they are going to face in their marriage and family. Therefore, we encourage them to get as much counsel as they can from wise and Godly sources, including parents and parents-in-law, because "in the multitude of counselors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

Also, it is Scriptural for every man to be accountable to older, Godly men: "Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (I Peter 5:5). Your question on the authority of a father is answered in a booklet titled Pavilions of Protection, which I am sending you under separate cover.

WHAT DAMAGES A FATHER'S LEADERSHIP?

Whenever a father asks for counsel regarding a rebellious son or daughter, one of my first questions is "Do you have a problem with anger?" Almost every dad says, "Yes." In talking with groups of young people, I ask them the same question, and almost all of them acknowledge that their fathers have a problem with anger. I know of nothing that destroys the spirit of a marriage or a dad's relationship with his children faster than anger. Many of these fathers have gone through counseling and seminars and still continue to have the problem. Recently, we have discovered a major cause of this anger.

Most men have painful memories of hurts in the past or memories of things that they did to hurt others. If they did not respond by forgiving their offenders or by asking forgiveness for their offenses, they became vulnerable to Satan's lies, such as "You are stupid" or "You'll never amount to anything" or "People are out to hurt you." All these experiences and the lies that go with them are filed away in the heart and mind of that young man. In the future, when someone tells him that he has done something stupid, or he is frustrated, or he feels like a failure, all the pain and guilt of the past flares up in anger.

We have found that by helping dads transform these painful memories by applying the commands of Christ, they are able to experience victory over anger, as well as to overcome guilt, lust, bitterness, greed, fear, and envy. For more information, please visit www.lifepurposehealth.com.

WHAT IS A PATRIARCHAL FAMILY?

God has given three law systems to mankind. The first was given to one family, Adam and Eve. The second was given to Israel, the law of Moses. The third was given to all nations, the commands of Christ. All three are referred to by Jesus in Matthew 19 when He discusses divorce. This is important, because if we base our teaching on the family only on the Old Testament patriarchal model, we will run into problems with Jesus' teaching on the family in the New Testament. Under the Mosaic law, the nation of Israel was not to have social interaction with other nations, and everything in their society was built around the

family. In the New Testament, we are to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all nations, and this is to be the priority of every family member.

A true patriarchal family understands that they are the spiritual seed of Abraham and are therefore heirs of the promise God gave him, along with its responsibilities. “Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham” (Galatians 3:7–9). We are to bless all nations by giving them the glorious Gospel of Christ, which encompasses all of His commands. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19–20).

WHAT IS A KINGDOM FAMILY?

“Absolute loyalty” to the family is a key factor of an out of balance patriarchal family model. However, as He did so often with various aspects of the Ten Commandments and the Mosaic law, Jesus explained a higher precedent affecting family loyalties when He was told, “Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee” (Matthew 12:47). Jesus answered, “Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:48–50).

This is not to take away from the need for sons and daughters to honor and obey their parents, especially in regard to standards and choice of a marriage partner, nor is it to diminish the need for parents to train up sons and daughters to be Godly ambassadors of truth. In these matters, there must be a higher loyalty to the Lord than to the family. Jesus taught this when He said: “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:34–37).

WHY DO TEENS TURN AGAINST STANDARDS?

Why are young people who have been trained up in a Godly home and kept from the corrupting influences of the world suddenly deciding to reject their upbringing and adopt the standards and ways of the world?

There are many contributing factors. However, I believe that a foundational reason is that young people have not been trained in how to lead people to Christ and to disciple them with the commands of Christ. I have asked thousands of homeschooled young people, “How many of you have led someone to Christ?” In response, only a few hands have been raised. This is shocking! When Christian young people have no “labor and travail” over the spiritual birth and growth of others, they see no real reasons for higher standards. Disciples expect and even demand higher standards of those who are teaching them the ways of God.

It was his concern for the spiritual well-being of his disciples that motivated Paul to set aside his own personal freedoms in Christ. He declared, “Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (I Corinthians 8:13).

One of the ways that we have found to remedy this deficiency is by having teams of young people go on a ten-day Journey to the Heart. They learn how to love God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then they are shown how to lead others to Christ and to disciple them in the commands of Christ. Almost all of the 1,400 who have completed a Journey so far have had a life-changing experience.

HOW DO PARENTS MAKE CHILDREN THEIR “IDOLS?”

About five months ago, a distraught father asked for counsel regarding the conflicts in his family. He feared for the physical safety of his two daughters because of the anger of their mother. When the daughters were released by the father for ministry outside the home, they quickly recovered from the abusive home atmosphere and their mother had an opportunity to reevaluate her relationship with them.

A month later, the mother asked her daughters to forgive her for her anger. Then she revealed a powerful insight that has transformed her thinking. She realized she was expecting things from her daughters that only God could give her, such as approval, security, and fulfillment. When we expect things from people that only God can give us, we make them our idols, and we cannot love our idols, because this love is based on getting from them rather than giving to them.

SHOULD DAUGHTERS GIVE THEIR HEARTS TO THEIR DADS?

When I first heard the concept of a daughter giving her heart to her dad for safekeeping until she got married, it sounded like a good idea. It was certainly far better than giving parts of her heart to different boyfriends and then having very little left for her future husband.

However, there is a major factor that this concept overlooks and, as a result, we are now seeing serious breakdowns. Several fathers have acknowledged that they do not really know what to do with their daughters' hearts, and other daughters who have given their hearts to their fathers are deeply hurt and disillusioned when their fathers fail in their walk with God or their attitudes toward them.

We must return to the first and greatest commandment, which is to give our whole hearts to our heavenly Father. Then we are to dedicate our bodies to Him and yield our members as instruments of righteousness so that He can love others through us. It is then no longer a matter of trying to love God, parents, marriage partner, children, or others with our love, but rather it is a matter of allowing God to love them through us with His perfect love.

SHOULD DAUGHTERS BE “KEEPERS AT HOME” OR SEEKERS OF GOD’S KINGDOM?

A family who is following Christ must make it their first priority to seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness. Each family member should look for ways to advance God's Kingdom by living out His commands and teaching them to others. The new emphasis on daughters being “keepers at home” is based on Titus 2. This instruction is clearly written to wives and mothers: “to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:4–5).

There is a great need for fathers to protect their daughters, especially from going out of the home for education or jobs that would influence them to reject what they have learned from Scripture. However, to say that this passage prohibits a father from sending out an older daughter for ministry outside the home is both unscriptural and impractical. It is creating major problems, as evidenced by the overwhelming response to your recent articles.

Some who promote this teaching state that even though the passage is written to married women, it is wise for older daughters to also learn how to be a “keeper at home.” This is fine. However, it is one thing to learn how to be a “keeper at home” and another matter to be required to be one to the exclusion of ministry outside the home. By such a requirement, they make no practical distinction between a married woman and a single adult daughter. However, Scripture makes a clear distinction between these two: “There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband” (I Corinthians 7:34).

God compares children to arrows in the hand of a mighty man. (See Psalm 127:4.) A mighty warrior does not keep his arrows in his house. He carefully sends them out on important missions and then retrieves them for the next assignment. This should be the pattern of incremental release so that both sons and daughters can do great exploits for God and have a passion for God's Kingdom, which they can then instill in their sons and daughters when they do get married.



There are many more factors that should be discussed on this very important issue, but I trust that these points will be a help to parents who are courageously going against the tide of our culture and want more than anything else to raise up sons and daughters who are mighty in God's Spirit.

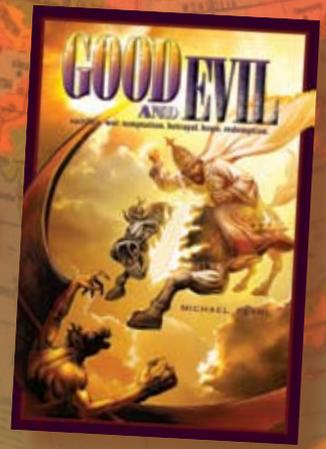
Through Christ our Lord,

Bill Gothard, PhD

President, Institute in Basic Life Principles

The *Good and Evil* Translation Project Moves Forward with 2 New Opportunities!

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC,
GENERAL MANAGER



DVD Project: To those that have joined NGJ in the translation of the *Good and Evil* illustrated Bible Storybook into over 25 languages worldwide we extend a heartfelt thank you. And to those of you that haven't but want to, it is not too late! The project continues with another 40 languages in the works.

The video production of the *Good and Evil* project is getting closer to completion. The promo video introducing this new phase will be available for download on the NGJ website June 15, 2009. This professionally produced, high quality video presents how NGJ plans to use this medium to help missionaries present the Gospel, just like the printed version does, by telling the story of God's dealing with mankind chronologically as it is told in the Bible. If you want to be a part of this exciting new evangelism endeavor, watch the video and join NGJ in helping the *Good and Evil* Translation Project move forward.

Five Language Project: We have received numerous calls from many individuals requesting *Good and Evil* color in another language to be used for ministry. Currently we have inventory in English and Spanish that we sell as well as use for ministry purposes. The sales of *Good and Evil* books help support the large ministry portion that *Good and Evil* represents.

We would like to print 10,000 of each language of *Good and Evil* color in five languages other than English and Spanish for sales and ministry in the U.S. The cost from top to bottom on this project is about \$190,000, which is well more than we have available at this time. To create an economy of scale with the printers we will have to print and pay for all five languages at the same time.

There are churches and missionary organizations that minister to specific ethnic groups. If you have ministry opportunities with any of the groups below that you feel may have interest in helping us fund part or all of their language group, have them call me directly.

If you feel you want to be a part of this special project, let us know. All gifts small and large are greatly appreciated for this important project.

Write the language you wish to fund in the memo section of your check and we will designate your amount to that language. Call Mel at 931 593-2484 or contact Mel through email at mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org for more information.

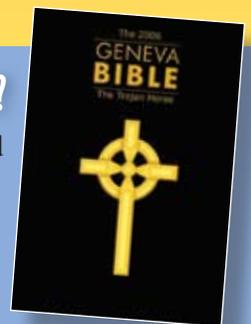
Five of these languages are being considered: Arabic, Chinese, French, Korean, German, Portuguese, and Russian.

To know Him and make Him known.

Is it safe to trust the Geneva Bible?

The author states: Recently a Bible has been promoted as the "1599 Geneva Bible" when, in fact, it is not. Unsuspecting Bible believers may be deceived into thinking it is safe to read and study from the "Grandfather" of the King James Bible. It isn't.

There are many interesting bits of knowledge about the 2006 Geneva Bible exposed in this book and Michael highly recommends this great little read. By Dr. Samuel C. Gipp, Ph.D. **\$5.95**



The Heart of a Joyful Mom

JENNIFER (STEELE) CARROLL



The first time I heard it was at college. I am sure we were supposed to be studying, but Rachel, my good friend, and I were casually talking, surrounded by dozens of books, papers, assignments, pieces of sheet music, leftover coffee cup sleeves, one laptop, and a keyboard.

“We were having a family discussion one night around the dinner table,” she was saying, “and someone brought up the question, ‘Who is the happiest person you know?’ The vote was unanimous. Everyone decided it was Cathy Steele.”

The thought surprised me. Not because my mom isn’t a happy person; she is. The thought surprised me because my mom never strived to be the ‘happiest person’, nor would she put on a plastic smile “just because”. She truly carries the joy of the Lord with her at all times, but when we were young, and because it was always lived out before us as a normal way of life, we never saw it as out of the ordinary. After all, wasn’t this the way it was supposed to be? Mom cheered for us. Mom looked at a difficult situation and saw the good in it. Mom laughed. Mom praised our efforts. Mom smiled. Mom was our friend. In our small minds, through all those growing-up years, the idea was quietly, firmly established in our thinking and reinforced countless times that joy was a way of life because of what Jesus Christ had done for us, and that relationships would blossom and flourish when plentifully watered with it.

When people would ask my mom, “Why are you so happy all the time?” she would often reply, “I am just so grateful to be saved! Think of what Christ has done for us!”

My mom didn’t have anything like *Created To Be His Help Meet* when she got married. It wasn’t printed until decades later. She, from a radically different background, stepped into her role of being a wife and mother by revering and following the Word of God. Through the years, she formulated habits that served as crucial fibers for the fabric of our family. These are just a few of them.

She spoke of Dad respectfully, and joyfully served him.

She made a habit of telling us things like, “Daddy just got a raise!” or “Ask Daddy, he knows how” or “No, Daddy told you not to, and Mommy always supports what Daddy says”. She spoke well of him to us and to our friends. She chose to cook meals that she knew he liked. She let him have “down time” when he came home from work, not badgering him with honey-do lists or complaints about how hard her day was. She smiled for him.

When she had to sacrifice herself, her preferences, or her time, she chose joyful selflessness.

In our family of eight, there were often things that conflicted with scheduled plans. She was always the first one to offer to stay home with one of us sick kids, drive someone



...her children rise up and call her blessed..." Prov 31:30

to a football game instead of going to that special dinner with her friends, or take one of us shopping who desperately wanted to go, even when shopping was not her favorite thing to do. One year in particular, she saved all her money from a home business and surprised Dad and the rest of us by spending it on a family vacation to Florida. We were too young to think anything like, "There are so many things she could have bought for herself with that money, but she chose us." All we knew was that we were excited and happy, because Mom was.

When circumstances were stressful, or money was tight, she responded with joyful creativity and thankfulness for what we did have.

I never heard her compare what she had to what someone else had. I never heard her sigh, "If only..." She is an incredibly hard worker, and loves to exercise her gift of resourcefulness. I remember her coming into the house all excited one day because, "The people down the road are building their house, and said we could have their leftover bricks! We can make a sidewalk with those!" You would have thought they were bricks of gold. She was so happy and so thankful about everything; it really got to be contagious, even if none of us had any previous knowledge about laying brick sidewalks. She always praised Dad for being such a good provider for us, and respected the work he did.

When she was hurt, she chose joyful forgiveness.

I remember, as a little girl, perceiving when 'Mommy' was down or hurt over something. But it never lasted for long! Before you knew it, she was talking as cheerfully as ever, or suggesting something fun to do. We never had to wonder, "What kind of a day is Mommy going to have?" It wasn't even a question in our minds. We felt peaceful and stable, because Mom was.

She did not spend her time entertaining herself, but joyfully invested in our lives.

If you want to know where you will find my Mom, it will be with Dad or one of us. She has constantly poured out her time, energy, love, skills, knowledge, patience, and prayers on our behalf, even when circumstances were extreme. On one occasion, the college house I was living in had a cat take up residence underneath the house and infest the place with fleas. We did what we could, but they kept coming back. We were all exhausted with our recitals, tests, and deadlines coming up, and were at a loss for what to do. Mom found out about it, told us she was coming, and drove over two hours to get there. She treated the carpets and bedspreads, washed all of our laundry, swept and vacuumed everywhere, opened windows to air out the place, put everything back in order, took us to lunch, and drove back home, all in the same day. The fleas didn't stand a chance!

She freely blessed us to expand our horizons and joyfully let us go, even when it meant more work for her.

Through the years, several opportunities came up for me to travel and encourage other girls. The trips lasted anywhere from one week to two months. I am her oldest daughter and felt the responsibility to help around the house. But when the time came for another ministry opportunity, I never once received a guilt-trip discussion about all the work she would have to cover while I was gone, not to mention the continuation of homeschooling for the younger kids. She blessed me and encouraged me to go. She blessed my older brother, Joshua, leaving at the age of only sixteen to go on a mission trip to Hong Kong for two months. Other mothers questioned her "looseness" with the apron strings. But it was unspoken knowledge among all of us siblings that her blessing on our service to the Lord, regardless of where that happened to be, only made us want to serve and bless her more. We knew she was not selfishly possessive of us, and we loved her for it.

She gave us a legacy of joy that is now spilling over into our own marriages.

Recently, my sister and I entered the biggest adventure of our lives. We became help meets. We now step in stride with our husbands, laughing, playing, working, learning, observing, growing, and rejoicing with them. God has blessed us tremendously through Mom's example. We are joyfully fulfilled in our marriages, just like our mom, knowing that it is a privilege to respect and serve our husbands. Now that I am married, I fully realize what a heavenly gift she gave us.

She sent us out with joy.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace..." Isa. 55:12.

"...her children rise up and call her blessed..." Prov. 31:30.

I love you, Mom. Happy Mothers' Day.



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Dear Friend:

My name is David Vaughn and I am the Chaplain here at Vandalia Correctional. We have received several of your *Good and Evil* comic books over the past few months. Needless to say, these books have been a big hit here and have opened several doors to our Chapel ministry to men who may not have otherwise have ever been exposed to the message of the Gospel. Our inmate population of about 1,500 "turns-over" here about every 4 months since so many of our inmates have relatively short sentences to serve. So we are always in need of material for the men here, as well as our staff.

I am requesting more copies of the *Good and Evil* comic books - as many as you are able or led to provide. We have been blessed with partners like Dr. James Gills, Kenneth Copeland and Joyce Meyer Ministries, but as great as these ministries are, none are able to provide the kind of product that you can. Any and all help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Blessings, David Vaughn, Chaplain



Prison Thanks

I received the book *Good and Evil*. I wanted to thank the ministries very much. I brought it to church with me, and people were all over this book. It's very very nice. Thank you guys so much for blessing me with it. B. K.

Sweet First Year of Marriage

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

I know you get thousands of letters and because of that, I have put off writing this one but I can't seem to get it out of my mind to write to you, so I decided to just do it.

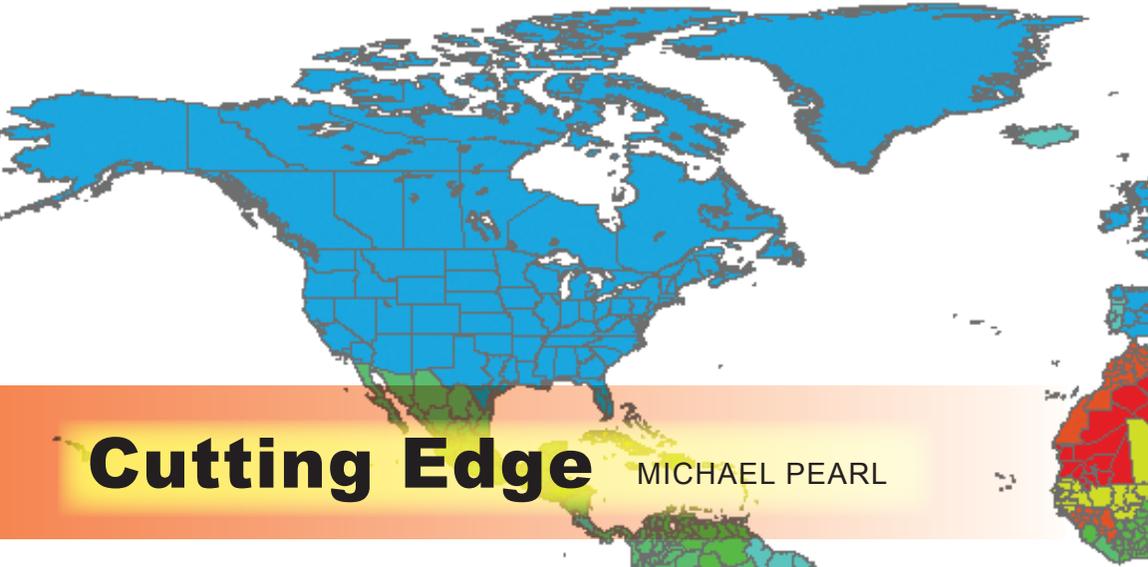
Basically this is a big thank you for taking time and effort to write *Created...* I am just married a year this month. I read your book several times before I was even courting. I wasn't one to be overly excited about marriage, although I believed God did have that for my life. Your book gave me something practical to grasp and hold onto, not just a dream or hope that my marriage someday could be sweet. Reading your book got me excited about marriage and I could look at it as my "calling from God" and you gave so many practical examples to carry it out! God brought my man to me when I was 27 years old and excited to fulfill God's plan for my life as a Help Meet. **This first year of marriage has been the sweetest year of my life.** Sure, it's been a time of learning and growing (sometimes by making mistakes), but I really feel like I was prepared.

So, I just want to thank you, Mrs. Pearl. Thank you for teaching me. I love being married — it's so beautiful. I know this is only our first year, and there will be many tests ahead, but I'm challenged to be armed and ready. **One thing that really stuck out to me each time I read your book is patterns. Patterns of thinking, acting, and speaking — and spirit. So, I keep reminding myself that I am in the beginning and am making patterns (or habits) for life.** It's exciting to have the privilege of being able to start out fresh. I enjoyed my single years and now, I'm called be a Help Meet to my precious husband. I'm at the beginning, and by God's Grace (which I so desperately need!!!) I can do it right. Praise God. OK, I won't take any more of your time. Really, though, thank you: thank you for speaking into my life — and helping me to see how to practically live out what God is calling me to. **Your book isn't just a help to wives who've been married for years — it's a help to newly married wives who need a vision and hope!** Thanks again Mrs. Pearl.

Respectfully and gratefully yours, Ann Marie

P.S. I think I'm married to Mr. Visionary (for the most part). We just got back from a 2 month trip which is 5 ½ weeks spent in African villages. We have changes coming up in our life, and the section you wrote about Mr. Visionary and the wife's response has been good preparation for my mind. "Go with the flow" — His flow, right? Praise the Lord! Oh you can pitch the picture when you're done with it. I just wanted you to see how happy we are.





Cutting Edge

MICHAEL PEARL

Just five hundred and fifty-four years ago, if you wanted a copy of the Bible, you had to hire a scribe to write it by hand and bind it. Can you imagine how many months or years it would take to produce just one Bible? When I was in high school, I hand-printed the 139th Psalm on a piece of sheepskin leather, very similar to that used by scribes during the Biblical era. It took me several days. My daughter still has it.

In 1439, when Gutenberg invented movable type and a mechanical printing press, his first major project was the Bible, completed in 1455. Gutenberg's printing technology spread rapidly throughout Europe. Christians were the first to see the potential and employed the new technology. Greek Bibles were printed as well as English ones. Knowledge became the domain of the many, instead of the wealthy few. Understanding garnered from the printed page turned on a light that had long been shaded from the common man.

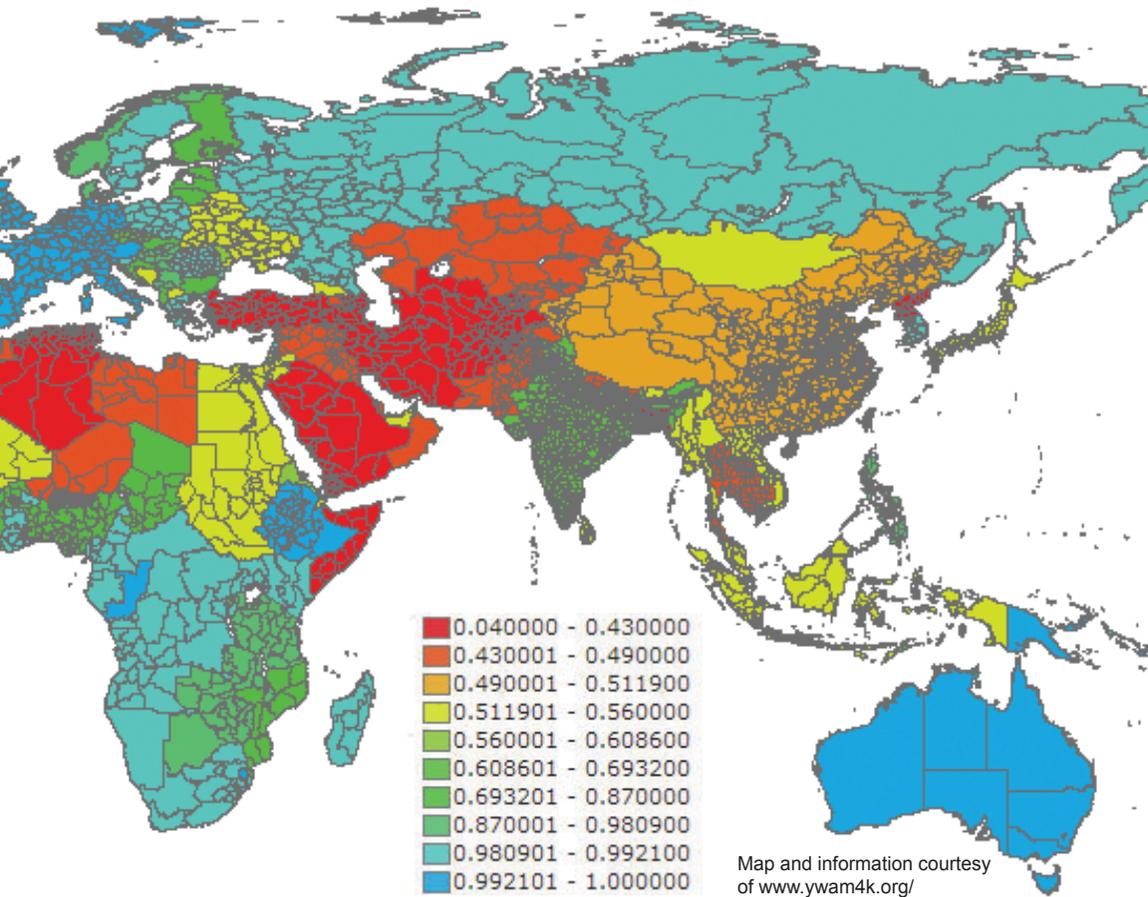
Seventy-eight years later, knowledge of the Bible had become more common, spawning the greatest revival of all time—the Protestant Reformation. Christians remained on the cutting edge, producing literature in abundance, sweeping Europe and America with literacy and knowledge of God, producing great waves of evangelism and Bible translations into languages of peoples who had never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Little changed until the invention of radio, when once again Christians saw the potential and employed the marvelous new technology to reach across this land into the most remote of places with good Bible teaching.

Then along came Thomas Edison and his invention of the light bulb, followed by his invention of the moving picture camera, capturing minds and imaginations, and in just a few decades along came a television into practically every home. At first Christians didn't see the need to employ the new methods of communication. When they did, it was sometimes laughable. I can remember watching "Christian movies" in church 40 years ago and wondering where they found such bad actors and boring story lines. Did you ever see "The Greatest Story Ever Told"? Jesus and the disciples looked like wax figures being slowly moved across the screen.

Twenty years ago no one had heard of "Desktop Publishing." It still cost a fortune to get something ready for print. And now, here we are, well into the twenty-first century, with unbelievable capabilities—computers, printers, the web, digital cameras, video editing and more.

Map key (right) indicates the number of Christians in each country. Red indicates the least, while blue indicates the most.



Fourteen years ago, this ole hillbilly, with no capital at all, borrowed \$2,000 from a relative and began a publishing ministry that now prints books in over 30 languages, with another 40 languages in the works. No Greater Joy Ministries is reaching millions of people around the world, including Muslims in Saudi Arabia and Iran. How can we do this? Cutting-edge technology.

I speak to 50 people on Sunday mornings, and before the week is out, thousands have listened to and viewed the message. In time, tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands will hear that one message from the Word of God.

I am not bragging, nor is it my purpose to give you the testimony of our ministry. I am asking a revolutionary question: Why is the church still confined to its expensive buildings, performing worship for the same crowd week after week, sending paltry sums to missionaries doing missions as usual, the way it was done 400 years ago? One man, at great expense, will go into a population of millions, and during his lifetime will never communicate with more than two or three thousand people.

Why has the church been so slow to embrace the modern mode of communication? Our presence should be dominating the digital space. Bible stories should be told by the best actors and with cutting-edge special effects. Countries like Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia should be flooded with the Christian message by means of Radio, Television, Newspapers, Magazines, Novels, DVDs, and Web Sites that dazzle the imagination—not at all forgetting Bibles and Christian literature in the language of the people. There is no reason why one mega church could not completely evangelize an entire Asian country in just one year. If all the Born-Again churches in America were to spend most of their money over a period of one year on

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evangelism, every soul on the planet would hear the gospel at least once, and most would be thoroughly inundated with the good news. The normal yearly gifts and offerings of 10,000 Christians could reach an entire Asian country—something we have never done in the history of the church. Instead of being the last with the least, we should be the first with the most.

Let us forget about building ministries and get back to building the kingdom instead. We have the tools. The church has the money. And we clearly have the commission to do so. **We just need the vision.**

Jesus told what must happen before he can return to the earth: “And the gospel must first be published among all nations” (Mark 13:10). Did you note the word “publish”? There are many ways to publish abroad the good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Let us avail ourselves of every conceivable method to the fullest—till he come.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

PSALM 2:8



What do you get when Islamic terrorists and White-Supremacists go up against a small group of Bible believers in the hills of East Tennessee?

Debi Pearl's newest book, **The VISION**, is a fast paced, emotionally charged love story between the industrious Asher and the beautiful Cheyenne, who, along with their friends, share a vision to reach the lost and dying world before fast approaching apocalyptic events make publishing the gospel impossible.

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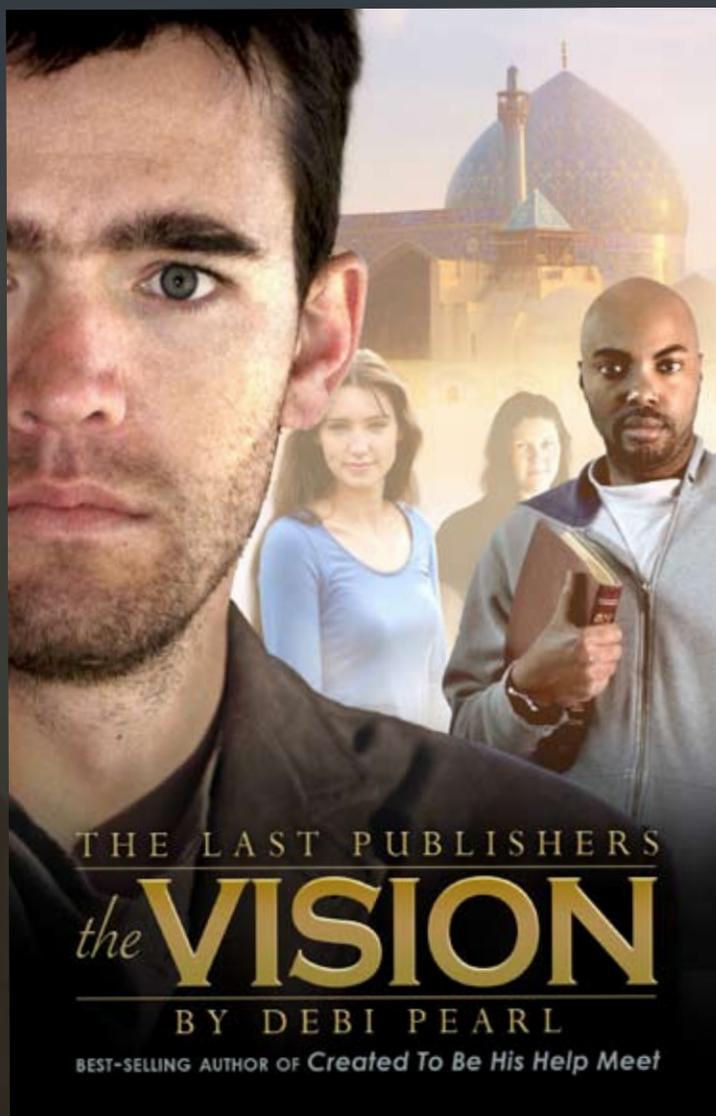
About the author:

Debi and her husband, Michael Pearl, are international best-selling authors. Their books have been translated into over 30 languages worldwide. They have five happily married children and a growing host of grandchildren. They, with the help of their children, author a free bi-monthly magazine which explores child training, marriage, Bible teaching, and natural healing. You are invited to visit them at: NoGreaterJoy.org and DebiPearl.com

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- Scariest of all... it is based on **truth**.
- It will drive you into the everlasting arms of God, our **refuge** from the storms that are surely coming.

husbands and wives in the making

BY SHALOM BRAND



When my husband began looking for a wife, he had already decided that he wanted to be married to a smile, and so that is what he went looking for. He found a smile when he met my mom, and so, with a little deduction, he knew her daughter was the girl for him. He reasoned, if the mother is happy, the daughters are likely to follow suit.

In raising my little girls, I am conscious of the need to produce smiling wives who will be stable, secure, strong, confident, happy, submissive, and full of life.

It is readily apparent in three-year-olds what kind of wife or husband they will become. It is a broader way of looking at training. But we are not content to just train them to sit still and be courteous and obedient, never interrupting adult conversation. More important, are we instilling the personality and character that will make them good wives and mothers?

As my husband and I were traveling this past summer, we met lots of wonderful, obedient children. But if you project their attitudes and temperaments into grown bodies, there weren't many that I would select as husbands for my daughters. It wasn't because they were mean or obnoxious. They were something even more distasteful—many were sweet, kind, and soft “mama's boys.” I know, some of you are about to say, “But that is how I wish my husband was; if he would just care more about my feelings or be more gentle, then I would be so much happier. I am going to make sure that I raise a son who will be loving and caring about a girl's feelings, and be willing to sit and listen and spend time talking with me.” I have seen a few men like that, and, oh yes, they are sweet to the point where you wonder if they truly are men. God created men to be men and women to be women, so let's take his cue and start raising men and women in the image which God intended them to be. That means mothers letting go and fathers stepping up to the plate.

I met many happy, beautiful young ladies while traveling, and they all said the same thing: “There are no men; just mama's boys, and who wants to be married to that?”

We met one family that had a son who was all over the place; he wanted to do it all. He was the only son in a houseful of women; his dad worked out of the house. Yet this boy was a man all the way, and even at that young age it was obvious that he will be a real man, a leader, kind and strong at the same time. That is what you need to be raising for my daughters, Gracie and Laila. He already manifests leadership qualities—most notably, manly dominance.

I observed as he and Gracie were playing. She got into the driver's seat of the play car. He told her that being the man, he was going to do the driving, but if she married him, he would give her a debit card. She readily agreed. Smart girl.

Every child I met was different. Some were shy. Some bold. Some weak, and some strong. We must be honest and objective in relating to our children. If your son is sensitive and caring, God can use him in some service or ministry that needs compassion. But do not let yourself cater to the sensitive and caring side of that child. Carefully and patiently steer him to be tough in order to be able to face the trials of life.

If your daughter is sensitive and gets her feelings hurt easily, starts coming to you for sympathy, complaining of ill treatment by others, just smile and say, "Well, that is his problem, not yours. We will try to help him have a better attitude."

Show your daughter how wonderful life is by being an example of joy and creativity. Treat your little boys like men, and expect manly responses. Don't demand that they be sensitive like girls.

If your daughter is not a servant by nature, you must give more time and attention in training her. Example is an indispensable teacher. When she sees you always serving Daddy, she will adopt your attitude.

It is sometimes hard for us as parents to see the weaknesses in our children. So never be afraid to ask a friend if they see something you are missing. My daughter will need a MAN in about eighteen years. I am particular. She will be too. So don't come knocking if you are not training up a boy in the way a man should go. ♥



TTUAC

I just wanted to write and let you know how much I appreciate your book *To Train Up a Child* and I look forward to reading more. I cannot tell you what a difference it has made. **I am happier and my kids are happier.** Also, my house is cleaner because the kids are behaving better. I now have more time to clean and not so much to clean because the kids do not make as much of a mess. My husband has noticed a difference even though he did not read all of the book.

Hello and thank you for all you do. We have read your books and watched your child training DVDs. They have helped us in so many areas.

Military Thanks

Aloha, dear NGJ folks!! Your materials blessed us so incredibly!! Thank you with all our hearts!! My husband has returned safely from Iraq and has just retired after 25 years of service. We pray your ministry will continue to reach and touch the lives of thousands of U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen & marines around the world & especially their families, waiting back home, where the days, weeks & months can feel like eternity. **Praise the Lord for your compassionate hearts & loving hands reaching out to our nation's military.** You are filling such a great void! by His grace, Walt & Katie Cheshire & children 8, Php. 1:3-6



How to Get Kids to Remember

BY MICHAEL PEARL

If you are a parent, hundreds of times you have stood in front of a child and heard the excuse, “I forgot,” in a weak, singsong begging voice. That is when you need the wisdom of Solomon. He is only eight years old, and his life is full of stimulation and distractions. So you reason, “It is possible that he did forget; but on the other hand, how could he forget after two hundred consecutive days of my nagging, rebuking, and threatening him every one of those exasperating days?” You may even have tried spanking several times, until you began to feel guilty in the face of his apparent sincerity: “I just forgot, Mama, please, Mama, I forgot, I’m sorry, I won’t do it again... I mean, I will try to remember.”

How do you get kids to remember and to be thankful? The same way you get a 63-year-old man to remember to wash his oatmeal pan and bowl immediately after use. Frankly, I don’t know if this is a child training article or an old man training article. It depends on your need, I guess.

I have oatmeal for breakfast, seasoned with real butter, sea salt, one small teaspoon full of unrefined sugar, and one half cup of frozen blueberries—absolutely delicious! With the oats, I have two small pieces of homemade, whole-grain bread, made from slightly soured or fermented grains. I am usually the one who fixes it. I wake up hungry and tear into breakfast, leaving a wake of kitchen destruction behind me—that is, until recently when my wife trained me.

She has patiently nagged me... strike the word nag. She has patiently reminded me repeatedly, over and over again, and never spanked me. Yes, it has been her life’s mission for 38 years to get me to remember to wash my oatmeal pan immediately after serving up the oats, and I have tried to remember, but her “encouragement” didn’t carry enough threat to aid me in remembering. In other words, she didn’t create any tension and anxiety, so I remained relaxed, and she remained cheerful, and... I forgot.

What difference does it make, anyway? Wash the pan now or wash it later? Why not just wait to wash it when all the other dishes are being washed? What’s the big deal? Just a preference on her part, I guess—or so I reasoned... if I thought about it at all.

Stay with me; I am getting into the mind of a kid, here. This self analysis hurts, so be proud of me for getting in touch with my kid self.

Here is how I learned to remember after 38 years. Several times recently—once or twice a week—my wife invited me to wash the dishes with her. Her tone and manner held great thanksgiving if I assisted, so I said, “Scoot over, I’ll wash while you rinse.” I knew the glasses would go pretty fast, and the plates are a whiz, just one swipe and they are ready for the hot rinse. And then I came to this morning’s oatmeal pan. She had retreated to the other room to wait for me... “What’s taking you so long?” I hear her call.

“This pan must have glue on it. I am trying to scrape it off with a screwdriver.”

“I’M WAITING.”

“This is harder than working in the garden on a hot summer day.”

“It wouldn’t have been if you had washed your oatmeal pan while it was still hot,” she says in her raspy, I-told-you-so, I-am-smarter-than-you voice. “Did I ever tell you that the kids and I used to use oatmeal and egg white for glue? I’ll be here when you finish.” And, as her voice fades, “I’m going to sleep, wake me if you like.”

In one fell swoop, I learned NOT to forget. I now rinse my pan IMMEDIATELY after serving up my oats. How can I remember now when I couldn’t before? Every time I look at that pan, I remember picking at every speck of dried oatmeal, wasting my time when I could have been engaged in more important matters. We old men don’t learn easy, but we learn well. And real men are not afraid to admit when they have made a mistake. So learn well, guys: never take up dish washing.

So, what has this got to do with kids learning to remember? The principle works the same way. Kids who change clothes excessively or dirty them up without thought will never remember to be more economical in their clothes consumption until they have to wash the clothes a few times—dry—fold—and put them all away. Kids who can’t remember to bring their dirty clothes to the laundry will remember after they run out of clean clothes and are denied the privilege of accompanying the family to... whatever, wherever. “No clean clothes, so you are not fit to go out with such a nice looking family.” A kid who forgets to take the trash out and is therefore made to carry every piece of household garbage outside to the trashcan for three days will remember to do his trash removal chore from then on. A kid who forgets to remove his soiled clothes from the bathroom should be made to clean up everyone’s clothes for a week, and then clean the bathroom as well. He will remember from then on.

To sum it up in a principle: Make all negative behavior counterproductive by constraining the perpetrator to deal with the consequences of his deeds. Where the consequences are not sufficiently painful or memorable, expand the consequences to cover a larger aspect of the misdeed.

Finally, do not appear unjust by denying a child his favorite activity as a means of chastisement. It appears to him that you are trying to hurt him personally, and it will begin to make him angry. Always maintain an appearance of fairness by choosing a chastisement of the same nature as the offense. Think about it: Would I have learned to wash my oatmeal pan if my wife had denied... well, probably, but that is beside the point. I learned, and everybody is happy.

Created To Be His Help Meet

When I first started reading this book, I thought this was so old fashioned and impossible to live and the women who wrote it was out of touch! But as I continued reading I began putting into practice what I read and although it was really hard and challenging to put into practice the results have been amazing, a miracle, my relationship with my husband has changed he finds me more attractive and lovable!! I never thought this could be possible, it has really changed my life and marriage. I haven’t even finished the book and I gave it away to a friend, so now I am ordering another one for me and another friend. Please continue with the work of the Lord and hopefully many marriages can be saved. I used to think my life was going to be “surviving my marriage”; but now I actually enjoy my marriage and being married!!



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