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**“I have no greater joy than to hear that
my children walk in truth.” Ill John 4**



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Written in the same spirit as the number one best seller for women, *Created to Be His Help Meet*, by Debi, Mike's new book to men slams, encourages, teaches, entertains and proclaims God's way to a glorious marriage. Debi says, "It's good, it's really good!"



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The Hearts of the Fathers

By Michael Pearl

Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

The last verse in the Old Testament is a promise and a warning. It is the promise of a man who will come to prepare the nation of Israel for the coming of Messiah. It is a warning that if his ministry is not successful, God must smite the earth with a curse.

This is a serious situation that it leaves the whole earth in danger of judgment. Fathers are the focus of this ministry. In anticipation of the coming Messiah and to prevent judgment, the greatest need of the nation of Israel was for fathers to properly relate to their children. This was so important

that it must be accomplished before the ministry of Christ could be effective.

In the first chapter of the gospel of Luke, the very beginning of the New Testament, the author reminds us of that last promise given over 400 years earlier. “And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom

The prominence of this theme in Scripture and the acuteness of the situation demands that we regard this with utmost seriousness. Most Bible believers are confident that we are once again at a point just prior to Messiah’s coming. The Great Tribulation which precedes the Second Coming is rightly understood to be the very curse about which Malachi spoke.

This curse is not just an arbitrary event that will occur because it was prophesied to occur. There is a reason why God is provoked to curse the earth, causing great suffering on all its creatures. Malachi called it the “great and dreadful day of the LORD.” In another place it is called “the day of his great wrath.” In Matt. 24, Jesus called it the “great tribulation.” It is a day when God’s anger is turned loose on sinful mankind.

What great sin would provoke God to such drastic measures? We will find God’s perspective quite different from ours. We have a way of standing inside the church, looking out at the spectacular sins, knowing that the judgment of God must fall on THEM at any moment. But “judgment must begin at the house of God.” It was John who had the ministry of turning the fathers’ hearts, so his message will reveal the fathers’ needs. The sin was summed up as lack of justice. Children will turn their hearts to their fathers when fathers are wise and just.

What does he mean by “the just”? He is not speaking of being justified; there was no such condition in John’s day. “Just” describes the relationship fathers sustain to the world in which they live. The fathers were to be just,



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of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:16-17).” Luke, moved by the Spirit, adds a note of interpretation to Malachi’s promise. He quotes the first phrase word-for-word, but the second phrase, “turn the hearts of the children to the fathers,” he interprets as “turn...the disobedient to the wisdom of the just.” He causes us to understand that the children were disobedient and the fathers should deal with them by becoming wise and just. It was the one crucial condition to prepare the nation to receive Messiah. It is therefore fair to say that at that time the world’s greatest need was for fathers to become wise and just, thus winning the hearts of their children.

act just, express justice in their daily dealings. This could only be done through wisdom. The pseudo political justice of our modern socialistic system is no substitute for Biblical justice. Biblical justice is horizontal, the way one acts toward his fellow man, towards his wife, his children, his neighbors, etc. This is nothing new. It is in fact the theme of the law. “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God (Micah 6:8)?”

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Professions and beliefs have nothing to do with justness. Justice is what you DO in regard to others, not what you claim to believe. Most people have never ever considered the relationship between child training and one’s duty to his fellow man, but they are inseparable. Children are not trained by words and spoken principles; they are trained by example and principles lived out in daily life. You don’t teach a child to be a giver during home devotionals; you teach him to give as he watches you give. You don’t teach patience by demanding that he wait; you teach patience by him seeing you wait. Honesty, kindness, mercy, love, purity, all virtues are communicated by example only. Wise fathers are just, and just fathers are a joy to their children. The heart of a child is won by a father living justly.

John characterized the mentality of the men of his day:

Matt. 11:14 “And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.”

John was calling that nation of fathers to repentance, but they shielded themselves from his message by denigrating the messenger. They expected to set the tone for the messenger and the message. If they “mourned,” the messenger was to mourn; if they played music, the messenger was to dance. A man who stays in control never repents. They wanted the prophets to be subject to their viewpoints.

John called on the fathers to repent and become men of wisdom. But rather than preparing themselves to win the hearts of their children, the fathers were acting like children. Instead of repenting they faulted the messenger. The first messenger, the serious ascetic John, would not dance to their tune; he was not part of their tradition. He didn’t laugh at their humor, and to him life was as serious as death. The second messenger, the joyful Christ, would not mourn with them over concerns for their lost

Happy 87th Birthday, Daddy Bill!



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status as a nation. He did not use his powers to free them from Rome. Their religious spirit of decrying their poor condition did not take away his joy. He refused to join them in their pretended grief for the poor moral conditions of their time. They enjoyed taking note of how terrible was the moral state, how hopeless the times. If they had lived in our time they would have circulated literature showing the terrible statistics on abortion, teenage pregnancy, the encroachment of liberalism, the rapid loss of religious freedoms, the certain nearness of the Tribulation. They would have talked about how deplorable was the moral plight of our teenagers and how shameful the conduct of our President. They would have been the first to condemn immoral and unethical behavior. And there they were content to abide. Somehow in their minds, to take note of sin and speak out against it placed them beyond reproof.

It reminds me of Jonah. He assured the wicked Ninevites of their coming destruction and then settled down to comfortably await their damnation from the Almighty. Instead, God continued his work in Jonah's heart. The work today doesn't need to be done in Nineveh, it needs to be done

on the hill, above all the sin, under the vine where the "righteous" conduct homeschooling and hold church in anticipation of being outside the cone of destruction when the eminent judgment does fall. To Jonah judgment on Nineveh would have been a kind of vindication for his attitude. Like the devout of our day, his heart was sicker than the sinners of Nineveh (Matt. 12:41).

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John's message reveals exactly what he meant by justice.

Luke 3:8-14 "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: (Gen. 18:18) [Trusting in their religious identity] for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: (Ps. 1:3) [the trees represent men, fathers] every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. [Benevolence and generosity]

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. [Honest in business.]

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, [Peaceable] neither accuse any falsely; [Do not bear false witness] and be content with your wages. [Not greedy of money]

The first thing we see in John's message is his frontal assault on their defenses. He demanded that they bring forth fruit to match their claim to repentance. They had insulated themselves from his message by a boast of having Abraham as their father. How common it is for fathers to avoid actually obeying by falling back on their profession or religious lineage.

Fruits worthy of repentance

- Not trusting in religious identity (Abraham as our father).
- Benevolent and generous—supplying food and clothing to those in need.
- Honest in business.

They were not to deal under the table, not take bribes, not cut a deal on the side, not grease the palms. Peaceable—they were not to act in violence and that would include the attitude that accompanies violence or oppression. Not bear false witness

(not accuse any falsely) Not greedy of possessions (content with your wages) The key word here is content. A man who is not economically content has a poor frame of reference.

This list is not the ghastly sins usually associated with the wrath of God, but the very fact that we view them so lightly is proof of our carnality. That we should view social sins so indifferently is an indictment on our respect for our fellow man. Must sin be against one's own body to be reprehensible? Are not sins of neglect or indifference toward our



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fellowman even more abominable than sins against our own person? If children are raised by a religious father who professes to walk in righteousness and holds his children to the high principles of religion, but he himself walks in the shadow of injustice, the children will see through it like a clear sky.

Think about it. A father claims that their religion is the right way (Abraham is our father), and he occasionally expresses his disdain for the less informed and not nearly so

dedicated. But in his high standards he passes over the poor and hungry with an air that they are “low class” and “brought it upon themselves.” Many families will not dirty themselves with stooping to help the piggish. Just quietly remaining above the fray is indictment against one’s self.

Children of truly poor families, but raised on smiles, hugs, and a spirit of togetherness, will think they are well off.

Remember when Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love your neighbor, one standing by asked, “Who is my neighbor?” He was not seeking clarification; he was seeking exemption from involvement. Remember, the Good Samaritan was preceded by a “good” priest and a “good” Jew, who no doubt had good things to attend. But their business kept them from justice and mercy (“these ought you to have done, and not to have left the other undone”). Tell me, what difference do you

foresee in the two sons, one, the son of the Samaritan who assisted his father in helping the stranger, and the other, the son of the priest who hastened away from the disgusting scene to get back to the safety of decent society? Will the two boys grow up differently? The priest may offer religious instruction, but will it equal the silent instruction of the Samaritan who parted with his valuables and his time?

John told them to “exact no more than that which is appointed you.” When a son sees his religious father advantaging himself secretly, hiding his action lest discovery prove embarrassing, will that son be prone to always be above board in his dealings with parents, or will he learn to twist the truth and hide the facts? Can that father realistically expect a son to turn his heart over to such a man, even if it is his own father?

John told the fathers that in their quest for justice to “do violence to no man.” If a son sees or hears violence coming from his father, animosity, hatred, a get-even aggression, will he believe that his father is the spiritual

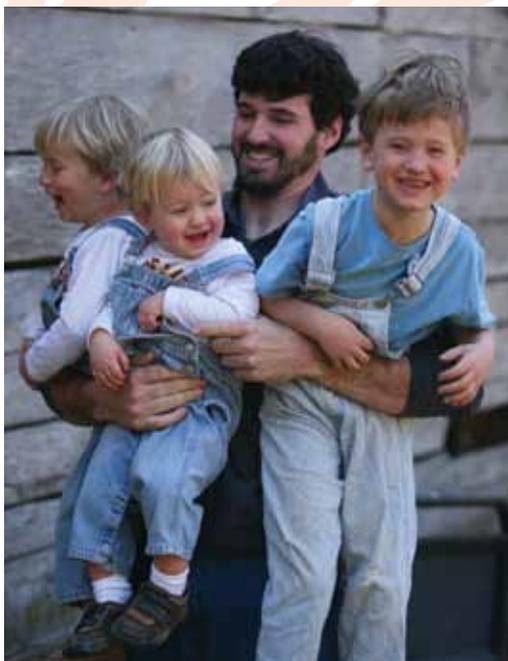


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leader of the home? When does the angry man stop and do his metamorphosis into the lowly disciple, the meek man of God? Can he be believed when he speaks of love and patience, mercy and grace? Does the son believe that this father is a praying man? Does he pray for his enemies—like Jesus did? When he is angry and violent towards Mom and the kids, is the son to ignore what he does and still respect him? If you find a son who can respect the unrespectable father, you have found a vein of gold in a garbage dump. If the Messiah came to a nation where the men were all angry and violent, could they be his disciples and remain violent and angry? If they did would their sons follow them into a “faith” that did not issue in justice?

John told them not to “accuse any falsely.” How unjust to bring false accusation. There is but one reason to falsely accuse, and that is to bring the other man down, to hurt his reputation, to hurt him. It is an act of aggression, of dominance. It is a lie told not to gain gold or save your own reputation, but simply to destroy another. Have your children ever suspected that you have misrepresented the truth because you wanted to get back at another person? If you have accused your wife falsely, your children will take up her offense and never forget it as long as they live—or until they see the tears of your repentance wash the soul of your wife.

John said that justice was being “content with your wages.” One of the stains on our generation is the working man’s conviction that he has a “right” to work. The socialistic mentality is so commonly accepted



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that it is considered part of democracy, and not socialism at all. Everybody feels they have a “right” to eat from the corporate pie, and most seem to feel that their piece of the pie is not as big as it should be. There was a time when men on the farm sought wealth by working harder or longer hours, or devising some method of doing more in the same period of time. No one owed him anything and he did not expect it. Today there is a general lack of contentment. Fathers everywhere come home from work with sour tales of how they are misused on the job.

Again, the key word is content—content with wages. Lack of contentment makes a man poor on any financial scale. “Godliness with contentment is great gain.” There can be no godliness where there is no contentment. A man, who learns to be content in whatever state he is in, is indeed a rich man, and his children will be rich. A man with great means but no contentment is a man of poverty. A poor man who is discontent would be discontent as a rich man.



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Discontentment is not an economic condition; it is a heart condition, and is therefore only affected by what is within, not the circumstances without.

It is yours to become an example of justice.

Children of truly poor families, but raised on smiles, hugs, and a spirit of togetherness, will think they are well off. Kids fed on beans, cabbage, and cornbread will think it is the best stuff in the world. Kids never know they are poor unless someone in the family gripes about it. Outsiders can't make you feel poor. Only family can do that, and Daddy can do it better than anyone. If Daddy is not content, if he is always worried about money, always talking about getting more for the family, then the kids not only do without many things, but they have to do without Daddy as well. Daddies caught up in discontentment will never win the heart of their children, and they will never have anything in their own hearts that their children will desire. Economic discontentment

will eat all your joy, all your hope; it will silence your song, put a drag in your feet, cause you to close in on yourself and grow bitter in thought of what should be. In fact, economic discontentment will keep a man poor because it burns up his creative energies and takes away his hope.

I know what I am talking about because I was raised as poor as the cracks in the walls that left my bed with thin crusts of snow. I remember one Sunday evening as we were leaving church, my family rejoiced over finding a slab of salt meat in the front seat of the old Model T Ford. When we came home to a one-room house with no insulation and tried to get a fire started, I didn't know we were poor. When I was fortunate enough to get one new pair of pants at the beginning of each school year, I didn't know we were poor. Everybody seemed happy. I was happy. I was grown, had completed college, and was well traveled before it dawned on me that we had been poor most of my youth. I can remember my Daddy writing poetry

by the light of a kerosene lantern. At night with a blanket covering our legs to stay warm, Mama read Bible stories from an old book with only a few line illustrations. But believe me, there was nothing better anywhere.

My Daddy was not a perfect man, but I didn't know that when I was young. He has been dead now for 35 years, but I still remember him as the most just man I have ever known.

Fathers, do you have a heart to which your children would want to turn? If you seek to turn your heart toward your children will they shut you out, or welcome you? If they would shut you out it is your responsibility to "repent and bring

forth fruits meet for repentance." The disobedient will turn to the "wisdom of the just." It is yours to become an example of justice.

John said, "But wisdom is justified of her children." Wise fathers are just men, benevolent men, kind men. They will raise just children. The final tally is taken in the fruit. Wisdom (wise fathers) is justified (vindicated—demonstrated to be in fact wise) of her children (your children will demonstrate your justice and extol your wisdom in the practice of their own lives.)

The time is short. The great day of his wrath is near. Repent now before he comes and smites the earth with a curse. (Article formerly called, *The World's Greatest Need*) ❖

Memoirs of a Young Father By Nathan Pearl

I am a young father. My oldest daughter is 9. Last week I was finishing up a construction project and I took her to work with me. As we worked together we talked about life in general but as she got comfortable hanging out with daddy she began to ask more thoughtful questions. Questions like, why do some people not love God? Then she went on to ask, if the Bible says not to do that, why do they disobey? Her questions revealed that she understood her human responsibility before God.

It is clear to me that my children are growing in knowledge of right and wrong. I do not want to miss this opportunity to direct her thoughts in paths of light. She was not seeking to know the rules; she wanted to know what was behind them. I was very frank in my discussion of other people's sin and the consequence. I told her how wisdom from God had preserved me and her mother and brought us to the blessed state we now share. We discussed not only the tragedy of sin but how God can forgive as well. In the Bible Lot held onto the world and lost his sons, whereas Abraham entrusted his sons to God and they were greatly blessed.



Corn Fest Fun!

By Michael Pearl

A Peek Into Our First Annual Cane Creek Corn Fest!

WWow! Did we have fun—family fun, the best kind. Our first Annual Cane Creek Corn Fest. Everyone loved it, especially the kids. I wish you could have been there and watched the kids watch their parents try to eat an apple hanging from a string. It was

smackey face French style. Kids that suspected their parents might sometimes kiss or get intimate had their scariest suspicions confirmed when Mama and Daddy met under the swinging apple.

The right technique for eating the dangling fruit is to get the wife

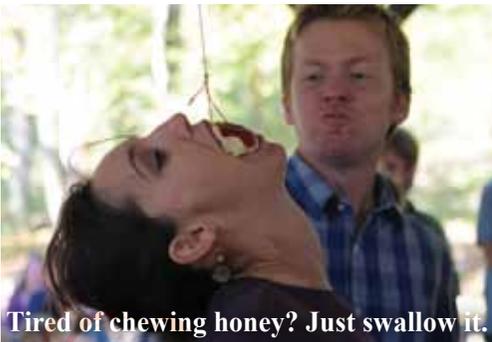
Let the Fun Begin!



Apple eating; a therapeutic exercise for marriage!



False teeth makes this more fun



Tired of chewing honey? Just swallow it.



on one side and the husband on the other, coordinating their wide open mouths to pin the apple in place and hold it while first one and then the other takes a bite, chews, and swallows. When the apple slips away, which it does repeatedly, their faces collide. They end up taking bites out of each other's faces, slick with who knows what.

One couple with kids ranging from middle teens to toddlers kept failing to trap the apple, so after a

minuet of face bumping, he slung the apple out of the way, grabbed her in an aggressive embrace and went after her instead of the apple, planting a big one on her. Their kids looked horrified and amazed.

I have heard, but I don't know for sure, that some of the parents whose marriages had become a little dull went home and hung apples from the ceiling in their bed rooms. Who knows, it could start a revival of marital passion.



Spring and summer corn

In the spring I planted a big field of non genetically modified corn, seeds I have saved from year to year. It is all organically raised and left to dry on the stalk. I early harvested enough to shuck, grind into cornmeal, and bag portions for all the church members. They were instructed to make as many corn dishes as they could think of. You wouldn't believe the six tables

filled with every imaginable corn dish. There were even delicious deserts. Some cooked right on the spot—tortillas, tamales, tamalitos, corn dogs, and more. We placed numbers on all the dishes and had five people taste every dish and judge them for excellence; giving prizes to the winners in several categories. We even had a couple little kids on the judge's panel. They chose the deserts of course.



Sarah and Bubba were the funniest apple eaters hands down!

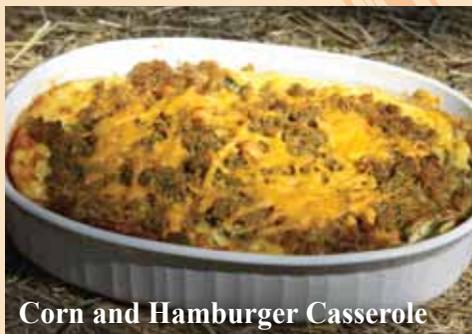


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I have never tasted a meal so rich in varied flavors, colors, and textures.
It was delicious beyond description.



Corn Muffins with Hotdogs



Corn and Hamburger Casserole



Corn Meal Cookies



Cranberry Cake



Polenta Pizza



Cranberry Orange Cornmeal Cake



Tamales



Mexican Casserole



Blueberry Corn Scones



Corn Bread Sticks

After the meal we had several games including sack races and the apple eating contest, and then an egg toss.



Food judges young and old



Tim, the master tortilla maker



Egg toss finale.

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After the games, late in the day, we all went out to the corn field and hand picked the corn, shucking and sacking it as we went along. Some of the kids and even adults had never picked dried corn from the field.



I wish you could have seen the four year olds stumbling around in the knocked down stalks dragging a sack of corn along. We had more fun than Disney Land produces in a year.



New York Times reporter, Erik Eckholm, picks corn for the first time.



After sacking the corn and hauling it to the barn, we took a portion of it to the sheller and grinder. The kids got to turn the crank that shells the corn and feed the grinder that turns it into chicken feed and meal.

Am I In Heaven?

Lately, I have been highly impressed with the grace, love, and mercy I am seeing in the children and teenagers. There are about 90 of us who worship together on Sunday, and two-thirds are children. I watch in amazement as a thirteen-year-old boy cares for his one-year-old brother. You would think he was the father—or better, the mother. I watch as a six-year-old girl picks up her three-year-old sister and carries her over the rocks so she won't hurt her bare feet.

I feel the grace of God flowing when a seven-year-old girl gets out of a swing to give it to a three year old and then helps him up, encouraging him to hold on and not fall.

The other day a ten-year-old boy came up while I was throwing knives. I spent about 20 minutes guiding him in practice. He did very well and I bragged on his accomplishments. When his mother and sister came

over to watch, he threw about six knives and didn't stick any of them. As they turned to walk away, he said, "Why is it that when the girls walk up you can't do anything right?" I laughed and said, "It is because it is so important to us to look good in their eyes." "Yea, I guess that's it," he agreed.

About that time his seven and five-year-old brothers walked up and showed great interest in what we were doing. What followed made me wonder if I weren't in heaven or in the presence of an angel unaware. The ten-year-old called his brother over and showed him how to throw the knife. When he stuck two out of six, something the older brother had been doing before the girls showed up, big brother said with pleasure, "Look, John, you are doing better than me; you stuck two out of six; you are really good." Then he got his five-year-old brother to throw

and after a couple tries, when he stuck a knife, the older brother again bragged on his little brother and told him that he was the best thrower of all. There was absolutely no jealousy in the ten-year-old. He took the greatest pleasure in the pleasure of his brothers. How often do you find such godliness in this world?

I now have nineteen grandkids and more being shipped as I write, and I see some of them every day. When I am around them I never fail to be impressed with the beauty of holiness I see in them. I know that when I was young



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that kind of grace was seldom seen in my family or in anybody I knew.

Now I know there must be times at home when they have missed their naps or when a sibling transgresses on the property of another that they are less than godly. But I know there is something fundamentally holy growing in the families around me. I don't suggest in the least that it is the fruit of my ministry or influence. There are families that have joined our church, coming from afar, and I see the grace of heaven on them as well. I do believe we homeschoolers and homechurchers are seeing the

fruit of good seeds planted deeply and well watered, now bearing fruit.

And it is not just the little ones. In our community and church; there are young people of marriageable age and some just married for less than a year. They love and honor their parents and walk in holiness. There is no rebellion, but great contentment and hope in the bright eyes I see smiling back at me. Again, it is not just our community; I travel and meet homeschooled young people everywhere who are growing up to be the only hope of future generations. I am highly encouraged. ❖

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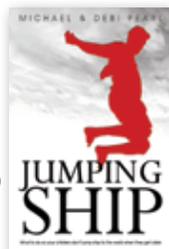




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Love is Like God

By Beka Joy

Dear Pearls,
My children are obedient, intelligent, and hard-working. But somewhere I've failed, and it's becoming obvious. My children hate each other. There is never a kind word spoken between them, they hate to work together, fight with an intense dislike, and seem consumed with looking out for themselves alone. My son dominates to the point of being a bully and tyrant, and my daughter uses rejection and solitude. My one-time easy going, happy baby is following in their footsteps. We have clear boundaries of ownership

and rights, but the children NEVER play together or share. They don't even speak to each other. Why? I am always cheerful. I train. My life is centered around meeting their emotional and physical needs, training them to obey, etc... I honor and obey my husband, just as the Bible teaches. My husband works away from home, but he's a good man, and treats the children well. I can tell he doesn't really like them, and I don't blame him - what's to like? What have I done wrong? How can I make my family love each other?

- Elizabeth

John 13:35 “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

What follows might seem condemning to someone who has made every effort to be a good person, and it is evident that you have. Just swallow hard, say under your breath, “I don’t care, I want Jesus,” and let me tell you about the sweetest thing in all of life.

Many people read *To Train Up A Child* and assume that it is Mike Pearl’s secret to raising good kids. They are wrong. My Dad’s training principles are the reason we are well trained; just like your children are well trained. But training is not the reason we are good. Training is not the reason we love each other. The secret to Mike Pearl’s real success as a parent is found in his Roman’s series, and other audio Bible teachings. Mike Pearl managed to convey to us (his children) his true love, his hope and joy, his faith and understanding of Jesus Christ. It was not training that birthed my spirit into new life and new living—it was knowing Jesus Christ.

It is clear to me that you are good people; that you train, and live circumspectly. There is but one last step to take before you will find yourself on the road to success as a parent. Religion may look like that final step; but it couldn’t be further from it.

Those who do not know God recognize those who do by their love for each other. A head covering, a Bible under the arm, habitual politeness, and a whole string of kids mean nothing but, “we are religious.”

Those things are not bad; but they are not signs of knowing Jesus. Love is.

Children who walk hand in hand, laughing and interacting with each other with absolute enjoyment are a testimony to the Lost that God is in the house. A husband and wife engaged in enthusiastic, open-faced conversation will provoke longing and curiosity in those who do not know God. A whole-hearted smile at an absolute stranger will cause that stranger to wish he knew you, and hope you will talk to him a little longer.

There is an understanding in our home that being a good human being is about meeting other people’s needs.

Your children are perceptive. Their spirits know the difference between knowing about God, and really knowing God. You say they hate each other. Why? He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

LOVE. Love is like God.

How do you teach love? I’m sure there are some readers that truly do know Jesus Christ in a very personal way, but because of past circumstances and old habits, must learn life without dead religion. I will list some practical ideas, but before you try them PLEASE listen to the free Roman’s audio download on the www.nogreaterjoy.org site. A clear picture of the person of Jesus will infuse life in the following suggestions.

There is an understanding in our home that being a good human being is about meeting other people’s needs. Every action is done to benefit someone else. The house is cleaned so Mama won’t have to work as hard.

The back yard is cleaned so Daddy will be glad. Schoolwork projects are done to be folded up and mailed to various grandmothers as a gift. Conversations at the park are to cheer up sad people and show them that God loves them. Playing together is for the other person's enjoyment. Joe is sent outside to play with Rysha and "be gentle" so she won't get hurt. Rysha is sent out to play with Joe and "be tough" so she will be fun for Joe to play with. Both of them play with Hannah so she will "learn how to be a kid." They go to Granny and Grandad's house to "be thankful, obedient, and happy" so they will be a joy and pride to their grandparents. And amazingly, this world-view is taken to heart with enthusiasm.

If I had a child that was unloving, I would organize every activity in that child's life to be about serving for several days, until the child performed the "duties of love" successfully.

Our own goodness is not the focus. The children do not think about whether or not they are being good. Their focus is on being successful at benefitting another human being. Joe helped Rysha put her sandals on; he's a good brother. Rysha helped Mom set the table; she's a good helper. Goodness (Godlikeness) is recognized as active love toward another. Just performing duties correctly is not a form of goodness. **Only selfless acts of love define the quality of a human being.**

Serving. If I had a child that was unloving, I would organize every activity in that child's life to be about serving for several days, until the

child performed the "duties of love" successfully. If he rudely dominated conversation, then for several days the game would be to allow/encourage his sister to converse better. If the sister was petulant and manipulative about it, she would have to do something for her brother (bring him a graham cracker, or...). All activities of the day would include serving each other. Sister would serve brother lunch, and vice versa. Brother would make sister's bed; sister would take off brother's shoes... etc.... **For as long as it took, I would tangle their worlds up until automatically serving the other would come without thought.** And you should play the game with Daddy. Serve him in an exaggerated way with the children watching. And rather than serving them, make sure they serve each other. When you brag about your kids, brag about what they did for each other, or for you, not what they accomplished alone.

Positive attention comes when they are being peaceable and kind, not the opposite. When Joe is talking too much or making too much noise, my communication with him is brief, but not unkind. I simply say, "go outside and water the garden." The command is not negotiable. I may go out and call him back in 10 minutes later. When he comes back in he's more careful to maintain the peace. When Rysha is whiney, I say, "Go get me some...." If she is happy when she comes back I talk to her a minute and smile at her. If she's still whining, I give her a light spanking and send her on another errand. The errand serves to take her attention off of herself. Most of the time the errand is sufficient. **Giving the selfish child a selfless errand is the opposite reward his flesh was looking for.**

Isolation and even a spanking does not work on selfishness quite as well, because the focus has not changed. I have found that my children return from their errands with a pleased sense of self-worth and thankfulness. They are not old enough to understand what just happened to their little souls, but their spirits feel the relief of having their flesh denied.

Thankfulness. I believe it is important for your children to see your gratefulness to God. They should hear praise and thanksgiving coming out of your mouth continually throughout the day. Thanking God for the weather, the scenery, the groceries, the children, the husband, the neighbors, etc.... They need to hear you thanking their father for the work he does, the income he brings home, and his presence in the living room every evening. **They need to feel like they are blessed. They will know it by your thankfulness.**

And if you don't know Jesus; find Him. Call out for God's wonderful salvation. I guarantee, you will find Him sufficient.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also **love one another**

Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another**: for he that loveth **another** hath fulfilled the law.

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should **love one another**.

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, as he gave us commandment.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us **love one another**: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we **love one another**, God dwelleth in us, and his **love** is perfected in us.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned **one to another** with brotherly love; in honour preferring **one another**;

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by **love** serve **one another**. ❖



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Tips

- Let children see your thankfulness.
- Reward whining and selfishness with serving others.
- If you don't know God, He is waiting to reach out to you!
- Download Mike's free Romans audio series at NoGreaterJoy.org



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Don't Give Up on the Prodigal

By Michael Pearl

Sometimes getting out from under parents' roof is the path to repentance.

The promise is clear: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” And the promise is certain. But I know many of you have older children who have departed from the way you intended them to go. You have questioned, “Is the promise really true, or is it like divine healing—rare and only available to those who have great faith?” Or you may question yourself, “Where did I go wrong? I took them to church and provided a godly example, but an evil outside influence slithered in

and stole away my child's virtue and integrity. How could I have foreseen the threat and stopped it?” Then again, you may be of the sad number whose child descended into a state of rebellion and turned on you, accusing you of hypocrisy, screaming, “If you are a Christian I don't want to be one.”

This is not going to be another article where I rebuke you for your hypocrisy. I have done that enough, and it is too late to undo the damage done to the wayward prodigal. But I do want to encourage you to not quit; don't give up on the errant one.

Sometimes getting out from under parents' roof is the path to repentance. It doesn't take long for 20-year-olds to discover that the world is full of hypocrisy and darkness—worse than what they found at home. “As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.” Amos 5:19

When you pray, your heart treasures up good things. You will need a heart full of good thoughts when the prodigal comes down the dusty road dragging his baggage.

There were good times at home, and in times of loneliness and need he will remember them. Just like you, he will have doubts about himself and wonder if he made the right choice. He will mature and learn that humanity is indeed frail and that “every man at his best state is altogether vanity.” Psalm 39:5 Life will force him to discover his own weaknesses and hypocrisy. He will fail to live up to his purist's values and judge himself to be no better than you.

If he did indeed have a time in his youth when he respected his parents and honored their God, a time when life was sweet and carefree, he will look back with fondness and decry his loss. In his pain he will go back in his memory and wish for those days again. In his mind, the good memories will conflict with his more recent memories of your constant criticism and dissatisfaction. The lack of fulfillment he experienced in the home after he got to be a “problem child” will overshadow everything for a while, but when he “begins to be in want” Luke 15:14 and seeks help from his friends,

and they send him “into the field to feed swine,” and no one loves him like Mama did when he was young, he will come to himself, swallow his pride, and come home—not to stay, but to be loved and appreciated, to be with people who care.

Now you will play a part in his recovery. First I am going to tell you how to guarantee that he not only keeps feeding the swine but eats with them and eventually lies down to stay with them. It is the easiest thing you could ever do. It is all about attitude.

Just make sure that in any contact you have with him, let him know how wrong he is and indicate you think he is shiftless and worthless. Or better still, point out how he has embarrassed the family and let him see that you are ashamed of him. It will help if when he comes to visit his hair is purple and orange and he has lots of piercings and tattoos. Look thoroughly disgusted and offended. If he brings a girlfriend home, one that looks like she is a nine time reject, be sure to treat her with disdain and contempt. Ignoring her will really make him hot. That first visit home will be his attempt to prove to himself and his girlfriend that his parents are not worth the time. Deep inside there is a desire to be loved and accepted by his family, but his pride motivates him to throw his sin in your face as a test of that love. It will be easy to get rid of him once for all. Just be what you were before he left.

You say you have changed? I can offer you indicators of how you will in fact respond when he shows up. If you have been humbled by your loss of a child to the world, and you accept the blame and you no longer have critical feelings toward him but rather a heart that is broken and

longing to be restored, you will indeed motivate him to repent and reunite with the family. But if there is bitterness in your heart and the feeling that he has hurt you and the family, you will drive the wedge much deeper and send him back to the swine to feed. If you, like Jesus looking over wayward Jerusalem, weep for your lost child, your tears can wash away his pride and rebellion, but if you like Satan are an accuser of the brethren, you will dump a pile on him that will keep him underground until you are old and grey and he drops by unexpectedly to see Mama one last time before she dies.

There is hope, but that hope must be in your heart if it is going to become a reality. If you daily pray for your prodigal you cannot daily despise him. You may get just one chance to turn him around, and he will see that opportunity in your eyes and hear it in your tone. Get your heart right today and your words will be right the next time you face your prodigal.

“...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil

man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” Matthew 12:34–35
When you pray your heart treasures up good things. You will need a heart full of good thoughts when the prodigal comes down the dusty road dragging his baggage.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” - Philippians 4:8

Remember the prodigal’s father in Luke 15; he was looking for his son and saw him when he was yet a great way off. Running down the road to receive him with open arms, he commanded the servants to bring the best robe and shoes and a ring for the finger of his returning son. The father killed the special fatted calf and invited all the neighbors to a coming home party where they would share his joy at the returned prodigal. Go, and do thou likewise. ❖

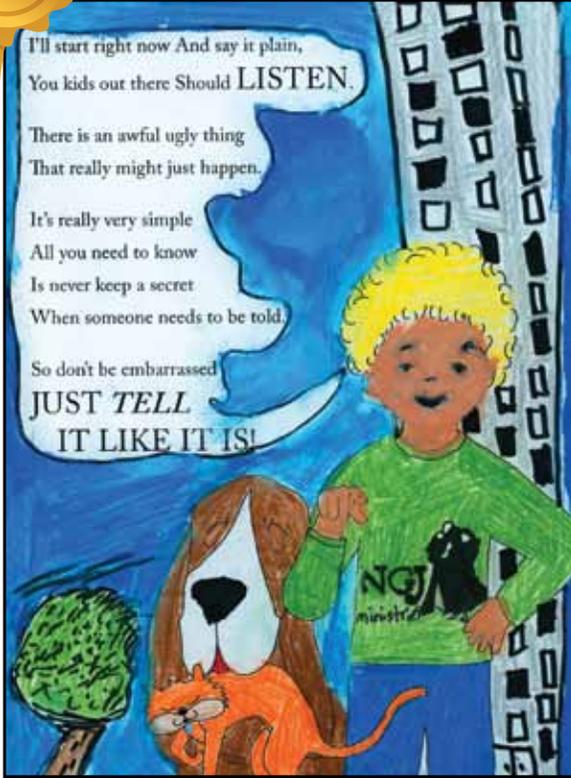
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I have never seen a missionary film even half as good as the one Deb and I recently viewed on DVD—**BEYOND THE NEXT MOUNTAIN**. It is well made, depicting the culture of a tribal group in India. It is full of elephants and tigers. The kids will love it. It tells the story of one missionary who went to a warring primitive tribe and started indigenous churches that grew to become an influence around the world in many languages. This is a must see. I cannot recommend it too highly. NGJ does not carry this DVD.

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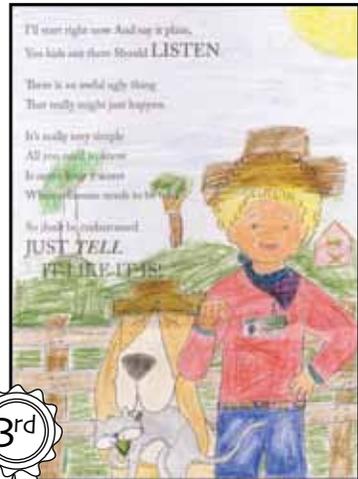
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Excerpts from Created to NEED a Help Meet

By Michael Pearl

EXCERPT 1:

Happy Mama

I will set you on the road to recovery with one good suggestion. Ask your wife for advice and counsel. Welcome her judgments even if you feel she is attacking you. Pretend to be humble and thoughtful. Be patient and ask her to expound further on her concerns. Pause and look enlightened. Nod in appreciation for her wisdom and then modify your actions in some measure based on her suggestion. If unfolding events prove her wrong, be kind and gentle, not gloating or mentioning what is obvious. On the other hand if her counsel and judgment prove to be right, praise her for it and thank her for saving you from error. You will make a new woman out of her. She will get 10 years younger and smile like a kid opening birthday presents. But I warn you, she will get addicted to being happy. She will want to have sex more often and will initiate contact. If you are not up to it, you might want to continue with your “know it all” attitude so she can maintain her coldness as she continues to be your unhappy critic.

EXCERPT 2:

Favor with the Lord

Marriage properly ordered is the quickest path to obtaining wisdom, grace, mercy, patience, faith, compassion, and humility—especially humility. If it were not for the constant presence of that other human being in our life we could live in a delusion. In our solitude we could call a half measure a whole, we could believe that mediocre is perfection, that lack of conflict is peace, that distant sympathy is compassion, that sharing with a friend is transparency, and that liberal giving is sacrifice. We could live our entire life alone and be convinced that we were mature and emotionally balanced. The closeness of marriage creates a friction that either builds a fire that destroys or rounds off the edges and sharpens our spirits. God made marriage not only for the joy it brings but for its ability to expose our weaknesses and remind us of our fallibility. In marriage we go deeper, climb higher, reach further, and develop beyond the perceived limits of our humanity. It is heaven’s incubator where we hatch into eternity. “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.” Proverbs 18:22

EXCERPT 3:

Eternal Opportunity

I could ask, “What is your marriage doing for you?” But the more pertinent question is, “What is your marriage doing for your wife?” Is she being perfected or rejected? Are you causing her to aspire to greater things or expire in fatigue? Is she climbing or declining? Loving or loathing? Does she serve you with joy or with a sense of duty? Does she

know she is your treasure or does she feel used and abused? Your job as her husband is to cleanse her, not offend her with words of criticism.

If you fail to perfect your wife, you not only fail her, you fail God; you fail the entire human process. You fail the Kingdom of God. Since God chose marriage to illustrate his ministry to the church, to fail in marriage is to defame the ministry of Christ. To fail to sanctify your wife is an opportunity lost for eternity. ❖

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By Michael Pearl

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Good and Evil UPDATE

By Mel Cohen, CFP, RFC, General Manager

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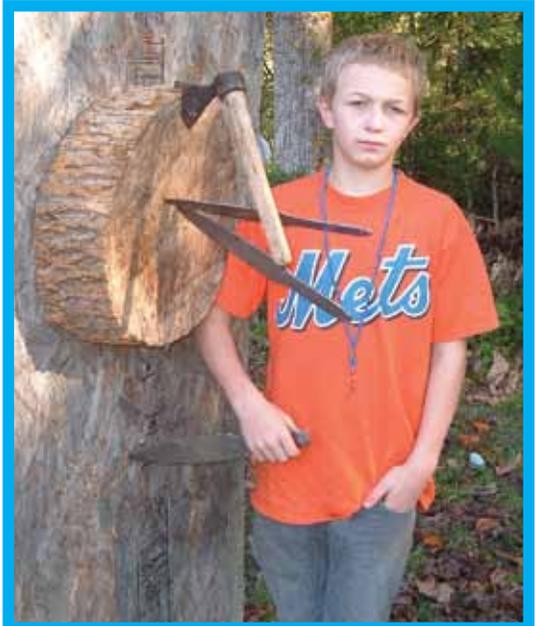
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