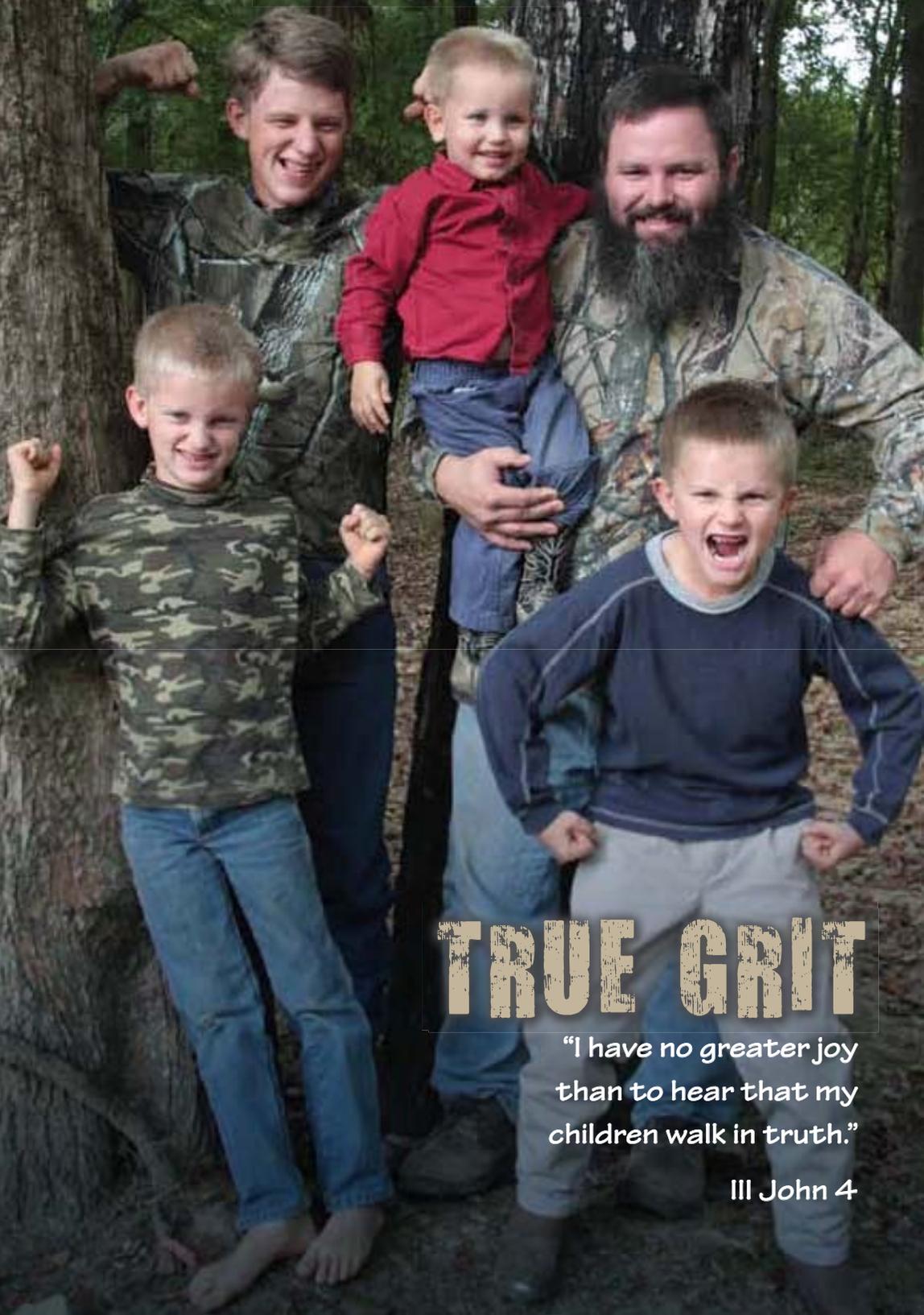




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TRUE GRIT

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

III John 4

Rick sends out his first missionary!



It is a very exciting day here. We just sent out our first missionary evangelist. He is going to a 100% Muslim area. I bought the equipment he needs with the money you all sent me last month. We laid hands on him and prayed for him this morning, and sent him out. His name is Pastor Dan. I hope and pray that God will use him in a most powerful way and I hope that you all can pray for him, too. I gave him the John and Romans books, tracks and 16 Good and Evil books. That is all I can spare right now, because I am getting low, too low. Thanks a lot for all that you do for me and my family.

God bless, Rick Batson and family.

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Michael Pearl Believes **WHAT?**

From a reader:

“I read this in a church bulletin recently and it was confusing. It is amazing to me how detailed description can seem to make something into something it is not. Would you reply to his writing so that I can understand your beliefs and not what he states your beliefs to be?”

Taken from a church bulletin

Flaws in the Pearls

A great many parents listen to the advice of Michael Pearl. In the midst of all the good advice, have they heard everything?

Michael Pearl does not believe in the imputation of Adam’s sin to all human beings. (He does not believe in the total depravity of man.) He writes, “When a descendent of Adam reaches a level of moral understanding (sometime in his youth) he becomes fully, personally accountable to God and has sin imputed to him, resulting in the peril of eternal damnation.” Pearl adds, “When man reaches his state of moral accountability, and, by virtue of his personal transgression, becomes blameworthy, his only hope is a work of grace by God alone.”

This seems like a minor quibble, but it is profound. The Bible’s teaching that all human beings have an inherited sin nature means that no human institution has the ability to purge sin and do away with guilt. Only Christ can change our nature. Throughout history, teachers consistently attack this doctrine in order to tell their followers, “If you put yourselves under my authority, you can learn the secret to getting rid of your sins.”

Pearl imposes on parents the mandate to form godliness in a child before the “age of accountability.” Pearl believes that parents have a direct role in saving children. The “hope” he offers in “a work of grace by God alone” is (only) for those whose parents failed.

Michael Pearl also believes that spanking delivers a child from guilt.

Because Pearl does not believe you inherit a sin nature, he articulates a new doctrine of salvation that is dependent on a parent’s will. In his article, “In Defense of Biblical Chastisement,” he writes, “When a child is bound in self-blame and low self-esteem, parents are not helpless. God has given them the gift of the rod. The rod can bring repentance, but it goes much deeper than that. The rod in the hands of a righteous authority will supply the child’s soul with that moment of judgment that he feels he so deserves. Properly applied, with instruction, it will absolve the child of guilt, cleanse his soul, and give him a fresh start through a confidence that all indebtedness is paid.” That simply annuls the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Notice that forgiveness is granted only on the basis of the punishment of the sinner, and that a human “righteous authority” is the source of this “gift.” “All indebtedness is paid,” Pearl says, not by Christ, but by the rod. No parent can believe this statement without also believing that he or she has the authority to cleanse a child of guilt.

Pearl goes much further: “To the child, a righteous parent is a surrogate god, representing the rule of law and the bar of justice. When the child is yet too young to fathom God, he is nonetheless able to relate to his parents in the same manner that he will later

relate to God. The properly administered rod is restorative as nothing else can be. It is indispensable to the removal of guilt in your child. His very conscience (nature) demands punishment, and the rod supplies the needs of his soul, releasing him from his guilt and self-condemnation. It is the ultimate enforcer, preserving the child in authority and discipline until he is old enough to submit himself to The Eternal God.”

These statements are the logical and inevitable application of his semi-Pelagian view of sin. Before the age of accountability, O parent, thou art a god.

To spank a child as a reasoned limitation on his or her behavior is one thing. But to imagine that you are purging the child of the guilt of sin, and that the pain is psychologically purifying, is to cross into another rationale entirely. In the wrong mind, it forms the imperative to “give” more and more pain. Such a mind would ignore Pearl’s warnings against abuse, to be sure, but not necessarily his logic.

Michael Pearl responds:

Below is all the text found in the church bulletin attribute to my (Michael Pearl’s) writings—287 words in all. Upon reading it, I was immediately aware that I was seeing much of it for the first time. By doing a search of the books I have written, I discovered that 140 of the 287 words are a complete fabrication. In addition, in the text that is indeed mine there were several inaccuracies—deletions, additions, and word changes.

Below is all the text attributed to me.

The red text is all fabrication. I never said it.

“When a descendent of Adam reaches a level of moral understanding (sometime in his youth) he becomes fully, personally accountable to God and has sin imputed to him, resulting in the peril of eternal damnation.”

“When man reaches his state of moral accountability, and, by virtue of his personal transgression, becomes blameworthy, his only hope is a work of grace by God alone.”

“If you put yourselves under my authority, you can learn the secret to getting rid of your sins.”

“...age of accountability.”

“...a work of grace by God alone”

“When a child is bound in self-blame and low self-esteem, parents are not helpless. God has given them the gift of the rod. The rod can bring repentance, but it goes much deeper than that. The rod in the hands of a **righteous authority** [I said *discerning* parent, not *righteous*. He changed *discerning* to *righteous* in order to strengthen his argument below where he uses righteous authority again.] will supply the child’s soul with that moment of judgment that he feels he so deserves. Properly applied, with instruction, it will absolve the child of guilt, cleanse his soul, and give him a fresh start through a confidence that all indebtedness is paid.”

The following two sentences are his words. I display them here to show the context of his change from *discerning* to *righteous*:

“That simply annuls the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Notice that forgiveness is granted only on the basis of the punishment of the sinner, and that a human **“righteous authority”** is the source of this “gift.”

“To the child, a righteous parent [There is that “righteous parent” again substituting himself for God.] **is a surrogate god, representing the rule of law and the bar of justice. When the child is yet too young to fathom God, he is nonetheless able to relate to his parents in the same manner that he will later relate to God.** The properly administered rod is restorative as nothing else can be. It is indispensable to the removal

of guilt in **your child**. His very conscience (nature) demands punishment, and the rod supplies the needs of his soul, releasing him from his guilt and self-condemnation. It is the ultimate enforcer, preserving the child in authority and discipline until he is old enough to submit himself to **The Eternal God**.” [“The higher powers” was what I wrote] “give”

“...a work of grace by God alone.” [I would like to take credit for that one, but I didn’t write it.]

287 total words attributed to Mike; 140 are a complete fabrication

Of the several quotes attributed to my writings, none are entirely accurate, and some are complete fabrications. The first quote attributed to me, 63 words, is not in any of my writings. It is an attempt to summarize what I have written, but it is just not my words.

The next paragraph attributed to me contains 118 words. The first 50 words are entirely false and certainly do not represent anything I have ever written or said. It contains words I have never employed and concepts I have never endorsed, like “**To the child, a righteous parent is a surrogate god.**”

The latter half of the paragraph, except for several words either added, omitted, or changed, is an accurate quote except for the crux of the entire paragraph, the last three words, which are a complete fabrication, replacing my words, “the higher powers” with the words, “**the Eternal God.**”

The sentence as I wrote it said, “It [the spanking instrument] is the ultimate enforcer, preserving the child in authority and discipline until he is old enough to submit himself to *the higher powers*.” My point, well delineated in the context, is that parents have the responsibility to teach their small children the principles of responsibility and accountability before they are old enough to become violators of moral, social, and civil law. When we discerningly use the rod to communicate to small children that rebelling against the rules carries certain unpleasant consequences, we ready them for the day they become mature enough to relate to the “the higher powers” –parents, school teachers, policemen, judges, property owners, store managers, and God.

I wrote “the higher powers” with “powers” in plural and in all lower case letters. If I had wanted to say “The Eternal God” I would have done so. I ask, why does my critic want me to say something different from what I said? Why did he find it necessary to change my words in order to find fault? His quote is a lie, his criticism slander. Why? To what end?

My critic wrote:

“Pearl believes that parents have a direct role in saving children...That simply annuls the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Notice that forgiveness is granted only on the basis of the punishment of the sinner, and that a human “**righteous authority**” is the source of this ‘gift.’ ‘All indebtedness is paid,’ Pearl says, not by Christ, but by the rod. No parent can believe this statement without also believing that he or she has the authority to cleanse a child of guilt.”

Michael answers:

I have never suggested that parents play any mediatorial role in the new birth of their children. No sincere person who has read my material could mistakenly believe that I think parents are gods.

Those who seek to misrepresent what I have taught seize upon the analogy I make between the child’s early relationship to his parents and his later relationship to God. Concerning children too young to understand God and his legislation of moral law, I have asked the question, “Must we allow small children a dispensation of indulgence (between birth and, say, six years old) before we introduce the concept of personal ac-

countability to God? Is there a way to begin training small children to respect authority and exercise self-control in the same manner as they must do when much older?" Many times I have made the point that the two-year-old who cannot know God can nonetheless be taught to relate to his parents just as he will later relate to God. The parent's responsibility is to communicate to their small children:

- There is a power higher than one's self—parents today, God tomorrow.
- That power is loving and merciful, dedicated to the child's best interest, as reflected in the parents today and later revealed in the Word of God when they are old enough to read with comprehension.
- That higher power has made some rules for our own good that must be observed. Daddy and Mama are the only rule-maker and enforcer the small child is capable of fathoming.
- When the rules are broken there are unpleasant consequences—from parents today, and from God in eternity.
- When the parents' rules are broken and the child feels guilt and shame, the feeling of guilt can be removed by confession and accepting the consequences bravely. Someday the child will come to understand that God operates by the same rules under which his parents raised him.
- There is mercy and grace after failure.
- The child is renewed in soul by his parents' loving discipline.
- Parents, and later God, are grieved by the disobedience of their charges and are willing to lay down their lives to secure the best possible end for the child.
- The child finds great security and comfort in this relationship with his parents that parallels an adult's relationship with God.

All of this and more can be taught, in seed form, to a one-year-old child. Raised in a nurturing environment of law and discipline, a child will become thoroughly confirmed in these divine principles. Such early training assures parents that when their child is old enough to relate to God he will already be familiar with and surrendered to the principles of submission to the loving rule of law. God did promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

My critic falsely accuses me:

"Pearl says, **not by Christ, but by the rod**. No parent can believe this statement without also believing that he or she has the authority to cleanse a child of guilt."

This is too silly to answer. The clear meanings of words don't matter when someone has a consuming agenda to condemn regardless of the facts. It is clear in all my writing that the forgiveness of which I speak is the parent forgiving the child. The two-year-old does not feel guilt before God. When he has willfully transgressed against his parents' rules and he hides his misdeeds in shame, he has a psychological need to be cleansed of his guilt and restored to fellowship. This the parent can do through the proper application of the rod and reproof.

In our very first book, *To Train Up A Child*, I wrote on page 37:

"You cannot prevent your child from the life of testing that his body of flesh will bring, but you can train him in self-denial so that he will not develop habits of selfish indulgence. The rod is your divine enforcer. *"The rod and reproof give wisdom... (Prov. 29:15)."*

Understand that we are not suggesting that a child can be trained into the Christian

experience, only that his mind and body should be developed to their highest possible natural discipline. By elevating his standards and causing him to value truth and purity, you are aiding the Spirit in convicting him of sin, which, in time, will cause him to realize his need for a Savior. This is the lawful use of the law.”

To Train Up A Child, page 32:

“As the child relates to the figurehead of parental authority, in like manner he will later be prone to relate to God. If parents allow their commands to be treated lightly, the child will take the commandments of God lightly also.”

My critical critic writes:

“Michael Pearl does not believe in the imputation of Adam’s sin to all human beings. (He does not believe in the total depravity of man).”

This is the one point on which my critic is half right. I do indeed believe that the sin of Adam was imputed to all his posterity so that all are born dead in sin and separated from God. Listen to my audio, “Sin Nature.”

But as to total depravity, I am a Bible believer, not a Calvinist. The term “total depravity,” as used by the Calvinists, means something other than what you and I believe, that all men are totally separated from God and in need of a redemption which they cannot provide for themselves. To the Calvinists, “total depravity” means depravity of will, as taught by Luther in his acclaimed book *The Bondage of the Will*. It is the belief that no unregenerate human being can choose to do the righteous thing. His will is in bondage to choosing only evil. Luther’s book *The Bondage of the Will* is the best argument I have ever read against the theory it propounds.

Jonathan Edwards, another notable Calvinist, followed Luther’s logic and wrote in his book *Freedom of the Will* that not even God has a free will.

To sum it up, I do indeed believe in depravity as the Bible teaches it, but not as the Calvinists teach. What the Calvinists dare not admit is that the vast majority of their church members also do not believe in total depravity as taught by Luther and Calvin.

The Critics Clamor:

“Pearl imposes on parents the mandate to form godliness in a child before the ‘age of accountability.’ [I never use the term “**age of accountability**” and do not believe there is a certain age at which a child becomes accountable before God.] Pearl believes that parents have a direct role in saving children. The ‘hope’ he offers in ‘**a work of grace by God alone**’ is (only) for those whose parents failed.”

Michael Responds:

I am embarrassed for this writer. He is saying that I teach that parents can impart salvation to their children through training, and that only those parents who “failed” to properly train must resort to “**a work of grace by God alone**.” There is no way he could have read my material and come to such an absurd conclusion. I cannot but conclude that like many other critics, his false attacks, attributing words to me that I never wrote, adding and changing my words, imagining the wildest, most absurd doctrines, arise from a motive other than a desire for the advancement of truth.

Building Straw Men

The internet is full of quotes attributed to me that I never uttered or wrote. So far, I have never read a critic that accurately represented what I write or believe. They always build straw men and then publicly beat them down as if they have disposed of a terrible enemy. If you want to challenge something I teach, first read what I have written and then challenge it according to Scripture. Such a dialogue helps us all purify our thinking, but false charges profit no one.

Reflection

I say to the lady who forwarded the content of her church bulletin to me, I am sure that when the church that printed this man's false charges reads of his error, they will print a retraction in their church bulletin. Look for it next Sunday. But if they don't, please forgive them and don't take up offense for me. Our ministry is rapidly expanding. For every critic there are a thousand families being blessed. Just know that some churches get nervous when they become aware that faithful members of their congregation are being significantly impacted by a para-church ministry. They immediately assume that someone is trying to "steal their sheep." They often go on the offensive, finding fault. And when ministers become aware that the other ministry phrases their theology differently, well, you know the rest.

There are no perfect men and no perfect churches—just a perfect Bible. Read it and believe it. All of us ministers are passing. We flame for a little while and then are gone, replaced by another son of Adam. Place no confidence in man, including Michael Pearl, for his confidence is in God's Word alone. †

2011 will be the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. 400 years ago, faithful men, using carefully chosen manuscripts, went word by word accurately translating God's words into the English language.

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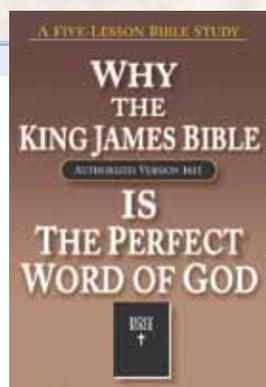
God calls His words "scripture." In the KJV, in all cases where the word *scripture* is used, study and reason dictate that it is copies that are being referred to. In Luke 4:17 our Lord Jesus Christ read from Esaias and He called the words He read "scripture." These certainly were not the originals. Christ knew they were perfect and read them with power and authority. Timothy grew up with the scriptures; these also were faithful copies and not originals.

As with any doctrine including the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, the infallible, inerrant, perfect Word of God, it comes down to faith. One either believes what the Bible says about itself or one doesn't.

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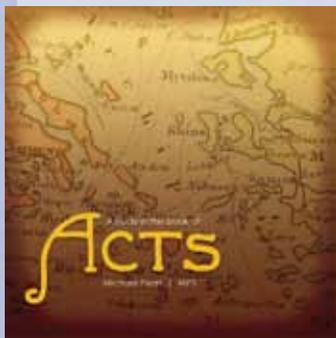
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This is the simplest, clearest, easiest to understand gospel message I have ever delivered—or so say the people who heard it this summer. Here is a message to bless your soul and renew your appreciation for the saving grace of Jesus Christ. It is especially suited for those who have doubts or who are trusting in a confusing mixture of faith and works. This message, “Two Steps to Heaven,” reveals the simple truth that works and grace are incompatible as a means of entering into assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ. **CD, \$6.95**



Mongolian Missions

Hope this note finds your family well. We are staying busy in Mongolia.

I have a couple of reasons for writing. The first is to ask you if there is any way to get hold of the graphics for the coloring books based on the *Good and Evil* books. We would like to translate and produce them for our personal Sunday School ministry in the village, as well as make them available to other ministries here.

You asked us to let you know when we were ready to do another printing of *Good and Evil* in Mongolian. We asked our staff at the print shop to schedule another printing, but they let us know that there just isn't enough money in the account for any extra projects right now. Would NGJ be interested in helping with this reprint? We just wanted to let you know in case you had any extra funds set aside for the Mongolian people.

Blessings,

Trina Cofer, Mongolian Missions



I Dreamed A Dream

BY DEBI PEARL

Some people sit around and talk and try to figure how they can make a million dollars. As the idea gets bigger they talk about how they can invest that million dollars and come out with ten million. For others it is the hope of a new house, a nice car, a trip to the Far East, a handsome boyfriend, a this or a that. All these things are not necessarily evil, just not eternal. I suspect such talk bores God.

I have done my fair share of empty prattle, and I suspect I have bored God on many occasions, but there was a time when I know God listened and enjoyed Mike's and my talk.

As I write this I am smiling, because once Mike and I talked often about one particular dream for about three years. At the time I thought that the only way this dream could become reality would be if I won a sweepstakes. I was so committed that for several years I spent a few minutes of almost every day opening those big envelopes and filling out the nonsense that promised the hope of a million dollar win. At the time it seemed logical that the only way our fantasy "idea" would ever see the light of the day was if we won a sweepstakes. Sounds silly, doesn't it? I can look back and see that our dream was glorious, but the sweepstakes hope was corny.

There were times that Mike and I would get so worked up about our make-believe project that we would stop our work in order to jot down notes and to add up figures. It was as if the make-believe idea was more important than reality. Of course, occasionally we would suddenly become aware of how crazy it was for us to talk about the impossible and it was even crazier making plans and crunching figures. I clearly remember many times when both of us would suddenly break into wild laughter at our childish hopes and carefully written out plans.

This was our plan, our dream. First we would need a million dollars, which would require some strange miracle that dredged up lots of bucks. Then we would buy and start mailing Chick tracts (gospel story booklets) to all the prisoners in the United States. We even talked about sending tracts all over the world. As new Chick tracts became available we would study them to decide which ones carried the clearest gospel message. We believed the Word of God would burn deep into the hearts of the prisoners. We believed revival would surely come to those behind locked bars. We talked about what the hoped-for letters from prisoners would say. The idea, the plan and even the responses were discussed in every aspect.

And you know what? God was listening and enjoying our dreams. He wanted to bless our hope. He only needed us to mature enough to realize that he didn't need a lottery or a sweepstakes to make our dreams come true.

Fast track 25 years. A weird thing happened. God reached down and chose a most unlikely pair to write magazines and books for the first generation of homeschoolers and then the next generation. Then God made the books sell into the hundreds of thousands. He caused families, even young homeschooled children, to get a glimpse of the same dream that the couple had all those years ago. And God provided so that thousands and thousands of prisoners could receive not just a mini-tract, but a full color graphic Bible storybook telling God's story.





We don't have to imagine what the letters will say anymore. Now we can reach into a stack of fresh letters from prisoners every day and read how God made himself known through His story found in the *Good and Evil* book.

God didn't stop there. At this writing over 30 language groups are reading God's story in the *Good and Evil* book. From the frozen turf in Mongolia to the smoldering streets of Bangkok, from the hidden back room in Iraq where a young Muslim girl reads the book on a flickering computer screen to the bright lights on a French boulevard, people are coming to know the Savior through the message carried by this book. In dusty deserts of Africa, in languages that I never knew existed, thousands of people are reading the story of Jesus. Many of these 30 language groups have heard little or no gospel message except for the *Good and Evil* book. All over the world people are responding to God's message of salvation.

Then there was POD (Print On Demand). This is a new way of publishing that makes it possible for one book at a time to come off the press in just two hours. This is an amazing new concept because we will soon be able to fill orders for all 30 languages as if the books were printed and sitting in our warehouse. People who have a heart to minister to a Thai family who live in New York can call and order a book in that strange faraway language and it will be printed and on its way to the ministering family in just two days. A young man in college who meets a Muslim who is just now learning English can order a *Good and Evil* Bible story book in Arabic, and in two days the Muslim can be reading God's story in her own native tongue. The quality is superb. The price is \$24.95 and the delivery is fast.

We had a desire. We talked about it, planned it, visualized making it happen, and wished it was so. God heard the desire of our hearts and smiled. Only his dream was much, much larger than ours. We dreamed too small.

What do you dream? What do you talk about with gusto? What captures your soul with possibility? What would you love to see happen? Did you know God listens?



Dreams Realized

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC, GEN. MANAGER

Since this project started we have received numerous calls from many individuals requesting *Good and Evil* in other languages to be used in a ministry capacity. It has been frustrating not being able to supply these books.

Introducing print on demand (POD)

Now there is a new type of press. It is instant, producing a single copy run in only two hours. The sample printings we have received are better than the original printings. Prior to this we could only imagine honoring a request for two Lao copies, one Arabic copy, three Lithuanian copies, etc. Now we can immediately fulfill requests for the following languages:

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Cloistered Fruit

BY MIKE AND DEBI PEARL

Debi Pearl muses:

We have received several letters from women who have the same concern. I gave it some thought, but it was not until the problem sat down in our morning service this summer that I really appreciated the depth of its ugliness.

Michael Pearl recounts his encounter

Every Sunday this summer we had up to about 15 families visiting the church and ministry. It is fascinating. Every family emits its own light. After viewing a family for just five seconds, I know so much about them. After being introduced to each member of the family, they are an open book. I don't yet know the details, but I know the soul of the family. Most of the families that visited this summer were beautiful in so many ways—a great testimony to the redeeming and sanctifying work of Jesus Christ.

But one family was disturbing. Something was not right. The fortyish wife was re-treating and subdued. She did not lean on her husband for comfort. She seemed to be a tagalong, with no more confidence than a scruffy dog just brought home from the pound. The 50-year-old husband was confident and smooth. Completing the family group was a plain young lady in her late twenties and a 19-year-old fellow.

The older man quickly volunteered that he had a ministry to cloistered children. Several years ago I coined the term “cloistered” in regard to homeschooled kids that were so sheltered as to lack a working knowledge of good and evil. But I have never heard of a “ministry” to the cloistered. I didn't have time to inquire further, and there were others to meet, so I moved on.

Deb came in late with her 85-year-old Daddy and didn't get around to meeting the guest. She knew none of what I had observed earlier.

Debi observed

The meeting was over and there was a long line at the dinner table under the white tent. As I looked over the 80 guests, my attention was drawn to a visiting couple. The man was about fifty, certainly not a looker. The one consuming his careful attention was young and plain—late twenties. How did an old dude like that end up married to such a young girl? The man was leaning over the dessert table sharing a slice of cake with Little Miss. It certainly appeared to be a tender moment. Little Miss was clearly enamored with him, as he was with her. But I was confused. Standing nearby, watching the same byplay, was a woman about the same age as the man. Her fixation on the doting couple and her tired, saddened countenance revealed that it was she who was his wife, not the young girl receiving all the tender attention. Right here, at our church, among all these righteous families! I stood amazed at the audacity of the human race.

Michael resumes the story:

I was not aware of Deb's observation when the old dude, as Deb calls him, said he wanted to talk to me. With his wife and the two young people sitting in on the discussion, he again mentioned that he had a ministry to cloistered kids. It still sounded strange. He went on to explain that the young lady was his charge. He was helping her get over a bad experience at home where her father had been “emotionally abusive and controlling.” I tried to ask the girl questions to ascertain the cause of this odd arrangement, but he answered as if the questions were directed to him, and the young lady deferred to him as if

he were her voice of conscience. I thought that unless her father had truly been abusive, she should return to her family, but I was making no progress engaging her to consider her options.

All of a sudden, Deb burst into the middle of the session filled with... knowing her, I am going to call it anger. She said to the young woman, "God told me that the situation you are in is not right and you need to change it right now." The man, ignoring Deb, looked at me and asked, "Does she do this often?" Sometimes, I said. As quickly as she came, Deb vanished. I was wondering what was going on so I took the opportunity to go back for a refill of iced tea. Deb had disappeared into the crowd, so I didn't get to inquire as to her concerns.

Debi continues with the story:

Later that afternoon, Little Miss and I sat down for a talk. Her story is that her large family was so controlling and confining, wrapped in religious manipulation, that she just had to get out. This nice old dude, a family acquaintance, had seen her plight and offered to help. His counseling led to her jumping ship at home and coming to live with Old Dude and his wife.

Her 19-year-old brother, who had also left home but didn't live with Old Dude, did not approve of her living with this family and had cautioned her against it. But given her circumstances, and not having the means to make it on her own, she believed it was the safest thing to do. She would have a more caring family to guide her and she would have oversight and protection.

It appears that Old Dude's intentions toward Little Miss began honorably, and he still considered it a godly ministry. It could be that simple lack of wisdom put him in the place of playing savior to the young woman, rescuing her from an abusive situation. It was clear to me that Old Dude had unwisely reached out to a need and found his needs met. In this role as savior he found fulfillment.

It is possible that in the beginning the Old Wife wanted to help the desperate girl and encouraged her to move in. But things had changed. No doubt her husband still had physical intimacy with her, but his emotional intimacy was directed to the emotionally needy young girl.

Undoubtedly his relationship with his wife was already barren before the girl came along, but the old wife had now become the second woman. She knew it. It hurt her deeply. But she didn't want to be the "unspiritual" one, expressing jealousy where there was no reason, suspecting evil of a wholesome ministry. Shouldn't she be willing to sacrifice her life caring for others? She probably even feels guilty for having these secret doubts, for questioning her devoted husband. She stood alone and sad, suffering in martyred silence.

The many letters I have received from women just like this emotionally spurned wife came to mind. It lit a fire in me. Mike was busy entertaining nearly a hundred people. I had to try to help Little Miss see the error of her ways. Marriage is sacred and she needed to understand this.

Debi confronts Little Miss

I suggested that the relationship she shared with her self appointed mentor was not natural and certainly not good for the marriage. I felt the cold chill she emanated. She had something precious for the first time in her life and it felt so good. How could it be wrong?

It was clear to me that Old Dude had unwisely reached out to a need and found his needs met.

I explained to her that young girls who are coming of age have a deep seated need to be loved and appreciated by a man. I told her that all young women have a soul yearning to be tenderly understood by a man who listens to their deepest feelings and shares their hopes and longings. I explained that when young couples marry the girl has this profound need, but her young husband's need for spiritual union has not yet been awakened. He is thrilled with the fulfillment of physical intimacy, and he might feel a touch of the emotional attachment, but almost none of the spiritual connection. The soul-bonding for which she yearns is not likely to be satisfied until the marriage has matured. To most young brides the husband appears clumsy and unfeeling. But as the wife continues to obey and reverence her young husband, he will grow in appreciation for her soul, and in time learn to care for her emotional and spiritual needs.

Adam knew his wife and she bore a son. The intimacy of marriage is viewed as knowledge. This soul bonding we are discussing is not knowledge of the intimate, but it is intimate knowledge—soul knowledge, which is the real essence of marriage. It is emotional and spiritual copulation, to be shared with that one special person to whom you are married.

...he proudly admitted that he “was caressing her soul” to bring healing to her. He went on to explain that he was “highly skilled and trained in the art.” SICK.

Anyone that has ever experienced this “knowledge” in their marital relationship knows why marriage is sacred, holy, honorable, and used by God as a picture of Christ and the church. God calls it a “great mystery.”

Marriage done according to God's plan is glorious. Having known this glory firsthand, I wrote *Created To Be His Help Meet*, wanting other women to know it was within their grasp to have a glorious marriage. A man instinctually responds to a woman who reverences him, especially so if she honors him in the early years of their marriage, before time has polluted the waters with her bitterness.

I explained to Little Miss that having even a small part of this “mysterious relationship” with another woman's husband, especially in her own home, in front of her, is exceedingly cruel and evil. To take any part of this intimacy away from the couple steals from the marriage the preciousness of the sacred. I told Little Miss I had observed her and Old Dude sharing this emotion/spiritual intimacy.

Little Miss responds

Little Miss said I didn't understand. She explained that she did indeed have a deep spiritual and emotional intimacy with Old Dude and that he spent many hours alone with her, but that Mrs. Old Lady understood it was necessary for Little Miss' healing since she (the girl) had been cruelly cloistered all her life.

Dear reader, do you believe the old wife appreciated the time and emotion her husband expended on the young girl? Well, I didn't either, so I patted the empty seat beside me and asked the girl, “If the man's wife sat here in this seat and told you that the intimacy you have with her husband was disturbing to her, that it was hurting their marriage, would you then move out?”

Already touching her spirit, I knew what the answer would be, but I wanted the girl to understand she was indeed not innocent. I wanted her to see she was willingly, even forcefully, going forward with a relationship that was hurting this marriage and this poor wife.

I was amazed that without the least bit of shamefacedness, the cold hearted Little Miss looked me squarely in the eye and said, “I would have to think about it for a while,

but I know that I would not let this woman's problems get in the way of his ministry; besides, I have nowhere else to go."

She was unrepentant and hiding it behind the excuse of having no other place to go. I can fix that. So I called over a single woman who works for NGJ and lives with another single girl in a four bedroom house. I asked my friend if she would be willing to allow Little Miss to move in with them. My friend smiled and said, "Of course."

"Now," I happily told Little Miss, "you have a safe haven with two very fine Christian girls; you can get out of the compromising situation you are in."

There was just the tiniest irritation that showed on her face as she replied, "I would need to think about it before making such a move. I would not make a snap decision. So, no, I would not move away from him at this time."

I explained that by staying she was making a snap decision. She was choosing to stay with another woman's husband. Her stare was unblinking as she coldly replied, "Are you finished? Because if you are, I will go now."

I really had no choice. If there was ever going to be any change to this situation then she had to understand the full ugliness of her actions, so I drove home how depraved and self-centered she was to do such a thing as to interfere with the sacredness of marriage. Little Miss sat there as if I were complimenting her on her dress. The damage had already gone too deep for her to care. After all, Old Dude was an experienced man of knowledge.

Looking at her blank expression, I knew it was already too late to change her mind.

I reminded her that marriage is sacred and anything or anyone coming between that sacred union needs to be gone. Little Miss was clearly wedged in the crack that was obviously in an already shaky marriage. Being cloistered might have been bad for her, but now she was party to damaging the sacred.

When I saw she was not interested, I said, "I have learned an important thing about you today; King David, when rebuked by Nathan, fell on his face in confession of sin. The readiness to repent when confronted is the mark of a true believer in Jesus Christ. But," I told her, "if you wait until sin is no longer convenient or pleasurable, you will end the relationship with regret, but not with repentance. Regret brings shame. Girlie, it will come to you soon enough, and you will need a place to flee. Don't come here. The invitation for a place to stay is closed. I would not trust a 'regret' girl around this ministry." I walked off amazed and saddened.

Old Dude confronts Debi

Sometime during the next hour, as I visited with other families, Little Miss found Old Dude and told him of her conversation with me.

Later that afternoon Old Dude challenged me.

When I tried to explain the problem he proudly admitted that he "was caressing her soul" to bring healing to her. He went on to explain that he was "highly skilled and trained in the art." How sick. Neither he nor his massaged girlie admitted they were in sin. He is a spiritual rat. She has joined his rat club.

If the pattern holds and he doesn't leave his wife for the younger woman, when Old Dude wearies of endless discussion with the Little Miss concerning her inner-self, he will try to arrange a quick marriage for her with some hapless, insecure young fellow, thus proving how spiritually right he was all along. I feel sorry for the poor young man who happens to marry Little Miss, because he will never be able to satisfy her heart. A young man will by nature lack Old Dude's refined experience and will leave her feeling empty. She will yearn for Old Dude's skillful caressing of soul and live in a "what if" haze of dissatisfaction the rest of her miserable life. Please warn your young men not to step into a situation with a girl who has been under the tutelage of another woman's husband. Spiritual sin is double damning.

Observations

So that day my counsel fell on concrete hard soil. Nothing I said was appreciated by any of the above. Old Wife was very apprehensive of Old Dude being angry, so what I said made her more fearful. Old Dude was full of prideful lust at his ability to soothe Little Miss, so what I said made him very angry indeed. Little Miss finally had someone to care about her. It didn't matter that he was old. It didn't matter that she was stealing from another. It didn't matter that she was tramping with the sacred. I believe she would have signed a pact with the devil to keep things as they were.

My last hope was to inform her parents of her plight and make amends in order to save their daughter, but when I asked for names, they all refused. So parents reading this, if you recognize your son and daughter in this story, know that we do not support this ship jumping and have done all we can to stop it, but to no avail.

Lessons learned

What did I learn from that terrible afternoon?

If you are a young woman:

- Don't play coy with someone else's husband, not even just a little bit! It is so commonplace that most people pretend it's natural. It is ugly and evil.
- Don't seek out a married man for counsel. If you need counsel, do as the Scriptures say and seek out an older woman.
- Don't cause a wife any reason to feel insecure. Judge yourself, that you be not judged.

Always keep in mind that you are living a spiritual battle.

- Don't place yourself under the authority of another woman's husband, including that of your pastor. Know for a certainty that you don't belong there.
- Marriage is sacred. Treat it as such. There is enough divorce happening without you assisting in another.
- If you are a young woman in a cloistered situation, beware of jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Staying in the frying pan is much to be preferred, for you can always jump when a clean alternative shows itself.
- Do not move into another family's home against the cautions of others, even if the wife invites you. You remember that Little Miss's younger brother cautioned his sister against moving in with Old Dude. Obviously the young man saw something that was not right, yet she chose to ignore her brother's concerns.

I also learned about spiritual rats:

- Spiritual rats can dirty up anything.
- Don't allow someone to foul up your life.
- Don't be party to anything that plays careless with the sacred.
- For every happening in your life, watch and pray. Always keep in mind that you are living a spiritual battle. The things you see and the people with whom you are involved are not as simple as you might think. What you see as just a man, or an event, or a pastime, in reality, might be orchestrated by the rulers of the darkness of the world, the spirit of evil that stands against all that is holy and righteous.
- Live like you believe this!

The Bible says in Ephesians 5: 12-18,

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against **principalities**, against **powers**,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Wherefore take unto you the **whole armor of GOD**,
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all, to stand.
Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**,
And having on the **breastplate of righteousness**;
And your feet shod with the preparation
of the **gospel of peace**;
Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall
be able to quench all the **fiery darts** of the wicked.
And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**,
which is the **word of GOD**:
Praying always with **all prayer and supplication** in the Spirit,
and **watching** thereunto with **all perseverance**
and supplication for all the saints:”

Michael gives his two cents

Men, I have been in the ministry since I was seventeen years old. In my youth I saw several ministers whom I respected fall into sexual sin. I took it as a warning. When I was about 21 years old, I was called to pastor an Independent Baptist church, where I continued in a very successful ministry for the next four years, baptizing hundreds. I remained unmarried until I was 25. During that time I developed a reputation for not touching the ladies, young or old. I never went to a woman's house alone. I never counseled a girl or woman alone and never in my office. I never hugged a female over four years old. Everybody laughed about it. I responded with a verse of Scripture, “It is good for a man not to touch a woman” (1 Corinthians 7:1). After I was married I continued to be careful to “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). When any woman tried to tell me her marital troubles, I stopped the conversation and went to get my wife. We listened together. I have never allowed any kind of a personal relationship to develop with any female.

Why? To avoid fornication. It has worked. I have remained true to my wife in body and spirit for 40 years. Many haven't because they trusted the flesh. And the Bible has taught me that all flesh is corrupt. There is no sanctified flesh, only dead flesh, and it continues to act dead when we don't resurrect it with sweet faces and vulnerable spirits finding their way into our hearts.

The man above, “caressing” the spirit of this young girl, is walking on slippery ground. It is an impossible situation. His wife knows it is not right. The girl's brother knows it is not right. Only the two souls bonding in common think it wonderful. **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”** (Proverbs 14:12). ✦ *(The following article further illustrates this important truth)*

Impotent Relationship

(This is a companion article to **Cloistered Fruit**)

BY MICHAEL PEARL

Dear Pearls,

My husband and I have been married 48 years and have six married children. He has never bonded with me and is a workaholic and has hardly anything to do with me. I have come to believe I did or said something in the early weeks of our marriage that offended him and he divorced me emotionally. I have apologized and worked hard at trying to be a godly wife, but I do not think there is one thing I can do or say that will ever win him.

He hired a married woman to help him on our horse ranch 21 years ago. For 18 years I have known they were having an emotional affair, but had no proof and he denied it. I don't believe the relationship is sexual, for he has been impotent for nearly 20 years.

I have felt for so long that I'm enabling him to continue with no consequences. I've considered telling him something like: "I think you kept me in your life just to be your housekeeper, but it's the other woman you like and want to be with and talk to. Well, I'm no longer your servant. . . . It is not you I'm rejecting, it is what you are doing. You have been turning to another woman to fill the empty place inside of you. The only thing that will truly fill that empty place is believing what God says, not what you see or feel. I haven't wanted you to lose the respect of your family, your friends, and your neighbors, but if this emotional affair is going to continue, the truth will come out. (Meaning I'll ask some of the people who are praying for God to change his heart to accept God and me to also pray for him to end his emotional affair.)"

What does God say about me taking a stand like that? I have great difficulty understanding the difference between being a doormat and submission. I certainly feel like a doormat. Please help me!

Michael Answers:

You must be around seventy years old, and your husband as well. You have endured this situation for two decades. I understand that you do not want to be a doormat. My advice is, that at seventy, better a doormat with a house and income than a doormat without a door, a bed, or a kitchen table.

The old dog has been impotent in body and you have been impotent in spirit. Seek solace in Christ alone and let your husband and his dear friend be parted by death. If they are bonded as you indicate, nothing will stop it at this age. Exposing him and laying down an ultimatum would be an act of vengeance—a getting back at him for all the years of emptiness you have experienced. And if you do bring pressure to bear, he will just shut down to you even further and find solace in a friend who never criticizes him and who finds him a fascinating person. Often old men have male friends that are closer to them than their wives. They have a camaraderie because they share the same interests and understand each other. This friendship may be of the same nature.

It is possible that after your husband became impotent he lost some of his confidence around you and feels more welcomed in a relationship where he is not expected to perform sexually. Think of them as two old cowboys and you the rancher's wife. I suggest you ride this horse till it drops. It's too late to change mounts or to retrain this one.

Reflection by Michael

It is too late for this unhappy woman to recover the years the locust have eaten. If she had written me thirty years sooner, I would have made some suggestions that could have led to the creation of a glorious marriage. But what about you? Are you a wife in the position of the “Old Dude’s” wife? (See former article—“Cloistered Fruit”).

I know, it raises my ire also. I would like to tell the subdued, tired, rejected wife of the husband having the emotional affair with the younger girl to just pack up all the girl’s belongings and throw them out into the street, then call Little Miss’ parents and tell them that their daughter is now homeless. I probably would have told her to do just that if she had asked me. But that would be like telling a discouraged, unathletic boy who has never hit the ball to just go out on the field and hit a home run. Now if the boy had no talent at all but was full of spit and fire, and was kickin’- dirt confident, I would tell him, “You can do it; just hit the ball out of the park.” The broken woman does not have the backbone to take bold action and then see it through with style. A dog with his tail between his legs is wasting his time barking or threatening to bite.

Now if the woman was like my wife, she would throw the girl into the street, pile her luggage on top of her head, let her walk to the nearest phone to call home, and them come back in, bring me to the bedroom and remind me to always milk my own cow and make no room for another heifer.

The reality is that unless the basis of a good relationship is already established, such bold action will not work. My wife would have confidence in her seductive and persuasive abilities. But when a marriage is filled with years of bitterness and loneliness, and a man has found fulfillment outside the marriage, coercion and forceful action will have the taste of revenge and vindictiveness in it, and it will be met with further rejection. If the wife of Old Dude forced her husband to choose between his “ministry” to the young girl and her, he will choose the young girl. I have seen it happen many, many times. Ultimatums cut both ways. Many women, after seeing the back side of their husband for the last time, have said, “But I didn’t think he would do it! I just wanted him to see how much he has hurt me.” He was hurting too, and decided not to hurt anymore.

What then can a woman in this situation do to restore her marriage and win her husband’s heart? Become lovely and useful. Men are interested in more than physical intimacy. I have seen men leave a beautiful babe for a homely woman. What does the rancher derive from his relationship with his employee that is not furnished at home? Understanding, common perspective, shared experiences doing things they both love, and respect as human beings. I say to all spurned wives, you cannot receive love and respect by demanding it and laying down ultimatums. To add to the equation a threat to tell the kids, or make it public at church, or “ask everybody to pray” will drive a bigger wedge between you and probably end all chances for reconciliation.

What can a woman do? Whatever your husband is doing. Enjoy it, appreciate it, get involved if you can; if you can’t be involved, be a sympathetic ear and a cheerleader. Don’t drive your husband with carefully placed criticism; motivate him with sincere praise and admiration.

I will say it again. To win your husband’s heart, become lovely. You can be fat or skinny and still be lovely. You can be young or old, smart or dumb, but you must be lovely if you want to be loved. Don’t assume you have rights as a wife. Earn your place in his heart and he will be faithful to you. Men don’t fish in another lake if the fish are still biting in the one they’re familiar with.

Men, it's your turn

Are you like Old Dude? Mister, your role is entirely different from your wife's. God holds you responsible on a higher level. He has given you a more sacred trust, placing your wife under your authority. You are entrusted with a precious gift, and it is your job to be her savior and sanctifier. God never gave any man a perfect woman, except Adam, and he failed to protect her against temptation. If your wife is not all she should be, gently mold her into the woman she can be. Never share your feelings, hopes, and dreams with another woman. Never allow yourself to have needs met by another woman. Never "share" with another woman the personal pains you experience in your marriage. You are playing with fire if you do.

The Bible says that a man should leave his father and mother and "cleave" unto his wife (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:7.) That word cleave means to stick together as one. We are told that believers "cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23). If you cleave to your wife like a mouse to a sticky trap there will never be room for another. If you are a man of ideas and your wife is a dummy, gently educate her. If you are a socialite and she is a homebody, patiently introduce her to your world, expressing how thankful you are to have her support. If you are a lawyer, discuss cases with her and get her opinion. When she comes up with a good idea, let her know that her ideas are valued. Brag on her publicly in front of your associates. If you enrich her life, she will enrich yours. Never allow your life to run off and leave her behind. Cleave to her; wrap her in your life and stick together through thick and thin—even if it is her thick waist and your thin wallet. ✦



PREPARING TO BE A HELP MEET BOOK STUDY

Preparing To Be A Help Meet was so wonderful! We just finished our book study and we are so grateful to have received such wonderful advice. Every week we were so excited to learn how to be the best women that God intended for us to be. Many of us had been heading down the wrong path and God's word has helped straighten it out for us. Thank you for pointing us to the proper scripture and lending your Titus 2 advice. As many of us do not have good Godly examples in our lives of what a wife/woman should be, it was refreshing to hear and read about real life people doing it God's way! We are all excited to be the joyful, modest, meek, honorable, servant, giving and obedient wife we should be!

~ Darilyn C., Jenna M., Ashley H. Jessica B., Rebecca H.

Dear Pearls,

Thank you for your CD "When Children Die." It meant a lot to me, as you can see when you read this letter. I greatly appreciate your ministry. I can't tell you how my heart jumped for joy when I heard about how during the 1000 year reign I get to see my sweet baby again! That's been one of the hardest parts about losing Havalah. Love, Melissa K., from family whose baby died.



Dear Mr Pearl,

Thank you for your generosity and for the throwing knife rounds when we visited in May. We didn't feel like God had led us to Tennessee so we moved closer to family here in Reno, NV. I would like this money to go to the new Vision movie that you are making. Thanks again for all the fun I had. Kind regards, Jordan L. Smith
***He sent \$7.00 cash!

Dear Michael & Debi,

We enjoyed our visit to the Church at Cane Creek last Sunday. It was especially neat to see the ministry offices. You have quite a setup there and everything seems so organized. It's amazing the impact your ministry is having all over the world and that you are doing it way back in the woods. Thanks for the lunch and fellowship. Bryan & Cindy H., Stillwater, OK



Dear Michael,

Loved the feature article in the last (2011 Calendar) issue of NGJ. When someone asked my daughter once, "Why didn't you ever rebel?" I waited breathlessly for her answer, never guessing what it would be. "Because I had everything I needed." ProFOUND isn't it?

She was trained in the light of the gospel. (Her spiritual needs were met.) She was loved and treasured beyond any child's dream and she knew it. (Emotional needs.) She was challenged with good books, ideas, logic, good reasoning, and good conversation (Mental needs.) And of course, she saw her Mom and Dad work themselves to exhaustion to provide for her physical needs. She also knew teamwork was important, drawing us ever closer because we're all needed. She was sheltered, clothed, and well fed (Physical needs.)

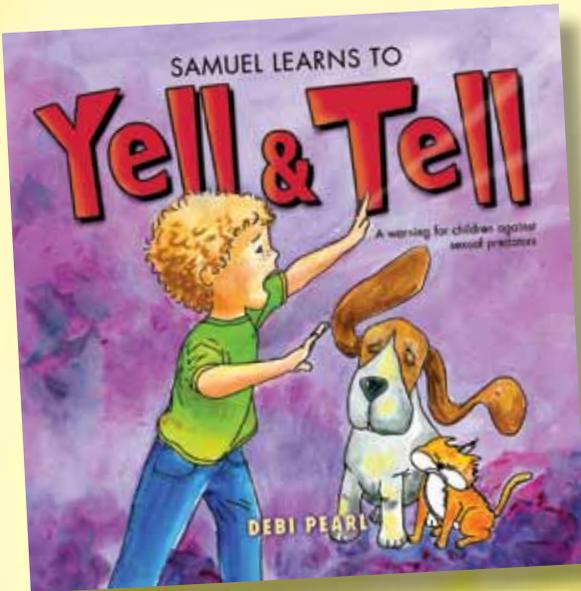
As far as abuse, she was taught her body is holy because holiness dwells there and NO ONE was to touch her inappropriately. Myself, I figured if God gave me children then by God it was my duty to raise them, never someone else's. Fortunately we're self-employed farmers, and hard as it was to do field work and livestock work with toddlers, we made it work and kept our kids with us.

No one's going to fool my kids or make them do anything they don't want to do. By the grace of God they don't want to do what the world is doing. It sickens them.

Thanks for the great article and hearing me out. ~ Sincerely, Barbara W.

By the way, my girl is 21 and my son is 16. I appreciate reading articles by someone who has a head that thinks and understands.

Introducing a Powerful New Children's Book From Debi Pearl



A child predator loses his power when he loses his cover. *Samuel Learns To Yell & Tell* was written to teach children and parents this critical fact. If all children knew that they would be heard and protected when they yelled and told, it would stop most predators from child hunting.

Your children need to know they can come to you at any time and any place, and that you are ready to listen and take action to protect them. They will not understand this naturally; it is your responsibility as a parent to regularly and effectively communicate this message.



But Samuel dear, I fear, I fear.

What if a **BIG SCARY BOY**

Pulls his pants down and says to you

Look at this, do what I say or you'll

Be hurt this very day.

What if he says, Don't say a word

Or you'll be very sorry.

Samuel dear, what will you do?

Will you be scared, too scared to yell?

Too scared to even, even tell?

The predator is most likely your friend or relative.

Of the reported sexual assaults on children, 90 percent are done by friends or family, and most violations never come to light. Predators are aware that parents are naïve. Predators know parents are thrilled to get a sitter so they can spend time together. He is there waiting for the opportunity you give him. Five years ago, one in four children were molested. The number is growing. As child porn grows rampant, so do the number of young boys and men who are lusting after small children. I remember when the only porn was in a few nasty run-down hovels in the lower part of a big city. Church people prayed for the places to close. Now men rush home from church and indulge on the web. In the last ten years the internet has catapulted us into Sodom and Gomorrah.

A parent must be sacrificial.

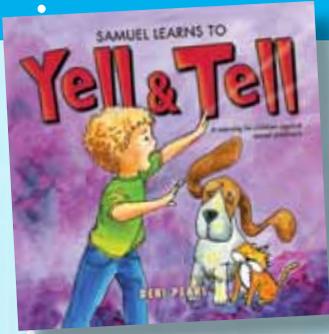
Don't take the easy way out. Only leave your children with people that you are positive are walking in truth and are not planning on having company while your child is visiting. Just to be safe, go to several people who have known the family the longest and ask plainly, "Can you think of any reason why my child should not stay with this person?" Even if you think their answer is crazy, heed it. Better safe than forever sorry.

Seek Wisdom

God promises wisdom to those who ask. This priceless gift is easy to receive. In this evil generation your children need wise parents to safeguard them. So ask for wisdom; ask and ask again and keep receiving more and more. *(Continued on page 27)*



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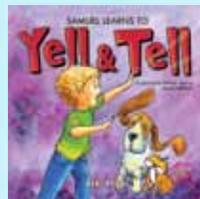
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Dear Mike & Debi,

This is not nearly enough space to write all I've wanted to tell you over the years, but I'll be content with a "note" for now. Mostly, I wanted to thank you for being faithful to the Lord, which in turn has meant sharing your lives with others, and has blessed me and my family so much. I regret that I didn't really listen to you earlier in my children's lives. Mike, you stepped on my toes so much, they hurt! I didn't feel like I could measure up to the kind of parent y'all portrayed. Your reference to Bible doctrine often confused me, though I never heard any of your Bible tapes. Then one October evening (or maybe it was early morning) when everyone was asleep, I downloaded your *Am I Saved?* messages. Before I finished, I realized I had not solely "believed ON the Lord Jesus." As a good Southern Baptist girl, I had been "down the aisle" several times just to make sure I got it right, but then and there by my computer I knew the Lord became my sin and I became his righteousness. Three months later I shared my faith with my church (of course they all thought I'd been doubting my salvation and was just "making sure" again) and was baptized. That has been three years ago. Though I still fall into old habits sometimes, I feel a continual changing going on.

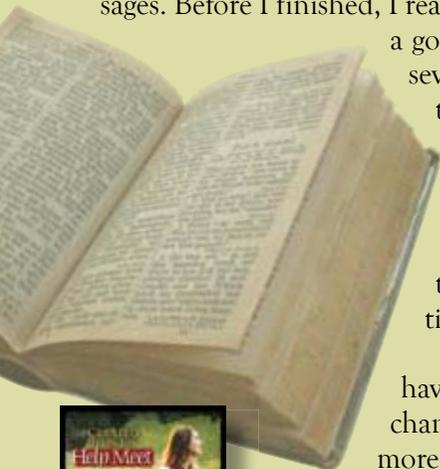
We've just about collected all your sermons and have listened to many of them. Our doctrinal beliefs have changed drastically. The Word of God makes so much more sense now. I am free! My sorrow is that so many are bound by man's doctrine and are not free. Thank you Mike, and may God continue to bless you.

And I couldn't forget you, Debi. You have blessed me over and over and over. *Created To Be His Help Meet* has changed my marriage - though it was good, now it is sweet! I love my husband for the Steady Man that he is, and I feel secure in his love to me. Though I still stumble, God's spirit quickly guides me back to be the help-meet I was created to be. My 16 and 13-year-old daughters are being blessed by *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*, as am I! Hannah, 16, even tried to get a study going. It didn't go, so now we are praying that God will open a door to share this somehow with girls in our area. Your *Vision* showed this "churchy" girl how to be real with the lost and have a passion for lost souls. And you have helped me to be a mama who is learning to be sweet, fun and creative (though this perfectionist has a long way to go... I know I'm on the right track!)

Keep sharing! Your kids also have blessed me so much... (they won me to listen to y'all more). Please pray for me and those in my family that are lost - I fear some of my children are, but am praying daily for angels and Holy Spirit loosed and Satan and demons bound (after the first chapter of *Preparing To Be A Help Meet* - or whatever chapter is on prayer).

I'm out of room but one more thing ... Please pray for the chapel at Louisiana State Penitentiary to be open to the ten cases of *Good and Evil* we are hoping to get in and for the inmates... there are 5,000.

God Bless, Jeanne T.



Yell & Tell *(Continued from page 23)*

Every Word and Deed Known

Most child molesters live out their lives in peace and success. No one ever tells on them, so no one ever knows except the silent broken trail of victims they leave behind. They feel safe because, for all the children they have violated, not one person has ever spoken out.

Someday there will surely be a day of judgment, when every perverse deed will be revealed, and they will face the terror of an angry God. I will be there watching, and I will rejoice “when their calamity cometh.”

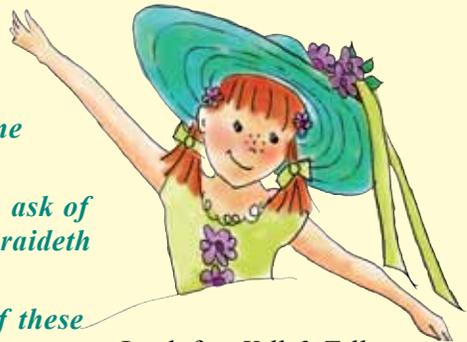
Alerted and Armed

Until that blessed day, read *Yell & Tell* books to your children. Talk about what you learn. Ask questions. Watch for signs of fear or anxiety in your child concerning any friends or family. Our children are given to us to protect and nurture. Tell your children every day, “I love you and want to keep you safe, so always, always tell me anything that needs to be told. I will always, always listen.”

Isaiah 28:10: *“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...”*

James 1:5: *“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.”*

Matthew 18:6: *“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”*



Look for *Yell & Tell* book #2: *Sara Sue Learns To Yell & Tell*

Thank you for the ministry that has done so much for my family. I am currently deployed in Afghanistan and before I left I was given a copy of *To Train Up A Child* and it has been wonderful. I ordered some items to be sent to my wife and for her to send it to me but I came to find out later that a soldier that worked with me ordered some already. I will send the extra copies to my brother and sisters who I want and pray to be saved. Life is so tough here without my wife and children. We have 3; a 3-year-old, 1 and one-half-year-old and a newborn. An even tougher job for my wife. I would just like to express my thanks to your staff for the support and prayers for soldiers deployed.



We're on the ball here at NGJ.

Here in the graphics department, getting magazines, books and ads out on time requires a lot of sitting at the computer. Lynne found this new seat very comfortable. Mike keeps saying that she is laying an egg. The kids come in for a chance to bounce on it. Debi recently revealed that she has been on the ball (sequestered in their private office) long before Lynne even hatched the idea.





Report on the *Good and Evil* Book Distribution Project

No Greater Joy magazine had an article in the May—June 2010 issue titled “Sorry,” offering to send out the *Good and Evil* book for prison distribution at their cost. They indicated that the demand was high and they could not keep up with all the requests.



Our local church community has a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry called Lamb Services, Inc. LAMB stands for Love And Mercy Brethren. When this opportunity was presented to the Lamb board, it was agreed upon to send out a flyer informing our local church community of this opportunity. This informational notice was received with enthusiasm, and donations started to come in. Soon we had enough money to order approximately 500 books. As of this date, the Lord has provided funds to order approximately 2,000 *Good and Evil* books for prisoners.



The NGJ ministry has sent us about 180 names of prisoners in California who had requested a book, along with the names of a couple chaplains. We talked to these chaplains and learned that we could use an ink stamp on the inside cover informing them that these books were provided by Lamb Services, but not a sticky label. (Labels can be peeled off and rolled into a hard ball usable as a weapon.) We have enclosed

a sample of a loose inserted page along with the ink stamp we use inside the book.

When our first order came in, several of our Lamb group met and put the address labels on Priority Mail envelopes, of which the postage cost us \$4.90 each. Now we are sending them through the post office with a Media Mail envelope that

costs \$1.00, and the postage is \$2.77. This saves us \$1.13 per book, which in turn will allow us to purchase more books for distribution. When we met to prepare the books, we prayed that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the prisoners that would be receiving a book shortly. We also prayed for those who were not saved, that they would come to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior; and for those who were believers but had backslidden, that they would see their error and walk in the light of the truth of God's Word.

Some of us wanted to be able to directly hand the *Good and Evil* books to the prisoners, but we found that it is more efficient for chaplains to distribute them. We have been able to meet with several chaplains and hand deliver the cases of books, saving on shipping costs and time. Some of them have in turn referred us to other chaplains.

We have also received many letters directly from prisoners, thank you letters and requests from prisoners who had seen another prisoner's copy and wanted one for themselves. As we send out more books, the direct requests keep increasing. In the last couple months we have been getting five letters a day from prisoners requesting a Good and Evil book, so we directly mail a book to them.

We are excited to see how the Lord continues to open doors to work with the chaplains as well as the direct prisoner requests. We feel that his book is a great way to get prisoners excited to read, study and apply God's Word who otherwise would struggle to open a Bible and read it. This makes the Bible come alive with the visual aids. We are thankful to the Lord for all the donors who have supplied funds and time for this project. We are thankful that Michael Pearl and the entire No Greater Joy ministry has allowed us to help with some of the needs of those who are incarcerated in California. Most of all, we are thankful for our Savior Jesus Christ and His redeeming Blood!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).



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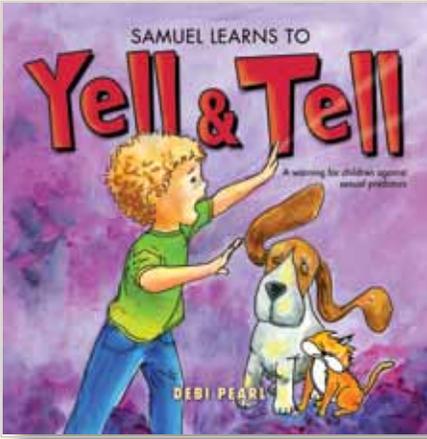
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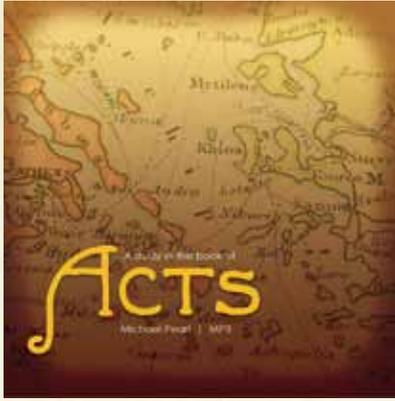
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But I made a mistake. They had to subdivide a cell because of gang members. The Trustees asked if it were possible for them to have a book also. I asked the Staff if they wanted one for their break room. They declined. The guard captain said that he has only about four girls that he knows that are Christian. Would it be possible for you to consider giving us two more books to cover our whole jail? We possess very few Spanish books in our library other than Bibles. We asked the only Spanish lady in our jail to come to the library. When she sat down, we pulled the book out and when she saw it was in Spanish, she let out a warhoop and the guard asked what was wrong. She is around 55 years old and it sure made her day. She gets a book all to herself. That lady is going to see the Bible come alive and speak to her. There are going to be a lot of happy men and women in that jail tonight.

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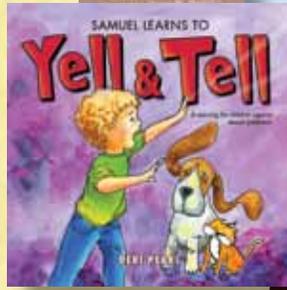
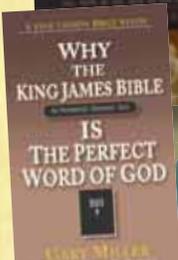
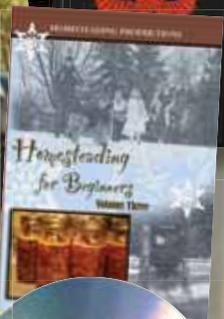
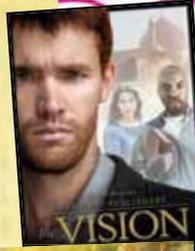
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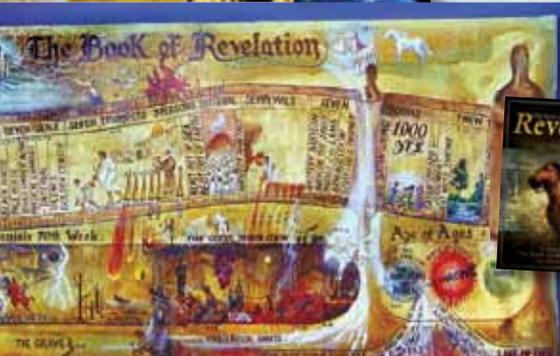


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