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# *When You Need a Miracle*

by Erin Harrison  
*My real-life miracle!*



When my husband and I met he had no idea I was a scarred and broken young girl. He only saw a funny person who shared his hopes and dreams of wanting a large family, a small homestead, and a way to serve God. He was an honorable young man who had walked with integrity while waiting for his one true love. I, on the other hand, was a used and abused child. Several family

members and friends had taken liberties with me when I was young. As a bride standing in my bright finery, it never occurred

to me that what had happened to me as a little girl would come raging through my life and remain there, crippling both me and my beloved for more than eight horrible years. But it did.

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Each day was a cloud of tears as I begged him not to go to work, calling him repeatedly over some minor issue until he despaired of not getting his work done, or worse, losing his job. There were nights when I would curl up into a tight ball and weep as far away from him as the bed would allow. I avoided him so much it is amazing that I did conceive each year. As one baby after another came, my emotional state worsened. My days were filled with crying babies, fighting toddlers, cooking, big messes, piles of laundry, cows to milk, and all

the other chores of the homestead. I was overwhelmed and thought I would surely die. But for my Beloved it was worse. He worked long days in the bitter cold only to come home to a distraught wife, five children under five years old that were crying,

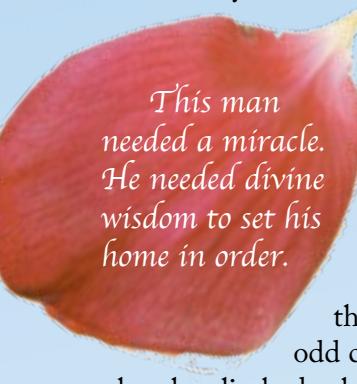
hungry, and demanding.

There was firewood to chop and bring in, animals to attend, and a thousand other odd chores. And

when he climbed exhausted into his cold bed with his even colder wife, he stared into the darkness and wondered why.

This man needed a miracle. He needed divine wisdom to set his home in order. He needed a way to lead his wife to overcome and find her life. My husband is a simple man; slow, steady, hardworking, and steadfast. But after all the years of sacrificial giving, he was running out of hope. Why would God allow this to be his lot? Had he not honored God in his youth? Had he not sought to do the right thing? Had he not had a vision of ministry? There seemed to be no end to misery, and there certainly were no loving arms to help ease his daily toil.

One day he told me to get out my mom's old camera and start practicing taking pictures. Somewhere in this simple man's heart God had planted an idea. Woman was not only meant to be a help meet and mother, she was meant to be a person who had dreams, challenges, and drives. She was meant to be a Proverbs 31



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lady who was full of enterprising adventures and money-making ideas. My husband knew my interest was in art, so the only thing that came to his mind was photography. Maybe I would find an outlet to distract me long enough for him to work ten hours a day so he could make a living for our growing family.

Let the miracle unfold! This busy homesteading mom got busier! I rushed through my chores, assigning my children small chores to ease the load. For the rest of the day I took lots of photographs of loved ones. I loved taking photos, and people loved my work. I loved art in every form, whether it was painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpting, or taking photographs. My creativity was explosive. I started a photography business after taking a risk to buy a digital SLR camera. Instead of pulling my hair out in bitterness as I had been doing, suddenly every day was spent taking hundreds of photos. I got a second-hand computer from my dad and started learning Photoshop. This was hard, but a challenge that I knew I had to master. The kids and I would play all day, deciding what kinds of pictures we could take next that would be added to my portfolio: my oldest kid wearing a straw hat or climbing up the big tree in the front yard, the girls dressed in their pretty dresses looking out the window, teddy bears clutched under tiny arms, and, wonder of wonders, I stopped calling their daddy every hour. I stopped with the tears and frustrations. I built a good schedule so that I could have a couple hours early in the morning to focus on the computer work before the kids woke up, and a couple hours while they

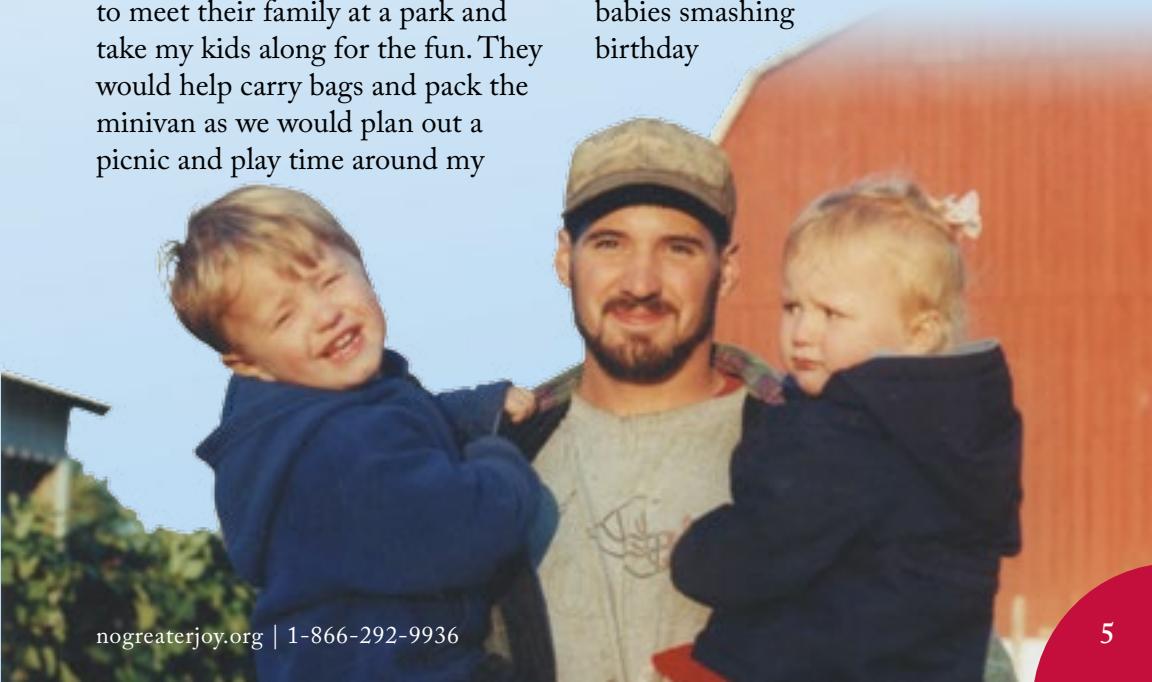
napped. And when Daddy came home, we would run to tell him what we did that day and show him all the pretty pictures Mommy took. I was satisfied as a human being; I was successful, creative, and fulfilled. I stopped dwelling on my fears, hurts, frustrations, boredom, and anger; I was too busy growing and changing. Within that one year the sad, broken girl was gone and in her place was a vibrant young woman, a loving wife, a happy mother, and a money-making entrepreneur. Instead of pulling my husband's soul down, I was giving back. It was a miracle. I fell into my husband's arms with joy and thanksgiving. Finally the good man was being rewarded for being so loving, kind, and patient.

Just like what happened to the virtuous lady in Proverbs 31, money started flowing into our home. The first year I made \$12,000 taking photos of children, families, school graduations, and weddings. The second year it doubled. The third year it again doubled. I would get referrals from people who had their photos taken by me and loved my work. I would set up an appointment to meet their family at a park and take my kids along for the fun. They would help carry bags and pack the minivan as we would plan out a picnic and play time around my

work. My children had fun meeting other kids their age, and when the other kids would throw fits, we had fun talking about how silly it was. It trained them more than if I stayed home all day fighting against my mind and discontentment. A few years later, the business grew to a six-figure income and my husband learned how to take videos at the weddings so we could work as a team. We both stayed home and went to a wedding once a week together, just the two of us. It was like a date. We would talk on the way there as we planned the event.

This morning I woke up before daybreak, as I usually do. It is a time I set aside for work that does not interfere with mealtime, homeschooling, and spending time with family.

I opened my computer and started looking through hundreds of old photos. Tears began to flow as I thought about the past and how fleeting life can be. There was one photo of the kids toddling across my bare wood floors with mischievous smiles on their faces. Other photos told the stories of the babies smashing birthday



cakes with their tiny fists and then stuffing their little mouths. I rejoiced, knowing that I had finally come to appreciate the good that God had given me, and that I had let go of the evil the devil had sent.

During those black years I felt it would never end. Maybe you didn't bring into your marriage the baggage I did, and maybe your husband is a mean, lazy jerk or even a pervert, but pity, despair and bitterness will not set you free from your own state of nothingness, lack of productivity, wanting of challenge, or any real rewards. Do you know what I am talking about—working and never seeing the end of it? It is the everyday grind, the repetitive tasks, the thankless labors, and being tired of just living. I remember how desperate and lonely I was. I lived in blame toward those who had hurt me, or criticizing others who hadn't rescued me. I was unsettled all the time. I felt as if I was sinking on a vast ship of five screaming, demanding passengers, with no life vests to save us. None of the children could

possibly understand how tired I really was. They could not help me, and they could not carry on an intelligent conversation, as I so craved. I piled all my needs onto my poor husband who had no clue how to make me happy. He would come home to a frumpy, crabby woman in tears, desperate to take whatever he had left to give at the end of the day, and I would draw out whatever bit of life was left in him until he could give no more.

Before my husband encouraged me to work harder, I was a young mother handicapped by her own mind. I had no idea that my mind was self-absorbed in pity and frustration and that my energy was being drained by my bitterness. All those years are gone forever. I am sad that I did not enjoy my babies and the husband of my youth as I should have. It is a miracle that my husband did not pack his bags and leave me.





I know I would have if I had been treated the way I treated him.

I am ashamed of that time, yet I am thankful that my husband loved me through it. He came to see that all I needed was more to do, not less. And he was right. How could a mother give more? How could she possibly stretch her wings farther than the children she was working so hard to tuck under the safety of her wing? I needed structure. I needed something to pour myself into so I would not get consumed with myself. Proverbs 31 is written for us ladies to take note and follow. It is an instruction manual written to show us how to find our way as wives and mothers who are created in HIS image. We were created to excel.

My children are almost grown, with my oldest only three short years from adulthood. As my children move on with their own lives, it is humbling to look back on those years and see how fast they flew by. Each child was given to me as a blank slate. I could have continued sowing frustration and discontentment into the pages of their lives, blaming everyone, bitter at my lot, and putting pressure on my husband to meet my demands. Thank God HE freed me from all that. Instead I worked and taught my children about work. Thankfully, they only remember a hardworking, happy mom who taught them the trade of photography, among other things.

Today I had a nice conversation with my very mature, sober-minded eleven-year-old daughter who is now taller than I am. I told her about my early morning tears as I looked at the photos of her as a wee baby. I mentioned that many

of those years I worked so hard that it seemed as if I did not get to cherish every little mundane thing of life. She looked back at me and said, "Mom, you worked so hard that it makes me want to work



*Checklist of things that made healing possible for me:*

I listened to Michael Pearl's Bible teaching on *Sin No More*. I finally realized how sinful my attitude of ungratefulness and bitterness was. Realizing what power I have access to in Christ made a huge difference in overcoming my bad thought patterns.

I read *Holy Sex* by Michael Pearl. This book helped me realize that even though I had some very bad things happen to me which made intimacy seem evil, I learned, rather, that it was actually something beautiful, created by God. I stopped punishing my husband and found freedom in this area of my life.

I read *Created to Be His Help Meet* by Debi Pearl. It really is a guide to being a good wife.

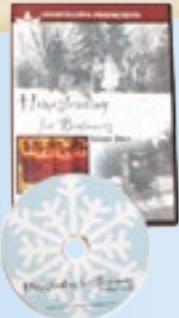
hard, and you always said working hard is a good thing. I think we had a lot of fun together, working hard." That glorious answer will ring in my mind fifty years from now when I am all wound down from life, and it will always give me a sense of real accomplishment.

To all you young mothers out

there who are tired and lonesome, and waiting on your husband to fill a need he was not designed to fill, get busy! Find some way you can work with your kids to fill a need. Read Proverbs 31 and ask God to show you how; whether it be in service, business, or ministry. Let the miracle unfold!

Read Erin's blog: [KeeperOfTheHomestead.com](http://keeperofthehomestead.com)

Since Erin became a Proverbs 31 lady, she made the *Homesteading for Beginners* DVDs with her entire family, helps at No Greater Joy doing graphics and photography for *NGJ Magazine*, and recently illustrated Debi's new book, *The BIG Book of Homeschooling*. What could have been a depressing life turned into a glorious life filled with beautiful works of art.



Check out Mark & Erin's DVD series  
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will blow  
sun with the timbrel and  
man with stringed instru-  
ments.  
man upon the loud cymbals:  
praise him upon the high sounding cym-  
bals.  
**6 Let every thing that hath breath**  
**praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.**

## The Book of **PROVERBS**

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# Listen, My Son

by Michael Pearl

There is nothing that can take the place of having a family Bible study with the kids. It can be highly productive in instilling a Biblical world view. Your kids are never too young to participate, but they will get too old if you wait to institute the habit. With twenty-one grandkids I am constantly made aware of how much the little ones love to hear someone read to them. There is nothing that captivates them more. They can be pulled away from play or from any form of digital media with the simple announcement, "Let's read." My grandkids will stampede to the reading chair, vying for the best seat. By the time they reach puberty, their childish enthusiasm wanes; so the time to make it a fun habit is well before the teen years.

### Rule #1

Never force them to participate if they don't like it. That would be like making them eat chocolate-covered cherries when they have a stomach virus, throwing up every few minutes. They will come to associate chocolate-covered cherries with the upchucks and will thereafter despise the very thought of cherries and cream in chocolate.

I have preached thousands of sermons in my life, and I have seen people go to sleep, start talking to a neighbor, read a book, or just stargaze at the ceiling. I have never been offended or felt that I needed to rebuke them; I knew that it was my fault. If I cannot make a sermon interesting enough to hold their attention, I shouldn't punish them



for their appropriate response. If you cook food that no one likes, don't force them to eat it. Take a cooking class.

### **Rule #2**

Leave your religion with the bookmark in an unused devotional guide. STOP being spiritual. It makes me weary just thinking about it. I can understand why your kids avoid the Bible thing. Don't take yourself so seriously. If you have deep feelings, take a walk in the woods and shout it off or cry it out; don't try to roll it over on your little ones. I have seen many kids grow up deeply resistant to God and the Bible because they "had it shoved down their throats."

### **Rule #3**

Keep it light and fun unless the subject calls for soberness. But fun should be the rule and soberness the exception. If you are not having fun, why should they? Remember, they are fun-loving kids, not psychiatric patients.

### **Rule #4**

Don't be a slave to your family Bible time. It is not one of the Ten Commandments. You won't lose favor with God for skipping a day, or even a month. Think of it as a treat, not a duty.

### **Rule #5**

Use a King James Bible, not one of the commercial versions; it is much easier for the kids to understand and to memorize. And it is the only one that is accurately rendered in the English language. Of course, if you are more comfortable in another language, there are accurate translations in most of them as well. If you are ignorant of this issue, order the book *In Awe of Thy Word*. You will be amazed.

### **Rule #6**

Have an English dictionary on hand for every child. Used book stores, or what we call "junk stores" (e.g., Salvation Army), are the best places to obtain early 20<sup>th</sup> century

dictionaries. One of the oldies that have archaic meanings is best. One of those old ten-pound, cloth-backed dictionaries is worth two years of Bible College—four where some colleges are concerned.

### **Rule #7**

Have paper and pen on hand for each kid. If you have the capability, you might want to print for each child a double-spaced copy of the book of Proverbs, with an open left-hand column, and mount them in folders with their names on them. This will provide a place to make notes, underline, use colored markers, etc., and it will provide a record of your study, which will be suitable as part of your homeschool records when The Department of Human Destruction comes calling, challenging your right to homeschool. Best of all, it will be a depository of permanent memories for each child.

My kids and I made our way through Proverbs several times as they were growing up. Each time we went through, it was a whole new experience as they matured and

their life perspective changed. It is something they treasure and their children will treasure thirty years from now.

### **Rule #8**

Construct your study so that all the kids participate. They learn more by doing than by hearing. It can be one of their most profitable homeschooling experiences. They learn to read, to reason, and to relate. They will become bold in public speaking, articulate in speech, and wise in the dangers of the world.

### **Rule #9**

Work yourself out of a job. Involve them to the degree that they are able to take your place as the leaders of the study. A sixteen-year-old boy will learn more from teaching his siblings than he ever learned listening to you.

### **Rule #10**

If your husband is too busy or too whatever to conduct these studies in



the evenings do NOT have “feelings” about it, and do not “carry your cross” in front of him so as to make him feel ashamed. Rather, just cheerfully make the Proverbs study a part of your homeschooling day. You may find it desirable to do both. Conduct a more academic approach during the school day, and then Daddy can do his monologue every once in a while in the evening. If you treat his limited or nonexistent participation as normal, the kids will not suffer from it, but if you get an attitude, you will prove to be the fool Solomon speaks of so frequently, and the kids will be damaged by the entire experience.

The last two studies on Proverbs have been so popular with our readers, I am going to start in chapter one and provide you with a guide that will help you institute your own family tradition.

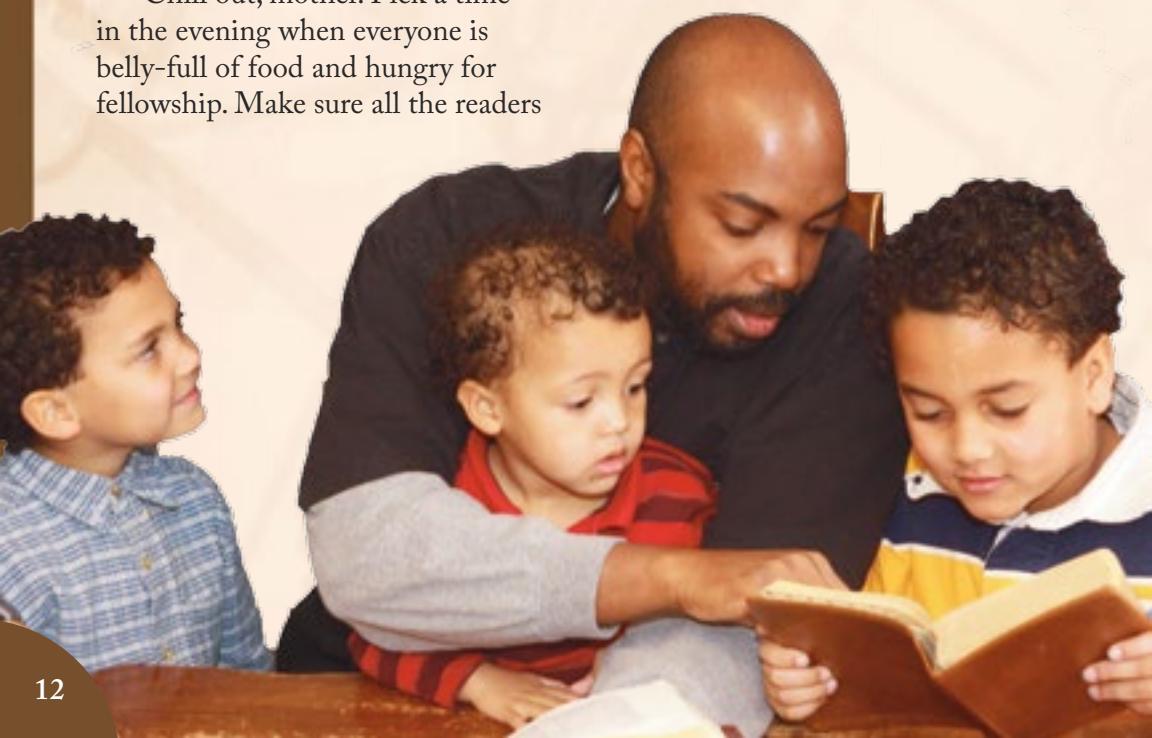
This is just a suggestion as to how it might go. Don’t be rigid. Actually, that is why I have laid it out so simply. I am giving you permission to loosen up and relax.

Chill out, mother. Pick a time in the evening when everyone is belly-full of food and hungry for fellowship. Make sure all the readers

have their own personal Bibles open to the passage and their dictionaries on hand. An older child can sit with the younger ones and help them read. Read the passage you hope to cover and then address the kids with thought-provoking questions.

### **Proverbs 1:1–6 (KJV only)**

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;**
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;**
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;**
- 4 To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.**
- 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:**
- 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.**



**Teacher:** “Johnny, read verse one again and tell me what it says.”

**Johnny reads:** “Proverbs 1:1, *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel,*”

**Teacher:** “What is a proverb?”

Have the children look up the word *proverb* in their English dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of a proverb and why God would use proverbs to convey wisdom.

**Teacher:** “Who wrote this book?”

**Sam:** “David.”

**Teacher:** “Look at the text carefully. Who wrote the proverb? David or his son Solomon?”

Now would be a good time to give them a little background on David and Solomon. If you know a little history on Solomon and David, share it briefly. If you don’t know anything about them, you can look up David and Solomon in a Bible dictionary before the study. They will think you are so smart.

**Teacher:** “Suzie, read verses 2-4. They go together.”

### **Proverbs 1:2–4**

*2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;*

*3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;*

*4 To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

**Teacher:** “Frank, why did Solomon write this book?”

After he gives it a shot, discuss each phrase and encourage each kid to share his opinion of what it means and why it is important.

“Why did Solomon want his readers to know wisdom? What is wisdom?”

“What is the opposite of wisdom?”

“Give me an example of making a wise decision instead of a foolish one.”

This is tremendous already. When a child comes up with an illustration of wise choices over foolish ones, it is a lesson more powerful than one hundred rebukes. If you have normally adjusted kids, they will be eager to share their ideas on wise and foolish. It is glorious instruction. They are teaching each other, cementing truth into their souls. This kind of sharing is better than an AA meeting for alcoholics.

**Teacher:** “What else did Solomon want his readers to know?”

**Johnny:** “Instruction.”

**Teacher:** “What is wisdom and instruction?”

**Johnny:** “It is when your parents teach you how to do something.”

**Sam:** “Our workbooks have instructions in them.”

**Suzie:** “Yeah, without instruction, you won’t know what to do.”

**Teacher:** “Does Solomon say wisdom comes by following instructions?”

**Sam:** “If someone refuses to follow instructions, they might make mistakes.”

Now would be a good time to tell the story about big brother trying to put a household item together without reading the



instructions, and what a mess he made until he went back and followed the instructions. The kids will all laugh as brother tries to defend himself.

**Teacher:** “Does God give us instructions on how we should live? What instructions has he given?”

Answering the question will cause them to review all they know of the commandments and will of God.

**Teacher:** “The text says in verse two, ‘*To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding....*’ What does the word *perceive* mean? Look it up in your dictionary.”

**Suzie:** “Perceive means to recognize or identify words that are based on understanding.”

**Teacher:** “Just because someone is an adult does that mean their words are wise and filled with understanding?”

**Kids in unison:** “NOOOO.”

**Teacher:** “When have you heard an adult say something that wasn’t wise?”

Again, they will search their experience and remember an adult saying something really dumb or evil. This is incredible reinforcement of virtue and wisdom.

**Teacher:** “So we need to ask God to help us perceive the words of understanding.”

You could stop here for a moment, and one of the kids could pray that God would grant them wisdom and perception.

**Teacher:** “Suzie, read verse three again.”

**Suzie:** “Proverbs 1:3, *To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;*”

**Teacher:** “What is the key word in that verse?”

**Johnny:** “Receive! He wants us to receive wisdom when we recognize it.”

**Teacher:** “That’s right. The verse before it says we are to *know* and *perceive* wisdom, and now he says we are to *receive* it after knowing it. Does it do us any good to *know* what is wise if we don’t *do it*?”

**Kids:** “NOOOO!”

**Teacher:** “What is justice, judgment and equity? Look up *equity* in the dictionary.”

If several kids have dictionaries, they will sit on the edges of their seats, ready to compete to see who can find it first. There may be times when you will want to restrain everyone else and let the slower child find the word and read the definition. Don’t allow him to be a constant loser, even if he is younger. Being “the man” every once in a while will energize him to keep trying.

**Sam:** "Justice is dealing with someone fairly."

**Teacher:** "That is what the dictionary says, but the Bible is its own best interpreter. Solomon gave us three different words for justice; we call them synonyms. This allows us to have a clear understanding of what he is saying. This is a common Bible technique. He says we need to have the wisdom to receive justice, judgment, and equity. What is *judgment*?"

**Frank:** "Judgment is where we go when we die."

**Teacher:** "Yes it is, but he is not talking about a place we go when we die, rather an area in which we should have understanding. We should make wise judgments. When do we have to make judgments?"

**Suzie:** "When Linda told me that we should not talk to Carla because she is stupid, and I said no that was not nice."

**Teacher:** "Yes, I was proud of you for showing equity. You showed wise justice, good judgment, and equity. What is *equity*?"

A smart kid got tired of being last so he has already looked it up and is ready with the answer.

**Bobby:** "Equity is justice, fairness, and impartiality."

**Teacher:** "Notice that the dictionary uses the same synonyms to define the words, so we see that justice, judgment, and equity express different shades of the same concept."

Ask for more examples and run that idea around the block a couple times until they have exhausted their personal experiences. There is no better way to teach literature interpretation, grammar, use of reference material, reasoning, public speaking, virtue, and the Bible than these family Bible studies.

**Teacher:** "Read verse four."

**Bobby:** "*To give subtily to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*"

Aw! Such beautiful "archaic" words. I love them.

**Teacher:** "What does subtily mean? The modern spelling is *subtlety*."

**Bobby:** (Eager kid always trying to get the jump with the dictionary) "No wonder I couldn't find it."

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**Frank:** "I found it!"

**Suzie:** "I found it first."

**Teacher:** "Well, you didn't speak up quick enough."

**Sam:** "It means delicacy, wisdom, prudence, sensitivity, tact, wiliness."

**Bobby:** "Wily is like a coyote."

**Teacher:** "Notice that we have parallel construction again. The passage says the same thing twice in two different ways, so there will be no misunderstanding: 'subtilty to the simple' is parallel to 'knowledge and discretion to the young man.' What is *discretion*?"

**Suzie:** "I got it. I won! I beat him this time. Discretion is—the ability to keep delicate information secret."

**Teacher:** "So subtilty is discretion, and the young man is the simple one."

**Frank:** "What is *simple*? Doesn't that mean *easy*?"

**Teacher:** "Look it up."

You will run into about 11 different definitions of the word *simple*, so you will have to fall back on the Bible's use of the word. The best way to do that is to take a concordance and look up every time the word *simple* is used, and by these multiple uses you can determine the definition quite easily. It is still used today to refer to a person of a mental state that is not sophisticated or discerning. After a thoroughly confusing

dictionary search and then a Strong's concordance search of the twenty references of *simple*; having determined the meaning, you can put it all together for them. This is where a chalkboard or dry-erase board comes in handy. Write the two phrases one over the other, and utilizing the definitions you have gleaned, explain the meaning—or have one of the older kids explain it.

**Teacher:** "There you have it. Solomon wants to impart subtilty and discretion to the simple, gullible, not-so-wise, young man. In other words, some young men don't know how to keep their mouths shut and keep a secret. They want to blab everything, and they are going to put their feet in their mouths. They lack discretion and that is not cool in a social setting. The girls don't like a guy that says the wrong thing and thinks it is cute."

"Read verse five and tell us what is says."

**Bobby:** "*A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*"

**Johnny:** "I see parallel construction again. Putting the two phrases together it says a wise man, that is, a man of understanding, will listen to wise counsel and increase learning. He contrasts the wise man to the simple one. A wise man will listen and learn but the simple one will not listen to good counsel."

**Teacher:** "OK, Smarty, tomorrow *you* be the teacher."

*"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"*

— Proverbs 1:5 —

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by Jared Rowe

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Do you know about the **iMissionaries.org** project? It launched in December of 2013, with the goal of equipping you to evangelize unreached people groups around the globe. Right now, we're teaching people how to distribute the *Good & Evil* graphic novel through Facebook. Already we've had **over 37,000 downloads** of *Good & Evil* (the full book or as individual chapters) in various languages and countries like Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

It's an awesome feeling to sit at my desk and watch in real-time what's happening behind-the-scenes on the *Good & Evil* website, **GoodandEvilBook.com**. On the 3rd and 12th of January we had HUGE traffic spikes with thousands of book downloads; on those two days, we distributed **over 13,000 books** around the world. Now I realize those numbers aren't exactly correct (you must take into account dropped downloads and books that never

were opened once downloaded); but even if only one-fourth of the books downloaded were actually read, that would still be **over 3,000 readers** presented with the Gospel! The primary language downloads on those two days were *Arabic* and *Indonesian*. Think about it—the people reading were almost all Muslim; they are people living in countries where missionaries cannot go and Christians are persecuted—people that are searching for answers.

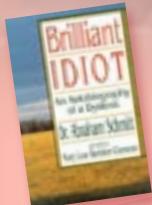
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# Brilliant Idiot

## A book review by Debi Pearl

I go through books like a hound dog goes through chicken bones, which is to say I read a lot. My favorite subjects are sickness and healing: mold, bacteria, Lyme's, heart, Alzheimer's—you name it, I love to read about it. Cutting-edge medicine, remedies, nutrition, purges, herbs, peroxide, exercise—I consider it all. Currently, my favorite reading has to do with the brain—how it works, why it malfunctions, and how that affects human behavior. You can imagine how pleased I was when a kind lady in our church mentioned the book *Brilliant Idiot*. Just the title provoked me to immediately think of Mike. YEEKS, did I just write that? As I read the book, I became convinced that we are both halfway there—half brilliant and half idiot.

The book *Brilliant Idiot* is the firsthand experience of Dr. Abraham Schmitt. It is about his journey in overcoming dyslexia, and the profound effect it played upon his life. I totally related. For the first time I had an excuse for not knowing left from right. So many times my dad would fuss at me for not responding correctly when he said, "Hand me the one on the right."

Mike and I both share many traits of dyslexia as well as many odd traits of extreme brilliance. We both spent our youth struggling with spelling. Even now as I write this I struggle with spelling the simplest words, including the word "simplest." Schmitt lists 71 clues that enable us to identify a person who is using the right side of their brain more than the left.

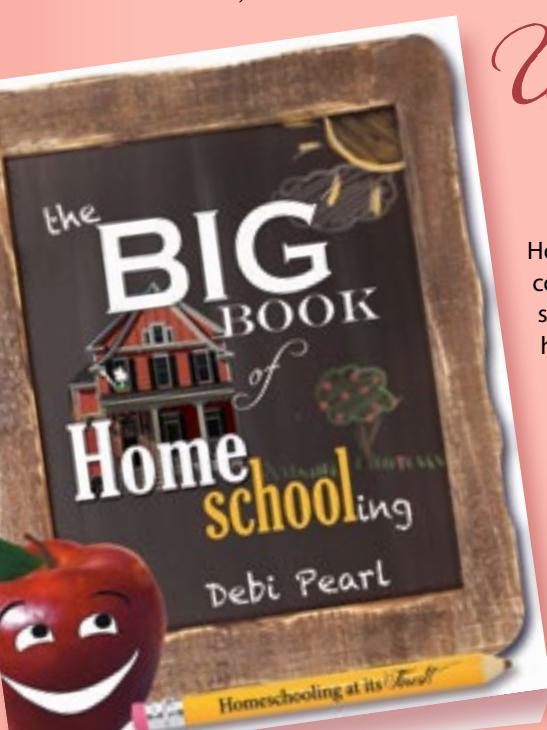
Homeschooling parents who happen to have both sides of their brains functioning in unison are frustrated and sometimes angered by their children's inability to grasp the standard workbook approach to schooling. They recognize that their child is not "slow" and is sometimes quite brilliant, so they reason that it must be laziness or inattention that causes the child not to perform properly. The children end up bearing the burden as they wear the "stupid" label and cringe under the criticism. Dyslexic kids can learn and be quite successful, as Dr. Abraham Schmitt demonstrates with his life and his teaching, but they must do so based on different parameters. The failure of parents and educators to make provision for variant learning skill sets, shutting out kids that could otherwise excel beyond their peers, grieves me so much that I wrote *The BIG Book of Homeschooling*.

About my book review, Dr. Abraham Schmitt's book *Brilliant Idiot* is a superb recounting of his life, misadventures, failures, frustrations, and erosion of

confidence. It tells about his struggle to dig out from under the pile of confusion to prove that he was indeed brilliant. He just couldn't spell, read, or do normal schooling.

History is sprinkled with men and women of his caliber—brilliant thinkers, philosophers, mathematicians, artists, musicians, craftsmen, inventors—people who didn't fit the mold of balanced-brain function but were able to use the other side of their brain in exceptional ways.

[It is important to understand that the learning deficit is not a learning disability; it is a teaching disability.](#) If you are a school teacher or a parent who has a child with a learning issue, don't make their life miserable by trying to shove your little square peg into their round minds. Let your "brilliant idiot" learn in his or her own way (please read *The BIG Book of Homeschooling*), and when they are old, they will rise up and call you blessed. And you can call him Doctor or Professor, or Your Honor, or, maybe, call her Madam President.



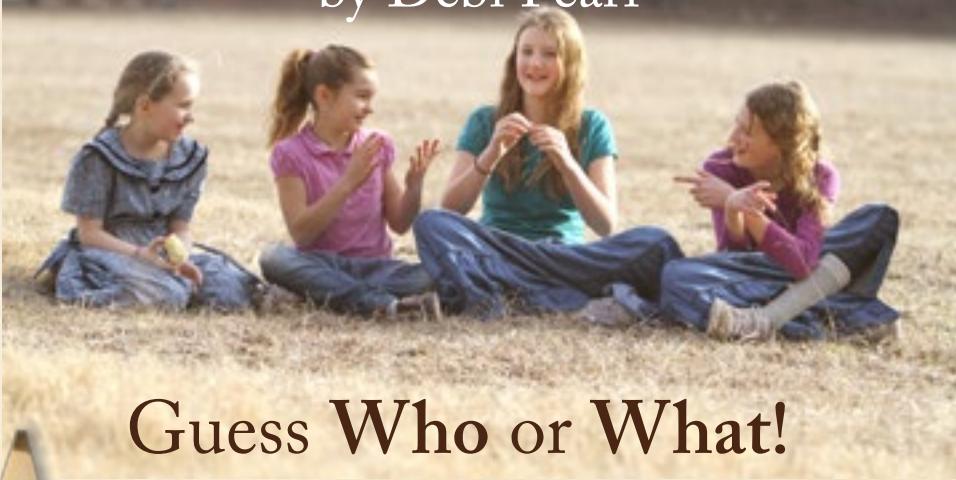
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# Kids' Contest: Bible Quiz

by Debi Pearl



## Guess Who or What!

① Once there was a beauty contest to find the most beautiful young lady in the land to be the new Queen.

Who won the contest?

② There was a lady who went to church and was crying so hard that some people thought she must be drunk with liquor.

Who was this lady and why was she so upset?

③ The last thing this lady did before she was killed was to put makeup on her eyelids.

Who was the lady? Was the location of her makeup spot a contributing factor to her death?



- ④ This brave woman led the army of Israel into battle.

What was her name?

- ⑤ This woman laughed at God!

Who was she?  
Why did she laugh?



- ⑥ An army was coming to destroy a lady's community of family and friends. She didn't panic. Instead she gathered an enormous amount of food and took it to the advancing army. The general in charge was so impressed with her quick, aggressive plan that he married her.

Who was this remarkable lady?

- ⑦ This woman, who had lived a godless life, believed God and assisted his people with a rope.

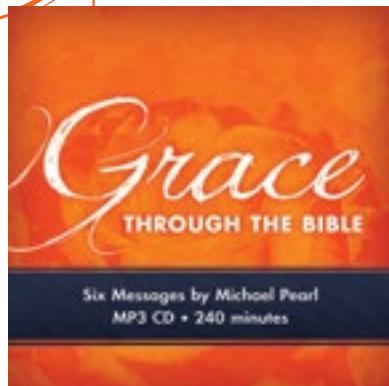
Who was this woman?

Debi's 2 cents:

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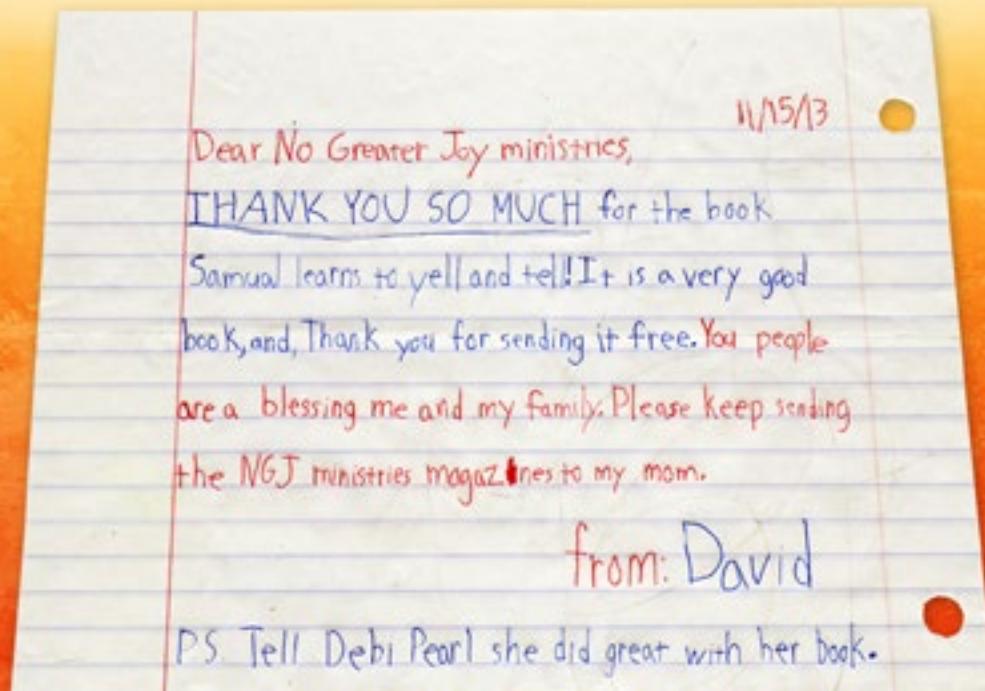


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What's on my mind? I wish "Christians" would fight harder for their marriages! Satan is out to destroy Christian marriage every day, and he is! Children are losing out in the process. Life is so short; your "happiness" so meaningless in the big picture of eternity. Love is a choice. Aren't you glad Jesus chose what was hard for you? Okay...rant over!

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**Penny Tucker-Mullens** I'm with you, sister. Watching three families, representing twenty children, being ravaged by divorce at this moment. Twenty! Do you know how that number might affect eternity? I'm pretty put out with the whole attitude of making God so small. This is the God of the universe who put the stars in place, controls winds, seas, and fire. God perfectly calculated the tilt of the earth; and we can't call on Him to transform our marriages? Really? Here's what I say to that: If we can't trust Jesus, the Savior of the world and the One who can be the Savior of our marriages, to redeem and resurrect it out of the ash pile, cleanse hearts and attitudes, then PLEASE don't give one more dollar to missions, pass out one more tract, or tell one more person about your Jesus. You've just demonstrated to a lost and dying planet that your God is impotent and untrustworthy -- so give it up. Fed up! Now my rant is over!

December 16, 2013 at 1:27pm · Unlike · 12

**Sara E Bailey** Ms. Penny, you just hit the nail on the head!!! So frustrating!!!

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**Facebook** posts can often reveal a woman's heart  
whether she might be somewhat **lazy**,  
unproductive, gluttonous,  
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vigilant, honest,  
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thankful, wise, diligent, hard-working,  
a lover of God,  
committed to the **eternal...**

# Homeschooling News

by Bobbie Sue Johnson



The largest seed in the world is the seed of the Coco de mer palm tree.

It can reach about 12 inches in length and weigh up to 40 pounds!  
The next largest seed is the coconut

which is 6 inches long,  
and then the Avocado  
which measures in at  
about 3 inches.

## Did you know?

The world's smallest seed is an Orchid Gomesa. It grows in the tropical rainforest. The seed weighs only 1/35,000,000th of an OUNCE!



# Diamonds



Did you know that most diamonds are formed about 100 miles under the Earth's surface? Due to the massive presence of carbon atoms and extreme temperature changes and adjustments in the upper mantle, carbon atoms are forced to go deeper where they melt and form new rock. As the temperature falls, and other conditions, namely pressure, remain the same, the carbon atoms in the melting crystal rock bond together to form diamonds. These diamonds are then pushed to the surface through volcanic activity, and when they cool, mines are formed.

Diamonds are the hardest natural mineral in the world. They are truly indestructible except when smashed against one another. Only diamonds can cut other diamonds.

The largest diamond-producing countries are Russia, Botswana (Africa), Congo, Australia, South Africa, and Canada.

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# *Three Types of Children*

## Part 2 - Kisses and Tickles (Visionary/Dreamer Type)

by Shalom Brand

What can we do as parents to encourage our visionary/dreamer type kids? Face the fact that they are different. They don't always follow the status quo. Let them dream, but direct the dreams. They are the actors and you are the director. Visionaries and dreamers need to express themselves, and our job is to guide them to productive ends. Laila, my visionary daughter, loves to draw and create works of art. Before I considered what type she was, I related to her more like her "Go-to" sister, Gracie. When one of Laila's siblings caused her to mess up something she was drawing or creating, she would become angry and mad at them. I would discipline her for her anger, which did not

work, for in her mind she had a right to get angry. She felt that her sister crossed into her space and caused her to mess up her art. By disciplining her, I was tearing her down, not building her up. When I realized that she was a dreamer type, I began to see and understand her better and changed my tactic. I did not want her to respond in anger to her sisters and brothers, but I also wanted to build her up, not tear her down. So I sat her down and told her that her anger was wrong and from now on I was going to kiss and tickle her till the anger ran away, and if it still did not leave, I might have to give her anger a little switching. She thought this was a great idea. I explained that the anger was hurting her and was not



her friend and that we had to get it out of her heart and put the joy back in. I was building her up, helping her take control of what she thought was justified anger, and replacing it with laughter. After I had her happy again, I would then talk about what had caused the anger in the first place and help her figure it out. She soon learned to stop what she was doing and tell me that the anger was in her heart so I could run it off with kisses and tickles.

A visionary/dreamer type needs to be encouraged and praised. They can quickly become downtrodden if they are criticized. They can become very frustrated. This type wants to draw, sing, dance, play an instrument, but when it is not what they want it to

be, they just quit and move on to something else.

Visionary children need to be encouraged to finish what they start, to follow through. It does not come natural for them.

Laila is always starting a new creation; I find all kinds of odd things in the house that she has worked on briefly.

My husband found a box of magnets at a yard sale and gave them to the kids. Laila picked out all the ones that looked alike and sat at the table putting them together

in different shapes, completely fascinated with her creations. Today I was working on school with her, and as we were sitting at the table she kept reaching out to touch her magnets. She was not paying attention to her math lesson, and not learning anything. I asked her to give me her magnets. As I began to separate and count them, she intently jumped in and counted with me, and then counted them by twos and added them

this way and that.

Finally, she was excited and happy to do her math!

If I had taken them away, she would have been crushed and would not have learned anything. Because a visionary lacks confidence, we must come up with fun things we can do to build them up.

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# *Homosexuality and the Brain*

by Michael Pearl

**R**ecent studies on the effects of behavior upon the brain have proven shocking. You may remember the media delight about fifteen years ago when it was discovered that the brains of homosexual men were different from straight men. It was immediately hailed as proof of the long-advanced conjecture that men who prefer same-sex eroticism are in fact born that way. What better justification for one's "sexual orientation" than scientific proof that it is totally natural? The defense, "God created me this way" suddenly had irrefutable scientific backing.

However with further study, it was quietly revealed that the difference in the brains of homosexual men was not a condition of nature, but rather change occurring over time with the practice

of same-sex eroticism. Rather than justifying homosexual orientation, science had uncovered the meaning of a passage in the Bible that had long baffled expositors.

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and **receiving in themselves** that recompence of their error which was meet...God gave them over to a reprobate mind..." (Romans 1:27-28).

Addressing same-sex sin, the passage says that homosexual men and women incur a change within themselves that constitutes a "recompence" for their error, and that the recompense was "meet."



That is, the internal reimbursement was suitable to the depraved act—resulting in “reprobate minds” (brains). Now we know why it is so difficult for homosexual men and women to come back from the perversion of their sexual preference; their actions have changed their brains, rendering them more compatible to their choices. In effect, rather than their sin being a product of their natures, their natures have become a product of their sin. Read the passage and note the degenerative change sin brings.

### Romans 1:21–29

**21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

**22** Professing themselves to be wise, they **became fools**,

**23** And **changed** the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

**24** Wherefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to **dishonour their own bodies between themselves**:

**25** Who **changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

**26** For this cause **God gave them up unto vile affections**: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

**27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and **receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet**.

**28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient;

**29** **Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers....**

They began with vain imaginations, resulting in a darkened heart. This led to becoming a fool as they rejected the glory of God in preference for idolatry. God responded by releasing the hand that pulled away as they dishonored their bodies with their homosexual sin. They came to worship man rather than God, leaving God no choice but to give them up to their vile affections.

They now burned in their lust, men with men, and women with women. It resulted in a change in their minds, locking them into their sin. It left God no choice but to give them up to their “reprobate minds.” The mind is a function

of the brain, and they had now thoroughly recreated their souls into an image that was nothing like what God created. They live in a gigantic dissolution of their own making, waiting the impending judgment that will surely come when they stand before their Creator and give account for their foolish choices.

The final verse in this chapter says, “Who knowing the judgment of God, that **they which commit such things are worthy of death**, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:32). The passage pronounces the same sentence of death upon those who are not homosexual but condone the lifestyle.

It is not too late to repent if one wants to change. I have known diehard homosexuals and lesbians that have come to Jesus Christ and were changed. Just as the brain was changed by choices the individual made, by choosing differently the brain will in time change back to become that of a heterosexual person, as God intended.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor

adulterers, nor **effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind**, And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9, 11).

The church at Corinth contained beloved members who had been effeminate—abusers of themselves with mankind—homosexuals. But they were washed from their sins, sanctified to be precious to God, and justified from all their sins in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who died to pay the full price of their sin.

It is not too late if you don't want it to be too late. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31). When you come to Christ, you will be welcomed into the fellowship of believers and your sin will be remembered no more.

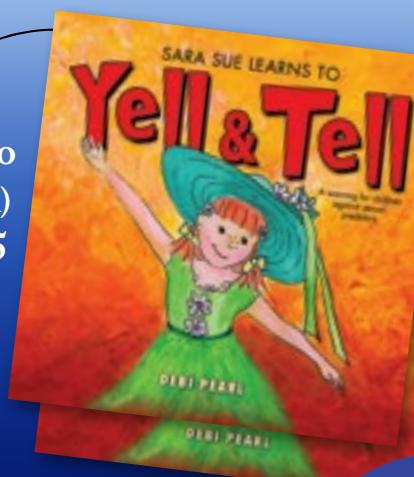
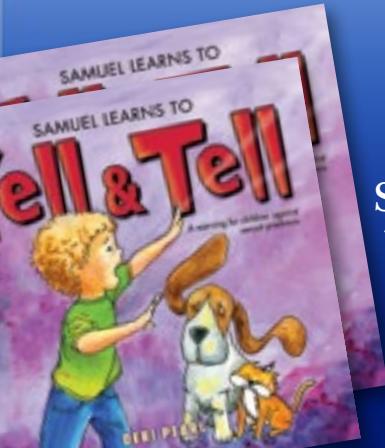
If you choose not to repent, but rather continue in your lifestyle, you will be treated with respect and dignity as a citizen of the human race and a fellow American in the land of the free; but our hearts will sadden, knowing that you are missing the best life has to offer and are destined for the worst eternity possible.

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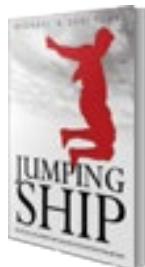
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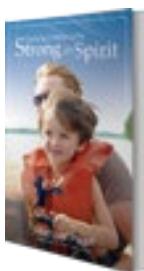
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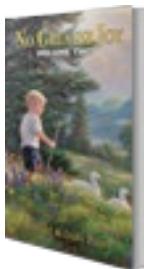
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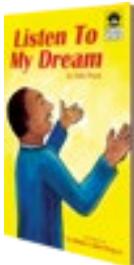


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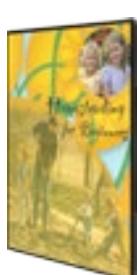
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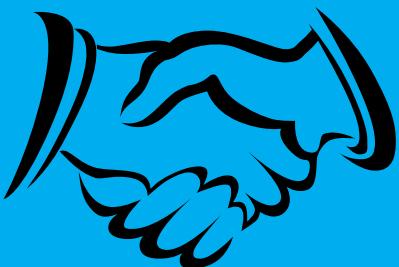


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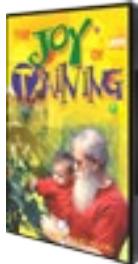
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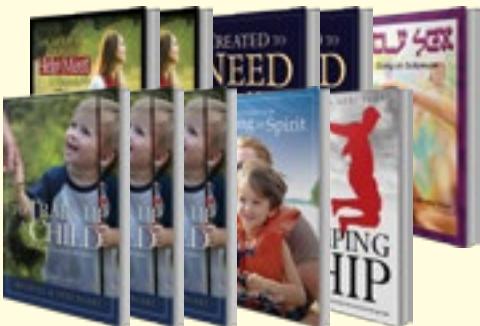
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