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



*The Sky is Falling!*



# No Greater Joy



Michael,

I am an Amish man who disagrees with you concerning what you wrote in the NGJ magazine. You seem to lump all Amish into one lump, and we are all listed as filled with leaven! It is not true. Many Amish simply choose to live the simple lifestyle, and it has nothing to do with getting to heaven. I feel you should address this issue with this understanding. — Judged and Misjudged

We received many similar letters. Obviously, we overstated, assumed, and misjudged. — Michael Pearl



Photo: Elizabeth Stewart

Oops!

We heard rumors that Mr. Pearl was in jail! Is this true?  
—A Reader

Debi answers:

Mike does go to prison every weekend to minister, but they always let him back out! 😊

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# How to Survive the Coming Apocalypse

## — PART 1 —

By Michael Pearl



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The Pearl family in 1979

## Fear Not Them Which Destroy the Body

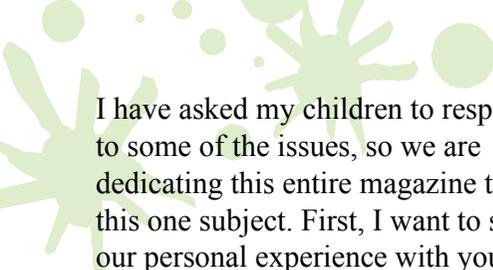
Dear Mr. Pearl,

We live in the suburbs of a fairly large city. We homeschool our six children and also home church. We are very concerned about the way our country is going. There are so many bad things happening in the world, and the signs point to the coming of antichrist and the tribulation. We talk about moving to a remote place to live so we can protect the children when everything falls apart, but we do

not have the slightest idea where to begin. If we could find a place and live around people of like mind who could help us get started, we would probably make the move. Do you have any recommendation? Do you know of a community of believers that has room for one more family?

**Mike answers:**

Wow! Where do I begin? There is so much in this letter that needs addressing, and it is just one of hundreds that we have received.



I have asked my children to respond to some of the issues, so we are dedicating this entire magazine to this one subject. First, I want to share our personal experience with you.

I can understand your consternation. Thirty or forty years ago, even before it looked like the country would descend into anarchy or civil war or financial collapse, before it was obvious that social engineering and overregulation would prevent us from living our convictions, I was concerned about keeping my family in a position to survive all the crazy, dire possibilities of doom and destruction.

When I was in my teens, I knew several “whacky” adults who followed the John Birch Society. I passed them off as conspiracy nuts. Wikipedia says of the John Birch Society:

The organization identifies with Christian principles, seeks to limit governmental powers, and opposes wealth redistribution and economic interventionism. It opposes practices it terms collectivism, totalitarianism, and communism. It opposes socialism and fascism as well, which it asserts is infiltrating US governmental administration. In a 1983 edition of *Crossfire*, Congressman Larry McDonald (D-Georgia), then its newly appointed president, characterized the society as belonging to the Old Right rather than the New Right.

In the fifties and sixties, the warning cry was against creeping communism. The USSR was spreading its philosophy around the globe, and our leaders spoke of the

“domino effect.” One by one the countries in Asia and Africa, and even our neighbors 90 miles away in Cuba were falling to the “Reds.” At the time there was serious concern about an eventual communist invasion of our homeland, taking away the liberties granted to us by God, as denoted in the Constitution.

I must confess, back in the late sixties and early seventies, I saw nothing that indicated our freedoms might be at risk from within. The prophets crying doom seemed to be fringe indeed. Then the USSR dissolved and sought democratic reform. We won! Our republic would survive. No communism for us.

With the “fall of communism” and the arrival of the prosperous eighties and nineties, the John Birch Society and other like organizations faded from the public eye, appearing to be discredited prophets now irrelevant. Little did I know that the “communists” would not come to America in landing craft and parachutes; they would come from our universities, be called “progressive,” and be voted into office by the people who wanted government to be the source of their prosperity. Our personal, family awakening came when the progressives (socialists) tried to engineer our family for us.

By the late seventies, Deb and I had begun homeschooling, a practice unheard of in Memphis, Tennessee. After three hostile visits from Child Protective Services (CPS) with threats to take away our children, and then our big day appearing before the judge, we were beginning to wonder about a 1984-like scenario and Big Brother. Could the John Birch Society and its kind be right? We

were pressed to form plans to escape the hand of those who “knew best what was good for our children.” The kids knew the signal that meant they were to go to the basement, climb up on the washing machine, open the window quietly, and slip through the woods to an old, abandoned barn about one mile away and wait for their grandparents to pick them up and take them out of state to a secret location.

After several visits and warnings from CPS, a certified letter delivered by a sheriff notified us to bring our children and appear in the judge’s chamber on Monday morning at ten o’clock. We stowed the children for hasty departure from the state and went to see the judge alone. It was the first volley in a battle we fought and eventually won, but it did not give us any confidence in the goodwill of what I now knew to be our socialist government.

We had raised the kids in the country, fifteen miles outside of Memphis, providing them with a pond in which to swim, free access to the woods and bottom lands, hunting and fishing, planting a small garden, and working in my wood shop. They had lots of Christian friends, most of them adults who shared their interests. We were part of a strong ministry of winning the lost to Christ and building them up in the faith.



The kids saw God save thousands of people and change their lives. They knew God was the center of it all.

But by 1988, with five children and the oldest having gone through puberty and one other not far behind, knowing the time of great temptation for the children was approaching, we had enough of the rat race and of trying to provide artificial community for the kids. Many of the people who shared the ministry with us did not fully embrace our convictions. It was obvious that their children would not grow up to be what we wanted ours to become. Their sons and daughters would not make good spouses. And young people tend to pick the fruit closest to the ground, hanging over the fence in their own backyards. So we sold our four-acre estate and moved to a 100-acre piece of unimproved ground in the hills of Middle Tennessee.

It was a wild, crazy adventure. We logged with mules, sawed our lumber on a homemade saw mill, and built our house, barns, shop, and outbuildings. We cleared new ground, plowed, strung fences, milked cows, chased chickens, trying to recover their eggs, grew our vegetables, killed deer for our meat, ground wheat and corn for our bread, and generally lived very poor, plain lives. We loved every minute of it and the kids grew strong and resilient.

None of our neighbors went to public schools or public churches. Every kid had to work hard all day long. They met at the swimming hole in the late afternoons and sometimes spent their days exploring the wooded ridges within a five-mile radius. The kids never went to a mall

or movie theatre. There wasn't—and still isn't—a television in the house. Not one in the barn either. We did get a 15-inch screen and a VCR and on occasion let the kids watch *101 Dalmatians*, *The Sound of Music*, and other like movies until the tapes wore out.

In the evenings we played checkers and “bored” games (spelled correctly). The girls sewed while the boys constructed spear guns or glued fletches on their arrows or practiced their fast draw. We had Bible reading and told Bible stories. Two or three nights a week we had Bible studies with other families with the kids listening attentively, participating as they were able.

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I took any kind of job I could get where the boys and girls could work with me, building barns and outbuildings, laying stone, or cutting hickory sticks for sale to rustic-furniture makers. The boys got a small percentage of what we made—7% and 5%, based on their age and abilities. In the spring and summer we grew organic vegetables and sold them in Nashville. That is the most difficult way to make a dollar. In the end I think I made about \$2 an hour, and the kids got about \$2 a day. Everybody was glad to see the end of our truck patch farm.

Even in our “Christian community,” there were some



Photo: HomesteadCommunityPost.com

families with whom we associated who matured into immaturity. Not all reaped sweet fruit. A form of godliness may conceal, but it will never heal the depravity on the inside. In the final analysis, it is not the community or the church that produces great children and tremendous young adults; it is home life rooted in sincere, relaxed love of God and family that bears eternal fruit. A rotten relationship, or just an empty relationship, between husband and wife and parents and kids is a soul poison without an antidote. Genuine, laughing love immersed in creativity is a miracle cure—all that supercharges the soul and grows up children that are too healthy to come down with soul diseases.

My children now range from 29 to 39 years old and they have given us 21 grandkids—so far. I can say without reservation that the fruit of old age is sweet indeed. There is nothing but harmony and goodwill in the family. God has blessed us beyond our deserts. He gives us grace for grace.

What God began in a 13-year-old boy (when I was born again) and a 9-year-old girl 54 years ago, he has been faithful to continue in ways that leave us wanting for nothing and without regrets. From personal experience I can highly recommend

the Christian life based on the Spirit of grace and mercy.

### **Fear Not**

Now, it seems like I have gotten away from my subject of preparing for hard times, but I haven't. I just want to testify that the dark curtain coming down over our nation does not cause us to fear. Hard times on the outside don't have to translate into hard times on the inside. We do not want to be numbered with those whose "hearts [are] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26). Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body..." (Matthew 10:28). And again he said, "But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:7). And again Jesus reassures us, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

As to hoarding for hard times ahead, Jesus said, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth" (Luke 12:33).

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No doubt most Christians need to make some lifestyle changes if they want to be prepared for societal unrest and economic depression. But our starting point must be faith, not fear. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is

not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). We need to be celebrating life and liberty in the spirit, not complaining and whining about the poor state of the state. We must claim the promise, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth**" (Revelation 3:10). I have a ticket out of here before the Great Tribulation (Jacob's troubles/the time of wrath). More on that later in this magazine.

### **Come What May**

So come what may, if the worst does happen, our generation will not be the first to suffer deprivation or persecution. The writer of Hebrews indicates that the trials that come upon us are to give us the opportunity to become overcomers, to crown us with glory, to build faith. He says of sufferings, "all are partakers" (Hebrews 12:8).

The writer of Hebrews dedicates an entire chapter to those in adversity who did not fear but established a testimony of faith.

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

"Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness were made strong**, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

"Women received their dead



raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

“They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

“(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

“God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the

joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds”** (Hebrews 11:32–12:3).

### **Caring for Our Own**

But just because we have peace on the inside and can overcome the world, that does not mean I want to be thrown into the fiery furnace, or go hungry, or be vulnerable to a political system hostile to traditional family and Christianity. It would be foolish to sit on my faith and take lightly the possibility of coming hardship and deprivation. We should prepare but not panic. We should plan while we pray. We should get ready but remain steady. While laying up our treasure in heaven, we should lay up a store for the day of famine here on earth. Did not God warn the Egyptians of hard times coming? And did not their preparation see them through the days of dearth? Noah received a warning of coming judgment and “prepared an ark to the saving of his house” (Hebrews 11:7).

While believing in God’s care and provision, we can save him a miracle by using the brain he gave us to take care of ourselves. “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Timothy 5:8).

If you are like me, you feel a strong, instinctual need to make provision for your family’s safety and comfort. A farmer should have faith, but he must also put his hand

to the plow. The Pearl family has made preparation against the days of trial, and we are comfortable with our position in a worst-case scenario. So we dedicate this magazine to some very practical suggestions that, if heeded, can cause you to feel sufficiently prepared come what may.

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**We can say with the apostle Paul:**

“What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.

“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

**“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

“As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:31–39). ~ *Michael* ✱

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## What’s A Grandmother To Do?

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

As a grandmother, I feel you will understand my concern about my oldest grandson who is now 7 years old. He is so silly and foolish. His parents are both sober yet loving parents, so I find it strange that he acts so ridiculous, like a slobbering fool. For example: He sticks his tongue out and waves his fingers over it, making strange noises while sending saliva spewing, then laughs as everyone tries to get away.

He is a kind child and very loving, although he is lazy and already overweight. My gentle-hearted, very steady son, the father to my grandchild, saw my repulsion at the boy’s slobbering behavior and just smiled and tried to

reassure me by saying, “He’ll grow up in time.” I can honestly say, out of my seven children, none ever acted with such a lack of dignity...not at two years old and certainly not at seven years old. I only hope he will not influence the rest of the grandchildren.

*— What’s a grandmother to do?*

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!**

Mike will answer this question as a YouTube video, which will be sent out on our *Cane Creek Corner* emails during the month of June. Tune in! Sign up today:

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# How to Survive the Coming Apocalypse — PART 2 —

By Michael Pearl

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## Pre-Wrath Rapture? Zombies, Earthquakes & Scorching Heat

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I know that you believe in the rapture and that Christians will not have to endure the tribulation, but I have come to believe that we will go through the tribulation but not the day of wrath, so the church will be purified as we become overcomers. Have you read the book by Rosenthal, *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*?

**Michael answers:**

Yes, I read it when it was first published. As always, when I read something written by a sincere believer that differs with my position, I open my mind and try to see their point of view, making myself willing to change my views if I see that I have been wrong in my interpretation of the Bible. I read the book once, and then I read it

again, taking notes and searching his arguments thoroughly. No one could be more open to his point of view than I, but I was greatly disappointed in the strength of his arguments. It seemed to be written by a man who lost his faith in the words of God. The end result of carefully considering his point of view was that it strengthened my belief in the Bible believer's historical doctrine of the pre-tribulation rapture of all believers.

### *Why go through judgment when Jesus has already taken your judgment upon himself?*

Dear Michael,

*I know that we are living in the last times, and I feel an urgency to get my family into a place where we can survive the tribulation that is coming. Have you written anything on how to survive the coming apocalypse?*

#### **Michael answers:**

The way to survive the coming apocalypse is to reject the mark of the beast when he shows up (Revelation 14:9; 15:2; 20:4), and during the tribulation, hear, repent, believe, and obey the gospel of the kingdom preached by one of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Matthew 24:14), and keep the commandments of God (Revelation 12:17; 14:12) as well as the faith of Christ. Avoid drinking the water (Revelation 8:11). Store up enough painkillers to last each member of your family for five months (Revelation 9:6–10). Avoid being killed by the zombies (Revelation 9:6). Build an enclosed structure that is defensible against the starving

masses (Revelation 6:8) that cannot be penetrated by flying scorpions, and prepare to stay inside during the five months that they terrorize the earth (Revelation 9:10). Don't expect your children to repent during the tribulation (Revelation 9:20). Locate in an earthquake resistant zone (Revelation 11:13, 16:18). Prepare your structure with sufficient power supply to air condition it against the scorching heat (Revelation 16:8–9). Be prepared to move above ground when the tectonic shift takes place (Revelation 16:20). But when you do move above ground, make preparations to avoid the 60-pound hailstones (Revelation 16:21). Avoid any area in Italy, especially close to the Vatican (Revelation 18). Know that if you are able to survive the judgments of God, in the end you and all your family will be deceived by the antichrist's lies and will be damned (2 Thessalonians 2: 8–12).

The last thing you will see on this earth are the Christians returning to the earth at the end of their seven-year heavenly cruise of worship and praise to set up the kingdom of heaven upon the earth.

Know that if in this present age you had believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and were born again, God would have kept you from the "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10). Why go through the time of judgment when Jesus has already taken your judgment upon himself?

I am well aware that in the last 30 years there has been a shift from the pre-tribulation rapture to the post-wrath, or mid-trib, or post-trib, or no-trib positions. The shift is a result of two distinctive factors: degeneration

in the believer's confidence in the inspired words of God, and loss of confidence in the supernatural. Those who have made the shift are not even aware of their loss of confidence in the written words of God or of their loss of confidence in a transcended God of imminent miracles. The degree to which one believes in the inspiration of every word of the Bible and in the normal grammatical approach to interpretation is the degree to which he believes in the rapture, second coming, and the millennial (thousand-year) reign of Christ upon the earth. History attests to the fact that as men lose their faith in the words of God, they gravitate toward the allegorical approach to interpretation and move away from belief in an imminent return of Christ for his saints. The carnal mind finds it more comfortable to believe in what he can see—a coming “apocalypse” and man destroying himself—than to believe in the imminent rapture of the church.

Anyone who can read English and, according to the rules of grammar, understand what he reads will come to a belief in two distinctive events separated by seven years: the unannounced and unseen rapture of the church, and the very predictable and very visible second coming of Christ with his saints.

In this small magazine, it is not possible to address the subject fully. So I have found a very simple, 200-page book online—free—that does a great job of defending the pre-tribulational rapture of the church. Download the entire book and share it with others. *The Rapture Solution: Putting the Puzzle Together* ([www.rapturesolution.com](http://www.rapturesolution.com)) by Allen Beechick.

I have indeed read the books that teach the other positions. Now it is your turn to think for yourself and read something different. There is no reason to live in fear when you can be rejoicing in Christ's soon appearing. ~ *Michael* \*

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## Considering A Future Wife

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I have had my eye on this gal for over a year. Since I live in a different state, we keep in daily touch by Skype. Her parents are youth directors. Their home is open to the youth, and a bunch of youth hang out all weekend and have for years. Since this girl was a teenager, several of the same guys that don't seek the Lord spend weekend evenings there watching movies or playing games. It looks bad.

She refers to these guys as her really good friends. A few weeks ago I asked her point-blank if she thought any of the guys were truly seeking God. Her answer was, “A little. I think they might be thinking about it. You need to get to know them because they are really

sweet.” Her choice of best friends gives me pause. Am I just jealous?

So I go back and forth as I consider her for my future wife. I know she likes me and wonders why I hesitate while I wonder (in light of Psalm 1) why her hang-out buddies are lost guys.

— *His servant, seeking first the kingdom of God.*

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# NGJKids

## Know How, No Fear!

By Shalom Brand

School time is a great time to learn something new, right? I love homeschooling my kids because I can teach them things that I want to learn too! Last week I asked my husband, “If I was dropped into the middle of the woods with my children, what would I need to know to protect us?” Not that I think that will ever happen, but I was looking for something new to learn with the kids. He said, “Study shelter, water, and food.” Pretty basic, but when you start doing it, it’s quite hard. All last week our learning project was about how to build a shelter. We YouTubed, looked at books, and watched Discovery Channel shows on surviving in the wild. This week we are learning about water and how to filter or sterilize it. So cool! The kids love it and Daddy said that after we are done, we will go out into the woods and spend the night using our new-found knowledge; the kids are so excited about it!

Now here is a fun homeschool project, and it is the next magazine contest. Tell what you would do if you were out in the wild and it was 20 degrees, and all you had was one roll of aluminum foil, a big sheet of clear plastic, and some matches. What kind of shelter could you build, and how warm would you be that night? **Try it and send us your results. Pictures and basic instructions are required. We’ll choose the winner.**

~ Shalom \*

March-April ▶  
Contest winner!

Madeline Lamb  
Age 7



# How to Survive the Coming Apocalypse

## — PART 3 —

By Michael Pearl

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## Worst-Case Scenarios

I hear your fears of worst-case scenarios—marauding bands of motorcycle gang members raping and pillaging. Maybe you have watched too many apocalyptic movies. In the early nineties, my son Gabriel went over to Albania to help a missionary defend an orphanage. The government was no more—no utilities, no jobs, no law. The people had broken into the military armories and stolen all the guns, grenades, rocket launchers, explosives, and anything else they wanted. Everyone was heavily armed. The missionary was concerned for the safety of the

children, so he mounted a 50-caliber machine gun behind sandbags at the front door of his orphanage. While there, Gabriel purchased an SKS for \$65. It was the doomsday scenario everyone fears.

Yet Gabriel saw no violence to speak of. The people got dressed in the morning and walked the streets just like they were going to work. They wandered around as in a trance, disbelieving that their world had shut down. The American news reported acts of violence and mayhem, but it was somewhere other than where Gabriel was. Block after block of

city dwellers did not pillage their neighbors and did not rape and riot.

I lived in Memphis when Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered. I saw on the news all the violence that ensued, but I did not see any of it personally, and I lived within one mile of the largest black community in the city. Likewise, in the LA riots, you had to tune in to the TV to actually see violence, that is, unless you owned an electronics shop in the district where such things are likely to happen.

*Good people in a community will come together for mutual protection and assistance.*

There is much recorded history to consider. During the two world wars in France, Germany, Russia, and other countries where for a time people were hungry and without local law, the populace did not go crazy, leaving the country in apocalyptic meltdown. Most people acted civilized and helped their neighbors. They suffered together and shared where they could. I do think there is an unreasonable fear based on Hollywood-induced imagination.



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Obviously, even right now in the best of times, there are places in every major city where violence is more likely, where you are risking your life to go out at night, where you are likely to be burglarized at least once a year. Certainly, in these crime-prone areas, during a period of economic collapse or a breakdown of law and order, violence will skyrocket. If you live on the edge of such an area, within easy walking distance, you could be in danger if everything goes haywire. But if you live in the suburbs with civilized people all around you, a good number of them armed, according to past history there is no reason to think you are going to be dragged into the streets and your home pillaged.

In a worst-case scenario, you may get hungry, not have any utilities, have to build a wood fire and boil sewer water to drink, and be at risk of roving burglars and robbers, but good people in a community will come together for mutual protection and assistance. It has always been the case throughout history.

I am not suggesting that you need not prepare for the unthinkable. I am only suggesting that your preparation should be more in line with reasonable possibilities. Don't be consumed with preparing for



Photo: Shoshanna Easing

something that has only happened in a Hollywood movie. Make sufficient preparations for something like the Great Depression in a calm and reasonable manner, and then get on with living the life God gave you.

*Fear can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Live in faith, thanksgiving, and rejoicing.*

Some people just seem to need a little fear in their lives. The world loves doomsday scenarios, movies, books, and documentaries, like kids generating tension so they can scream when the other child jumps out and says “boo.” It makes them feel alive. It would serve you much better to fear diabetes, cancer, and heart disease so as to give attention to prevention. You can do something to keep you and your children from being in the 75% that will succumb to one of these diseases. If you want to fear something, fear the 25% chance that one of your children will be molested, or the 50% chance that your spouse will get fed up with

your selfishness and leave you. Fear that one of your sons will access pornography and end up being a sodomite. Fear the genetically modified food you are eating or the incurable infections being created by antibiotics. These things are real. They are happening now. One of them is more likely to happen to you than not. For a family to escape all of these is about as rare as winning the lottery.

Don’t live as Job did, with fear as your vision. “For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me” (Job 3:25). Fear can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Live in faith, thanksgiving, and rejoicing. It is much better preparation for the day of distress.

“Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows” (Luke 12:6-7). ~ *Michael* \*



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# How to Survive the Coming Apocalypse

## — PART 4 —

By Michael Pearl



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## Getting Prepared

So we are not going to go through the tribulation, but there have been plenty of times in history when sudden hardship struck a nation and the people were thrown upon their own resources to survive. We could suffer national or local tribulation before the Great Tribulation. It is a small possibility, but very real, that some of us could, in our lifetime, experience a Hurricane Katrina, or Sandy, or devastating tornadoes, earthquakes, or the ravages of war—foreign or civil—or an outbreak of disease that would require us to self-quarantine,

maybe something so bad it would be wise to move into the wilderness until it all blew over. Therefore, should I make preparation for such a day?

If you are a parent, or are responsible for the safety and security of others, then you have an obligation to be prepared to feed and shelter them in adverse circumstances.

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Timothy 5:8).

Have you considered what it might take to secure their safety? Are you prepared?

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?” (Luke 14:28, 31).

Many people have a store of food they expect to last three months or a year. They spend lots of money on freeze-dried staples not to be eaten except in a survival situation. Eventually, when kept for a long time and not needed, they are thrown out or fed to the birds. About every 10 to 15 years there is a popular panic like Y2K or the election of someone named Hussein, and they refresh their stores. I have been around since the end of the Second World War watching the fear cycle repeat itself.

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I, too, have been concerned. I maintain a limited store of basic foods and have made preparation to have plenty of water on hand and some fuel for my vehicles and tractors, a generator, and the ability to defend my family, but my perspective is quite different from the so-called survivalist who prepares a bunker stored with food and ammunition. I feel an obligation to my brother (anyone I have not yet met) as well as to my family. I cannot turn away a person in need.

(However, I reserve the right to determine whether a person is truly in need or just in want.) If I had 20 buckets of wheat and I were aware of a hungry family, I could not hide in my basement, grinding my wheat by hand and baking bread, knowing they were next door starving.

Living on a farm as I do, if society were to fall apart and there were no more gasoline, food, or electricity, and a family were to come up dragging their meager belongings in a pushcart, children hungry, wife exhausted from carrying a baby, and the husband/father filled with fear and concern for his family, I could not point my gun at them and tell them to move on down the road, saying, “This is my food.” Inconceivable! What would Jesus do?

If you live in a city and society were to degenerate into chaos and desperation, do you want your children and you to be the only fat people on the block? The hungry might eat you!

Does your Christianity go on hold when there is not enough bread for everybody?

“And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

“And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

“Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” (Matthew 5:40–44).

## Knowledge and Skill

Now I am going to share with you the heart of my preparation, and it is my suggestion for you. The best preparation for adversity is not in the stores you maintain but in the knowledge and skills you possess. It is better to be resourceful than to have resources. Knowledge is better than gold and goods. Your ability to assess your surroundings and adapt to them is something you take with you when you are stripped naked and left for dead. A man dependent upon his storehouse of treasures is necessarily a fearful and anxious man. For a Christian, it is a big dilemma.

How can you reconcile eating while others starve? How can you refuse shelter and aid to anyone in need?

Are you prepared to send rain on the unjust? I know this is radical, not very Southern/Mid-Western macho male, but Jesus said:

“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me.

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

“Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

“Whosoever therefore shall **be ashamed of me and of my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels” (Mark 8:34–38).



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I am not a pacifist. But after being a Christian for 54 years, walking after the Spirit of God, having my own spirit rebuked and checked 10,000 times, I have come to share a little of God’s heart in these matters, and I still have a Bible that overrules my personal feelings and institutional ideas.

## Begin Preparation

Prepare your mind by learning and practicing any skill that might be needed in difficult times. Where you live will dictate areas in which you need to be prepared. If you live in New York City, you will need different skill sets than if you live on the bayou in Louisiana. I am going to share with you some of the skills I have learned that leave me comfortable with any eventuality. But the basic principle is that you must address your own personal fears and insecurities by attacking the darkness that leaves you feeling uncertain and insecure.

If I lived in New York City, I would want a hot air balloon to launch from the roof of a building and float away. If that were not possible, then I would want an inflatable boat with a 15-hp motor that I could transport to the water and make my exit. If that is out of the question, then I would want a bicycle in good condition—one for every member of the family—and a couple of trailers to pull behind the bicycles, one for each child too young to ride

and one for provisions—water and a little food. You would be wasting your time trying to exit the east coast in an automobile. It would take a month and a lot of bulldozer work to clear out New York City. If I lived in NYC and had a bicycle, it would make me feel that I was in control of my own life.

Of course, you would need to know that you could ride 150 miles in a day and then camp out in the woods at night, snare wild game for food or make a fish trap, build a shelter, and start a fire.

And it would be good to have a destination. Make preparation to move in with a family member or friend who lives away from the big cities. Visit them once or twice a year and store your goods in the back of their garage or in their barn. Develop a partnership survival pact in case it is needed. If you don't have family or friends in safer areas, buy a run-down, cheap farmhouse on a small piece of land and make it a family project to fix it up as a vacation house and a survival enclave in case it is ever needed. Get to know the locals and learn your way around the community. A three- or four-hundred-mile bicycle ride in one week is easy to do. Traffic jams and fuel shortages won't be a problem for you.

Most of us do not live in the heart of big cities. Yet there remains a sense of insecurity when we imagine a national crisis. No matter where you live, you need to have the skills to live off the land like the pioneers and mountain men did 175 years ago. You may live on a farm right now, but what happens if you are chased off of it by government thugs or overrun by people from the cities? Can you just walk out into open country and survive with some measure of comfort?

There are many books and websites on survival skills. It is not enough to view them; you must practice. Make it a family hobby to build a fire and cook on it. Build a fish trap from old chicken wire or from willow branches. Go ahead, catch some fish, and then cook them in the wild. It will do you a world of good. The thing about survival food is that it doesn't have to be good enough to be sold in supermarkets. A cup full of minnows will add sufficient protein to your wild salad soup to sustain the entire family. Wild game is quite limited and will disappear rather quickly when a number of people begin to depend on it, but ponds, streams and lakes contain an endless supply of protein—turtles, frogs, fish, even snakes and lizards. And it is a lot easier to trap fish than it is to catch a squirrel or rabbit.

Because I know I would share what I have with any who needed it, I know I can never store enough food to have any sustaining effect. So I do not have a big store. I have the ability to forage the fields and woods to gather wild things to eat. Saving garden seeds, I am prepared from one year to the next to grow what I



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need to eat. I save enough corn seed each year to plant and feed several hundred people for an entire year.

If hard times come and a family comes to my farm, I will give them a chain saw or ax and show them how to build a log cabin in the woods, and then I will show them how to gather wild stuff to eat—greens, seeds, nuts—and show them how to walk the three miles to the river and use fish traps. I will help them become self-sufficient. They will have to plant and hoe the corn, bend over and pull the weeds, and then harvest it and grind it by hand into meal, and then cook their corn bread to go with the wild greens and acorn cakes they will bake. If they want something sweet, they can follow the wild bees and harvest honey, or in the spring they can tap maple trees and then cut and split the wood that will be used for cooking it down into syrup.

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It will not be easy, but they will survive if they are willing to work. If they are lazy and will not work, I will not feed them. I will not give them my bedroom, and I will not cut their firewood, I will not gather their wild plants or prepare their meals. “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

Depending on one’s knowledge and skill instead of a hoarded store is most liberating. I will have nothing to steal, nothing to protect. If a man



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wants to take my cup of fish or my basket of wild plants, I will let him have it and go gather some more. I can give to any who ask of me and never run out, for God supplies my needs through nature. There are hundreds of books covering all the skill sets you will need, but you must have hands-on experience to gain the confidence that takes away anxiety and fear. Become a practitioner of the wilderness arts.

I know many people who laugh at the thought of a time of deprivation, not because they do not believe it could happen, but because they know they can weather anything the world throws at them. They will grin and say, “It sounds like fun.”

### **Where to Begin?**

Start camping out or buy that old farmhouse and make it your “little house on the prairie.” Buy some books or go online and learn to identify edible plants. Half of the plants growing in a field can be eaten. The other half will make you sick. You have to harvest and eat them now if you are going to be ready. Make and use small fish traps in local streams or ponds. Go for the little fish and minnows. Learn to use hand tools as well as power tools. Build something. Construct a temporary shelter out of materials

you can forage—old carpet, plastic, cardboard, trees and branches, scraps of wood lying around. The kids will find it more fun than anything they have ever done. Take the family hiking and exploring. Learn the wilderness around you—water supply, caves, building material, abandoned buildings that could be commandeered in hard times. Keep on hand the tools that would be useful—chain saws, cross-cut saws, axes and hand saws, hammers and sharpened knives and machetes. Rope and wire are handy as is plumber’s tape. A small amount of chicken wire to make fish traps would be useful. Outdoor cooking pots and pans, matches and lighters, flashlights, a small solar panel to

charge a radio and flashlights. I have a Geiger counter and keep iodine on hand in case the unthinkable happens.

Learn how to treat disease and wounds without modern medical help. Learn how to gather and use healing herbs. Right now, begin growing something to eat. You can grow vegetables in a one-gallon pot sitting in a window. You can grow an entire garden on asphalt by using bales of straw. A garden 10 by 16 feet will feed two people all the vegetables they can eat. Most people start their gardening experience with a plot that is too big, and the labor is so intensive, they give up. Become a student and a practitioner of growing your own food. ~ *Michael* \*

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## Children First, or Husband?

Dear Pearls,

This is a strange question and I hardly know how to ask it as it is so weird. So here goes and I hope I make it clear enough to get a straight answer. What is more important for children:

1. Parents having a loving relationship, OR
2. Parents pouring their life into their children, OR can there be a balance?

I feel as a mother it is my job to put my children first. My husband says that he needs “us” time to keep him on track to being a good father. This can translate into something as simple as putting the kids down in front of a movie so we can spend the evening talking. This really bothers me. There have been times that he is all for paying my sister to take the boys to their ball games even if it means missing key games just so we can have the whole house to ourselves because, as he says, sometimes he likes it loud. He has even insisted that I cancel music

classes due to his wanting to drop everything and have an evening out. Hel--lo, when does the responsibility of being a parent kick in and when is he just being a little selfish? My husband insisted that I seek counsel from an older, happily married lady. I agreed to this because it is putting a strain on our marriage. Just to be totally honest, I am sending this letter to three different marriage counselors. More than anything in the world I want children who are well balanced, feel loved, and seek the Lord, and I am willing to lay down my life for that end.

— *Diane*

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!**

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# Feed the Children

By Shoshanna Easling

*People ask me how I get my kids to eat veggies. Well, mostly they eat them because that is what I feed them!*

We just came in from planting kale and collards that I started from seed 6 or 8 weeks ago. I still have chocolate-brown soil underneath my nails. The smell of fresh soil in the spring is wonderful! My kids love helping, learning, and getting right in the middle. The whole planting experience becomes a homeschool lesson. We talk about how to plant, why heirloom vegetables are good for the body, what makes healthy soil, and, of course, our favorite subject—worms! James and Jeremiah had a hard time doing anything but comparing who found the biggest worm. You know you have healthy soil when it looks like a worm bed. James said, “*We are*

*my heroes!*” as he was observing the dark, chocolate-brown, beautiful soil full of life. Last year we started working on a series call *Making Vegetables*. We did a lot of research and interviewed people around the world on everything pertaining to gardens. From soil and compost to veggies and preserving the harvest and so much more, we’re putting together the best tried-and-true and cutting-edge information in the world.

Last year, we put in a sustainable hillside garden. It started with carving away our driveway. We live on the side of a hill, and we have a circular driveway around our house. We made three large, curved

steps terracing up the hillside. We dug a footer along each step wall. We poured footers and laid blocks, enforcing with rebar and pouring every other one solid. We had a strong wall. After letting the concrete set up for a few days, we backfilled. We added two feet of topsoil, two inches of compost, and an inch or so of manure. We used a rototiller to mix it all together, and covered it in about 3 or 4 inches of wood chips. We had our hillside garden!

The best part of our hillside garden is the way we built up our



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called “weedless gardening” because the wood chips keep the weeds from coming up. One year later our soil is rich, soft, full of worms, and begging to be planted! We are growing organic, nutritionally dense foods again this year. They taste so good!

People ask me all the time how I get my kids to eat veggies. Well, it helps to have really good ones, but mostly they eat them because that is what I feed them. Penelope’s first taste of food was an onion. They are developing taste buds, and I make sure they develop healthy taste buds by feeding them lots of fresh veggies. I am so excited about our garden this year because it is not just fun, it is growing my children into healthy people. It makes me smile!

~ Shoshanna \*

soil. That was the first and last time we will ever need to rototill our garden. The 4-inch layer of organic matter on the top of the soil acts like a skin that protects and feeds the soil, making it a great home for worms. Every year we will sprinkle a little compost or manure on top, and add more wood chips. This is



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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pearl,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I am 15 and my parents, five siblings and I live on a small farm with goats, chickens, rabbits, dogs, a cat and a horse. My mom decided to read your child training books aloud — “To Train Up a Child” and all three volumes of “No Greater Joy.” We were all greatly blessed by them! Thank you for your great advice, wonderful examples and stories! I thank God for your boldness. “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid” (Matthew 5:14). God bless you! In Christ, Isaac Phillips  
P.S. Thankfully, none of us are named “Johnny.”

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## Corny, Ten Different Ways

By Debi Pearl

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When we moved to Cane Creek 26 years ago, we went from the “haves” to the “have nots.” We hadn’t been exactly affluent, but we pretty much had what we wanted when we needed it. Moving here changed all that.

We sold our four-acre “estate” outside of Memphis, Tennessee, and bought 100 acres of rough woodland with 10 tillable acres. After paying for the land, we had \$7,000 left with which to build a house and barn and to live on for a year while we were building. To get lumber for our house, Mike and the two boys cut down trees, dragged them to the house with a mule, and then sawed the logs into lumber at a sawmill he had previously built for that purpose.

They had the easy job. I had to learn how to feed the family on \$10 or less each week. Fortunately, I had spent the summer canning and had 300 quarts of fruits and vegetables to add to our larder. But when you divide 300 quarts by

five fast-growing kids and two hungry parents, it won’t go very far. By the first of November, I knew we were in for a lean winter. When a man came by and offered to sell 100 pounds of cabbage for 10 cents a pound, I decided it was a wise use of \$10. He told me that if I placed the cabbage under our 12 x 16 foot cabin and covered it with hay, it would keep all winter. Another lady sold me 100 pounds of sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes, which we also kept under the cabin covered with hay. Still, you divide 200 pounds of food by eight mouths and multiply by three months, and you don’t have many days to eat.

I guess the old man down the road thought that maybe the dumb city folks needed a helping hand. He brought over a small sack of rough corn meal, brownish in color. He explained to me that this was just field corn, the kind you feed to animals. Any dried corn will do. You can buy it straight from a farmer

or from your local farmers' co-op. It is cheaper than potting soil. Some people burn it in their stoves for heat. It is cheaper than coal or firewood. This past year we paid a farmer less than \$3 per bushel for a truck-load of corn. A bushel will fill up two five-gallon buckets. A pick-up truck full would only cost \$50.

It is easy to store. Some farmers just dump it in an open bin in the barn. You can put it in barrels, buckets, or boxes. It must be kept dry, and in warm weather it must be sealed or treated with diatomaceous earth, or the bugs will eat it. There are several easy and safe ways to kill the bugs before sealing it in buckets. You could get that information from a library, but we planned to eat it before the next summer. A bug or two never hurt anybody. Our kids were raised on them—complaining, mind you.

The old man told me to lightly roast the dried corn in the oven (Indians put the whole cob in warm ashes until it roasted to a golden brown) and then grind it coarsely with my cheap little flea market grinder. If you don't have a grinder, you could do as the Indians did—beat it with a piece of wood.

For breakfast every morning, we stirred the ground corn into boiling water to make a delicious hot cereal—just like the old man had told us to do. He called it “corn mush.” He told us that a bushel or two would provide breakfast for our family throughout the winter. The first time we tried it, we added a little cream that had been given to us by a neighbor. It was delicious. As the leftover corn mush cools, it soon firms up into a wiggly cake. It can then be sliced and later pan-fried to make a delicious evening snack, especially if you have some honey, maple syrup, or surghum to pour over it. The snack would never make it to McDonald's as a famous special, but we aspiring hillbillies, not having anything else, found it delightfully satisfying.

A few days later, I told another neighbor how much we enjoyed the corn



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mush. Amused at my simple ignorance, and seeing my eagerness to try new things, she gave me careful instructions on how to make hominy and corn tortillas. Years before, I had watched the Maya Indians in the jungles of Central America make torillas this way, but now I was to try it myself. I put about four cups of the same dried corn (not ground) into a large pan of water. Then I took the hardwood ashes right out of my wood stove and sifted about one cup of ashes into the corn and water. Hardwood ashes contain lye and will make the outside hull of the corn soften and dissolve. Ashes can also be used for making soap, cleaning bug-infested areas, treating certain skin fungi, and they are great for keeping bugs off of the corn when you store it in the barn or in any open container. I cooked the corn with the ashes for 30 minutes and then checked it. After several thirty-minute cooking sessions, or after sitting all night on the warm edge of our wood-burning stove, the outside of the corn became soft and the corn was swollen to twice its size.

I then washed the corn to remove the ashes. If your ashes are finely sifted before putting into the corn, then it is easy to wash them out of the corn; otherwise, it takes a while. A little of it is not going to hurt you, and it doesn't taste bad. If you want hominy, then put the cleaned corn back on to cook until it swells up to several times its original size. It should take about an hour, and will then be white and tender.

If you want corn tortillas instead

of hominy, then instead of cooking it a second time as you did for hominy, get out your old flea market hand-grinder and grind the soft, washed corn. Add a little water to the mush dough that comes through the grinder, and make one-inch balls of dough.

The Maya Indians in Central America always had a bucket of water with corn soaking in preparation for a meal. They just took a little out as needed and dropped some more in. They carefully scooped the top floating corn so there was little washing. They didn't have a grinder, so they pounded the softened corn with a large stick to bring it to a dough consistency. The dough can be patted out and cooked in a dry pan (no oil, just sprinkle dry corn meal to keep dough from sticking). The Indians cooked over an open fire on the lid of an old 55-gallon drum.

Now my horse-feed corn was making our breakfast and lunch, but we are not through yet! Being from the south, I was raised on cornbread. Every day, I would grind the dried corn into cornmeal and mix salt, baking powder, and sour milk (if we were really rich, I'd add an egg) and pour into a hot, oiled, iron skillet to bake for dinner. Often, the next day the leftover cornbread was crumbed into a bowl with water, onions, sage, salt, pepper, celery seed, chicken seasoning, chopped cabbage and anything I thought might taste okay. This mixture was baked into a dressing. With a little seasoning, corn was feeding us well. So, there we sat, eating hominy, cornbread, dressing, corn tortillas, dumplings, hot tamales, and corn mush patties. With the addition of sweet potatoes and cabbage and a pot of wild game, we were eating fine—like kings, we thought!

Before the winter was over, I was stuffing some kind of corn concoction into everything from squirrel to cabbage.

That first long, cold winter finally ended. We planted the leftover corn that Spring. I had learned well that, in

time of famine, the humble corn seed can feed a family well. I also learned that being poor can make you or break you. Sometimes a family's greatest handicap is having too much and having it too easy. We learned how to be resourceful because we had to. Success in business may not translate into success in the family. Creativity, work ethic, confidence, and emotional balance often come out of the struggle. Even in the middle of washing our clothes outdoors in a large pot over a fire, while trying to figure out what I could feed the family next, I was happy—happier than I could ever remember. And when Nanny and Daddy Bill came to visit and brought peanut butter, I was thrilled. We learned how to be thankful, because doing without made a little seem so good.

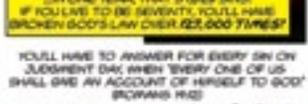
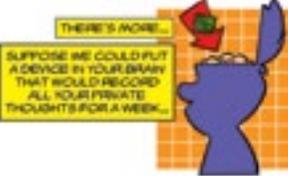
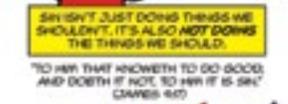
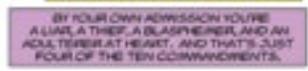
We learned how to work together, because we needed each other to survive. We didn't have to tell our children that they were needed. We didn't pat them on the back when they did their chores, or give them "positive affirmation" by reminding them how important they were; they were living their worth. They knew that what they did mattered. A life like that grows strong kids. They learned to be survivors.

Don't regret your struggles; rejoice in the opportunity to grow. Don't fear tomorrow; make a plan to overcome. And when the lean times come, remember: you can always eat corn. \*



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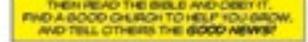
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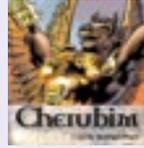
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By Mel Cohen, CFP, RFC, RTRP, General Manager

**F**or the past year we have been trying to help our teenage daughter deal with her exposure to porn and resulting boy crazy behavior. She has engaged in sexting, self-abuse, sneaking to contact various "boyfriends", and lying to her father and I about her involvement in these activities. We are honestly at a loss in what to do next. We have taken her phone, she has very limited access to the internet (too late obviously). She is repentant and terribly sorry and embarrassed; she loves the Lord and wants to choose the right way. She is too young to have so many regrets. We have failed her terribly and just do not know what to do. We are willing and ready to do whatever it takes.

— A Concerned Mother

**I**n the last Magazine, we featured an article about parents providing children with cell phones for safety, yet unknowingly putting children in harm's way by not understanding risks associated with such communication devices. We introduced a solution to give parents the ability to make children's communication devices safer while also gaining control and oversight.

Starting May 1, 2013, we will be providing this service, leveraging the **latest web-based technologies** to allow you complete control of everything going into and out of your child's mobile device(s). The service allows parents to:

- Manage up to **10 different Android devices**, including phones & tablets.
- **Locate** your child remotely using his/her phone's GPS.
- View **calls and texting logs** to make sure your kids are not talking to an unknown person.
- Restrict Internet surfing to **only approved sites**.

The service will also be enhanced over time to include features like:

- **24-hour tracking**—view a log showing where your child has been over a specified time frame.
- **Geo-fencing**—set rules based on geography. For example, if a child should be in school between 8 am and 4 pm and he/she leaves the designated location, you will be notified via text message and email.
- **Content filtering**—parents can restrict specific content across the Web in addition to specific sites.
- **Support** for more mobile platforms, including Apple iOS (iPad/iPhone).

In May the service will be made available **FREE for 30 days** with a simple download. The cost after the trial is \$49.95 per year, covering up to 10 phones or tablets per family. You pick the 10 devices you want to protect. For additional information or to get your free trial, contact us via email at:

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