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Many of you have written asking about my heart health. Late last fall my heart started to hurt on a daily basis. I knew something had to change, so in January Debi and I started a 40-day juice fast followed by a largely raw, all-organic, nothing-processed diet. My heart pain grew much worse. Diet was obviously NOT working.

Then I found a new study done in Israel concerning how Nitro Oxide works with an amino acid called L-Arginine. Some people cannot process enough L-Arginine, causing the heart to spasm. L-Arginine is in foods such as dairy, meat, and eggs—all the things we had totally cut from our diet. I started taking an L-Arginine supplement and I have not had heart pain since. I have worked hard labor (6AM to 6PM, 6 days a week) ever since. Thank God and smart Jewish scientists. ~ *Michael* *



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Created for Him?

By Debi Pearl

God called the woman a “help meet.” Men were created to need a helper, a cheerleader, a listener, a healer, and a host of other things only a good woman can provide.

Were you created to be his help meet...not HIS (Jesus’) help meet but “his” (hubby’s) help meet... helper to a mere fallen man?

If you are a real believer in Christ, if you truly want to serve and honor God, and if you are in awe of God’s Word, then you will know that your marriage oath is indeed sacred. Regardless of your husband’s short comings; regardless of your drive to be God’s helper—ministering as you feel led; regardless of your lack of personal fulfillment in the direction he takes the family, God’s ultimate will for you, the very reason you were created and became part

of a union of two, is so you can fill the role as helper to your husband. Your role is not to help by being his mother or his enforcer, or the Holy Spirit convicting him of his sin, but a helper to his vision of life regardless of how small or unfulfilling that vision may be.

When you smile at him as he enters the room...your smile is an honor to God. If you are married to a worthless lump of selfish so and so, your smile may be a sacrifice but that makes it all the more a service to God. Your calling in life is to learn to listen with all joy to him; talk of his projects, plans, ideas,

and hopes instead of directing the conversation to your interests and needs and visions. Your life should be dedicated to helping him realize his full potential, or limited potential, as it may be.

The day we take our vows we all think we will be an encouraging, loving wife. If being a superb help meet were easy, everyone would have a wonderful marriage. The odds are against us, because nature is against us, the culture is against us, or our own selfish interests are contrary to God's interest. Being a God ordained help meet does not come naturally. It is a labor and sacrifice of duty.

We bring to the marriage the many years of negative conditioning. Girls spend years watching their Moms dishonor Dad. The TV, movies, and modern culture are conditioning the next generation of girls to greater dishonor. Romance novels were written by women describing make-believe men who are gloriously sensitive and preposterously masculine. These make-believe characters and story-lines unreasonably warp reality and often cloud what a girl expects of Mr. Regular Joe Husband.

Christian girls come into marriage determined to be the help meet that God defines in his Word, but then we discover that the hubby is not the super-spiritual, romantic hero that he should be. A wall of frustration builds as our plans hit the fan. Our husbands become a bondage that holds us back from what we know we could have been.

We become the person we so disliked when we were young girls, looking through the brightly-colored window of hope.

God set the rules into place, obviously for a variety of reasons; many I have yet to learn (and I am old). One very good reason is to maintain order. Someone has to be central and the other a follower. It is too bad that the best and most capable is not the leader, but as in any company or corporation, ability does not a president make. Often second fiddles play the best tunes while the first fiddle gets the credit. Two bosses are a catastrophe, especially if the bosses don't agree. With confusion comes disorder, lack of appreciation for rule, and then, rebellion (usually the children's).



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God also set the rules into place in order to bring out the best in both the male and female. He did create us. He knows our psyche. He understands what makes us tick, how we can best grow and minister and what will make us conform more into his image, AND, in the end, how we can accomplish the most for eternity. He does see the big picture.

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God created men with a NEED. God told us that it was NOT good that man should be alone. God called the woman a “help meet.” Men were created to need a helper, a cheerleader, a listener, a healer, as well as a host of other things that only a good woman can provide. All these are like balm to a man’s soul; they help him grow, make him stronger, better, more loving, and arm him to become all that God desires.

Men are fallen sons of Adam, and as such are totally selfish. As far as I know, most all men are fleshy, given to animal appetites. Some men are so cruel that regardless of what a wife does they still will be cruel. But all unfulfilled men, whether evil or good, are confused. Down in their souls many of these confused men really want to cherish their wives, but they struggle. They struggle because they were created to be honored, obeyed, and to have a help meet that helps them achieve their dreams.

The lack of having a proper help meet affects men in the strangest ways; almost like lack of nutrition

or a disease weakens the body, causing organs or limbs to fail; so then, different parts of a man fail when they lack a good help meet. Some men just never mature, thus remain silly boys all their lives. Other men spend their lives frustrated (shows up as anger), which disrupts their ability to follow through with what they start. Often men, who don’t have an encouraging help meet will become despondent, thus will lack any drive to succeed. A great majority of these struggling guys simply lose interest in their wives (and eventually their children).

Men can’t describe what is missing in their lives. It’s a feeling, a deep river of need that has nothing to do with the physical.

How does a man explain to his wife that he just wishes she would listen to him talk about his dreams and hopes, and even wants her to enjoy hearing about his rash ideas? Men can’t describe what is missing in their lives. It’s a feeling, a deep river of need that has nothing to do with the physical. They yearn for someone, even something, and when it is not found in their woman... well, the man seeks fulfillment from success, other people, or entertainment. There will come a time that he will no longer look to his help meet to meet this God-given need. This will naturally result in him losing interest in the one person who was created to meet this need. This lack of interest in a wife can

show itself in the man spending long hours at work, being involved in other activities and/or it even reveals itself in the husband having a lack of sexual interest in his wife. Much like the body needs vitamins, minerals, and exercise to grow strong and healthy, a man's soul was made to need a help meet that provides soul nourishment called encouragement.

God set the marriage pattern for the good of the man and the woman. When a man's soul needs are met through his woman, he will NEED her to stay content. His need for her will cause him to hunger for her attention. He will seek her out as his friend. He will want to please her. He will cherish her. He will desire to please her in intimate ways. It is in his best interest to take care of her because she is so necessary to his soul. It is the way of a maid to her man.

A help meet is not first a cook, cleaner, or even a mother. A help meet's first ministry is to her husband, how she may PLEASE her man. If cooking healthy, being a super-neat housewife, or even being involved in a ministry (even if it is where people are REALLY getting saved) interferes in ANY way with your first, and foremost ministry of pleasing your man, then you are not pleasing God.

A Wise Woman Proverbs

By Debi Pearl

- A wise woman does not carry her man's God-given burden of supporting the family. If she does, he will become weak, lazy, disillusioned, and depressed, and she will become bossy, weary, worn, and angry.
- A wise woman will do her duty diligently, caring for her home and children, cooking and serving others—what the Bible calls “a keeper at home.”
- A wise woman will be gracious. She will cultivate humility and a servant's nature—what the Bible calls “shamefacedness.” Her husband will cherish her and others will be thankful to call her a friend.
- A wise woman will be kind and longsuffering, not controlling or pushy. Strangers will be blessed by having met her—that includes waitresses and store clerks. Due to her goodwill and graciousness she will be liked and appreciated by all.
- A wise woman will be open to counsel, always learning and striving to overcome any weakness or faults. Her husband will be encouraged by her openness and willingness to grow.
- A wise woman will be generous and serving; never greedy in her friendships. Her husband will gain respect from friends and business associates because of her kind, thoughtful behavior.
- A wise woman will be careful in how she spends money on temporal things knowing every dollar spent means hours of her husband's labor away from the family. She will train her children to be wise, honorable, and kind. Her husband will have cause to rejoice that his labor is not poured upon the ground, but is used with honor, thus he is honored.



Photo: Elizabeth Stewart



So, go back again and read *Created to Be His Help Meet*. Look up all the verses and mark them in your Bible with a special color. Ask God to make you into the woman he wants you to be. Drop all your extra outside activities that have made you too busy to remember your first love. PLEASE don't say, "Tried that already and it didn't work." You should obey God because he is God.

Being alone...is you slowly shutting the door; no welcoming smile, no meal prepared for him when he comes home from work, no encouraging word.

A big portion of our ministry has been trying to fix—sometimes futilely—that which is so badly broken that it is like trying to

put humpty dumpty back together again. Most women say divorce happens to them unexpectedly. They come in one day and their "godly" husband has packed his bags and left. At first, the wife is almost relieved he is gone because the underlying tension is over, but then, long nights, emotionally disturbed kids, tension between family members, and then single life really sets in. Being alone is not all that it is cracked up to be. Wolves are looking for lonely women with cute kids

and you will soon find yourself so tired of being alone that you will consider a man, some other woman rejected, who is half the man of the husband you once scorned.

Being alone is an ugly phrase, a dishonor to God. It will not matter how poorly everyone thinks of your husband for leaving you for another woman...*being alone* is not what you want. *Being alone* starts while you are married. It is you slowly shutting the door; no welcoming smile, no meal prepared for him when he comes home from work, no encouraging word, off-handedly listening to his ideas and dreams; too busy rushing to ministry, games, classes, or whatever keeps you from being his soul mate. ~ Debi

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**A wise woman is always the lady,
gracious, generous, full of gratitude and good works.
Let me always be a "4-G" lady.**

Michael continues...



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Marriage Is God's Finishing School

By Michael Pearl

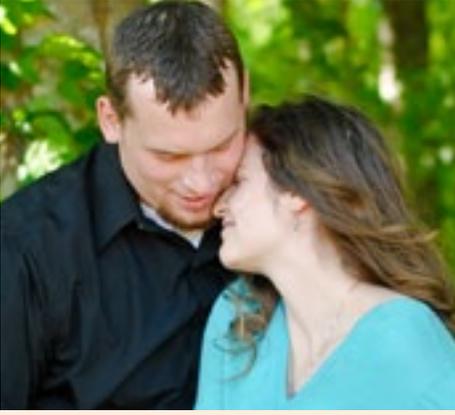
Marriage is an arrangement that forces our imperfections to the surface where we can see the damage they do. It is the “reveal all” of the human experience.

I hear you asking, “To what end do I make all the sacrifices? Does it honor God for me to be walked on and emotionally abused all my life? It’s not fair!”

There is a little regarded fact that you must face: All marriages begin with two imperfect people. The world is filled with imperfect people. Only in books, movies and your girlhood imaginations do perfect men exist. Marriage is God’s finishing school, the opportunity to face our shortcomings and grow into the people God desires us to become. Marriage is the best context for this human development because

it is an arrangement that forces our imperfections to the surface where we can see the damage they do. It is the “reveal all” of the human experience. It is a relationship that does not allow us to avoid the consequences of our selfishness and insensitivity. Not like casual relationships, in close, daily union with another selfish human being, we are forced to see and feel the damage we inflict.

Men and women are created differently but complementary. Each has something (and is something) the other needs to make them complete. Each is designed to yield



to the nature of the other in order to become whole.

Only in a properly matured marriage do we reach our full potential and the most glorious human experience. But in all cases, the beautiful experience is a work in progress. It is an achievement to be obtained though much sacrifice and surrender of our personal rights. Two people can only blend into one new union by yielding. If either of them waits on the other to yield first, all growth stops. Only in a situation where one of them sees his or her duty before God and continues to fulfill his or her roles does that person continue to grow as a human being. It is rare indeed to see a man being all (or most) of what he should be when his wife is stiff arming the relationship. Likewise, it is equally rare to see a woman fulfilling her duty before God and her husband when he is not reciprocating.

The amazing and wonderful truth so many have discovered is that a bad marriage can get back on track and begin to develop into something glorious when one of the partners starts doing his or her duty in spite of the other's failure to do so. When each is holding out until the other gives in, there is no hope of a cure. The only avenue to restoration is for

one of the partners to do his or her duty to the fullest, not regarding the other's failure to respond correctly. In most cases, a husband will be so overwhelmed with his brand new, lovely wife that he will lower his walls and lay down his guns of indifference and intolerance and start cherishing the lovely thing that now lives in his home.

But here is the clincher: If a wife begins her "help meet" journey as an experiment to change her husband, it will always fail, for he will detect her "religious" façade and not become vulnerable to it, and she will not have the moral earnestness to endure the setbacks that will undoubtedly come.

If he never responds positively, in the end she has become a saint of historical proportions—Christlike in every way.

There can be only one reason for a wife to begin doing her sacrificial part—to honor her God and obey his commandments. When a woman makes a lifetime commitment to be all that God desires her to become, regardless of how her grumpy husband responds, only then does she begin to mature and develop as a person. If he never responds positively, in the end she has become a saint of historical proportions—Christlike in every way. Dear lady, only when your goal is Christlikeness will you start the process of building your marriage into something glorious.

Right now, you still have the opportunity to save that marriage and to turn it into a glorious testimony of doing things God's way.

~ Michael *

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He that Covereth a Sin is not Wise

By Michael Pearl

Dear Pearls,

This past month, my younger sister called and asked me if Dad had ever sexually molested me. At the age of forty, I finally admitted what he had done to me. My dad had only “touched” me; he had done much more to my little sister. We went to the other family members and found he did not stop with his own daughters; he raped his own granddaughters and who knows what other little girls! How sad that I kept his ugly sin a secret all these years, thereby allowing him to continue from child to child with his filthy practices. How many lives could I have saved from the shame and sexual confusion that I have had to

endure?

Tell your readers for the sake of the children: They must speak out! I cannot tell you why I was silent. It all seemed so unreal—like it happened to another kid. By the time I was grown, so many years had passed since he had touched me that I found it hard to believe he could still be doing it. He was an important man of the church, and it would have shamed and hurt my mother to “tell on him.” He seemed so old, and I assumed it was just me he did things to. It would have embarrassed the family getting the law involved, and I guess I just so wanted it NOT to be true. My silence allowed him the freedom to continue with little

girl after little girl, year after year, generation after generation. If I had it to do again, I would tell every tiny detail, and I would not stop talking until every little girl was safe.

Time does not change a man. Getting caught and being sorry does not change a man. Any man who has ever messed with a child should NEVER be allowed to spend time alone with one, even if it is 40 years later! You have a wide audience. People will listen to you. Please tell your readers for the sake of all the little children—TALK. TELL EVERYTHING.

— E.L.

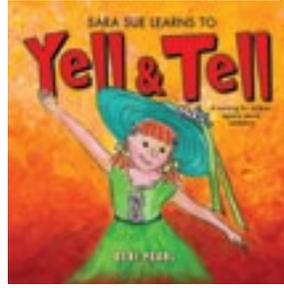
P.S. It was in our own beds in the middle of the night that our dad molested us. Our young brains were so befuddled with sleep, we could not be sure of what was happening. I remember only once trying to tell my mother, and she cut me off with a “shame on you.” I have always struggled with bitterness toward her. Somehow it seemed to be her fault.

What she says is true.

We receive several letters every week dealing with this subject. Usually, the perpetrator continues through two, sometimes three generations of children due to the silence of those who are molested. He usually gets bolder and cruder in his activities, and more offended and sincere in his denial when questioned.

Years, prison time, or true confessions do not change a pervert. Any man who is truly repentant never allows himself to be alone with a child, thus proving he is walking in truth. ~ Michael *

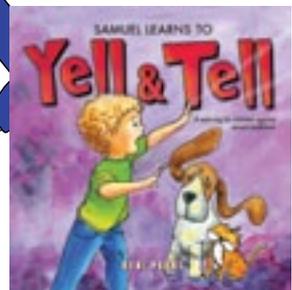
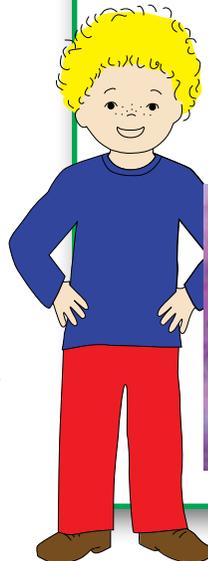
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NGJ Kids

Two Cups of Cake



Ashley makes a cake

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INGREDIENTS:

1 Tbsp. flour	1 egg
1 Tbsp. sugar	dash of salt/vanilla
1 Tbsp. butter	3 clean coffee cups
2 Tbsp. pineapple + 1 Tbsp. juice	

1



Rub butter in 2 cups leaving 1 tsp. of butter in the bottom of each cup. Add 1 tsp. brown sugar to butter in each cup.

2



Mash 2 Tbsp. of canned or fresh pineapple into small pieces, then add 1 Tbsp. to each butter and sugar mixture.

3



In third cup mix 1 tsp. each of butter and brown sugar, 1 Tbsp. self-rising flour, egg, 1 Tbsp. pineapple juice and a dash of salt and vanilla; stir well.

4



Pour half of the mixed batter into each cup over the sugar/pineapple mixture. Do not stir together.

5



Put both cups in microwave; cook for 3 minutes. It's very hot—be careful taking it out! Turn upside down and enjoy. Share!

May-June 2013 "Build A Shelter" Contest

First, I got sticks and vines. Second of all, I located 2 trees close together. I tied a stick on the trees with vines going from one tree to the next. Then I used 4 sticks to make a tent. I stuck one stick under the vine tied round the tree and stuck the other end into the ground to make it stand. I put two by the first tree (crossing at the top) and 2 halfway down the stick across the top, and I sealed the end with foil by the other tree. Then I stretched the plastic over the stick across the top. I poked a hole in the plastic and stuck the pole through it into the ground... some I had to tie with vines. I put the sticks in the middle of the plastic. Then I started with foil going over the second half of the tent in strips. I used limbs to hold it down as a heavy weight along the bottom or it to make it stay down at the ground.



For my fire (outside of the shelter), first I put a big piece of foil down and then I put pine straw and leaves. Then I started with very thin dry sticks. After I got it going with a spark (matches) I kept on building up til I got to a nice enough size stick to keep it going. I put another piece of foil standing up with a green stick to help it lean to block the wind. And then once my fire burned down to coals, I pulled all the foil together to close it up. I moved it to my tent (very carefully) to help add some heat in the tent. Once inside, I closed the entry with some more of the foil.

▲ **Winner!**
Sharon RosaLee Tate, Age 11



Plantain

By Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling

A healing herb

Being homeschooled, there were many opportunities to do things most kids just dream about. Dad and Mom were into gardening, and we canned thousands of jars of homegrown food every year. We always had acres and acres of vegetables. Dad said if we picked the extras we could sell them and the money would be ours. Starting very young, I would bring bushels of tomatoes, bell peppers, squash, and sweet corn to the end of our driveway to sell. I would get up at dawn to pick my fortune. Working hard in the early light, filling buckets to the top, great drops of sweat would roll down my face, but I knew I had a reward coming. Soon I would be down by the creek selling my vegetables and making money for

an ice-cream sandwich. Best of all, I could go swimming when I had the opportunity.

One day when there were no customers in sight, I made a running jump and flew through the air. The creek was cold and clear, a perfect summer day. There was an old buggy rail with honeysuckle vines climbing up the sides. There was also a wood retaining wall about 15 feet tall from which I jumped into the deep pool. Everything was going fine until one particular jump. When my 59 pounds landed in the creek, the water splashed up and hit a large hornets' nest that was hanging on the retaining wall. As I sunk beneath the water, I was completely clueless as to the angry nation of hornets that

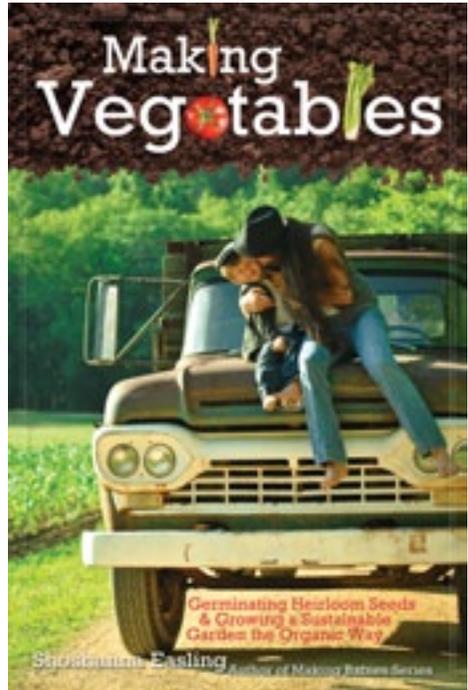
waited for my head to rise above the water. When my last breath of air was gone and my head parted the waters, the hornets went straight for my face—not just anywhere, but my eyes.

Just like that, I was stung three times. Two stings were about an inch above my right eye, and the other was right below it. AAAAAAaaaaaaaah! The pain was excruciating. It was like a knife splitting through my perfect moment. I went underwater and swam as far and fast as I could, trying to trick the angry hornets. It worked, thankfully. As I came out of the water my face was already swelling. In less than five minutes I looked like I had been through ten rounds with Rocky Balboa.

About that time, Mom came over the bridge. Hearing my scream and seeing my distress, she could guess what happened. She came out of the car fast. Before I could even get over to her, she was on the ground chewing plantain leaves—as many as she could fit into her mouth. She had green slime running down her chin like it was going out of style. Before I knew it, Dr. Debi (Mom) had plastered that green slime all over my face. I looked like I was getting a French facial. In a matter of minutes the swelling had begun to subside and the pain was only a memory.

Plantain

There are three different kinds of plantain: common plantain, English plantain, and hoary plantain. Plantain is an astringent. The leaves in the *Plantago* (plantains) genus contain tannin and thus are astringent, able to draw tissues together. Plantain also helps stop bleeding. In the Old



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World tradition, plantains figured as a remedy for cuts, sores, burns, snake and insect bites, and inflammation. A tea brewed from the seeds, which have a high mucilage content, was a widespread folk remedy for diarrhea, dysentery, and bleeding from mucous membranes.

Handy Astringent

To make a very handy summertime, insect bite astringent (which will replace the messy, green-slime spit) simply combine 1/3 dried plantain and 2/3 apple cider vinegar in a clean glass jar. Cap and keep in a cool, dark place for three weeks, shaking daily. At the end of three weeks, strain the old herb off and bottle the vinegar tincture in an empty, plastic, dish-detergent bottle. Label it and apply to any bite as soon as possible. This works as well as the green slobber, although it lacks the visual dramatics. ~ *Shoshanna* *

God Keeps His Promises

By Michael & Debi Pearl

Israel

Such a small group of people on a tiny piece of land about the size of New Jersey—yet, such productivity. They are dwarfed by 22 hostile Arab/Islamic dictatorships 640 times their size and 60 times their population empowered by a sea of oil.

Wanting only to live in peace on a small portion of the land God gave them and the United Nations bequeathed to them, their efforts are frustrated by neighbors of a religious persuasion that killing just one Jew will guarantee them a place in paradise with 70 virgins. Worldwide Jewish population is about 13 million compared to 300 million of their enemies.

Having been forced into five major wars and seven major conflicts since 1947, much of their attention and assets go to self-defense. Having limited natural resources Israel has become a world leader in medicine,

technology, agriculture, physics, science, and economics. With less than two-tenths of 1% of the world's total population, they hold over 20% of all Nobel Prizes,

a world standard for excellence, knowledge, and advancement.

Of U.S. Nobel Prize winners, Jews make up 30% in Chemistry and 53% in Economics. How could this be?

It is a God-thing.

God is a covenant keeper.

He says, “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3).

Predicting their unbelief and dispersal among the nations, God promised that in the last days, “And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them” (Amos 9:14).

~ Michael and Debi Pearl



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Israel: Thriving at 65

By Christopher J. Katulka



Golda Meir, Israel's fourth prime minister, once joked, "Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses. He took us forty years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil!"

Golda had a clever way of using her sense of humor to expose a serious issue: How could this tiny country thrive without a stable export like oil?

So Israelis looked past the typical way of building wealth in the Middle East and invested their time, money, and energy in an uncommon venture: technology and innovation. As a result, Israel's tech-savvy communities have become a resource to several Fortune 500 companies looking for the next big discovery.

Israeli ingenuity has made little Israel seem much bigger

than it is. Many of today's technological advancements in agriculture, computing, medicine, telecommunications, and military defense originated in the minds of Israelis.

Agricultural Success

Following the War of Independence and signing of the armistice in July 1949, Israel's borders started to take shape. Yet a map from that period would reveal that more than 60 percent of Israel's land was desert. This fact created a serious dilemma for the fledgling state because much of the arid region was unusable.

Most people would consider this predicament a major setback for the Israelis, who were eager to settle and work the country they had been fighting so desperately to defend.



However, as commentator Dr. Tal Ben-Shahar said in the documentary *Israel Inside*, the situation provided an opportunity to turn “adversity into advantage.”¹

Simcha Blass, a Polish-born Jew who immigrated to Israel in the 1930s and headed Mekorot, Israel’s national water company, made a discovery that changed agriculture. Blass planned and managed the pipeline that pumped water from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev (the desert in southern Israel). One day he noticed a tree blooming in the desert. He discovered that an underground pipe with a slow leak was feeding the tree a manageable amount of water every day, keeping it healthy.

The knowledge inspired Blass to create Netafim, a company that produced the world’s first drip irrigation system, which consists of a series of plastic pipes with small holes that lie on the ground.

Blass’s drip irrigation system revolutionized the way Israelis managed the desert land, fulfilling the dream of Israel’s first prime

minister, David Ben-Gurion, to “make the desert bloom.”² Netafim’s drip irrigation systems have been used for the past four decades, helping Israel become a leading supplier of fruits, vegetables, and flowers to the European market.³

Today Netafim is the number one provider of drip irrigation systems in the world. This low-tech yet highly efficient company conducts business in 110 countries spanning five continents. Netafim’s irrigations techniques help produce 50 percent more crop yield while using 40 percent less water, which benefits countries like India, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Technological Innovation

A little south of San Francisco, California, sits a region familiar to many as Silicon Valley. Known for high-tech innovations, the area is home to companies like Apple, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, and Google. One element these tech companies have in common is a desire to establish research and development

(R&D) centers in Israel. In fact, like Silicon Valley, the coastal plain of Israel has been dubbed the Silicon Wadi.

Recently the UN's International Telecommunication Union reported that, by the end of 2011, more than 6 billion cell phone subscriptions were activated.⁴ Today many of these handheld devices that connect family and friends have more technology powering them than all the computers used to send NASA's Apollo 11 team to the moon.

Motorola, a pioneer in telecommunications, was one of the first corporations to invest in Israel. It opened an R&D center in 1964. This daring move proved to be extremely profitable for the famous telecom giant because much of the technology used in modern mobile communications was invented and implemented in Israel. In fact, several Israeli corporations have become vital to the economies of China, India, and Latin America because of Israel's early push to make telecommunications a priority.⁵

Fifteen years ago my father bought our first family computer. It was a large, expensive desktop with an enormous monitor that connected to the Internet through our home

telephone line. Little did I know then the microprocessor powering our first family computer was designed and manufactured in Israel.

Intel manufactures microprocessors for computers used around the world. In 1974 the company established its first overseas R&D center in Israel. The relationship between Intel and Israel has grown since and proven to be a valuable resource for both the multi-billion-dollar corporation and Israel.

For instance, Intel is the largest private-sector employer in Israel, with more than 8,000 employees, four design centers, and two manufacturing plants. The Israelis who manage the R&D centers are responsible for much of the microprocessor innovation over the past 20 years, developing chips for large desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

Most of these common household devices and the networks they connect to would not be possible had it not been for the research and development that originated in Israel.

Economic Stability

Since 2008 the global economic system has been on a fiscal rollercoaster. First the United States suffered a devastating economic recession from which it is still trying to recover. Then the European Union's economy plummeted, creating even more economic uncertainty for both the United States and Europe.

Israel felt the pinch of the world-wide recession; yet, according to U.S. government sources, its economy "has recovered better than most advanced, comparably-sized



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economies.”⁶

Israel has merely 8 million citizens and is equal in size to the state of New Jersey. However, it manages the most unique and diverse economic system. After the United States, this small country has the most publicly traded companies on the NASDAQ Stock Market.⁷ That means Israel has more publicly traded companies than the entire European continent, Korea, India, and Singapore.

Savvy investors want a piece of what Israel has to offer. In 2008, \$2 billion in venture capital streamed into Israel’s economy. That’s more venture capital than was invested in the United Kingdom, Germany, and France combined.

While no economic system is perfect—and Israel has certainly felt the effects of the worldwide recession—it has made the most of its resources through hard work, innovation, and creativity.

The Secret of Success

How does Israel do it? What is the secret to Israel’s success? Two elements within Israel’s culture explain this phenomenon:

First, Israelis have a high view of education. Its importance is embedded in Jewish culture and can be traced back millennia, even to the origins of the synagogue. In fact, before Israel was an official state, Jewish people living in British Palestine established prominent universities, such as the Technion in Haifa, the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Graduates of these schools have become innovators in Israel’s tech industry.

Second, Israel has mandatory

military service. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) offers young adults a perfect combination of education and experience. For instance, a few months ago I visited an IDF training base and met a 19-year-old girl preparing to become a nuclear ballistics engineer.

Soon after finishing their service, many young veterans apply what they’ve learned and practiced in the IDF to their university education.

Israel’s unwavering commitment to education and experience, coupled with its investment in technology and innovation, will continue to reward the Israelis long after the last drop of oil is pumped from the Middle East.

Above all, however, Israel’s prosperity is the outworking of God’s promise to bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:2; 17:21; 28:13–14). Not only is God faithful to protect Israel from the myriad of enemies that surround it, but He also has brought sustainable economic development within its borders, enabling this small country to thrive well past the age of 65.

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Of Utmost Concern

By Michael Pearl

How can it be called success if your children turn out to be part of the world's problem rather than its cure?

I think most of you feel as I do about many common issues. My most important personal concern is my children.

Even before I was married, my occupation, financial security, ministry, personal fulfillment, all took third place to concerns for my future children. *“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”* Likewise, what does it profit a father if he gains the whole world and loses the souls of his children?

How can it be called success if your children turn out to be part of the world's problem rather than its cure? What satisfaction can there be in the comforts of material success if your children grow up needing counsel rather than being sought after to give counsel? If your children lie awake at night suffering from guilt and anxiety, being gnawed upon by the demons of intemperance and self-indulgence, how can you enjoy your food or your pillow?

The success of a tree and a man is measured by the fruit that is borne. The fruit of men and women is their children; everything else is falling leaves.



Photo: Elizabeth Stewart

If the sun rises and sets and I never cast a bigger shadow, what of it, if my children are growing and flourishing in God's family?

Let me die poor; let me die early; let me be ravaged by disease; just let my children rise up and call me blessed. Let me not

measure my giving by the dollars I spend on them or the educational opportunities that my station in life affords them, but rather by the hours I spend with them in fellowship.

May they graduate from my tutorage to become disciples of the Man from Nazareth. May they learn good and evil from the pinnacle of obedience rather than from the pit of despair. May they have the wisdom to choose the precious and the courage to reject the trite and the vain things in life. May they always labor for the meat that endures.

May they be lovers of God, coworkers with the Holy Spirit, and a friend to the Lord Jesus. And when their trail ends, may it end at the throne of God, laying crowns at the Savior's feet. ~ Michael *

What Is the Balance between Technology and Safety?

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

Parents provide their children with cell phones for safety and instant access. But parents have unknowingly put their children in harm's way by not understanding the risks associated with these communication devices. Children do not ascertain threats or have enough discipline to limit usage, and most parents have no idea how dangerous unlimited access is. For example, instant messaging and texting on a cell phone—although fun, practical, and easy—can be dangerous if used maliciously by strangers, cyber bullies, while driving, or worse.

Children may find themselves involved in a crisis where they end up in a spot not anticipated. This is why you want to be vigilant and track your child's cell phone location as well as supervise his or her calls and text messages. Now, there is a comprehensive service with customized applications that can provide a balance between technology and safety. Once installed on our children's smart phones, the service can help parents track and manage their phones while providing greater assurance and peace of mind about our children's whereabouts, activities, and safety.

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- Employ support for additional mobile platforms.

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~ Mel *

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(Letters from our Readers!)

Many Blessings

To Michael and Debi Pearl,

Your ministry has been a God-send to my family. Through Michael's videos my husband is sold out to homeschooling and leading our family. Created to Be His Help Meet showed me practically what submission looked like. Thank you so much for all the "liberal persecution" you put up with putting your, or should I say, God's message out there. Many, many blessings.

— G & J Brown and family

A Handmaiden of the Lord

Blue ribbons, trophies, cash prizes... these are all things that we can brag on our children about, right? Yes! These things are usually won by physical abilities, or studious wit. These are good things. But, to have a daughter that has none of these "outward" awards and yet a thousand rewards stored up on heaven?! (Matthew 6:20) Hmm, I think I prefer this. Please indulge me a moment as I brag on our eldest, Haley.

Since the age of three, we knew she had a gift of serving others. It was so obvious! She has cultivated that gift throughout her adolescence and young teenage years. Now, at the age of 16, I do believe she's mastered it... all to the glory of God. You see, this child of ours chose to serve to the fullest this past summer.

Instead of going to our church's own summer camp (chock full of friends and fun), she chose to serve the wife of a Missionary Pastor. As her husband, Andrew, traveled overseas for 21 days with two of their children, Inna was left home with the other four. Haley spent two weeks playing, teaching, pampering and falling in love with the children. She cleaned, cooked and helped Inna with her whole heart.

We are so proud of her. I know the Lord has special gems for her. She is OUR precious gem! (Proverbs 31:30) Inna asked, "How? How did you raise such a girl?" My answer, "We have her heart. She knows she is loved so much, and... we follow the Pearls' advice!" I've read just about everything the Pearls have written for over 16 years. I love their candid, biblical, makes-sense kind of teaching. We've not followed it perfectly, but I don't know what I would do without NGJ Ministry's influence on my parenting. Thank you NGJ!

— A grateful mother

Love Your Preaching

Dear Michael Pearl,

I love your preaching. Every time we go somewhere in the truck I ask my parents to turn on one of your preaching CDs. I look forward to meeting you at the Shindig; you're so cool. I want to be like you when I grow up. I'm 7.

— Gabe P.

Mr. Pearl

Dear Mr. Pearl,

My two sisters and I enjoy listening to your child training tapes. We have also listened to *Authority Praying*. Anna, my thirteen-year-old sister, plays a game called "Mr. Pearl" with us kids. She pretends to be the emotionally stressed mother. We play the part of the spoiled children. Our mother (Anna) will have wild screaming and slapping fights with us. (That usually does not happen.) It is normally Anna telling us to do something, us not doing it, and Anna telling us again and again. Finally she calls Mr. Pearl and sends us to his house and he trains us properly and then sends us back. That is the way the game works.

Sincerely, Kate





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When Dirty Diapers Land on Your Head

By Shalom Brand

“Why is God allowing this to happen to ME?”

Losing things is something I am no stranger to, and this last week was no different.

I lost something I had just bought! I looked everywhere and after not finding it, I asked my eight-year-old daughter Gracie to keep her eye out for it.

Gracie loaded the golf cart full of sacks, all of our garbage including a box of dirty stinking diapers (thanks to her baby brother), and headed down to the dumpster which is by the NGJ office. Then she began throwing each of the bags over the sides of the five-foot-tall dumpster. She loves the job, I guess because it takes all her strength. She picked up

the small box of diapers and gave it a great big push up to the edge, but it didn't quite make it over. Down it came, dumping the diapers over her and her little sister. The girls quickly picked up the diapers and again tried to push the box up and over the edge, but it came back down on them again. So, my diligent little girls once again picked up the diapers and put them in the box then together they shoved it to the top of the large, green, metal dumpster. But, as my daughter said, it was as though an angel was pushing it right back at them. This time Gracie told her little sister, “God is trying to tell us something, so let's look in the box.”



Upon pulling the remaining diapers out of the box, there at the bottom was the item that I had lost a few days earlier. My daughters then put the diapers back in the box and with great triumph shoved the box over into the dumpster. And this time it

went like it was well trained.

Gracie came into the house smiling from ear to ear, “Guess what, Mom! An angel was dumping diapers on us so that I would look in the box and find this!” She proudly held up my lost item. I hugged her and told her thank you, but she would have none of it. “Don’t thank me, thank God.” So I quickly did.

When boxes of dirty diapers land on us as adults, do we get short and frustrated or angry and ask, “Why is God allowing this to happen to ME?” Or do we, like a child, pick up the box again and know that God is working all things out for our good?

~ Shalom *

Giving Freely

Dear Mike & Debi,

I am so thrilled to be able to send this donation (with my husband’s blessing) to support NGJ Ministries! The wisdom in your teachings has blessed me and my family more than I can tell you. Really.

I guess I started reading your material about 8 or 9 years ago when my kids were teens and we had been home schooling them a few years. I absolutely ate up the articles on raising boys, child training, bad attitudes (mostly mine), and marriage. You were the absolute first people to tell me what I needed to hear! And I thank God I found you.

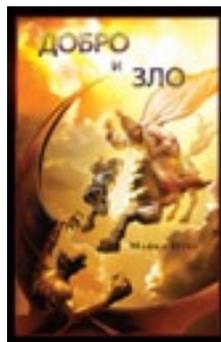
Over the years I have purchased most of the material you sell and will continue to do so. I’m really looking forward to the new Revelation Series. But I am tickled to death to be able to give freely and help support one of your ministries. Actually, put it wherever it will help or spread it around!

Thank you again for all you do and may God continue to bless you, your family, and your ministry.

Very sincerely, *Marian E.*



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Good & Evil Update

The following are sample email correspondence between our office and project manager for non-English Good & Evil translations.

From: XXXX
Sent: Friday, Nov. 02, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: XXXX

Have you heard anything about the Tagalog Good and Evil?

- XXXX

From: XXXX
Sent: Monday, Nov. 05, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: RE: POD

XXXX,

For cash flow purposes go with 5,000. We will check with XXXX for storage and distribution capabilities. How much will the Indonesian cost? I am on vacation until Monday.

- Mel

From: XXXX
Sent: Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: POD

Mel,

I don't know who is handling preparing files for POD printing now, but I am sending two links to you to forward which contain the full-res PDF's for printing of the Tagalog and Bahasa Indonesian languages. These are the latest finished.

In fact, I also have a request for a copy of Bahasa Indonesian, which since not yet printed, would have to be done POD. How long does it take to get that ready? This is the translator and he wishes to have a copy on hand.

Anyway, I will forward these links to you as well as put links below. I am trying this rather than sending a disk. Hope it works.

I probably also need to compare a list of the current languages available on POD to make sure that we have all of the finished ones sent to you.

- XXXX

From: XXXX
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: RE: XXXX

Hi guys,

Funny you should ask. I am awaiting a reply now from the printer as I sent the files to them last week. Once I have that approval I will contact you back about quantity. Of course since this is the national language, it can be used everywhere in the Philippines. A decision will need to be made about the quantity to print and how much of that gets sent to XXXX.

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We have just completed Indonesian also. Immediate distribution possible there also. Both are national languages. I probably have \$7,000-8,000 which can be used for one of these. Hopefully additional funds can be found available to go forward.

- XXXX

From: XXXX
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: RE: POD

Mel,

Hope you are enjoying the holidays. Busy time for everyone.

We are within a week of the printing being finished on the Tagalog G&E. With shipping to XXXX, it will be \$10,000 (est.). I have sent them the deposit of \$5,000 and said earlier that we had around \$7,000 available, out of which I sent the deposit. So we are going to be around \$3,000 short.

FYI,
XXXX

From: XXXX
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012
To: XXXX
Subject: RE: RE: POD

Mel,

I will pay this, in fact today. This will really put Indonesian on the back burner. Is there any prospective for funds in the near future specifically for printing? Probably of any language completed now, Indonesian is at the top of the list. (230 million) Fourth largest country in the world, and largest population of Muslims in any country in the world.

- XXXX



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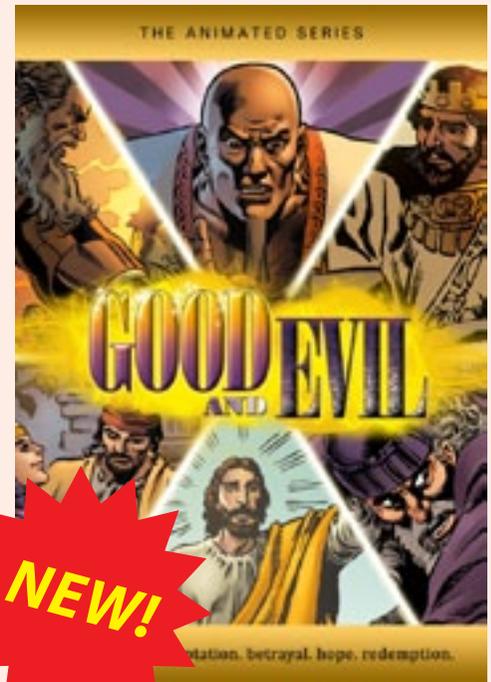
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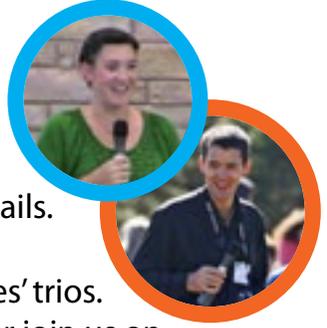
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