

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

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ATTENTION AMISH & MENNONITE:



Last month we posted an invitation to our “plain people” friends who have recently discovered justification by faith and know their sins are forgiven, and who would now like to meet like-minded families. We have receive more responses than we ever expected. **We will be contacting those of you who have written us asking for information concerning the Fall gathering.** In order to get an invitation, you need to send us your contact information before August 15, 2010.

Y'ALL DID COME!

We are having a great Summer visiting with many of you from all over the country. You have responded to our invitation and are coming in droves. The ladies have been preparing great meals for the Sunday after church dinner, and the fellowship has been tremendous. Deb and I are not doing seminars like we once did when we were younger, so this gives us an opportunity to meet you. It is nice to see the faces and hear the voices of those who read our material. We will be doing some traveling in September and October and not be available to visit with you, so if you intend to come, you need to get here before Labor Day. Our last Sunday will be September 5th. We would be disappointed to miss you. If you intend to come, contact Chuck at cjoyner@nogreaterjoy.org so we can kill another chicken and throw it in the pot. Please include the number and ages of your children and your home and cell phone numbers.



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When the Worst Happens

By Michael Pearl

Woe is the day when a good friend rages, “My little girl said that your son...” Or worse, you walk in on your boys and a neighbor kid in a state of undress, experimenting with their bodies. The horrors of discovering that your young teenage boy is addicted to the worst kinds of pornography, or catching your girls trading lurid notes with other girls or boys! I could go on and speak of the things you may discover about your sons or daughters at various ages, beginning at three or four years of age, but “it is a shame to even speak of those things done of them in secret.”

We get the ugly letters. Parents are shocked, angered, and then brokenhearted and finally despondent. In one very rigid family the parents discovered their teenage boys and girls were engaged in immorality, and the parents were so demoralized that they turned back to their pre-church, pre-homeschool days of drinking, smoking, and bar hopping. The whole family went to hell. But one of the girls, after several years of marriage, experienced the new birth through faith in Jesus Christ, and it is she who wrote their story, now dismayed for her wayward parents.

There is no safe place. You cannot move to heaven. Even our little church and tight community discovers untoward behavior among some of the children from time to time. The Amish and Mennonite community has its share of horse dung now and then. You can isolate your children from all outside influences, yet they will discover and cultivate the lord of the flies lurking in their own flesh. Most kids have had some sort of sexual contact before they reach puberty.

We parents expect the best of our children. We train them to do what is right and protect them from evil influences. We are concerned when we see moral tragedies all around us, awful failures, kids taking the short road to hell. We know something like that could never happen to our children, for we are Christians and our kids are brought up to know right from wrong. Yes, we should have the highest of expectations, but if the unexpected happens and the devil dumps on our doorstep, do we know how to respond? Sometimes our parental response to a child’s divergence into the profoundly ugly is the deciding factor as to whether it is a one time curiosity or a permanent turn down the road to perdition.

We hear too many stories from shocked and horrified parents. “How could this happen? I didn’t believe my son was capable of this. We did everything right.”

And it’s true. You can do everything right and your children can still end up exposed to the sins of Sodom, the adultery of David and the fornication of Samson. The question is, have you gone beyond just “raising them right” to taking proactive steps to arm them against the day of dark temptation?



Innocence is no hedge

I am amazed at parents' belief that they and their children are somehow immune to the depravity of the human race, that good is the default position in their family. If I didn't have a Holy Bible, I would definitely believe in a sinful nature. Observable phenomena are indisputable. Universal depravity is more certain than taxes or death. Yet by the grace of God, through his Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be overcomers in this world, and we can train up our children in the way they should go so they will not depart from it, but such is the supernatural exception, common to those who fear God, not the status quo.

Children are not born with our values. They do not come into the world good. They come innocent. And innocence is a two way street, with no signs—only desire. Just as innocence provides no propensity to evil, it provides no protection from the false promises of the fun of experimentation. All options are equal in the mind of a child who has not yet come to a full knowledge of good and evil, something that comes to complete fruition by at least age 19. That which is morally obvious to us adults is to a child nothing more than two flavors. Why should one be eaten and the other shunned? They know not. So they taste all that is available until they develop a taste one way or the other. Eve couldn't discern any difference between the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that led to death and the tree that would perpetuate life. She didn't possess the experience and maturity to differentiate—as is the case with all children. But innocence is no hedge against the consequences inherent in any departure from the holy and pure.

The surprise and shock experienced by parents stems from children's ability to originally conceive sin. Not all sins are copycats; not all spring from temptations without. Where children are concerned, there are many original sins. The natural appetites of flesh and mind are sufficient to account for the sins of youth. "A child left to himself will bring his mother to shame", but even a child well guarded and properly instructed will, like Eve, be tempted to taste the forbidden fruit, knowing not that a flaming sword will part them from their garden of innocence.

Reverse trend

I have noticed a trend down through the years. Some parents are suspicious and distrusting of the flesh of their children and of the human race in general.

They know their teen boys are going to, at the very least, take a mind trip down the road of immorality. These discerning parents know their young sons are going to come in contact with queer bait boys and grabbing girls. They are wisely suspicious of the preacher's sons, the choir director's girls, the old man teaching Sunday school, and the woman giving piano lessons. Then there are those parents who seem to trust everybody in the church and

anyone who maintains a respectable lifestyle and has a good reputation. They act as if evil comes with a devil suit and a sign. They allow their children to run in a herd with other kids and believe evil resides on the other side of the tracks only.

If experience had not taught me something different, I would believe that parents who expect evil and take extra steps to guard their children are the ones who had rough pasts, and that parents who are naively trusting that their kids “would never do anything like that” are the innocent ones who have never seen true evil up close. Surprisingly, not so. Often parents who have come from the dark side of the tracks think they left evil behind and that their children could not possibly get involved in the things they experienced in the sick and seedy world of their pasts. Those of us who were brought up in the church and protected from societal evil can examine our own hearts and know that innocence is no haven against imaginations of the flesh.

Two- to six-year-olds

What do you do if you suddenly discover you have a child that has been dancing with the devil? This is the most important thing I will say to you, so listen carefully: When the worst happens, do not assume it is all over. Do not go into mourning. Do not persecute the child. Don't give up. Know that there is yet plenty of hope.

I am not merely telling you to keep a positive attitude like the doctor might tell you to do after informing you that you have brain cancer. Hear me now. Statistically speaking, a young child who engages in shameful behavior is not by any means destined to be a pervert. Now think back to when you were a child. Did you ever get alone with a cousin or sibling and discuss the intimacies of what mommies and daddies do in private? Do you ever remember out of curiosity examining a member of the same or opposite sex? Did you ever view pornography? Did it make a pervert out of you? Did it totally destroy your life? A small percentage will say it was the first step to a downward road. For most it was just a passing discovery. I am not minimizing the seriousness of childhood participation in aberrant behavior, but I would like to minimize your emotional response, to prevent you from reacting in a way that is going to leave horrible scars where there would otherwise be quick healing, or maybe no wound at all.

According to age and need

Our response should be measured according to the needs and age of the child. The key is to discern the heart of the child. Children under five may see their parents or someone on television making love. Be sure, like everything else the world offers, they are going to try kissing or fondling any other boy or girl, sibling or friend, just to see why adults find such delight in it. When they find it to be quite boring, they will give up the idea and try a different flavor of ice cream. Unless they are led on by older children who do find excitement and stimulation, the little ones will not be harmed by curious investigation of their bodies or of others their age. Their exploration is certainly not desirable and may be a warning flag, but it does not mean you have a sexually active four-year-old.

If you should catch your very young children in this kind of unseemly behavior, do not blow your lid and go ballistic. First, without any show of emotion (difficult, I know,) evaluate the scene. Do they display guilt at being discovered thus? If not, then just say, “Put your clothes back on and stop that. That is what mamas and daddies do, not children.” Show a normal amount of irritation or mild anger as you would at a common infraction of the rules. Then make a show of forgetting it. But don't forget it; keep an eye on them and make sure that is the end of it. You don't want to attach guilt or shame to something they will otherwise forget for lack of significance. Don't make more of the event than they made of it. Then in your regular Bible story time

with them, teach the law of God concerning adultery, incest, fornication, etc., but at an appropriate level to their age and understanding.

Now what if the young children respond with strong guilt or shame? Make sure it is not just a reflection of the shock and shame on your face. If it is a true reflection of their souls, chances are this is not the first time and they are deriving some kind of illicit pleasure out of the event. They are knowingly violating their consciences. You have a sinner in the house.

It is yet important to remain calm and in control. You need to separate the kids and talk to each one individually. As much as it pains you, get the whole story. It is now important to express controlled shame and disgust at their deeds, but not so intensely as to cause them to clam up. They need to see your sadness, your tears, your grief, but this will pass, so allow them space for repentance. Don't create an atmosphere that will prevent them from feeling loved and forgiven.

I have suggested that if the small child seems to be doing nothing more than experimenting out of curiosity, don't highlight the moment by making a big deal out of it, and wait until later to teach them about Sodom and Gomorrah and the sin and judgment of King David. But if there is great guilt and shame, if this is a secret sin to the child, the time to teach is right now. Again, stay calm and in control. They have a spanking coming. If there are children involved who are not your own, and you feel the other parents will share your approach to discipline, and they are immediately available, they should be called to participate in the "court proceedings." If you feel the other parents are not going to sympathize with your approach, separate out any that are not your own children and then deal with your kids alone.

After briefly defining their transgression and telling them the evil of their deeds, with all of your children that were involved present, spank them soundly. If you are not in control of your emotions, save the spanking until you are. Do no harm to the child. That would be counterproductive. They need to see a dignified judge passing sentence, not an out of control personal response of violence. If they are expecting a spanking, by getting it out of the way, they will be more focused on what you have to say. Now sit them down for a serious Bible study on their sin and the consequences.

If there are other children in the house who are aware of the foul deed, and are old enough to benefit from the teaching, they should sit in on the session as well. As you teach, it will be appropriate to continue to express limited grief and sadness. More is caught than taught. You should have already been teaching these things to your kids in your regular Bible story lessons, but if not, now is the time. For those who feel completely inept at teaching, for two months I am making available, free of charge, a CD that instructs kids in Biblical prohibitions against sexual sins. As a preventive measure, Deb and I addressed the subject to our children at least once a year, and from time to time they heard instruction and warning in sermons and adult Bible classes. All the children, of any age, sat in on the teaching.

Seven to twelve-year-olds

Even where it concerns older children, all is not lost. There will be better days. Do you remember the story we have told of the beautiful homeschooled girl, lying in an uninsulated one room shack with no water, electricity, or heat, delivering the baby of an empty headed boyfriend? Deb, my wife, functioned as her midwife and then brought her and the child into our home to recover. The offended and insulted parents had shunned her to hide their own shame and protect the rest of the children from her bad influence. But her life got even worse after she married the father of her child and he took her to live in his father's house. It wasn't long before she discovered dark deeds involving a

stepmother and trade ups made in the night, things I cannot describe without being vulgar beyond bounds accepted in state prisons.

She took her baby and fled to where even we could not locate her. The parents were brokenhearted to the point of treating her as if she were never born. It took about two years for her to surface. Today, fifteen years later, she is happily married to a fine man and has several more children by him. She is still a lovely person and no one would ever know that she walked the valley of the shadow of shame. I do not know how she now relates to her parents, but I wonder if they wish they had acted with a little more grace and hope. I have seen too many parents deal with a crisis like this by taking on a permanent state of sadness and rejection. They end up destroying the rest of the family and drive them all out of the home early.

Teenagers can be amazingly volatile and foolish. They can scream they hate you and never want to see you again, disappear out of your life seemingly forever, and one year later be sitting at your kitchen table chatting like nothing ever happened. When they are thirty-five years old, married and with several kids, they will shake their heads in embarrassment at their foolish years. The question is, will you still be a part of their lives, or will you have responded with such anger and criticism that they chose to live without you?

So what does it mean and how should you handle it when a seven-to twelve-year-old diverges into some form of sexual curiosity or activity? The age brackets I discuss are not rigid. You must understand the principle and adjust to the needs of your child. First, know that at this age it has the possibility of being serious. You must get all the facts first. If you immediately show great anger, they will likely clam up on you. Try to appear calm and objective as you ask questions. If it takes an hour to wear them down to telling all, then stay with it until you are confident you have gotten all the details. “Has this been going on for a long time? When and with whom did it start? What other expressions have you indulged in? Why do you do it? What has influenced you to do this—television, videos, computer, a peek at mommy and daddy, seeing someone else, viewing pornography in a magazine, contact with an adult?”

Then ask them how they feel about what they were doing in secret. You want to discover how deeply they are violating their consciences. If you have not exposed your children to teaching against sexual promiscuousness, and have not taught them Bible stories that warn against such, then they may consider it not much more than stealing a cookie. If you determine this to be the case, it does not lessen the ramifications of the events, but it does modify the way you respond. Now is the time to show grief and sadness while you teach and instruct them against such practices. Commence a daily Bible study in which you teach the stories of God’s displeasure and judgment against sexual sins. Teach on sexual sins every day for about two weeks and then leave the subject and teach the greatness of God and his goodness and mercy and forgiveness. Teach the book of John or Mark, story by story all the way through. Teach the Psalms and especially Proverbs. As you come to the subject in Scripture, teach against sexual promiscuousness at least once a month.

If, before the events, your children have been well taught about the sinfulness of their deeds and they have indulged anyway, the problem is much more serious. They do not fear God and do not believe his Word. Ask yourself why and remedy that problem in the future. Willful sinners, of any age, who turn away from their consciences are on the road to addiction and perdition. You need to bring the Biblical truth to bear in such a way that they fear to walk the dark path. In your teaching time, recount the horrors of hell and eternal suffering.

Children who have violated their consciences will need to be soundly spanked after they have understood the awfulness of their sin. Their souls need the release that judgment brings. This will be one of those rare times when you give them more licks, distributed over a wider area so as not to bruise or damage the skin. They need to know this is an especially dark deed deserving of special judgment.

How should you respond when post puberty children engage in sexual conduct?

I know you understand this is a different matter altogether. Girls do not just grow into sexual interest and passion. They must be conditioned to it by some outside influence. But boys develop sexual passion by just going through puberty. No one need tell them anything. It is their destiny. Parents and the church must prepare

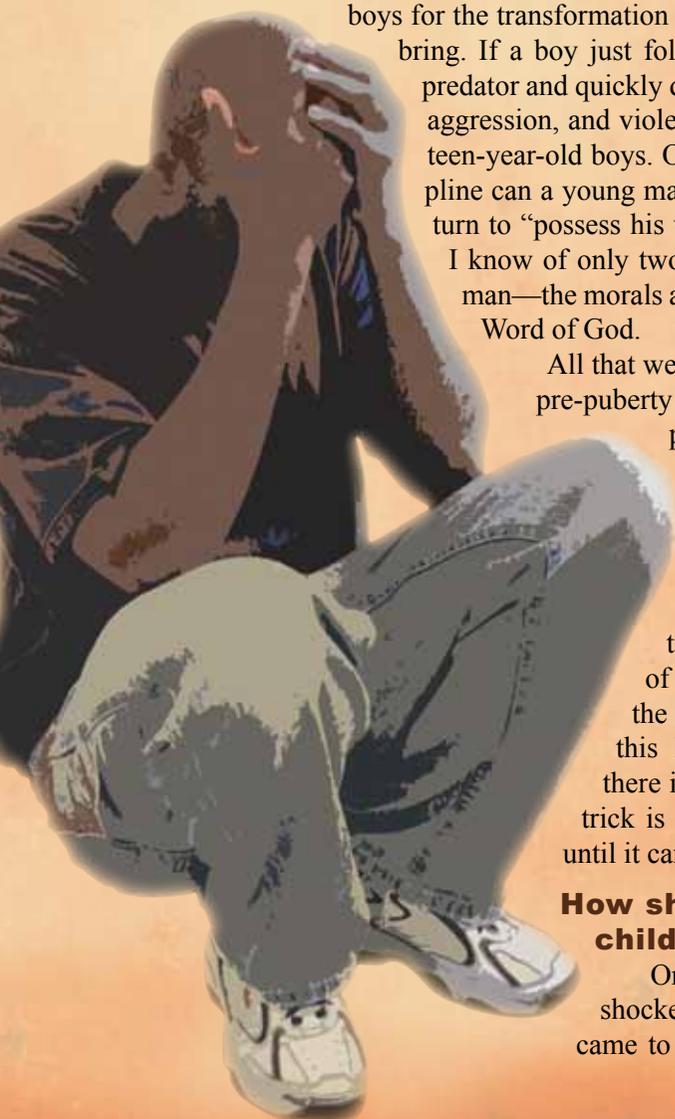
boys for the transformation and temptation their hormones will bring. If a boy just follows his drives, he will become a predator and quickly develop into a deviant. Passion, fire, aggression, and violence are in the members of all fourteen-year-old boys. Only through self-restraint and discipline can a young man contain his passions and wait his turn to “possess his vessel in sanctification and honor”.

I know of only two things that can constrain a young man—the morals and restraints of community, and the Word of God.

All that we said concerning your response to a pre-puberty child is true here, but there is an important added element: you are now dealing with an adult—in various degrees, depending on age and maturity. The only restraint will be self-restraint. The kid must repent, change his mind about his actions and choose to suffer the pains of temptation in self-denial. Only by the power of the gospel in his life will this happen. Once the flower blooms there is no putting it back in the bud. The trick is to now keep it in the flower stage until it can be taken to a wedding.

How should we relate to children other than our own?

Once, a parent came to my wife shocked and upset. Her five year old son came to her telling how another boy, eight



years old, had cornered him in an aggressive manner and demanded to see his “PP.” The five year old was afraid of the older boy but refused to expose himself. Good training! The mother acted as if she had just lost her innocence. “How could this happen among good Christian families?” Probably because they are sons of Adam, made of flesh. If you think otherwise you are naive at best.

Now how should this mother and father relate to the family with the PP-peeking pervert? The short answer is, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple” (Romans 6:17-18). Look at the wording, “mark them.” Put a mark on them so you and everyone else can “avoid” them.

As far as your children are concerned, the offender is as taboo as a rattlesnake. The offender will probably grow up to be normal, but know that he is part of the pool that will produce the small percentage of perverts that decorate the walls of post offices and occupy the cells of prisons. You should have compassion for the offender, and if you are in a position to minister to him, do so, but your first duty is to protect your children from rattlesnakes by never allowing them in the same yard together. That is not to say that you take your children and go home if the offender’s family ends up at the same gathering as yours, but it does mean that by all means you quietly and inoffensively take whatever steps are necessary to keep your children from ever spending five seconds alone in his presence. By alone I mean standing and talking within sight but out of hearing.

We want to be balanced and compassionate. What if you are the parent of the offender? Would you want others to just throw your son away? Would you want the church and community to publicly mark him as a pervert? Of course not. Then do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You have two separate responsibilities. You must first assure the protection and sanctity of your son, and then you must do what you can to save the offender from his untoward behavior. Keep in mind that the offender will most likely grow up to be quite normal. It could have been just a moment of curiosity. We do not want to publicly destroy the young boy or girl and thereby force them into a life of isolation and anger.

On the other hand, even if the event (and possibly several others like it) does not cause the boy to grow up to be a pervert or a predator, know that his possibly passing display of voyeurism or curious moment of exploration could have much more negative consequences on those whom he infects. He might grow up to be normal while he leaves behind weaker souls who grow up to hang out in the men’s rooms at interstate rest stops. We must be protectors first and healers second—but never persecutors.

Repeat offenders

If a nine-year-old is a repeat offender and has on more than one occasion tried to see the private members of another boy or girl, it is obvious that he has a chronic problem. Mark him to your children, by discussing the evil of his ways. Let your children see an attitude of disgust on the one hand and compassion and pity on the other. During your family worship time and in your bed time prayers, pray for the offender’s lost soul.

Never allow your children to play with or even talk to the child. It won’t do any good to change churches. Kids everywhere are offenders. Where you are now, at the very least, you have identified one offender. There are others in the same group—in any group, without exception.

Deb spotted two post-puberty Amish girls in the creek feeling each other. When she confronted them they confessed that several of the girls carried on in such a manner in the two stall privy at the one room school house. When Deb had them confess to their parents, the parents were so uncomfortable discussing it that they dismissed her and buried the whole thing with silence. The girls appear to have grown up to be “normal,” except one.

Pretend it never happened

Many parents will pretend it never happened, or if it did happen it doesn't mean anything. Once, in our own church service, a visiting girl who is homeschooled but attends a public church passed a note to one of our girls who has been known to offend. The note said... I can't tell you what it said, but it had the strongest of lesbian content. The parents brushed it off with a smile and the remark, “Oh, you know, kids will be kids.” Yeah, and kids will be little Sodomites and fornicators as well. Remember, children died in Sodom and Gomorrah just like the adults. And when God sent Israel to possess wicked Canaan, he told them to kill every man, woman, and child. Yes, they could not adopt one of the beautiful little two year old girls, for the whole nation was conditioned to great immorality and infected with disease.

Judge and Jury

Do not become a persecutor of the offenders. Don't act vindictively. Don't despise the parents. Put yourself in their place. You could be there three years from now. Have compassion. Be sympathetic. By all means, protect your children, but don't give your own kids cause to see you as hostile. You may generate sympathy for the offender and render yourself dislikeable in the eyes of your own kids.

Fourteen to eighteen-year-olds

There are two kinds of teenage offenses—consensual and predatory. Our response should reflect that difference. Predators should be reported to the law and incarcerated. It will be the end of their moral life, for they will be placed in a government institution with other perverts where they will prey on one another and learn all the foul arts of Sodom. It is sad, but under Mosaic law they would have been stoned to death.

If you have teenagers that descend into the dark pit of sexual promiscuousness, it is too late to parent them into a course correction. When the member gets out of the pants it cannot be put back in except by the crucifying power of the Holy Spirit. (See my series, **Sin No More**.) Your job will be to manage them in a manner that minimizes the impact of their sin upon the rest of the family and upon others with whom they come in contact.

If they are cooperative and repentant, thank God and show mercy and forgiveness. Offer support and try to normalize the relationship.

If you become aware your child is involved in consensual sexual activity with a child about the same age, you must view both of them as equally guilty even though one of them may have been initially the experienced predator. There are too many variations for me to cover all the possibilities.

Extremes

My readers come in a variety of extremes. I know that it is impossible to communicate clearly with all of you. Some are so “compassionate” and afraid to offend that they will believe the best, cover sins with silence, and ignorantly act as if all is well, giving evil the cloak it needs to continue its insidious, undetected infestation. Other of my readers are “fearless defenders of the truth” who pride themselves in their stand for righteousness. They will recklessly condemn the guilty and mark in bright red the of-

fenders, hounding them with condemnation until they are driven out of the company of “decent folks.” I would have to speak in the extreme, one way or the other, to reach the radical left and right on this or any issue. I am sad to confess that most of my readers will only remember those words that enforce their already preconditioned perspectives. The compassionate will avoid judgment and the judgmental will refuse to show compassion, as has been their manner all along.

Conflicted

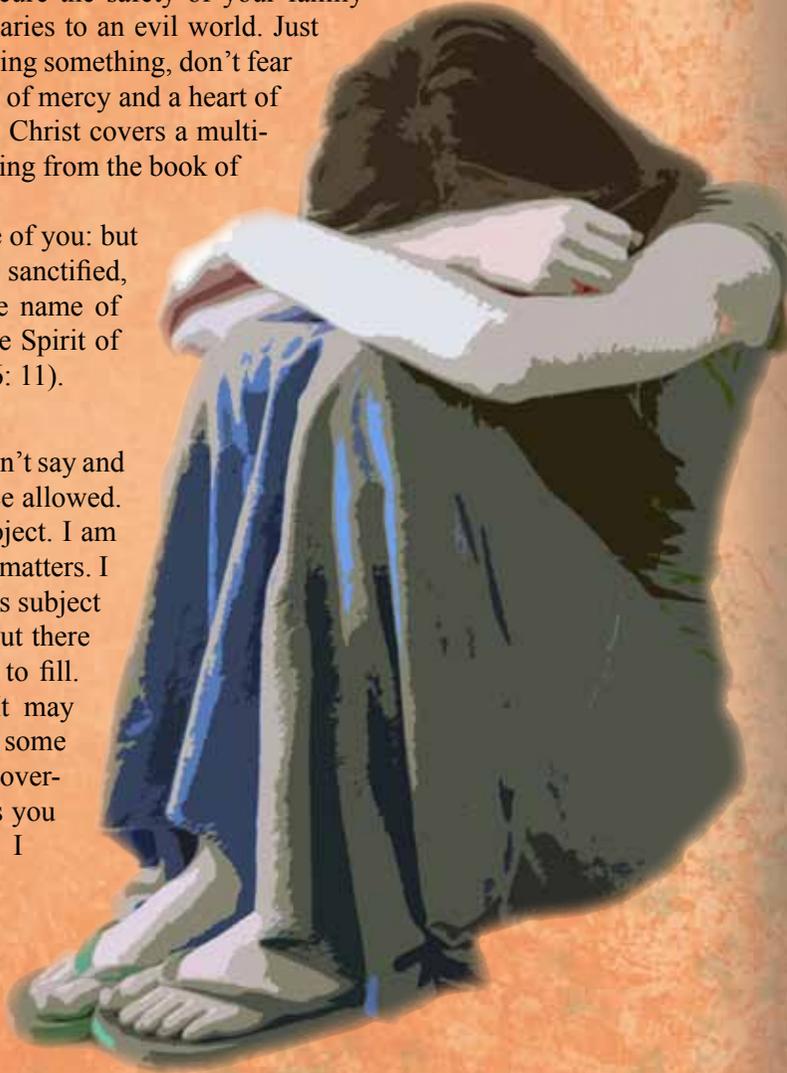
I must confess that I am conflicted. Part of me would like to mark all the sinning children, separate our families, and shun the offenders altogether. But there is another part of me that wants to redeem the sinning children and weep with parents who must deal with these issues. One of the things that gives me hope is my many years of experience. God is merciful and longsuffering, and I have seen him forgive people I wouldn't have buried with my dead dog. I have observed as God lifts a piece of trash from the ground and holds it to his heart. As I watch in awe, it turns into a lovely son or daughter of God. The useless is united with heaven itself, and he is not ashamed to call them brethren. I don't want to get to heaven and find God hugging something I threw away.

So, I say again, first protect your children, and then reach out in compassion to lost souls of any age. Secure the safety of your family and then become missionaries to an evil world. Just because the devil is clutching something, don't fear to reach for it with a hand of mercy and a heart of grace. The blood of Jesus Christ covers a multitude of sin. (See my teaching from the book of Hebrews.)

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6: 11).

Help Me Help You

There is so much I didn't say and couldn't cover in the space allowed. I am no expert on the subject. I am not a counselor on sexual matters. I would be glad to leave this subject to those more qualified, but there is a vacuum I have tried to fill. I welcome your input. It may well be that I am blind to some of the issues or have overlooked good solutions. As you share your perspectives I will learn from you and take that into consideration when addressing this subject in the future.



BOSSY

By Shalom Brand

FLOSSY



Hey Little Sister! Stop making such a mess!



Oh, sorry! I am such a bossy chick!



Let's go get bugs.

I received many great letters on the subject of tattling and building trust. I have learned so much from reading your letters. I wish I could have responded to all your letters, but with a new baby, plus two other children, homeschooling, and helping my Mom with her new book, *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*, I was pretty much overwhelmed these last few months. Having a third child definitely increases the demand upon me. Gracie loves her little brother so much. She is a great babysitter, sitting on the floor with him and making him laugh for hours. He is a delightfully happy little guy.

In one of the letters I received, you asked how you can teach your children **not to boss around the younger children so much**. I have a very bossy five year old girl; she is the oldest child. Her little sister is two and a half and is the target of all her sister's bossiness. Most of the time, little sister enjoys the undivided attention, as she is being told what to say and when to say it, what to pick up and what not to touch. But as she gets older and begins to have opinions of her own, she will not be so obliging. In preparation for that day I began to have five minute "Boss Time." I work with Laila and we boss Gracie around for five minutes, then Gracie gets to boss us for five minutes. We do this while we are cleaning, washing dishes or playing together. If Gracie slips and bosses while it is not her turn, she has to do five push-ups. It is all done in fun, and the whole time I am teaching them the difference between *nice bossing* and *mean bossing* by directing everyone to say "please" and "thank you." As we go through this training exercise, I talk to them about what we are doing and what we are learning, so it is not just an entertaining game but a learning process.

When Gracie and Laila are playing together and I hear Gracie being too authoritative, I call her over and tell her quietly to be a sweet boss, then send her back to play. Through our training sessions she has learned exactly what being a sweet boss means.

It is *very* important that Laila *not* know I am putting Gracie in her place, for then Laila will assume a victim attitude, whining, “she is hurting me and being mean to me.” The victim attitude is a much worse problem to deal with than a bossy or even mean attitude, for you can train bossy out of them, but the child who is always running to mom to be rescued is so pathetic I would not want to babysit her or my girls to play with her. As the second child, Laila is already subject to the hazards of victimhood, so I do not want to reinforce it by rebuking her bossy sister within her hearing.

There are times when bossing is not only okay, it is critical. You need to teach your older children to be alert and to command the younger ones when it is needed. But they must learn that bossing is a responsibility and it comes from caring for your siblings and learning to be trustworthy. The older children learn they are reinforcing the rules you the parent have placed on the children. If they do not show themselves as trustworthy to enforce your rules, or if they are inclined to “add to” your words, then you need to do some exercise training like I do. Sometimes I hear Gracie say to Laila, “Mom said for you to give that to me,” or to come in the house, or whatever she wants Laila to do. When I hear Gracie wrongly using my authority I take her aside for instruction and discipline.

My goal is that Laila trust her sister and that Gracie be protective of Laila. Both of these responses are crucial. Gracie cannot be protective of a tattletale sister who has learned that over-telling gets her mastery over her big sister; nor can Laila learn submission from a big sister who uses her authority to rule her unjustly. Keep in mind, of the two bad habits, the over-telling sissy is the greater fault and ugliest trait, one that is perpetuated by Mama always believing her sweet, lying baby.

Caution

The older sibling, still a kid, will often forget to watch out for the younger children, which can mean the younger child will get hurt. *Never* pile guilt on an older child for not being a good parent. *You* are the parent and you are responsible. Instruct, do exercise training, and reinforce what you are teaching. Make sure you cultivate their souls to become caring and compassionate nurturers for those under them so as they mature they will develop a natural instinct to protect their younger siblings.

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Now is the time to make a small strawbale garden or hoop house. Strawbales are great for lettuces, spinach, and bunching onions. A hoop house is perfect for larger plants like broccoli, cauliflower, collards, and kale. Starting now will allow your plants to take advantage of the longer sunlight. Once the cool weather hits cover your strawbale garden with old windows or glass door, and your hoop house with greenhouse grade heavy plastic. Then harvest your produce all winter long!

When I Was a Child



BY SHOSHANNA EASLING

My parents knew what I now know, that a child is a book waiting to be written.

My parents knew what I now know, that a child is a book waiting to be written. Every minute of every day is filled with writing on the blank pages of your child's life story. Some people call it "making memories." But memories are not formed just on special occasions. Every moment of a child's life is part of who he will become. Those early years are when we develop our character and form our values.

My parents provided a haven for me growing up, but they didn't shut me out from life. Quite the contrary, at an early age I learned to work for the things I wanted. I learned to help others in need. My parents gave me tools, ideas, and resources to build things. They praised my hard work and showed my creative projects off to everyone. They delighted in me, and I delighted in praise. I grew to love serving people. I worked hard with my hands and saw profit in it, making a little money. I was so busy learning and developing in life that I did not have time to waste on foolishness. If I did get the "bored face" they would give me a job like washing dishes. I found I liked staying busy and got very creative.

Years later, I am happily married and have an amazing four year old boy and another child on the way. Every day I am conscious of filling the blank pages of my son's life.

I grew up thinking that husbands and wives were always happy with each other—never had a fuss or a fight. Nor did it ever occur to me that some parents might spank in anger or be abusive to their children. I had no idea that some fathers, uncles, brothers, and even pastors and deacons molested little children. I was thirteen and babysitting when for the first time I saw a young married couple fighting. I was astonished that two parents were raising their voices at each other. In a breathless panic I told my mom what I saw. She never skipped a beat, and just simply said, "A lot of husbands and wives fight." Her lack of surprise only shocked me further.

How is it that I was shielded from those realities for so long? Could it be because both of my parents loved God and believed His Word? No one is perfect, and being married there are times you want to talk down to your husband and make him toe the line. You want to give him what he deserves, but what does God say you should do? My mother and father say it is what they learned from God's word that made their marriage different.



I know that every paragraph is precious, making a permanent mark in his life. One day he will take the pen and write without me helping him. I pray to God for the wisdom to raise my son in the way he should go, to make a man of truth that will stand for God and righteousness, that will defend the weak, give to the needy, and raise his children to be soldiers of God.



Parents, we are in a race against time with our little ones. Every minute counts. Like my parents before me, I know I am the author of my child's future. I am not just making a happy little boy; I am making the future father of my grandchildren. May they rise up and call me blessed as I do my parents.



Poor Miss Loveless & Her Sister

By Debi Pearl, Friend to All the Loveless

Question:

Dear Mrs. Debi,

I love your new book, ***Preparing To Be His Help Meet***. I was deeply affected by the phrase, ***“I can think of nothing I want more than someone to truly love me.”*** I am a 27 year old homeschooled girl. My older sister and I have no reason to believe marriage is in sight.

Mom is a wonderful person, but still believes it is her total responsibility to guide and protect us as if we were still children. This might be fine and good, but the years have passed and Mom is so much in our faces and controlling toward the few Possibilities that have come our way that if things continue status quo I suspect we will remain old maids.

Mom doesn't see this as bad. "After all," she says, "it is better to remain a vessel for God than to marry an unrighteous man." That is easy for her to say. Mom's spiritual talk is her way of reminding us what a loser Dad is. Dad is a long way from being the Apostle Paul, but then Mom is no ministering angel toward him. That is another subject and their problem... unless mine and my sister's loveless and childless fate is perpetuated by their sin.

My question is this: What can we do? Are we really rebellious when we want to be adults making our own decisions? Can a saved parent hold a grown child back from having a life that God would freely give? What does the Bible say? If we are free, then how do we find these Possibilities? Or have them find us? ~ Just call me Miss Loveless

Dear Miss Loveless and her Loveless Sister,

What a sad state you find yourself in. Maybe a little Bible information will shed some light on your plight.

God clearly reveals the age when one becomes an autonomous adult. Is this the age of accountability? It is far more than that.

The phrase **“twenty years old and upward”** appears 132 times in the Scripture. God gives **twenty years old** as being the beginning of a man's independent responsibilities toward Him in worship: Exodus 30:14, **“Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.”** The **twenty year old** was no longer covered by his family's sacrifice.

In Numbers chapters 1-3, God says many times, **“number the names of every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war.”**

It is most significant that when a man reached the age of twenty, he was counted as an independent family separate from his father. Number 1:18 says, “And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from **twenty years old and upward** by their polls.”

You will note all these Old Testament passages refer to a man’s age, not a female’s. Some will argue that females have no independent standing before God, that they must relate to God and society in subjection to a man—either their father or a husband. In the New Testament we find no such rigid cultural standards. God clarified this point through his dealings with Mary. The Holy Ghost approached Mary about becoming the mother of Jesus without going through either her parents or her betrothed husband. And she made her decision on her own.

Furthermore, overly protective parents are handicapping their adult children spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Young adults need to be tested so they can gain wisdom. A parent’s instruction concerning life is not sufficient; there comes a time when we must stand alone before God in regard to the choices we make if we are to grow to maturity before God. Some will fail; some will be wounded; but that is life. It is God’s testing ground to prove who and what we are. When our adult children leave home and grow into wise sons and daughters of the living God, sacrificing their life for righteousness, it brings great glory to God. A cloistered adult kid is a glory only to a needy parent.



You as a single woman, far past the age of twenty, will stand before God for your own decisions. (Of course, everyone living in the house should follow house rules.)

How can you safeguard yourself against making unwise decisions? We all think we are wise, but it is so easy to be deceived. A wise daughter should continue to seek her parents’ counsel as well as the counsel of any and all wise people in her life, especially concerning the most important decision of your life. Proverbs 12:15 says, “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.” Then Proverbs 11:14 says, “Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.” But know that the final decisions are yours to live with.

Now your second question: How can you meet Possibilities? You can ask your dad, an older brother, a man in the Church who walks upright and is happily wed, or your pastor to introduce you to young men who might need a wife. Men know what men are “up to” better than females, so it is wise to meet a “Possibility” through a man who regards your wellbeing as important. Even if your mom and dad were divorced, I would think your dad would be the first place to seek help. Dads naturally tend to be protective of their own flesh and blood, so even if he doesn’t live righteously, he will want your husband to be a good man.

It is possible that your dad would soberly take on the task. Usually dads, even lost ones, are more emotionally balanced than moms who often thrive on controlling in an invasive way. When I asked the local men their thoughts on approaching a parent concerning getting to know a girl for marriage, they agreed that having to approach a girl’s father would be scary, but having to deal with the older woman about her daughters would be humiliating. They all agreed that

they would give up pursuing a good woman as a possible wife to avoid being under the scrutiny (authority) of the girl's mom.

Be ready for an emotional storm. Kindly let Mom know of your decision to act autonomously as a grown woman. Chances are she will see you choosing your dad over her and it will stir up an old personal hurt. She might tell some ugly stories, but in every bad marriage there are two sides, and both are usually greatly exaggerated. Refuse to listen, as she will regret the telling later. Be patient, wise, discerning, and reassuring toward her.

Now, if Dad or another trusted man does help find you a husband, I want you to know this important detail. You are your mother's daughter. She loves you and has given her life for you. Honor her. Give her space and let her be a part of your new family.

Also, remember that she, as a woman in sourness toward her husband, is probably judgmental toward men in general, and thus a lingering spirit of criticism will most likely be an evil stronghold in your own life. Start now reading all the stories in the Old Testament of men God chose to use as his messengers. Learning how God loved and dealt with different people brings you to know the mind of God; this will renew your mind. There were Adam, Samson, David, Jonah, and Solomon. Become acquainted with these men of God. See their ups and downs. Read the story of the prophet Elijah who had a nervous breakdown, Ezekiel who had strange visions, Jeremiah who laid on his side and ate dung while prophesying, and a crowd of other eccentric men God chose to honor as his special men.

If you are really blessed you will marry one of the sons of Adam, and you will be judgmental toward him because he will be a jerk. But sweetie, so are you; only you will not see the beam in your own eye. Be sure to read *Created To Be His Help Meet* when you find yourself irritated with your man. Don't let what happened to your mama happen to you and your daughters. If we are not ever vigilant, sin has a way of being passed down through the generations. It is a stealer of love, joy, and peace—and marriages.

In the end, a Possibility is just that: a Possibility. You will need to seek God's will and have peace that this is the man you want to honor and obey all the days of your life, and the one you want to be the daddy to your children. It is a sobering thought. Once you are put to the test you might start agreeing with your mom and decide to stay single. But you need the opportunity to decide.

God tells us his will in I Timothy 5:14: "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." The Scripture also says, "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" (1 Corinthians 7:34a). I would encourage you to pour your life into the ministry until such time God blesses you with a man. Read *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*.

Some naysayers will point out that this verse says women, not girls. We already covered the age of an adult found in the Old Testament (20 years old). What does "younger" refer to? Twenty? Twenty-five? Thirty? Well, younger is definitely not older. Keep in mind that the best, safest and healthiest childbearing age is from twenty to thirty.

May God's blessing be on you and your sister, and may both of you soon have someone to truly love you.

Friend, Debi



Young Wives Club ~ LEAH SPINA

IDEA FOR YOUNG WIVES TO BUILD THEIR MARRIAGES

ONE YEAR INTO MARRIAGE, I DECIDED I NEEDED SOME ACCOUNTABILITY

as I worked toward becoming a godly help meet to my dear husband. I was determined to lay a strong foundation for the next decades of my married life. I emailed some of my friends about going through Debi Pearl's book *Created To Be His Help Meet* – we would read two or three chapters a week and then discuss what we learned and how we applied it. Each Tuesday we young wives met at a local Starbucks over a cup of coffee to spur one another toward being good help meets to our new husbands. Our stories and struggles were held in confidence and we agreed to never disrespectfully talk about our husbands during our meetings. We always started with prayer and then went around and shared our “good wife story” – how we had attempted to be a good help meet that week! This motivated us to be proactive in looking for ways to honor our husbands. One wife fixed a broken screen herself, another defended her husband publically, and another altered her cooking to her husband's taste instead of giving up. These mornings changed my marriage and the other marriages so much we intend to do it again!



Guys and Gals!

No Greater Joy is giving you a place to meet like-minded people, ask questions, watch YouTubes of Debi answering your questions, blog and even post your picture!

Debi, 3 young men and 3 young ladies will be moderating and answering your questions. Visit www.preparingtobeahelpmeet.com beginning August 1, 2010!



Concerned about the future?
It might be wise to learn
something of how to live off
the land. Your survival could
depend on it. ~ Debi Pearl



From City Slickers to Happy Homesteaders

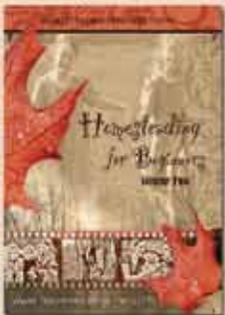
BY ERIN HARRISON

My husband and I were brought up in the city and had no experience with country living. When we first got married, all I knew how to cook was macaroni and cheese from a box, canned ravioli, and Hamburger Helper. We would have starved without a nearby grocery store.

After we started having children we wanted to move out to the country, plant a garden, and work toward becoming self-sufficient. We bought an old farmhouse on three acres and fixed it up very nicely. I met some Amish folks and began taking lessons on cooking, butchering, sewing, and canning. We spent one year's tax refund on our first milk cow. We could not believe how fun and economical this lifestyle was. We started raising chickens, collecting eggs with our little children, and making healthy meals. The first year we started canning with the Amish, we canned about 500 quarts of everything from tomatoes to green beans to applesauce to meat. I found that we were spending less time in the car going to the grocery store and more time as a family working together.

There is no greater joy than building relationships with your children by working together for everyone's good. We wanted to share our joy. Since we are professional photographers, we decided to create a DVD teaching what we had learned. For over a year every new project was recorded on camera: raising chickens, boiling down maple syrup, making bread, growing a garden, and many other homestead projects. The *Homesteading for Beginners* DVD series is the result. Everyone who watches it says it inspires them to try to reacquire some of these lost skills that our forefathers knew well and





For more information or to order these DVDs, check out page 36.

relied upon to survive hard times. Modern families would do well to learn these skills and get back to the basics. When jobs are lost or power is failing, it would be helpful to know how to provide food for the family.

Homesteading for Beginners comes in two DVDs and will show you basic skills for homesteading. The first DVD is a good teaching tool for children and parents, but is geared to keep children captivated. It is a basic step one for those who know very little of homesteading. Our second video is aimed at an older audience and goes into greater depth. Both DVDs introduce milking a cow, making butter, cheese, kefir, planting a garden, butchering chickens and more.

Through all the homesteading we have learned that there is a real need for community life. Until two generations ago everything centered around the community. People would come together to work, to survive, and to learn from each other. Our family desires to help bring like-minded families together in their homesteading adventure. We created a web site and forum that others can join to encourage one another. We will be offering a platform for trading, buying, selling, and getting to know others in the same season of life. It will be an opportunity for people to learn, be creative, write articles, ask questions, get the products they need, and build family bonds.

Visit our web site and join our community at:

www.HomesteadCommunityPost.com



Healthy Broth

BY SHOSHANNA EASLING



Old fashioned broth is packed with important minerals that have disappeared from the American diet. They have been replaced with the discovery of monosodium glutamate (MSG). What is MSG? It is a neurotoxin that causes a wide range of reactions from temporary headaches to permanent brain damage. You might think you do not use MSG, but it is in bouillon cubes, canned broths and soups, dehydrated soup mixes, sauce mixes, TV dinners, most restaurant food, condiments, and more. It tricks the brain into thinking the food tastes better than it does. Fast food restaurants could not exist without MSG.

TIPS:

1. Asian and Latin American markets sometimes carry whole birds, and some butchers in ethnic neighborhoods carry calves' feet. Use 2-4 chicken's feet for chicken stock and about 2 lbs. calf's feet pieces for a large pot of beef stock.
2. If you want to make a gravy you can add 2 tbsp. arrowroot powder with 2 tbsp. water to one cup broth. Bring to boil, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Add sea salt, and, if desired, other seasonings.
3. Let all the ingredients sit in the water for an hour before starting to cook broth. This helps the vinegar break down the calcium.

TIDBIT ON EGGSHELL AND BONE HEALTH:

Studies have shown that taking eggshell with vitamin D3 improves bone mineral density. Egg shells have been used to treat of all kinds of arthritis and joint pain. Pour 2 cups of hot water over 4-5 (free-range or organic is best) crumbled egg shells. Add 1 tsp fresh lemon juice or vinegar. Cover and let sit for 2 hours. Strain the shells

Enough about MSG; this article is about broth. So what is broth? It is a flavorful liquid resulting from slow cooking bones, hooves, egg shells, knuckles, chicken feet, meat, poultry, fish, or vegetables in water. This process pulls nutrients from cartilage and tendons, like sulphates and glucosamine, which is used as a supplement for treatment of arthritis and joint pain. Some of that stuff might sound a little disgusting, but believe it or not, it is delicious. The benefits for the body are amazing. It is an herb in itself, healing and strengthening the body's digestion. It contains minerals, like calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, silicon, sulphur, gelatin, and trace minerals, in a form the body can easily absorb.

Broth has been used to treat arthritis and joint pain, peptic ulcers, tuberculosis, diabetes, muscle diseases, infectious diseases, jaundice, cancer, colds, and can even be put in babies' milk to aid digestion. Broth is also used to activate and strengthen the thyroid. Not only is broth great for your health, it is a MUST for culinary minded individuals. I use broth for cooking vegetables, noodles, rice, sauces, soups, gravy, stews and more.



❁ RECIPES ❁

Chicken Stock

1 whole free-range chicken or 2 to 3 lbs of chicken parts, such as necks, backs, breastbones and wings
2-4 chicken feet (optional)
4 free-range or organically grown egg shells
4 quarts cold filtered water
2 carrots peeled and chopped; if organic do not peel

3 celery stalks chopped
2 tbsp vinegar
4 whole garlic cloves
1 onion, chopped
1 tsp peppercorns
1 bunch parsley
Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for at least 6 hours or as long as 48 hours. Strain out solids and discard. Use liquid



broth. Broth will become very thick when cooled.

Fish Stock



3-4 whole carcasses, including heads, of non-oily fish such as sole, turbot, trout, brim, rockfish, or snapper

2 tbsp butter
2 onions, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 bunch of cilantro
3 cloves garlic
1/2 cup dry white wine or vermouth
1/4 cup vinegar
3 quarts cold filtered water (approximately)

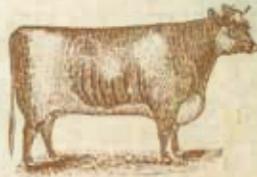
Milk from young coconut (optional)

Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for at least 4 hours or as long as 24 hours. Strain and discard solids. Use liquid broth. Broth will become thick when cooled.

Beef Stock

4 lbs beef and knuckle bones (approximately)
1 calf's foot, cut into pieces (optional)
3 lbs meaty rib or neck bones
4 or more quarts cold filtered water, more if desired
1/2 cup vinegar

4 free-range or organically grown egg shells
3 onions, chopped
3 carrots, chopped
3 celery stalks, chopped



5-6 whole garlic cloves
1-2 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp peppercorns
1 bunch parsley

Simmer stock for at least 12 hours or as long as 72 hours. Strain and discard solids. Use liquid broth. Broth will become very thick when cooled.

out and put liquid in a clean glass jar with a lid. Take a sip of the liquid one or two times a day. Just because it works does not mean you should take more than you need. Slowly increase your dosage until pain is the gone. After that do not increase it. Some of us need more calcium than others, but remember our bodies cannot handle too much calcium.

Egg shells are high in Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Glycine, Gelatin, Collagen, and other trace minerals.

For more healthy lifestyle tips and recipes check out *Nourishing Traditions*. You can order this and many other helpful books from The Bulk Herb Store's web site at: www.BulkHerbStore.com



A regular family makes an eternal difference.

We are the Felmley family from the Pacific Northwest. During a recent conversation with Debi, I shared about our involvement with the *Good and Evil* project, translating it into the Chichewa language of Malawi, Africa. She asked me to share it with you.

My husband Kyle and I used to travel to Malawi together doing mission work, but since we started a family, he has traveled with our friend Dave.



On one particular visit in October 2006, six months prior to the first *Good and Evil* printing, my husband and Dave found themselves staying in an army barracks; you find yourself in a lot of odd places when working in the Third World. A story developed in the barracks that one of the soldiers was getting paid by the *azungus* (white guys) in return for a place to stay. So in the wee hours one morning, without warning, they got the boot.

After a few hours of searching around town, a Christian national named Biswick opened up his home to these strangers. Kyle and Dave enjoyed their first running water of the trip there. Biswick mentioned that he was working with the International Bible Society as a translator. Kyle and Dave thanked him for his hospitality and began their journey back to the United States, little suspecting that this meeting had a purpose beyond rest and security, a divine purpose that would culminate in the months ahead.

As June 2007 rolled around, our family was enjoying our first copy of *Good and Evil*. At about the same time we read in the NGJ magazine of the vision to translate *Good and Evil* into 100 languages in the first year. Praise God that he pays attention to detail in His orchestration of our comings and goings.

Dave takes meticulous notes of each trip; he had Biswick's contact information, and we got hold of him to see if he'd be willing to translate the book into Chichewa. He enthusiastically agreed. With funds from donors we were able to send Biswick a laptop and the work commenced. We agreed to pay Biswick a set amount per page; Biswick requested that we not send any money until he had finished the complete first draft. He wanted to be free from the temptations of wealth. He worked diligently alongside his family and career, and in the end he used the money to build his aged parents their first house that could withstand the Malawi rainy season.

The NGJ staff helped us tirelessly along the way. After all, we weren't translators, printers, or even comic buffs (until *Good and Evil* came out.) And now, after almost three years of translating and revising, we are ready to print 5,000 copies.

The inconvenience of getting kicked out of the barracks was a divine appointment. We have seen all things working together for good because of our love for God. Wow!

We are excited about this project and hope that this testimony will encourage you to see where you can get involved in the *Good and Evil* vision, whether it be translating, coordinating, donating or just being "middlemen" like us.

Finally, if you personally work in Malawi, or know of a ministry or missionary there who would be interested in distributing *Good and Evil* in Chichewa, please contact us at felmleyfam@mac.com. We may never know until the other side of glory just how much the Lord uses this book to bring lost souls to him, but nevertheless how exciting it is in this life to see the Gospel message go out!



Image: www.peacecorpswiki.org/Malawi

JUST A MUM?



A woman, renewing her driver's licence was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the recorder, "do you have a job or are you just a...?" "Of course I have a job," snapped the woman. "I'm a Mum." "We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it," said the recorder emphatically. I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation. The clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient and possessed of a high sounding title like "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar." "What is your occupation?" she probed. What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations." The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire. "Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?" Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of satisfaction rather than just money." There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a win over bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mum." Motherhood! What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations"? and great grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates"? I think so!!!

I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants". Please send this to another Mom, Grandmother, Aunt, and other friends you know. May your troubles be less, your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door!

AMEN!! ~Submitted by a reader

Parental Rights Alert Many in positions of power in our government are advocating that the US sign the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Treaty." This treaty would put the UN in the position of deciding how American parents are allowed to raise their children. NGJ would like to encourage its readers to visit www.ParentalRights.org to learn more about this growing threat to the God-given right of parents to raise and educate their children and what you can do to make your voice heard.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: **thou hast loosed my bonds.** ~ Psalms 116:16

Prison letter:

Dear Gentlemen,

It is a joy to continue to rejoice in the Lord as we share His love and grace with incarcerated men. The work is essential and needed.

Thank you so much for the material that you sent us here at our facility. The books are very much appreciated and we give thanks to you and your mission for the entire blessing that you have given us.

Please know that the men here are always asking about the materials from you and your ministry. Again, we thank you very much for all that you have sent us and please know that these items will be made available to the men here as of today.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

In Christ's Service,
Mr. Jack Gentry, Chaplain

Preparing To Be A Help Meet

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

I am a 13 year old homeschooler. I received your book, *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*. I can hardly express my gratitude. I read it from cover to cover and I am going through it a second time. It was a real eyeopener for me. I started looking at things in a totally different perspective. It even helped me to understand my five brothers better. Thank you. Sincerely, Samée K.

Prison letter:

Brother Pearl,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and the highest of spirits. I just finished listening to your CD set, "Sin No More" (Sanctification). You said it best...I get it! In fact, part of your testimony involving Watchman Nee and the books you've read, are part of my life, too.

This is my 23rd year of incarceration and I'm excited about the Gospel again. I've never lost a love for it, just felt like I couldn't get to the state Watchman Nee describes and therefore seemed defeated. I now see things differently...much more clear! As Jesus said, "It is finished!"

If you have that CD set in book form, I need it! I've taken as many notes as I can and have a grasp of the crux. However, all the movement requires more study than I have batteries and money.

I work for the chaplain here as his aide. I'm also asking if you would consider a discipleship with me. I feel led to ask. I've never had any formal teaching except Bible studies (Emmaus being my favorite and Matthew Poole being my resource tools, three volume commentary).

Please be encouraged in your ministry and your knowledge of the scriptures! I thank God for the revelation given and am encouraged myself!

God bless you and keep you as you stay focused on Christ! Phil. 1:6
In Christ, J.D.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. ~ Psalm 119:17

Military

Hello,

Enclosed is a donation for your military ministry. Thank you for providing these materials for our soldiers. My husband retired after 22 1/2 years in the Army. He has a purple heart as a result of a land mine accident in Somalia in 1992. We are thankful he survived. Our son, Brandon, is now serving in Iraq. We have enclosed his name and a few of his friends that will benefit from your ministry materials. ~ Thank you, Dana B.

No Greater Joy Ministry

Dear Michael and Debi,

I'd like to thank you for devoting so much of your lives and ministry to strengthening and encouraging families. God has used your books, newsletters, and other resources to bless and benefit my own family for over twenty years. I've read *To Train Up A Child* at least a dozen times now—I reread it every time each of our children celebrated his second birthday—and my husband and I have given away 16 or 17 cases of *Created To Be His Help Meet*, as we think its message is such a crucial one for wives. I am delighted to hear that Debi now has a new book for women to read before they marry and am looking forward with great anticipation to reading it. ~ Respectfully yours, Jennifer F.

Eight Kingdoms Book

Hello Mr. Pearl,

Just a short note with feedback on your book—CLARIFYING! Never before have I realized the things you so expertly laid out in this book. Example, the Parables are not repetitions; they are specific regarding the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. This I never realized before. Also, it's very important that you have shown the role of the nation of Israel as very distinct.

I have purchased several copies and have begun to distribute them to friends. Another author I sent a copy of your book to is Mr. Joseph Chambers of Paw Creek Ministries in North Carolina. I feel your writings compliment one another so well that I am enclosing one of his books for your review, *A Palace for the Antichrist*. Mr. Chambers has gone to Babylon and has a lot of research included in his book. I thought you might find it interesting.

I hope you find Mr. Chamber's book interesting. It certainly has helped clarify things for me as well.

Thank you for all you do, and for your time.

~ Sincerely, Russ Minaker



No Greater Joy Ministry

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

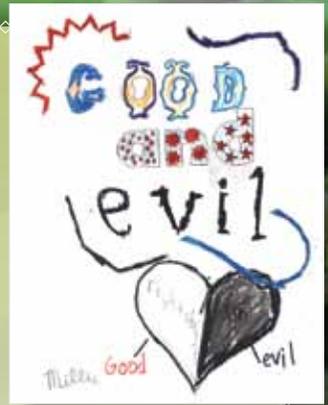
Thank you so much for your ministry. We have been reading and applying *To Train Up A Child* for the past 11 years with our five children. We would have known much less about child training without your help and examples.

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Good and Evil*. My nine-year-old loves reading it to my six-year-old. We (my husband actually) read it to our children before bed every night for a few months.

After that we decided to use it in our fifth grade Sunday School class. The kids there seem to like it, too. We just read a portion out loud and then have the kids act it out, do a craft or some other activity that reinforces the message.

I have also read *Created To Be His Help Meet* and have started on the *No Greater Joy* volumes 1, 2 & 3.

We really appreciate all of the work that you do. You have really blessed us! ~ Jenny J.



No Greater Joy Ministry

Dear friends,

My sister-in-law gave me some of your books and now I would like to own them myself.

We have been married 12 1/2 years and I hope and pray our life can now be different than it has been. I was not the wife I should have been! I only read your book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*, last week and already I have a joy in my heart and a longing to be a better help meet. I was looking for happiness in my relationship with God instead of pleasing God by being a submissive wife. Now I feel much closer to God since trying to be a better help meet. I can never thank God enough for letting me read these books!

It looks like an impossible job where I've failed with the children. I started being consistent and I can already see a difference. Pray for us and that I can have the love and joy I need to raise our children. ~ from a joyful wife

Good and Evil

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

Please use this money to buy *Good and Evil* comic books for people in prison. Thank you.
Love, your friend,
~ Grace M., 14 years old

The Vision

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

I am 12 years old. Our family just finished reading your novel, *The Vision*. We are looking forward to your next book, *The Test*. When will it be out?

~ Yours truly, Maryanne



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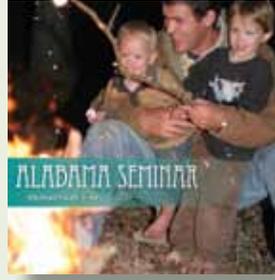
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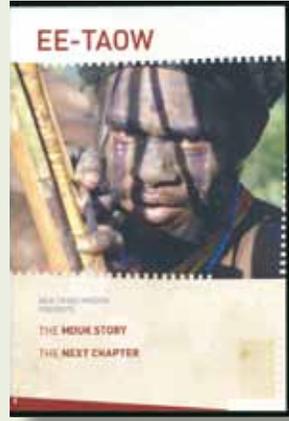
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Blessed is the man that heareth me,
watching daily at my gates, waiting
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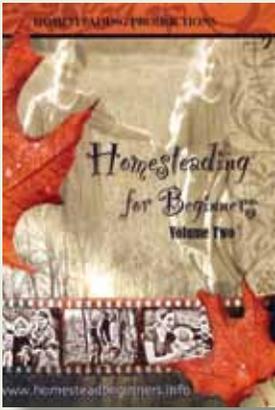
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BY CHUCK JOYNER, ASST. GENERAL MANAGER



As announced last issue Steve Schnell is coming home but wanted to leave behind 5,500 “published missionaries” in Cambodia. NGJ received a generous donation for half the cost of the printing and Mike said to just pay for the rest out of the general fund. The day the money was wired to Steve, designated funds for the balance arrived. Praise God! The books are printed and Steve has made arrangements with faithful men who are committed to distributing 80% of the books within 3 months.

Please pray for the safety of the Translation Team in Thailand. Thailand is in turmoil but God is faithful. The Team recently moved from Bangkok only weeks before the conflicts between protesters and the government erupted into violence. Even so these events have the potential to disrupt the work being done there.

NGJ General Manager, Mel Cohen, is traveling to Belarus in July to speak to other missionary organizations and provide strategic support to the Belarus Missions Team www.byelorussianmission.org in the distribution of the Russian *Good and Evil* Illustrated Bible Storybook. Mel will also travel to the Ukraine to work with Joshua Steele and his organization www.euroteamoutreach.org. Please pray for his safety and success as he shepherds our Russian speaking brothers in providing the gospel message to their people.

The groundwork is nearly completed to offer a limited number of *Good and Evil* translations for purchase in the US through Print on Demand (POD). These will be excellent tools for witnessing to the speakers of these languages in the US and to share “the vision” of publishing the gospel “among all nations”.

If you want to specifically support a language or the Translation Project in general you can go the NGJ website at www.nogreaterjoy.org and click “Donate” or by sending a check in the return envelope included with this magazine.

For additional information please contact me contact me by phone at 931-593-3115 or by email at cjoyner@nogreaterjoy.org.

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By Mel Cohen CFP, RFC

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