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A photograph of a man and two young children sitting around a campfire at night. The man is in the center, smiling and looking towards the children. The child on the left is a toddler, and the child on the right is a young boy. They are all dressed in warm clothing, including jackets and jeans. The campfire is in the foreground, with bright orange and yellow flames and glowing embers. The background is dark, suggesting a night setting outdoors.

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

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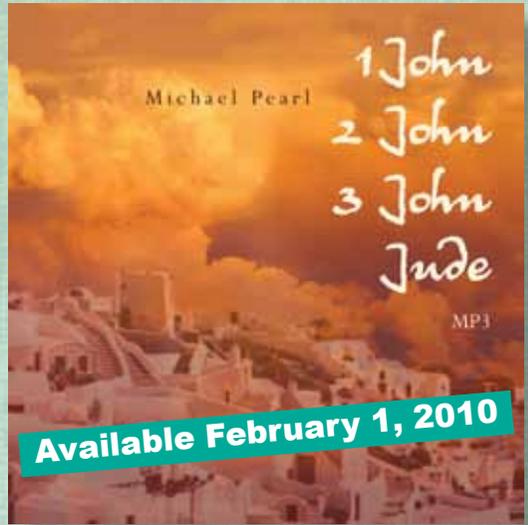
The epistle of 1John is the scariest book in the Bible. Have you read it lately? Do you understand it? How do you handle this emphatic statement of John?

“Whosoever abideth in him **sinneth not**: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him” (1 John 3:6).

“We know that whosoever is born of God **sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (1 John 5:18).

Why did the devil try to carry off the body of Moses upon his death? Who is antichrist, and why does he deny that Jesus came in the flesh? What is the sin unto death? Strange stuff!

I just concluded a teaching series on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John, and the book of Jude. It is available in MP3 format only. If you are currently the pastor of a church or an active missionary or chaplain, we will send it to you as a gift. Just call our order line and tell them you are a full time Christian worker and would like to avail yourself of the free offer.



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Cheerful, Authoritative, CONSISTENT

BY MICHAEL PEARL

Productive child rearing doesn't just happen. It is an investment that must be managed until maturity. Do you feel that you lack the wisdom to train up your children in the way they should go? Do you feel that you have been promoted to a job that is well beyond your skill level? Be assured, all conscientious parents recognize their deficiency of the necessary knowledge and wisdom to deal with all the eventualities they will face before their job is complete.

Child training wisdom would certainly enable you to approach your job with confidence, but wisdom is not an indispensable prerequisite. Parents are just grown kids—people still developing, seldom exceptional in any area, especially not in the art of training a little human to be exceptional. Being a good child trainer and parent is not beyond the reach of any Christian parent. If you feel incompetent to bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that is no indication that you are going to fail. There are three qualities parents must possess in order to produce well trained and disciplined young adults: cheerfulness, authoritative command, and consistency.

Of these three, the greatest of these is cheerfulness. It is the first and most important quality a child trainer must possess. Young parents may not possess authoritative command or consistency when their first child comes along, but they can make a good beginning if they are cheerful. All other skills will come in time. If you have ever owned a business where you needed an employee to deal with the public, the one indispensable trait you looked for was cheerfulness. The job itself will teach all the other skills necessary, but cheerfulness cannot be taught. It is the light that shines from the soul. Customers will be patient with a cheerful employee that fumbles with the details of a transaction, but they will threaten to sue the company if they have to deal with a cow-faced employee who acts like the customer is a pain she has to endure.

Dear parent, know that when God designed a program whereby young people, even teenagers, become parents, he never expected them to be accomplished in all the skills of life. Parents grow up with their children. In fact, raising children

is vital to one's own maturity. Training up a child in the way he should go is a 20 year graduate course in life. It produces more humility than it does experts. But know that cheerfulness will cover a multitude of deficiencies.

Let's face it, the most awesome and demanding job on this planet is rearing children to be emotionally stable, creative, godly, productive, and self-disciplined.

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It requires a wide variety of skills. If a government or nonprofit organization were assigned the task of raising just one child and it had two years to prepare for his arrival, it would be easy to sink one hundred million dollars into preparation. Experts in every field would be screened and employed. Psychologists and educators would hold long brainstorming sessions to debate the best approach. Experts in safety and diet would work for countless hours to try to lay out a sure plan. In the meantime, they would need to screen five thousand young people to find that perfect couple with the aptitude to endure the intensive training program. Then the couple would be required

to sign a contract that committed them to the 20 years it might take to complete this colossal undertaking. After the child was delivered to the couple, the experts would meet with the parents once a week to troubleshoot problems that arise. After 20 years and a hundred million dollars, if the 50-expert team could produce a psychologically sound, disciplined, and productive young man, it would be hailed as a great success in all the psychology textbooks for the next 500 years.

But every day young Christian couples have their first baby and begin the colossal endeavor all alone with no preparation and no professional support. Amazingly, Christian couples, and especially those who are homeschooling, are producing a great host of godly, stable young people, many of whom have now graduated into life and have begun the endeavor all over again, raising up their own children. These second generation parents may begin their journeys wiser than their parents, but they too will feel inadequate and stumble around seeking the best path, growing as their children grow, and maturing as they too learn humility and how to pray.

Yes, I know all too well. A small minority of our homeschooled children is not graduating into life with self-discipline, godliness, and creativity, and there are a few who are not even emotionally stable.

You cannot take a crash course in wisdom and suddenly find yourself prepared, but you can walk in the light as he is in the light and appropriate divine wisdom on an as-needed basis. It is a faith walk and never provides answers for tomorrow's questions, but it is always sufficient for today.

I say again, there is one indispensable quality you must possess—cheerfulness. It is the easiest to come by and does not require maturity or wisdom. The Bible word is “joy”. It takes a lifetime to become a library of wisdom, but God can make you completely joyful in an instant. Joy/cheerfulness is the byproduct of thankfulness and love. The angel announced, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great **joy**, which shall be to all people.” The apostle Peter spoke of “joy unspeakable and full of glory.” John wrote his epistle “that your joy may be full.” Paul spoke of the “joy of the Holy Ghost.” The fruit of the Holy Spirit is “love, joy, peace” and more. John further said it was a “joy no man taketh from

you.” If you think of Holy Ghost joy as something less than cheerful, you are misinformed. God-given joy is the best joy of all. Could it be less than cheerful?

I said joy is the one indispensable. It is the fertile ground of all good child training—of all good relationships. In my DVD *The Joy of Training*, I said, “A joyless parent can no more raise good kids than a skunk can raise skunklets that smell good.” And again, “Training without joy is tyranny.”

A young parent that is full of good cheer has 75 percent of what it takes to be a successful child trainer. Everyone is attracted to joy. Children will do anything for one who enjoys them. Once they get in the joy zone, they never want to do anything that might jeopardize that relationship. A parent of good cheer can deliver a more effective rebuke in less time and without damaging the relationship than a legalistic grump could do with a thousand Bible verses and a hundred spankings. If you are cheerful in the Lord Jesus Christ you will be a dynamic child trainer. You will be to children what a flower is to a bee.

When you know you are forgiven and have a home in heaven and that your Heavenly Father is working all things to your good, you will be cheerful. Only unbelievers are cheerless. If you believe the truth, you will rejoice in the truth and walk in the light, and children will love you. They will want to please you.

I say again, your children will grow up faster than you can attain wisdom and knowledge, but God will immediately grant you the wisdom of the hour and the joy of eternity if you just believe the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).

Authoritative command

If you are cheerful—full of God’s joy—the next trait you need in order to become an effective child trainer is to *command with authority*. To command with authority one must believe in his cause and have confidence in his own decisions. If you don’t believe your own words, know that you will never be a good enough actor to make your little psychologists believe you. You can read our writings and the good writings of others and accumulate a vast amount of knowledge, technique, and wisdom with regard to child training, but you will never really believe in yourself enough to command with authority until you believe with conviction in what you are doing.

If the application of principles required nothing more than the push of a button you could “try” different approaches. But that is not the way relationships and child training work. Kids don’t respond the first time. They try you, test your limits, and seek emancipation from all authority and rule of law. They are liberal totalitarians seeking a following, not passive peasants groveling to do your will. Children must be broken to the yoke of authority.

What I just said is absolutely true, about children being *broken* to authority, and I must say it, though I know there will be religious tyrants who will skip the first quality—cheerful joy—and will say, “Yeah, that’s it, BREAK THEM. Teach those little devilish nymphs to fear the rod. They must learn who is boss.” If that is your attitude you should give your children away and join Al Qaeda. Then you

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could hide in the mountains of Afghanistan where you would be in better company, and maybe the military would call upon you with a drone. Anger and aggression have no place in child training. Go back and view *The Joy of Training*.

A leader has lost control when he must resort to intimidation to command respect, and then the respect is based on fear and hate—not what we want to see in our children. You can establish your authority by means of the third quality—consistency.

Consistency

Whether training a dog, an employee, or a child, consistency is indispensable. Day in, day out, week after week, year after year, always be consistent. Be consistent in the rules, your expectations, your demand of compliance, and the execution of consequences if there are willful infractions. Dignified consistency will elicit more respect than you can imagine. Children will believe in your rule of law when you demonstrate respect for your own commands by holding them accountable every time, without fail.

I have not been thorough. These points have been belabored a hundred different ways in my writings. Go online and reread the old material.

Remember, a good trainer is cheerful, authoritative, and consistent—cheerful before all.

CREATED: I just wanted to write and say a quick “thank you” for the book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*. I was blessed to come across the book about my second year of marriage not long after the birth of our firstborn girl. What a gift. This was the time when I needed most to be reminded to obey the Lord and submit to my husband as well as to be thankful. When people comment now (3 years later) about how wonderful our children are, I have to smile. I know why, it is because by God’s grace I often trusted my husband’s judgement over my own and we did things his way. Even more I trusted God and yeh, He definitely didn’t let me down. I can’t even begin to count the number of times where I would be praying about an issue of disagreement and my husband would bring it up before I had to. By staying quiet and praying, I then got the blessing of seeing my husband’s humility, gentleness, and connection with the Holy Spirit. I also got to see how our God was for us, working in our lives. I know at times the Holy Spirit used your book to help me “stick to my guns” so to speak. So, thank you. No reply is necessary. May God bless you. – Marietta D.

GOOD AND EVIL: Praise God! My husband and I gave one *Good and Evil* comic book to an international student from a Muslim country in North Africa. He said he is a Christian but didn’t own a Bible and doesn’t know much about the Christian faith. He read and loved the comic book and is now asking us where he can get a complete Bible to read. (We, of course, told him to get a KJV.) We’re so excited that he’s hungry for God’s Word. And the best part is he goes back to his home country for holidays where we are praying that he will tell his muslim friends the good news. Thank you for creating the comic book.
--Christine G.

THE VISION MOVIE

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC

In November 2009, I met with Manny Edwards, a Christian man who happens to be a movie producer, writer and director. The topic was turning Debi's book, *The Vision* (www.debipearl.com), into a full length movie.

Manny's thoughts on the movie storyline:

"*The Vision* is the story of a small group of people who look at the great commission in a radical way—they take it seriously, which is considered fringe and bizarre these days. They use their income generating business to support their ministry, which is to distribute the Bible story in graphic novel form. They can freely distribute this book where Bibles are banned, and people who wouldn't touch a Bible become engrossed in the good news of salvation and come to Jesus.

What I found clever and intriguing about *The Vision* is its laser-tight relevance to the church in western culture. It uses the post-modernist trick of confusing the distinction between reality and fiction, but points to something that is true and good in an absolute sense, which turns post-modernism completely on its head. The story is a self-reflective call to action. 'We're in the end times,' it says, 'and there's nothing more urgent than getting the good news to the lost.'

But it's told in a way that can reach wealthy western audiences. *The Vision* has tremendous cinematic potential; exhilarating action sequences, romance, intrigue, and human and historic events on an epic scale. It needs to be made into a movie that is faithful to the standards it sets for itself. I am exploring ways to bring this story to the silver screen without compromising its entertainment value or its artistic or technical quality, and with the goal of returning a significant profit to No Greater Joy Ministries so they can multiply their efforts to publish the gospel "in all the world."

I would love to hear your ideas. What do you find most interesting about this story? Would you watch it in a theater? Would you be interested in assisting in the production of a feature film? Send an email to me at mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org with "The Vision Movie" in the subject line.

Manny is currently exploring distribution options as well as putting an investor package together.

Manny is a writer, producer and director at Brightline Pictures. He is currently in post-production on *ONE GOOD MAN*, a feature film about a little league coach who uses baseball to strengthen father-son bonds in his community. The movie stars Burgess Jenkins from *REMEMBER THE TITANS*, and is scheduled for nationwide theatrical release in late 2010. Manny lives and works near Nashville with his wife and five children.

Manny was one of two Executive Producers, as well as Co-director and Co-writer of *COME WHAT MAY* (www.comewhatmaythemovie.com), which tells the story of Caleb Hogan, who tries to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in a moot court championship. If Caleb argues what he truly believes, he stands to lose the most important competition of his life and the support of his mother. If he softens his stance, he might win the coveted title... but lose the heart of his teammate Rachel.

COME WHAT MAY is a vivid reminder that choosing what is right is never easy, but it is always worth the cost.





Let the little children

BY MICHAEL PEARL

I continue to be amazed at the spiritual keenness of small children—two, three and four-year-olds. With fifteen grandkids (one new little fellow freshly hatched just last night, and more on the way) and a church full of young people, all having children like they thought it was their job alone to “replenish the earth,” I have plenty of fresh reminders of why God tells us to teach doctrine to children who are “weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts” (Is. 28:9). It is difficult to believe and easy to forget just how spiritually sharp these little guys and gals are. Jesus reminded his disciples, “Suffer [allow against your inclination to do otherwise] the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14).

What a golden opportunity we have in teaching children under four or five years old! They are spiritual stem cells, not yet formed into good or evil. Their world views are undeveloped. They have no prejudices or fears. With elementary knowledge, their parents can control and subdue their fleshly impulses. They are full of faith and trust. These little ones are unwritten books, a student ready to learn. What a heavenly gift; what an awesome responsibility. Eternity is in our hands. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” It is, as the song says, “A promise with a capital P”.

Just this past Sunday, a little four-year-old provided the congregation with a fresh example of a child’s spiritual depth and grasp of theological fundamentals. Chuck, a father whose kids are all grown, sometimes draws the children into a circle around him and teaches them a Bible story during our Sunday morning worship service. Last Sunday he announced to a bouquet of eager faces that he was going to talk about temptation. Most of them looked blank until he explained that temptation is when you desire to do something that you know is wrong. “What kind of temptations do you face?” Chuck asked.

In the midst of their seriousness, kids are always good for a dozen laughs. One little fellow raised his hand and volunteered his most sinister temptation: “Throwing mashed potatoes against the wall.” I glanced at his parents; they looked horrified. Another kid volunteered, “Hitting my sister,” and on they went, mostly the boys, aggressively revealing the wide spectrum of little tyke temptations.

Chuck got them to agree that we should resist temptations—something they know intuitively. Then he announced his subject with a question, “Did you know that Jesus was tempted to sin?” Four-year-old Emma sat up like she had been slapped and demanded in her baby voice, “Jesus was tempted? How?” Chuck was not yet ready to get to his point; he wanted to prep the ground further, but Emma’s view of the sinless Christ was challenged by the assertion that he was tempted like we are. She wanted clarification right now. As Chuck tried to explain how the devil came to Christ and tempted him to sin, Emma, alarmed, progressed in her questioning. “Did he?”

Some of the other kids got sidetracked with silly questions or contributions that were childish and sometimes funny, but Emma was determined to resolve this unsettling issue. It was amazing. Her little mind knew the all-importance of the doctrine of the sinless Christ, the perfect man, God in flesh who came to save us from our sins. To her young understanding, it is absolutely essential that he continue above sin if he would save us from it. Emma highly regards the Christ that her parents love and worship, the Christ that is so important that we all come together once a week and sing about him and talk about him. There is a big book dedicated to this sinless man who is now in the heavens preparing a place for those who die, a wonderful place where they wait on their loved ones and friends to join them forever and ever. Emma intuitively knows he must be sinless, and here was her respected teacher telling her that Christ was tempted just like she was.

That little girl's concern revealed deep implications. She obviously recognizes a difference between herself and Christ in regard to sin. Her concerns were an acknowledgment of her own failure and her understanding that sin is a universal blight that is unacceptable to God.

She persisted until Chuck told the story of each of the three temptations and how the Lord Jesus Christ overcame each and every temptation to achieve a perfect human record. Then she relaxed and lapsed back into the small child she is, the

one most people smile at and say "Oh, how cute" and then dismiss as not yet part of the intellectual and spiritual struggles shared by the human race.

Parents, never forget—behind the frilly little dresses and the princess shoes and the endless questions about everything great and small, there is an eternal living soul that relates to her Creator with love and admiration.

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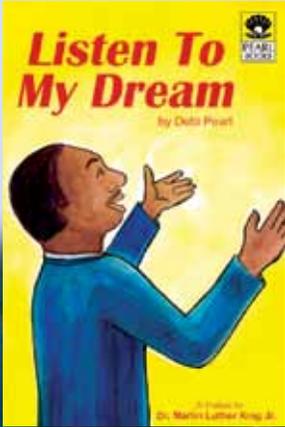
MATTHEW 19:14

MIKE'S BIBLE TEACHING: I first heard of Micheal Pearl about four months ago. A friend of mine bought your teaching on Romans in a thrift store in Shiner. He didn't listen to it but I did. It changed my life dramatically. I was saved about seven years ago and I still stuggled with pornography on and off. I listened and applied your teaching to my life and am now delivered from my addiction. There was a time between then and now I had read your accuser's web page and stopped practicing the principles that you taught and struggled again. I was taught about feeding the white dog for the first few yrs. and didn't read the Bible for myself. Becuase of your teaching I have begun to read the Bible for myself (seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit)and to search out in scripture what the truth in Christ is. God has given me a renewed hunger for His word. I pray that God would continue to use NGJ Ministeries to spread the truth and bring deliverance to God's people that God would expand your borders and bless your ministry. In Jesus Name!--Jason F

Listen To My Dream

BY DEBI PEARL

I grew up during the 1960s in a small town that hosted the nation's largest inland military training base. I will never forget the old World War II era hospital where they treated wounded men from the Vietnam War. I worked there as a volunteer. The single-story hospital was a hallway too long to see the other end, with many 200 foot long wings—each just one room with beds closely packed down both sides, leaving a wide walkway down the middle. One wing was for the guys who had lost arms, another



for leg amputees, another for burn victims, another for those who were blind. Most of the guys were just a little older than I, nineteen to twenty-one. Some would spend months in the hospital, so those who were mobile seized any opportunity to get out, even if it was only down the road a mile or two.

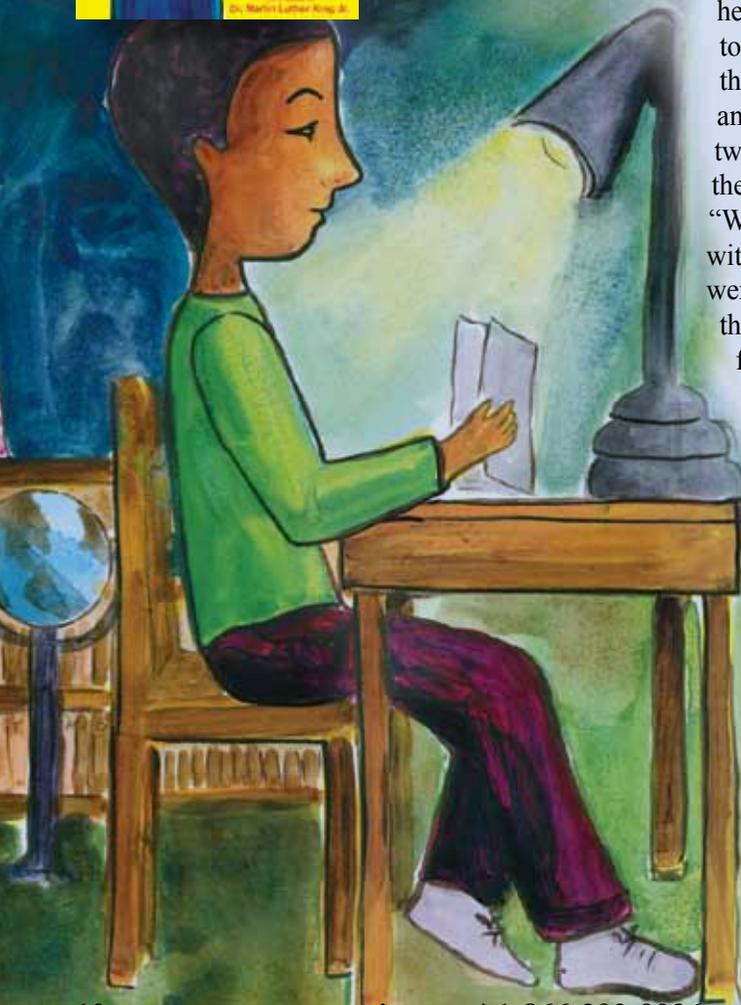
This was the “Old South,” before the Constitution applied to all. Here were these fine Marines who had given their young bodies for their nation, black men from places like California, Washington State, and even Hawaii. These young

men had never seen a “No Coloreds

Allowed” sign until the day I

helped them into my car and took them for a short ride to the local dairy bar for a much anticipated ice cream cone. The two front serving windows of the Dairy Bar had signs that read “Whites Only.” I had grown up with it. It was just the way things were in the South, but seeing through their eyes made that faded sign look ugly. *Unjust*

and *bigoted* were not yet part of my vocabulary. As I parked my little VW Beetle among the other cars, I felt the angry stares. I could almost hear the people in the next car whispering, “What’s a white girl doing here with a nigger in the front seat?” They didn’t know that the soldier didn’t have legs—he lost them fighting a war for them. What I saw through their hostile eyes made me ashamed to purchase ice cream from a “Whites Only” window. Experiences



like that made imprints on my soul. They caused me to pay attention to the news, listen to the speeches of Civil Rights advocates and angry white men, debate with classmates, and walk the halls of the hospital to help bring a little of home to those who would never be whole again.

It also made me look inside other people, rather than on the outside. In the coming years it would shape the way I homeschooled my own five children. I wanted them to know the truth as I saw it, and lived it... because I was there.

Fast forward 20 years. I was a young mother homeschooling five children. Somewhere we had come across an old painted over “Whites Only” sign and the children wanted to know what it meant. It opened up a thousand memories. The stories began to flow. I told them how unjustly black people were treated when I was young. Black people were not even allowed to drink from a water fountain at the local zoo, or use the public bathrooms. I told them of the injustices I saw when as a teen I worked in a local medical clinic. Black people had a special waiting room which was a tiny, crowded hole compared to the large, warm sitting room reserved for the white patients. The medical file for the black people was marked with a big C on the top corner so we nurse assistants would know not to call a black person until all the whites had been seen. If there were a lot of white patients, the black people would often have to go home unseen by the doctor.

My children interrupted in condemnation of the doctor. “Shame on that terrible doctor!” But the doctor was one of the kindest men I ever knew. He wanted to help the black people and would often stay late and treat them free of charge, but he too was restricted by fear of others and the unjust laws. Jim Crow laws kept the black people in subjection and also kept a lot of good white folks from doing what they knew was right. Puzzled faces looked back at me. “What was Jim Crow laws?” I knew it was time to visit the library and teach history, history that I had lived.

At the library that day in January I combed the shelves for books on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I found only one worn out, very boring children’s book. I asked the librarian’s helper, “Where are all the books on Dr. King?”

The black lady’s face betrayed her frustration. “You’re looking at it.”

I went home and stewed. How could such a man, such a landmark in history, not have a whole shelf describing the things he had worked tirelessly to bring about? How was the next generation going to know unless it was in books they could read?

We read about Dr. King in some old encyclopedia, but an encyclopedia makes for dry reading. I gave up and started telling stories about what I remembered reading in the newspapers 20 years earlier. I told them how when Dr. King was a young boy he had a teacher that encouraged him to learn new words. I got caught up in my story and started telling it in rhyme and rhythm. “There are some words I need to know, big words, neat words, words to show, how man should stand for what is right. I gotta study with all my might. There’s folks that need me waiting out there.”

My children sat spellbound. “Finish the story! What happened to him after that?” At that time in my life I had never thought of writing a book, child’s or adult’s. But right then I knew I could and would write a book about Dr. King. I was there. I saw the injustices. I saw the anger on both sides, and I saw right prevail. Suddenly it was very important to me to make sure that the coming generations would remember the way it really was.

When I finished scribbling my prose, I ran down to my husband’s workshop and read it aloud to him. He looked up. I saw in his face I had touched his heart and spirit. What I had written was good. That evening he brought me a light table which he had made. “Your book will need art,” he said. “No one can do the art better than you can. Here is how you use a light table for copying your art.”

Most every day that winter, while my children worked through their homeschool books, I was sitting beside them drawing pictures to illustrate my story.

When I finished, my husband took his hard earned money to a printer. It never occurred to us to send the manuscript to a publisher, nor did it ever occur to us that the King family might have legal rights to Dr. King's legacy. I took my newly printed book to a book fair. An older black pastor stopped to read the book. Tears streamed down his face. Hundreds of people turned to look, yet he wept unashamedly. Curiosity caused others to stop to read the small children's book. Everyone that read it bought one. Within days churches had ordered hundreds and the Memphis school system ordered ten books for each of the many school libraries. Teachers were calling wanting me to come to their classes to read the book. I mailed out thousands of free copies to any group I thought would help us get the book on the market.

Then one sad day I got a call from my attorney. The King Foundation had contacted him. I had unknowingly infringed on their copyright.

I was scared silly the day my husband put me on a plane to Atlanta. "Tell them that the libraries need books about Dr. King," he said. "They will understand." They did understand, but years earlier they had established legal guidelines that could not be breached. If we wanted to sell *Listen To My Dream*, we would need to follow the guidelines and pay a fee. It was a legal issue and we had to comply.

We had already spent all that we had and did not feel we should borrow money. Our lawyer had donated his time because he felt it was a worthy cause and believed it would in time pay for itself. It was a discouraging day. We packed up what remained of the 20,000 books, except for a handful for my private memory collection. That was in 1986. "Pearl Books" was laid aside to be forgotten—forever, we thought.

Ten years later my husband and I wrote a parenting book. This time I took a more educated course in choosing my publisher: I opened a very old Yellow Pages to the publishers section, closed my eyes and ran my finger down the page. I called the phone number closest to where my finger lay. That particular publisher wasn't interested in our book, but their presses were idle that week, so they would give us a good price if we cared to self-publish. To the inexperienced it sounded like a great idea.

We began with one advertisement in a homeschool magazine. I also sent copies of our new book, which we called *To Train Up A Child*, to 30 friends who liked and respected the way we had raised our children. Within weeks we had sold out and were reprinting. The book was very successful. Other books followed on a variety of different subjects. My husband and I have now written books that have been published in over 30 different languages. Our combined writings have sold into the millions.

This brings us to now. One day last fall a young boy was milling around in my office when he located one of the few remaining copies of *Listen To My Dream* and asked, "What's this little book about?" I opened the tattered old child's book while he leaned over my shoulder.

"This book is about a man that made your life a whole lot better."

"Me?" his dark face looked like he thought this old lady had lost her marbles, but I didn't mind. He had opened a door inside my soul that I wanted open.

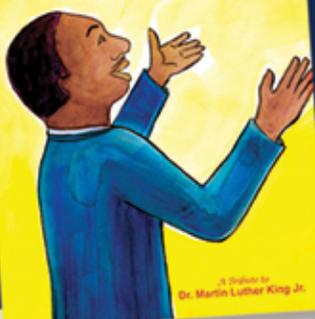
This time I have followed the correct protocol. The King Foundation graciously gave us their approval. So here we are 24 years later, and the rest...how should I say...is history.

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Boys, Snakes and Men

HOW CAN YOU RAISE BOYS WITHOUT SNAKES?

When I was about twelve, I had 26 snakes in captivity and about fifty lizards. The snakes were non-venomous—what we called spreading adders—pronounced “spreadin-adders.” Some people who didn’t know better called them hoghead snakes.

by Michael Pearl | Illustration by Clint Cearley

When alarmed they would rear up in a threatening manner and spread out like a cobra. It sent a scary thrill through any young boy. Conquering that fear and mastering the snakes must be part of a boy’s self-imposed maturation ritual. We found no satisfaction in killing snakes, except when we discovered a poisonous one in the yard. I never had any affection for snakes, but to catch one and hold its cool, dry, wiggling, body in your hands, and then to turn it loose to slither away to its shadowy existence was a mastery of self more than of the serpent.

At the time I had my snake collection, we lived in the middle of a big city. I would go to vacant lots and dig around under boards and bricks until I uncovered a snake or lizard. On several occasions I made my way into the open drainage ditches and located pools of water where I could observe or capture these city-bound wild creatures. One time I built a big box for my collection of snakes, turtles, and lizards and placed it on the screened-in back porch. I would tend to them every morning before catching the city bus to public school.

My mother would shriek and shiver every time she got within sight of my captive creatures, but that made it all the more thrilling. Then one day I came home to find that someone had tampered with the box, and my zoo had escaped. Twenty-six snakes and a tub full of lizards had all gone somewhere. My mama wanted me to assure her that none of them had crawled into the house. When I stood there looking blank, she went into the vibratingest shivers I had ever seen. It made me feel downright superior to the female race. But when she pulled all her pieces together, she laid down the law. I don’t remember what she said, but I can still remember the intent. I had no doubt discovered the limits of the female psyche.

I found several of the snakes on the back porch and around it. I took them to the nearest vacant lot and carefully and ceremoniously placed them under a pile of old carpet and rotten boards. I continued to visit them throughout the summer. Fall came. They disappeared into their hibernation holes, and the next year the lot was cleaned up and paved.

This past week, the boys and I spotted a big chicken snake slithering across the driveway. They eat rats and mice and smaller rattlesnakes and copperheads, so we don’t harm them, but I thought it was time I upgraded the boy’s respect for Big Papa. We jumped out of the truck and ran over to the snake. It coiled up in a threatening manner and began to strike at my boots. When I was a kid, I would tease non-venomous snakes into striking at my hand, and then when their bodies were fully extended I would grab them by the head. If you are fast with your hands, and your timing is just right, you can do it every time. I told the boys what I was about to do and then talked them through every step. I had their full attention. Several times I teased the snake into striking at my hand so I could gauge the extent of its reach. Then, when the moment was just right, my hand shot out faster than a streak of... Well, there I was trying to



gain their respect when this five-foot chicken snake clamped onto my finger. I don't remember snakes being that fast. This one must have been weaned on mama rattle-snakes. He was fast! Or maybe this boy is not as fast as he was 45 years ago.

I glanced up to see the fellows looking horrified. I explained to them that it was not poisonous and that it would not hurt me, and I let the undisputed champ slither off the driveway and into the grass. I showed them the teeth marks and the small amount of blood coming from the bite and then went into the house to wash out the wound. Don't write and warn me of the danger of infection from a non-venomous snake bite. It has been a concern to me the last 40 times I have been bitten—no infection yet. The thirty-ninth bite must have been fifteen years ago when my boys were young. There is not going to be a forty-first bite. I am going to have to find some other way to impress the grandkids that are coming on.

But all was not lost. The boys were still impressed that I did not cry or panic when I got snakebit. At least they will have another story to tell, and what is life without some good tales?



Baby Boy Born to the Brands!

Parker Ford Brand was born to Justin and Shalom Brand on November 16 weighing in at 7 pounds, 3 oz., and 21 inches long. Parker Ford Brand got his name in honor of both grandfathers. He's a real cutie!!

BUILDING TRUST

BY SHALOM BRAND



As Gracie and Laila were sitting at the table coloring, I saw two-year-old Laila start to color on the table. Stopping only long enough to tell her no, I went on to the kitchen sink. My back was turned and I could not see her. Gracie, my four-year-old, spoke up in an accusing singsong voice, “Mama, Laila is writing on the table again.” I walked to the table and gave Gracie a little pop with the switch. “Don’t tattle-tale on your sister,” I said. “You sound as if you would be pleased for her to get into trouble. Tell her to stop coloring on the table, and if she will not listen, then you can tell me.” I had gone over this with Gracie the day before and explained to her the importance of seeking the best for her little sister.

In the past I have come across people, children and adults alike, that are not trustworthy. You can guarantee that they will take everything you say or do and run straight to Mom, or Pastor, and accuse the brethren. I remember as a child playing with children that were always saying, “I’m gonna tell my mama.” I thought it was mean and untrustworthy of them. And even now as a mother, I do not want my children being the accusers.

We desire to maintain a close enough relationship with our children that they are comfortable telling us everything. And knowing they will one day grow up and become members of society, I do not want to raise tattling adults no one will trust. I seek to instill wisdom in my children so that they can discern right from wrong. Even at four years of age, I expect them to discern the difference between what Mom really needs to know and what is just tattle-telling.

I have even seen it in husbands and wives, where the wife holds her husband accountable by having their children tattle on him. She might not even know what she is doing, but by listening to her children tell on Daddy, she is rewarding them. She should be teaching them not to talk about things that are none of their business.

A man and his thirteen-year-old son are on their way home and see a car broken down on the side of the road. They stop to help, and it happens that the driver is an attractive woman. That night the son tells Mom about them stopping to help a woman. “Was she good looking?” “Oh, yeah! Very!” The mother is upset and goes to father and demands, “Why did you not tell me you stopped and helped a lady?” “I forgot about it.” The fight is on.

The Bible says that “The heart of her husband doth safety trust in her.” The wife is not building trust; instead she is becoming the accuser and using her son to get information to hold against her husband. Teach your children to be trustworthy, honest, and not accusers of the brethren so they can become good elders of the church and good wives that deserve their husband’s trust.

I have just scratched the surface of this subject that’s so important to training our kids to be happy, productive adults. I am going to write more about this topic soon. If you have any comments or questions, send them to me at ngj@nogreaterjoy.org and add “Building Trust” in the subject line. I would love to hear from you! — Shalom



Do you have expensive pee?

BY SHOSHANNA (PEARL) EASLING

Are you tired of spending lots of money on vitamins that don't seem to make a difference? I know how you feel. Most bottled vitamins are very hard for your body to process. In fact, it's so common for vitamins to not break down at all that there is a saying: "I have really expensive pee." Yellow, yellow, smelly vitamins down the drain. That means your body is not digesting them and they're going right through you.

Have you ever thought about mixing your own vitamins? It's not as difficult as you might think. If your body can digest food, it can also digest herbs. Unlike many vitamins, herbs act as food to your body and are easily digestible. You can choose the herbs according to your needs and make your daily vitamins easily, quickly, and at a fraction of the cost of bottled vitamins.

I am going to show you how to mix up my favorite daily vitamins in a smoothie. If you go to our website at BulkHerbStore.com, you can learn how to make and take your daily vitamins in herbal form. From choosing herbs that are right for you to making tinctures, infusion, capsules, and more, you will find that it's all so easy—and loads of fun.

This mix will make enough to last two to four months:

1/2 pound of each, all powdered herbs:

Ginkgo—Brain food, makes you smart

Eleuthero (Siberian ginseng root)—An energy booster and stress reliever

Oat straw—Nutritious, high in calcium

Bilberry—Strengthen the eyes and veins

Hawthorn—Strengthen the heart

Dandelion root—Blood purifier

Mix all six herbs together by putting them in a 1.5 gallon zip lock bag, or a clean trash bag, close the top of the bag up, and shake. Let sit for 10 minutes, then pour into a clean glass jar and cover with lid. Keep in the cabinet, out of sun, moisture, or heat. Makes 3 pounds of Herba-Smoothie-Mix!

Herba-Smoothie

1 rounded teaspoon of Herba-Smoothie-Mix

1 cup frozen fruit

(my favorite right now is blueberry)

1/2 cup plain yogurt

(any brand will work, homemade is best)

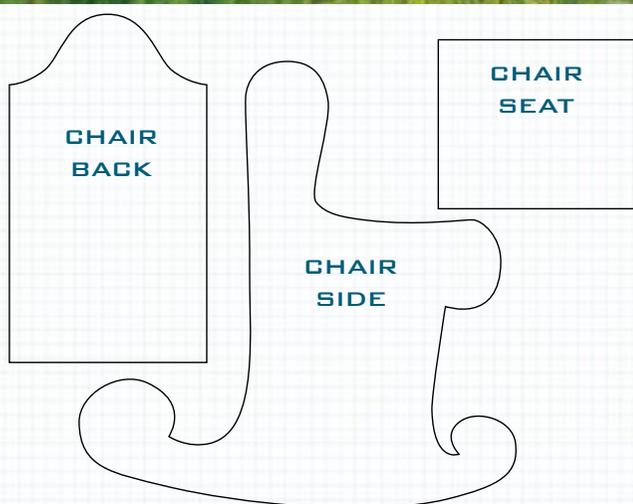
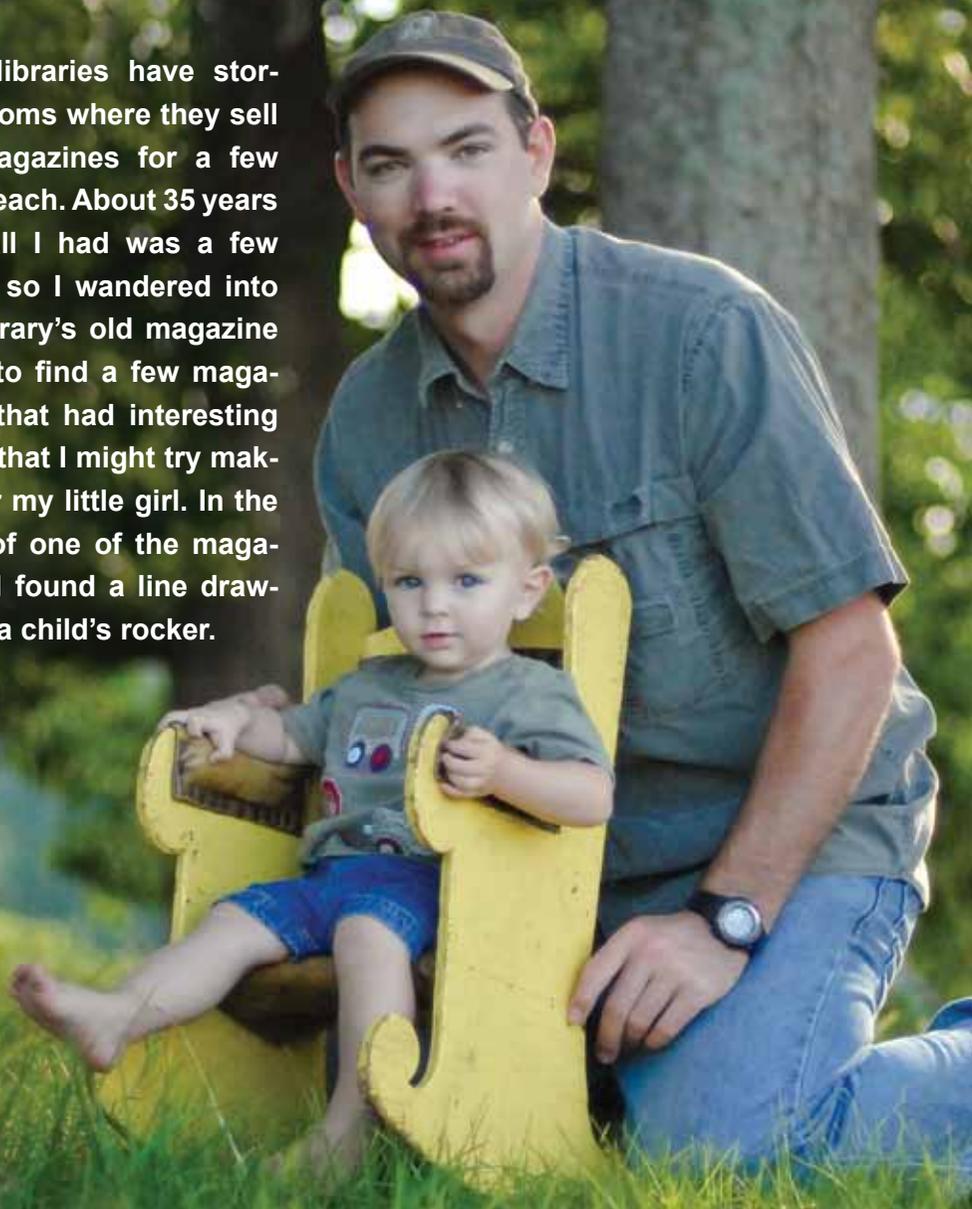
1 cup juice (my favorite is orange or mango)

Honey if you like; I don't think it even needs it. ENJOY! YUMMMM YUM! ☺



Jeremiah loves his daily vitamins!

Most libraries have storage rooms where they sell old magazines for a few cents each. About 35 years ago, all I had was a few cents, so I wandered into the library's old magazine room to find a few magazines that had interesting crafts that I might try making for my little girl. In the back of one of the magazines I found a line drawing of a child's rocker.



THE KING'S CHAIR

BY DEBI PEARL

I was really looking for something I could make with material, but the chair fascinated me.

I showed the drawing to Mike and asked if he knew of some plywood that I could use and what kind of saw I would need to cut out the pattern. I figured he would take the hint and make the rocker. He didn't.

After a week or so I gave up on him and went out into the old shed to see if I could find a piece of wood that might work. I found a beat-up piece of half-inch plywood lying in mud. A good bath revealed some really bad spots, but it was all I could find.

I got some newspaper and started trying to draw a pattern from the tiny pattern in the book. It took several hours and some redesigning, but I finally was able to draw out the four pieces that the magazine described. Now for the wood... saw... and some sweat. I pestered Mike until he showed me how to use the jigsaw. The saw was small and didn't make a lot of noise. The blades were long and skinny and weren't that scary... I could do this. So I laid my newspaper pattern out and drew around it, then propped up the plywood and started sawing.

When I was finished sawing I noticed that the edges of the wood were rough and splintered, plus it had sharp edges that needed knocking off. The magazine had not mentioned this. Mike took pity on me at this point. He handed me an old metal file to round off the edges and gave me sandpaper to make the whole thing smoother. When he saw what a mess I was making with the glue, he completely took over and glued the pieces together and then used his nail gun to finish putting the chair together. (The magazine article suggested using screws, but the nail gun worked so much faster.) After a final round of sanding, I painted the chair yellow with some old paint I found in the shed, and then I upholstered it with a few pieces of slick material and a small bit of stuffing from the Goodwill. The only thing I had to buy new was the tacks.

Who would have ever thought something I clumsily made when I was just a young mama would have lasted all these years and been enjoyed by so many? All five of my children rocked away in it, smiling like royalty, and then as the years passed, visitors would see how much their toddlers loved it and ask if I wanted to pass it to them. Of course, I looked at them like they were crazy. Give away the king's chair? No way. Now the king's chair is 35 years old, and all my youngest grandchildren rush to take their seat and hear stories about how their daddy or mama once sat in that chair. I can tell the little ones find it hard to believe, but I love telling the story because the memories it stirs are so very sweet.

It's a fine chair, one worthy of thousands of copies for thousands of little children. Make one and send us a picture of your little ones rocking. It will make my day and it will make your family a splendid new tradition.





From Prison: I just got an update from a friend who is a corrections officer at Albuquerque Metro detention center. I had dropped off 13 copies of *Good and Evil* about 2 months ago. He tells me that they have been so popular there are not enough to go around. The librarian has put a two week check out time limit! I'll buy more as soon as I can. I also put 13 copies in the Sandoval county jail, but I have not gotten any feedback yet. Will keep you posted.

From Prison: Praise Lord! My people (in a closed country) are very interested in the book *Good and Evil*. And we are sharing it to introduce the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an easy way to everybody in my country. Would you please pray for the fruits in sharing the words of God to save the lost and bring them to Christ. Thank you so much (name withheld)

From Iraq: I am SSG Gary Hosier, and I just received a package from your organization. I can not express in words the gratitude I have. Recieving KJV reading materials has been a real blessing. I am married with five children and we are trying our best to raise them in God's word and the material you have given us support our beliefs. Again thank you for the Prayers and caring for the military, I will keep you in my Prayers also.
Brother in Christ
SSG Gary Hosier

From Iraq: Thank you for the package of books and CDs. One of my soldiers needed a new Bible and I gave him the one you sent. Thank you and God Bless. - Bill McClelland

From a Military Family:

Dear Mr and Mrs Pearl and NGJ Ministry team, Thank you so much for the box of materials. We actually received it the very week my husband (a Navy chaplain) returned from a seven month tour in Iraq. A friend had sent our address. God's timing is perfect. All of the materials have been valuable to us. We have read the child training material and it encouraged us to be more consistent with the discipline of our four children--something I had let slip while he was away. My husband thinks your materials will also be a big help to him as he ministers to his troops (almost 700).

As for myself, I am reading Debi's book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*. And I love it. I immediately made some choices to show greater reverence and submission to my husband and to be the fun, non-critical, supportive, loving help-meet that God made me to be for him. He has enjoyed coming home to good, homecooked meals, a constant supply of sweet tea, foot rubs and great sex. Not to mention a wife who defers to him, does not argue, does not always have a "better" plan, and kids who are a joy to be around because Mom has worked at training them all day (we are homeschoolers too).

He has been home almost four weeks now and he is in awe that our marriage is better now after nearly sixteen years than it has ever been. But I know that the real change is in me --and that has made all the difference. Thank you! I will be encouraging a lot of wives to read your book, Debi.

Blessings, Mrs. Mark Conard (Stacey)

Boy's Prison: I can't tell you how excited my husband Judson and I are to get these *Good and Evil* books to the boys in our local prison. Right here in the small town of Vero Beach, FL there's a state boy's prison which houses 500 inmates, ages 14-18 years. I grew up here in Vero, and never even knew it existed until recently. I really believe God brought this to my attention because He wants those books there! I can't stop thinking about the impact such a blessed tool could bring to these young men. Please pray that God will make a way for the books to be received by everyone He intends them for.

Back to prison ministry, the books we order will be given, not sold to, the boys at the Indian River Correctional Institution, 7625 17th Street S.W, Vero Beach, FL, 32968. The Christian Chaplain there is Chaplain Buchanan.

Thank you so much for your time, Christy K.

Created: I think it was three years ago that I first heard of your book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*. It was being hotly discussed on an online Christian forum, and I thought I'd check out this controversial book. At the time, I had four children under 6 years old and didn't have much free time to read. Also, many of my so-called friends discouraged me from reading it! All things said, I finished the book three months after starting it.

I cannot tell you how much it helped my marriage. My hubby is a bona fide Command Man, and *Created* helped me to understand what he needed of me. Divorce was never an option for either of us- we were in it for the long haul. Now, God's word has made our life together something to look forward to, not suffer through!

Every once in a while, even today, my husband tells me about so-and-so's wife, who could really benefit by reading your book. If only more women were brave enough to read it.

- Melissa H.

Created: Dear Pearls, I am just finishing your "Help Meet" book. I found it at the recycling center. It has been life changing. I have now discovered your website. I will continue to read through it. I am very encouraged by your thoughts concerning our ability not to sin. And, your comments on why it's ok to eat meat made me laugh, and I have to say I agree, and am pleased to see the biblical support of this perspective.

Finally, thank you, for your clearly presented, biblically-based, teachings. You fly in the face of the world-view that life doesn't come with a manual. Indeed it does, and thank you for pointing to God's Word for our instruction.
—Marsha Towns

Created: Hi. I've just finished reading what a few of us are calling "The Scary Wife Book" :) I've learned incredible amounts of what I have not been raised to know. My girlfriends are learning and applying too. I think I've purchased 9 and handed them out! — Heather Vanderkruk

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Jorge Martínez on the Mission Field in Mexico: I come from a home where I was taught Catholicism and was taught to worship idols, but for some reason, even though I didn't read the Bible, in my heart I knew it was the truth. One day my wife told me that the Bible said that I should not worship idols. I challenged her and asked her to show me where it said that. When she showed me the passage in Exodus 20:3-6, it was a hard thing for me. I felt fear all over my body and immediately I went to my bedroom and I took the candle holder and some idolatrous wall pictures and I threw them all in the trash can. My wife could not believe her eyes that the beliefs I had held for 28 years could go down the trash for just reading four verses in the Bible.

I began to study the Bible and to ask some pastors about what the Bible said. But their answers did not satisfy me, because I knew in my heart that God could not have written something so confusing. The parables in Matthew were very confusing. Then, one day I found myself in America in a prison. I went to a chapel service and there I heard Michael Pearl preach. For the first time the Bible began to make sense to me. I started to be filled with joy because I had found someone who preached what I was reading. I went to the Chaplain and borrowed Michael Pearl's audio tapes on the book of Romans. After listening to the whole study there was no doubt in my mind that I had been born again. It was wonderful. After listening to chapters 6, 7 and 8 of Romans, God instantly delivered me from all the sin that held me captive. I have died to sin and I am alive to God. I began to teach Romans to all my fellow Hispanic prisoners. Later God opened the doors and we started a Hispanic Ministry inside the prison. Now the Hispanics had a service in Spanish.

Then, one day, Michael gave me his Eight Kingdoms book. As I read it, it was as if a puzzle was being assembled in my mind. Many of the questions I had about the Word of God began to be answered. I was so excited that I returned to the first page and began translating it into Spanish. I only had four months to read it and translate it before I was released from prison. But every day and every moment was wonderful. I compared the passages quoted in the book with the Bible and it all matched. Those were days of great rejoicing for me. There were times when I would have to stop for crying. I was so excited about learning about God's plan for mankind and I admired the beauty of God in His Word; His wisdom being revealed to man. I saw his immense mercy and I shed tears of happiness and joy. It was as if I could feel the breath of heaven, as if I was in the peace of God, like listening to music where no instrument is playing. When everything around me was dark and evil, my spirit was walking in light, in a body you cannot see, and righteousness following its course through me as a fountain.

The Bible all made sense for the first time. I had always known Jesus was not a teacher of confusion. What a mystery! What greatness! What beauty!

I have left the prison and am back in Mexico. I am back with my family and have a job and am preaching God's Word. God continues to save souls through his children, regardless of age. God has revealed many valuable things to me that I must share with others. I know there is a lot of work to be done on this earth, because there are many men in darkness. I exhort all men to join the kingdom of God, our kingdom, the kingdom that God has prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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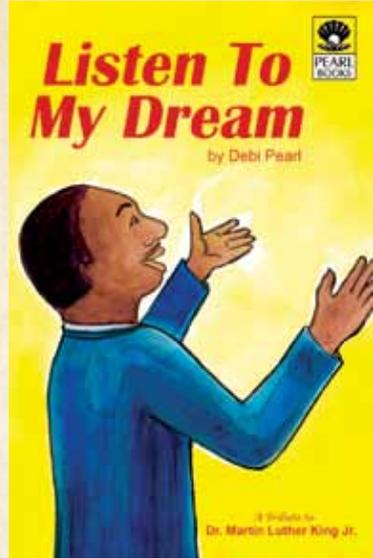
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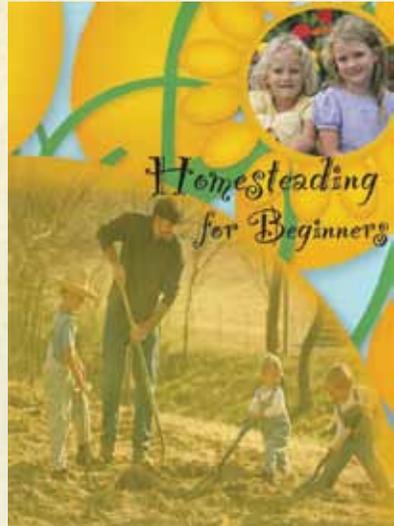
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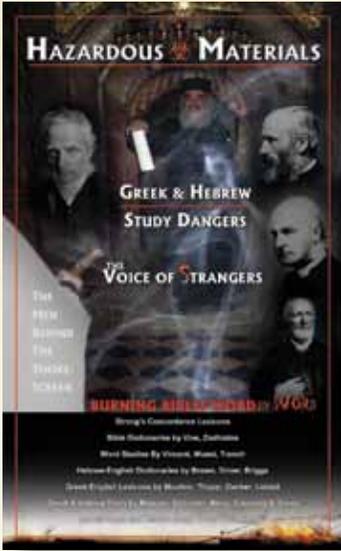
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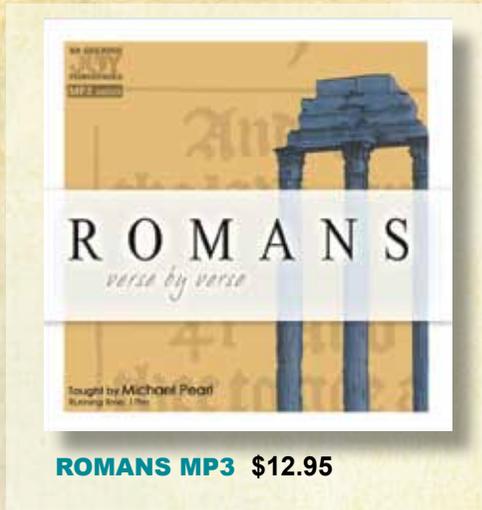
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