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Someone thinks we got it all wrong!

We received a rather opinionated letter the other day loaded with articles telling us why Mike's *Eight Kingdoms* and Debi's *Crown of Loving His Appearing* article

from the January-February 2015 issue were all wrong. This person then proceeded to order \$60 worth of stuff so he could read more of what they have said and prove why they are wrong. :)

He picked up last month's magazine at a local bar; you never know how the truth will get out there and who it will affect.



We also received many positive responses to Debi's article, *Crown of Loving His Appearing*:

"What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see!"

"Watching with great anticipation!"

"Amen, am watching and waiting. I'm eagerly anticipating my Lord and Savior's return."

"I have faith and I know he's coming!"

"God speed that day!"

"Yes. I sooo want to see Jesus!"



Some of the positive responses to Mike's *Eight Kingdoms* article:

"Keep teaching Mike...Praise the Lord!"

"I highly recommend Eight Kingdoms. It helped me tremendously with many scriptures that used to confuse me."

"It's a fantastic book, gives so much new insight. Thanks you Mike for all the work you put into it! We keep going back to it."

"Eight Kingdoms is a wonderful book that explained so much to us!"

"I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid."

— Romans 11:1



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Give Attendance to Reading

by Debi Pearl

There are paths we choose in life that forever change our destiny. Sometimes the choices seem small, even insignificant, such as becoming friends with someone, speaking negatively about another, or getting too involved in an activity. Sometimes it is our lack of getting involved, lack of judgment, or lack of resourcefulness. Having the wisdom to choose wisely comes from God's written Word. God has given us many historical examples that will direct us to choose our paths wisely. I often bring up these examples when I am counseling

people, and I am routinely met with a blank stare. How can people expect to know the will of God if they don't know how God dealt with people in almost the same situation?

This week a man we had known as a child came back to visit us. Some years ago he left our community to go to college. For the last 10 years he has been pastor of a church. The visit was sweet and filled with laughter as we recalled the past. We marveled at the path God has taken him down, and how small decisions had major impact on the way his life developed. Our old

friend's maturity, soberness of mind, and loving kindness were made manifest as he spoke of those he ministered to. We were made glad by his cheerful account.

“Your greatest disciples were not the adults that you so faithfully taught the Word to; they were the children who sat at your feet playing, disrupting, and catching a word of teaching here and there. These are the ones whom God has used.”

As he stood to leave he turned and said with such a profound assurance, “Brother Pearl, your greatest disciples were not the adults that you so faithfully taught the Word to; they were the children who sat at your feet playing, disrupting, and catching a word of teaching here and there. These are the ones whom God has used.” After he left, Mike stood there looking amazed and commented, “It is hard to believe he was that foolish, immature teenager we once knew!”

Adults are already made; they are who and what they are, and it is usually all they will ever be. It is a rare adult who will leave all he has and go serve on the mission field or decide to be a teacher or pastor. If

a pastor can get adults enthused to witness, that is a real victory. But the children are waiting for direction as to what they should do and where they should go. They are tomorrow's best disciples—or not, depending on whether Bible teachers overlook them or teach them.

Parents have a natural instinct that makes them look for a church that will teach their children to know and love the LORD. Today most churches are sadly missing this great opportunity. Instead they gear church toward entertaining the adults, and the children are kept out of the way and busy while parents learn and worship.

It is a rare church meeting where the Scripture is read, except for a few out-of-context verses. It is even rarer for the Scripture to be read to children. Many children will grow up in church having heard the same five verses over and over, but nothing more. God says in 1 Timothy 4:13, “Till I come, give attendance to reading . . .” Church is more a social event—a Christian country club—not a place to train disciples. Our letters from you reflect your desperation for your family.

I have an idea that will enable you to be a constant teacher, even if you are the busiest person alive. On Amazon, for only \$13.99, you can order an MP3 of the entire Bible read by Alexander Scourby. He did the recording many years ago, but it is still the very best reading of God's Word you will ever hear. I love listening to it. His voice is so clear, and he reads the Word with such beauty, reverence, and authority. The stories in God's Word come alive,



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captivating my mind so completely that I don't want to stop listening. It is better than any message by any preacher that I have ever heard, and children seem to love it as much as I do. Every evening you could continue the MP3 right where you turned it off the night before and let your little ones listen to God's Word being read as they drift off to sleep. From infants to young adults, it will do an eternal work in their hearts.

God's Word is living. It is effectual, able to do exceedingly more than you could ever do teaching principles, concepts, telling sweet stories, or doing workbooks.

If you make this a nighttime habit, your children will listen to the Bible read all the way through many times. All that God chose to teach man could be filed away in your young child's mind. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

God's Word is living. It is effectual, able to do exceedingly more than you could ever do teaching principles, concepts, telling sweet stories, or doing workbooks. And all it would take to fill your child's mind and soul with this glorious Word straight from God is available at the click of a button. Night after night you will be presenting God's "facebook" to your children. Fill their souls with what God wants them to know. You are making disciples. *



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From author Michael Pearl:

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"The original edition has sold over 1.2 million copies and is printed in 12 languages. An entire generation of young people were raised on these principles and are now training their children to be bright, happy, and self-disciplined. We have confidence that this 21st-year edition will serve this new generation as well."

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Attack on Traditional Child Training

Taken from a new chapter in the upcoming
21st Anniversary Edition of *To Train Up a Child*

by Michael Pearl

In 1946, Dr. Benjamin Spock published his book *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*. At the time of his passing in 1998, it had sold more than 50 million copies and was translated into 39 languages. According to the *New York Times*, *Baby and Child Care* was, throughout its first 52 years, the second-best-selling book, next to the Bible. In 1989 Dr. Spock, concerned over “the sky-high and ever-rising figures for murders within the family, wife abuse, and child abuse in America,” concluded that,

“[Physical punishment] certainly plays a role in our acceptance of violence. If we are ever to turn toward a kindlier society and a safer world, a revulsion against the physical punishment of children would be a good place to start.” In the 1998 edition of *Baby and Child Care*, he said, “The American tradition of spanking may be one reason there is much more violence in our country than in any other comparable nation.”

Some will say that Dr. Spock became a household word, the go-

to authority on child rearing. He is arguably the father of modern, progressive child rearing. He influenced an entire generation of academics, his views quoted in textbooks and periodicals. When Dr. Spock said, “The American tradition of spanking may be one reason there is much more violence in our country . . .” he was inviting a horde of academics to prove his supposition. And they emerged in force, quoting one another and asserting as fact their anecdotal experiences. But most parents in America, though they had heard the name Spock, knew nothing of his views and went on rearing their children in the traditional manner, as had their parents before them.

In the quest for hearts and minds, the crusaders have seized the language: we say spank, they say hit.

Twenty-two years ago when we wrote the book *To Train Up a Child*, the growing movement among leftists to denigrate corporal chastisement, which they called “corporal punishment,” had little influence on the parents of America. Most were unaware of the academic and professional assault on traditional parenting. Two decades have seen a significant shift. The universities and professional journals along with a complicit

media have flooded parents with the undocumented assertion that “studies confirm that hitting children causes them to grow up to be violent, maladjusted, and emotionally ill,” all the negative traits we see multiplying in public-school kids today.

If they were using the word hitting in its normal connotation, we could well agree with them, but when they say hitting they mean any and all forms of corporal discipline down to a mother slapping the hand of her child. Opponents make no distinction between measured, compassionate spanking and tyrannical, whaling, fist-pounding psychos.

In the quest for hearts and minds, the crusaders have seized the language: we say spank, they say hit. We say paddle, they say beat. We say discipline, they say punish. They choose inflammatory language designed to project violence onto classical parenting and shut down any who would speak up in its defense. They cause parents to hide their time-honored parenting as if it is something to be ashamed of. In the end, our silence will surrender long-established biblical parenting to the whining voices of left-leaning ideologues. In our age, it is understandable that parents hide in their holes like gophers under the telescopic sights of varmint hunters ready to trigger the metal-jacketed round to the head of any who would dare pop up. The lethal corporal-chastisement hunters now dominate the field, and they have seen to it that their voices alone are being heard.



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It seems all that is needed is a title before one's name and a firm assertion that "studies confirm" for one to be believed. The "studies" are usually not named, and the public dare not question the opinion of a professional. So the trend in the United States for the past several decades has been to abandon "corporal punishment" (spanking) in favor of increased use of alternate discipline methods—e.g., consequences, time outs, or withdrawal of privileges.

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As the agents of permissive parenting see the tide of public opinion turning in their favor, they have gone into a feeding frenzy, devouring tradition and common sense, and they are pooping out drugged children who are cutting themselves, killing one another, and committing suicide. As discipline collapses, the schools have become battlegrounds with one in five teachers suffering physical assault in their classrooms each year. That is 666,000 teachers assaulted by students who do not believe they are constrained by boundaries. And amazingly, after creating the problem, the professionals now point to the results as evidence that they need to further strip parents of the tools that once produced generations of young adults who by and large acted responsibly and exercised self-control.

According to *HealthDay News* "Seven percent of American schoolchildren are taking at least one medication for emotional or behavioral difficulties." That is, over 3.5 million children are being drugged into acceptable behavior because today's parents and school teachers have given up hope of instilling discipline. How could they without the tools?

When I was in school in the '50s and early '60s, all students quietly complied without the use of drugs. Drugging a child was unheard of. Every teacher had a "board of education"—a wooden paddle lying prominently on the desk, and the principal patrolled the halls with a two-foot-long oak paddle. I was on the receiving end only twice during my 12-year durance, and it kept me fully compliant. They were serious about the rules, so I was as well. Today teachers have no more power over their students than do street signs. John Dewey and Dr. Spock never imagined where their progressive philosophies would lead.



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I am sure they thought their ideas would produce a better world. They were sadly wrong.

Though at least 80% of parents admit to using some form of “physical punishment” on their children, most parents have been so influenced by the anti-spanking propaganda that the majority have ceased preemptive and consistent use of physical discipline and only do so when provoked by their anger, which is far worse than not spanking at all. For when parents spank based on a well-thought-out philosophy they don’t reach a dangerous level of frustration and explode into physical discipline as do parents who are trying not to spank. So the campaign has taken a larger toll than the 80% number suggests. If the families of America are a study group, sixty years have proven that as parents depart from traditional parenting and schools give way to free expression and non-coercive discipline, we reap an increasingly ugly harvest in America’s youth.

Even with their failed experiment, the political move

to outlaw spanking is gaining momentum. There will come a time in the United States of America when it will be a crime to use any physical discipline on your children. It is not a question of if but of when. A recent writer asked, “What spanking debate? There is only one side. Where are the advocates for spanking? There are none, nor can there be in the face of overwhelming evidence.” They are overwhelmed with their own egos and their progressive agenda emanating from a leftist ideology: mother earth, abortion on demand, sexual license, evolution, global warming, re-distribution of wealth, suppression of the Christian religion, and Big Brother who takes over the responsibility of raising all children. The studies done with real scientific controls do not confirm the anti-spanking agenda; quite the opposite, as we will see.

Anti-Spanking Studies

Naysayers are wrong in their assertion that “all studies confirm” When they do

reference a study it is taken from a select group of troubled, violent, or emotionally disturbed youth who have ended up incarcerated or as part of a treatment program. Since most children are spanked, the majority of troubled youth will have been spanked, and a number of them will have been physically abused—hit, beaten, or punished severely. We would be in full agreement with the professionals that the children who were genuinely physically abused are more likely to become delinquent or emotionally troubled. So with certainty, counselors will discover that a large number of anti-social youth were physically abused. But their “studies” fail to distinguish between measured spanking by nurturing parents and violent physical abuse. If they were to do a study of 1,000 Christian, homeschooled children who are spanked, they would grow weary searching for cases of abuse, and they would be shocked and—since it doesn’t fit their philosophy—disappointed at the consistently beautiful fruit.

Ralph S. Welsh, PhD candidate and lecturer in the Department of

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Public Health Sciences at Clemson University, offers the perfect example of the methodology employed to support the anti-spanking agenda in his article “Delinquency, Corporal Punishment, and the Schools” ([1978] *Crime & Delinquency* 24 (3): 336 – 354). Take note of the composition of his “study group”:

“Early in my clinical career, I was alarmed to discover the inordinate number of juvenile delinquents who had been exposed to harsh parental treatment during their developmental years. I took the time to question my delinquent patients and their parents carefully and to tabulate the information regarding parental punishment practices.” In the same article he says, “One extensive study helped to convince me that corporal punishment could not easily be viewed as a harmless American tradition, to be tolerated and supported. This study involved seventy-seven consecutive juvenile court referrals, fifty-eight boys and nineteen girls.”

You will notice that the “studies” are taken from “juvenile delinquents” and “juvenile court referrals.” Symptom-based sampling, where you start with a selected group associated with given behavioral problems and work backward to determine a cause, is totally unscientific. They know better, but they are desperate to “prove” a causative link to something they are philosophically opposed to.

Jason Fuller says in his article “Corporal Punishment and Child Development ([2010] *Akron Law Review* 44 [1]) “[P]rofessional



methodologists have found that anti-spanking studies are often structured to support the researcher’s personal philosophy, instead of being structured to fairly analyze the results of physical discipline.”

I can understand the frustration of counselors who must deal with broken children every day. Anyone would be desperate to place blame, but the leftist predisposition and the misdirected influence of their academic training leaves them with tunnel vision. Their conclusions are not scientifically justified. Their opinions are emotionally driven. Understandable as it is, it is nonetheless inexcusable for the damage it does to children who will not receive traditional training in self-control, accountability, and responsible action.

Survey in a State Prison

In a state prison chapel with 36 prisoners in attendance, I conducted an informal survey. I asked, “How many of you experienced some sort of physical discipline as children?” All but one responded in the affirmative. At this point, one who

was so inclined could say that the survey proves that “hitting children” will result in criminal activity—35 out of 36 were spanked. But I went on to ask how many felt their spankings were justly administered. Twenty-eight felt the spankings they received were just and appropriately administered. Six said they were “beaten” as well. But thirteen said they were not spanked enough. When I asked how many felt that the “spankings or beatings” they received played some part in their crimes, none raised a hand. Since more than 80% of parents spank, one can expect that 80% of all juvenile offenders will have been spanked. However, correlation is not causation or even association.

Scientific Studies

Marjorie Gunnoe, a developmental psychologist at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is not a spanking advocate but is an open-minded researcher, questioned 2,600 people about being smacked. One-quarter of them had never been physically disciplined. The participants’ answers were compared with such behaviors as academic success, optimism about the future, antisocial behavior, violence, and bouts of depression. According to the research, children spanked up to the age of 6 were likely as teenagers to perform better at school and were more likely to carry out volunteer work and to want to go to college than their peers who had never been physically disciplined. “The claims made for not spanking children fail to hold up. They are not consistent

with the data,” said Gunnoe. “I think of spanking as a dangerous tool, but there are times when there is a job big enough for a dangerous tool. You just don’t use it for all your jobs.”

Child psychologist Elizabeth Owens, scientist at the Institute of Human Development at the University of California, Berkeley, conducted a study. She concluded, “If you look at the causally relevant evidence, it’s not scientifically defensible to say that spanking is always a horrible thing. I don’t think mild, occasional spankings in an otherwise supportive, loving family will do any long-term harm.”

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Akron Law Review published a study that examined criminal records and found that children raised where a legal ban on parental corporal punishment is in effect are much more likely to be involved in crime.

Psychologist Aric Sigman states, “The idea that smacking and violence are on a continuum is a bizarre and fettered view of what punishment is for most parents. If it’s done judiciously by a parent who is normally affectionate and sensitive to their child, our society should not be up in arms about that. Parents should be taught to distinguish this from a punch in the face.”

Jason M. Fuller of the University of Akron Law School says that Sweden is “. . . an ideal laboratory to study spanking bans,” for a

generation ago it became the first nation to impose a complete ban on physical discipline. According to Fuller, police reports indicate that since the spanking ban, child-abuse rates in Sweden have exploded over 500 percent. Even just one year after the ban took effect, and after a massive government-run public education campaign, Fuller found that “not only were Swedish parents resorting to pushing, grabbing, and shoving more than U.S. parents, but they were also beating their children twice as often.” After a decade of the ban, “rates of physical child abuse in Sweden had risen to three times the U.S. rate,” and “from 1979 to 1994, Swedish children under seven endured an almost six-fold increase in physical abuse,” Fuller’s analysis revealed. More than half of Swedish schoolchildren are undergoing some sort of therapy in an effort to solve learning problems.

Kenneth Dodge, a professor at Duke University, conducted a long-term study of corporal punishment’s effect on 453 kids, both black



Photo: Elizabeth Spohn

and white, tracking them from kindergarten through eleventh grade. Now that is a scientific study. When Dodge’s team presented its findings at a conference, the data did not make people happy. They found that the more a child was spanked, the less aggressive the child was over time. The spanked black kid was overall less likely to be in trouble. Scholars publicly castigated Dodge’s team, but Dodge and Lansford—both of whom remain adamantly against the use of physical discipline—were so horrified by such questions that they enlisted a team of fourteen scholars to study the use of corporal punishment around the world. The researchers failed to find evidence that spanking had negative effects.

Dr. Diana Baumrind of the University of California, Berkeley, aided by teams of professional researchers, conducted what many consider to be the most extensive and methodologically thorough child development study ever done. They examined 164 families for over a decade, tracking their children from age four to fourteen.

Baumrind found that “spanking can be helpful in certain contexts” and discovered “no evidence for unique detrimental effects of normative physical punishment.” The study also revealed that children who were never spanked tended to have behavioral problems, and were not more competent than their peers as other professionals had suggested.

If we were to adopt the methods of the professionals, reasoning backward from a select group, we could reference “studies” proving our point. For example, USA Today interviewed 29 CEOs of very successful businesses regarding the cause of their success, and in the process discovered that all 29 were spanked as children. Following their methodology we could conclude that spanking will lead to becoming a very successful CEO. Of course that is not a scientific study, and the correlation proves nothing except that spanking does not prevent one from becoming a successful CEO.

So actual scientific studies lend weight to what the Bible says: “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Proverbs 29:15).

All presidents of the United States, including Obama, were spanked as children, as were nearly all senators, congressmen, and military commanders. In a 2011 *USA Weekend*



Photo: Elizabeth Spohn

interview, First Lady Michelle Obama admitted to spanking her daughter Malia once or twice when she was little. Laura Bush told Dr. Phil she did the same to her twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, when they were young.

In a three-way discussion on Fox News, Arthur Aidala says he was “spanked with a belt” and thinks it was a “good idea.” Gretchen Carlson said she “was spanked, but things have changed.” Host Arthur Aidala and Jonna Spilbor, both prosecutors and defense attorneys, said they spank their children as well.

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New York “Study”

On a flight to New York City to appear on TV, the woman I sat next to on the plane said she had spanked her children. The taxi driver said he had “wholopped” the kids when it was needed, and they were all in college now or successful in business. The director of the show said she was spanked and spanked her kids as needed. The make-up ladies and the back-stage hands were all sympathetic

with my position. Only the host of the show and his selected audience thought “all studies confirm that hitting children will cause them to be violent . . .” He had no children, thank God. His husband could not conceive, for obvious reasons. And his star witness, a child psychologist, said that parents “cannot be trusted to exercise corporal punishment” because they are so angry and out of control, indicating that was the reason she could not trust herself to spank.

To Be Fair

If you draw a line through history at the point where spanking was abandoned, you will find that it coincides with significant increases in juvenile misbehavior, suicides, low self-esteem, self-loathing, and a general degeneration of society. You will also discover that where parents give up corporal chastisement, they resort to emotionally abusive methods such as screaming, insulting, and humiliating in order to control aberrant behavior.

However, we are not suggesting that the cessation of spanking is responsible for the increase in juvenile misbehavior and crime. There are many factors, and this is not the place to discuss them. But just as we cannot say that lack of spanking causes delinquency, the progressive cannot say, based on the statistics, that spanking causes delinquency. There are a number of factors contributing to the decline in civilization and to juvenile rebellion and indifference. However, in answer to the progressive claim that

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spanking is responsible for youth misbehavior, if the statistics do speak in regard to delinquency, they would say that the cessation of spanking has increased misbehavior in youth, not diminished it as they suggested would occur with its elimination.

YELLING, THE NEW SPANKING

Ralph Welsh of Clemson University said, “. . . some experts speculate that many families—apparently taking to heart research that indicates spanking can make kids more aggressive, angry, and lead to problems later in life—are instead turning to yelling as a way to control their children.”

Amy McCready, founder of Positive Parenting Solutions, says, “Yelling is the new spanking. It’s sort of the go-to strategy for parents . . . I think (this) definitely is a generation of yellers.”

The *Wall Street Journal* (Sept. 4, 2013) published an article by Andrea Petersen with the attention-grabbing headline, “Study Says Yelling Is as Hurtful as Hitting.” Petersen, referencing University of Pittsburg researchers, says, “Parents who yell at their adolescent children for misbehaving can cause some of the same problems as hitting them would, including increased risk of depression and aggressive behavior”

The Conclusion of the Matter

It is easy to see where things went wrong. For thousands of years, mothers and fathers followed biblical teaching on parenting. When the God-given, time-honored instruction manual was thrown out the window, society began its downward spiral. There is only one remedy: back to biblical basics.

This is half of a new chapter in the 21-year edition of *To Train Up a Child*. The rest of this chapter will be published in the May-June issue of *No Greater Joy*. *

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Prudent but not a Prude

by Shoshanna Easling

My parents were artists, and in between shows they conducted a ministry with men and women in the military—Sailors and Marines—in Millington, TN. I was three years old when the Navy started closing down the base school, and my parents decided to pack up and move all five of us kids to the country. We were outsiders, almost city slickers, who bought a piece of property right in the middle of an Amish community. It was a beautiful place and we learned so much from their culture. We were not Amish, just Bible believers who bought a farm. Even though we did not have rules and regulations governing our dress, we were raised to be respectful of the people around

us. My parents stopped selling their art and tried to sell tomatoes instead, so we were organic-dirt poor. The clothes we did not make we bought at junk stores or yard sales. I learned to work hard and save money.

Dad and Mom had a wonderful marriage. People were always coming to them for marriage and family counseling and for Bible teaching. Mom instilled in us girls that when we married, our husband would be our head and we would be his help meet. She showed us every day what that looked like by the way she loved and worked alongside my dad.

Fast-forward to when I was 19. I married James Easling, a wonderful



man from Washington State. We moved to Pennsylvania for a job and worked together restoring antique carnival rides. We made great money—better than my parents did when I was growing up on the farm. I remember at the mall one time, James wanted to buy clothes for me at the retail price. It was against every thrifty bone in my body. I tried to talk him out of it. I told him they were too expensive, but he said since we are making the money, we can spend it. I cringed but chose the cheapest thing and told him I liked it best. He smiled and picked the nicest thing and bought it along with my cheap selection. It felt wrong to spend the money when I really did not need it. Not only were they expensive, but they were not as conservative as I was used to.

Growing up in an Amish community, I naturally dressed more conservatively for the people

I was around, and, without realizing it, I had built rules of modesty in my mind that were not to my husband's taste. All the things he bought and those that elicited his compliments were tailored clothes. I worked to be his help meet but he was not what I grew up with; my clothes had always been cheap and four sizes too big.

Little by little, I began to realize that I was his but that I was trying to dress for everyone but him. So if he bought something for me, I would wear it for him. He glowed that I was his. He bought it for me, he picked it out, I looked amazing, and I was his. I started to realize that people were not looking at me, they were looking at us. "Look at that couple; they look so happy. That is so rare to see. What is different about them?" I had to let go of everyone else and decide to be his. It is funny because that is when people stopped seeing me, and saw us. We are so much more together.

I have found you can be prudent and not a prude. Money is just money and it will all burn. Clothes are just clothes and they will not last. My job is to be my husband's help meet. Not his leader but his lover. Not his conscience but his confidante. Not his boss but his friend. Not his priest but his pride. We work hard together. We play hard together. We love each other and we still go shopping together! Oh yeah, and we make beautiful babies together. *



Book Review

by Freida Lansing

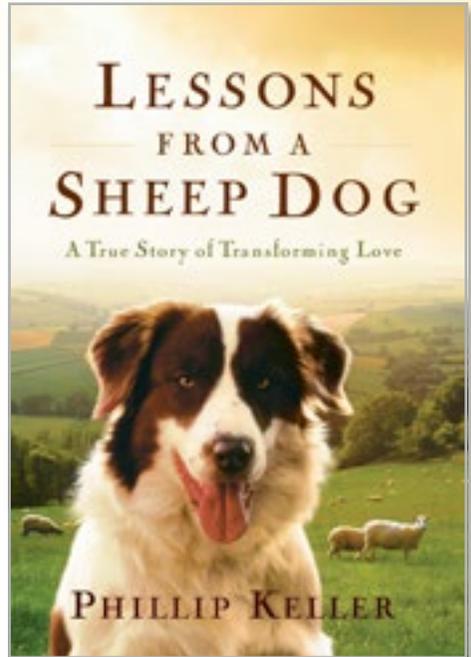
Lessons from a Sheep Dog

Phillip Keller

We absolutely love this tiny, 73-page book. It will wrench your heart (as will all of Keller's books) as you see yourself in it over and over.

This is the true story of Lass the sheep dog who came to live on the sheep ranch as a gaunt and angry dog who had been chained to a short stake because all she did was chase cars and people. She had been so mishandled that all of her original beauty was gone. But one day a stranger showed up (Keller) who saw beyond her flaws and instead saw the magnificent creature she was designed to be. His heart broke and he determined to do all he could to set her free of the self-imposed bad choices that had caused her to be so miserable. But the decision would ultimately be hers. Would she learn to trust him? Your heart will be beating in anticipation of Lass's choice.

This book was given to us when my husband broke his neck in 2013, and rarely have we enjoyed a book so much. I read it to myself with tears streaming down my face while Ken was barely conscious, and I don't cry easily. Then when Ken was past some of the pain but all he could do was lie on the couch and listen,



I read it out loud to him and we both cried. This is one of the most tender pictures of Jesus's care for us that we have ever read. Children will especially love the first part of the story. Keller then applies the spiritual truths of Lass working with her new master to us spiritually, and, believe me, it is rich.

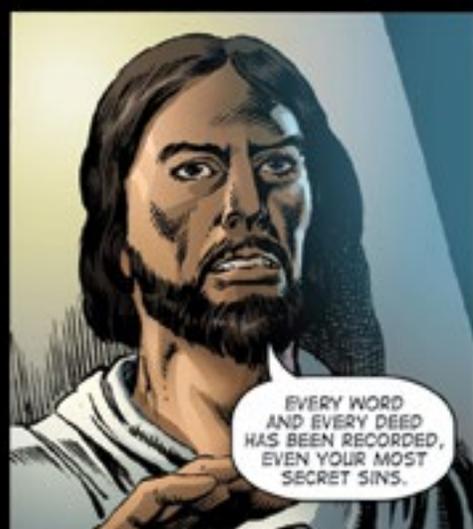
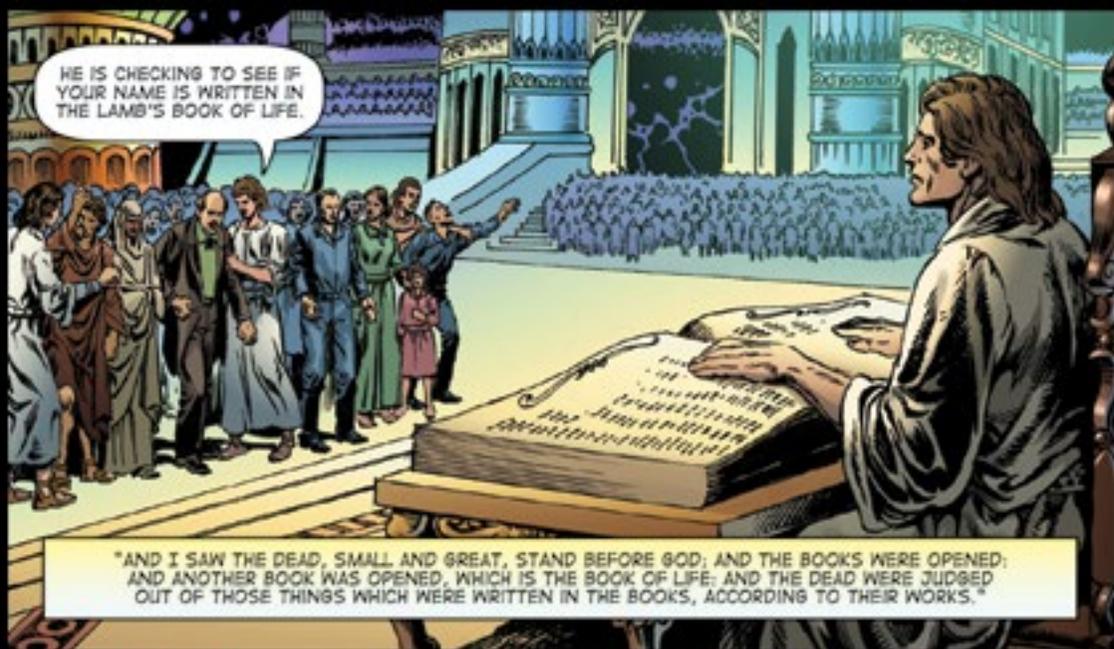
You can generally buy it used from Amazon for a penny or so plus postage. I bought several for Christmas. *

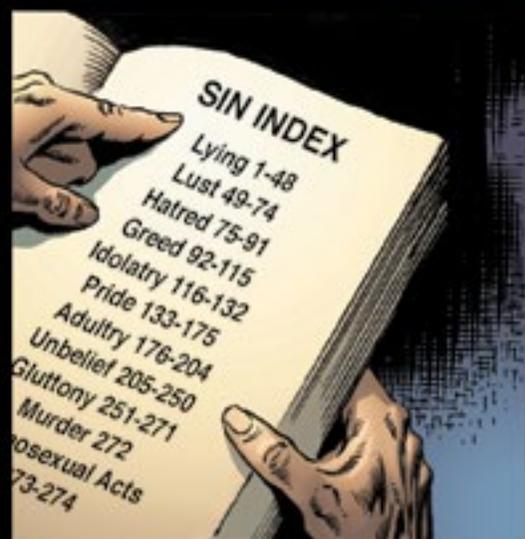
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THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT



HEBREWS 9:27









THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

"JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE."



JOHN 11:25-26





This chapter is available as a separate tract (see page 35 for ordering details).

From Our Mailbox

Prodigal Son is Now a Traveling Evangelist!

Dear NGJ,

My son was once in rebellion and drugs, and you gave us advice, plus we prayed long and hard. He is now traveling the world on a tourist visa witnessing for Christ. He is 28 and single. He started last September in Africa—Tanzania, Kenya, and Egypt. Then he moved through Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Dubai, then on to India and now Nepal. He prays about where God wants him to go and whom to speak to. He often sleeps in very cheap hotels and is trusting God for money. Last week he spent 4 or so days comparing Buddhism to Christianity with a man as they traveled a mountain trek in a monsoon rain. He has had so many adventures and shared Jesus with many who have never heard the gospel. God is so good and I am so constantly amazed at the miracle my son is. Thank you for the faithful ministry you provide. I am grateful.

Love in Jesus,
Debbie



Saved and Proclaiming the Word of God!

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

*About 8 years ago you entrusted me with a copy of **Good and Evil** by Michael Pearl. I asked for this book while I was incarcerated and promised you that one day I would pay you for it. Well today is that day! I have enclosed a money order for \$20.00. Also you will find some information about me and what God has done with me.*

God bless, Ron James

Ron is now a published author, speaker, and proclaimer of the Word of God. Visit his website:

<http://www.ronljames.com/my-story/>



Mosul, Iraq

Twenty-two-year-old Abu Hamzeh slightly shifts the position of his US-made M-16 and silently curses into the wind. His legs hurt, and sweat is dripping down his back. This is one aspect of fighting for ISIS that he absolutely hates. It's 6 a.m. and the hot desert sun has already pushed the temperature over 100°F. Only six more hours and he'll be relieved from his guard post. Abu stares down absentmindedly at the throngs of people hurrying through the marketplace and tries to forget about what happened yesterday evening.

It started out just like any other night that he was off duty—an hour of “free time” was his every evening (provided he wasn't fighting) to do with as he pleased. Sometimes he wrote letters to his parents in Denmark telling of various battlefield exploits or complaining about his living conditions. Other times he would get on Twitter and let his Muslim brothers know about his new life fighting for ISIS. This particular time, Abu happened to be in downtown Mosul (under ISIS control) and was searching vainly with his smartphone for a free Wi-Fi connection.

His phone vibrated and a message popped up: “Wi-Fi network available.” Yes! He quickly tapped connect and then . . . uh, wait. What's the name of that network? Gospel Box? Normally he wouldn't have connected to something like that, but with nothing else available, why not?

Abu never intended to see it, but when he opened up his browser and tried to access Twitter, he found the only page he could access was a website called Gospel Box. A Christian website right on his phone offering free book and video downloads! What the ^@#*\$? Something bright colored on the screen caught his eye and he leaned over slightly to see it better. It was a picture of a man wearing a crown and riding a white horse. In big bold letters it said “*Good and Evil.*” He tapped the picture and his phone instantly started downloading a book . . . Abu knew exactly what he believed; it was just that his curiosity had gotten the better of him. He shook his head and muttered under his breath the *Shahada*¹ “لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُهُ الْيَوْمِ وَالْآخِرِ”

“Come on, Abu, pull yourself together,” he thought to himself. How could that little book he downloaded to his smartphone possibly be true? He had grown up in a strict Muslim home and knew the teachings of Islam by heart. He shook his head in an attempt to clear the stray thoughts from his mind. His hand seemed to move almost involuntarily toward the smartphone he had in his vest pocket. What else did that book have to say?

FINDING NEW FRONTIERS

Baja, Mexico

Amid the incessant noise you hear whenever you ride a “chicken bus,”² Nora Espinosa squeezes her rotund body down into an already overcrowded seat and lets out a sigh. With any luck, she’ll be home to her village in four hours; with bad roads or lots of stops it could be closer to eight. Nora pulls her most treasured possession out of her handbag—a Moto G smartphone—and turns it on. Out on the road there’s no cell coverage but she can still amuse herself playing games. Nora opens up “Subway Surfers” and starts playing . . . She’ll probably beat this game again for the fourth time, but who cares? Besides, what else is there to do? Seven seconds into her game she notices the Wi-Fi icon light up and her phone automatically connects to a free Wi-Fi network onboard the bus. “How is there Wi-Fi out here on this deserted road?” she wonders.

With a few quick taps Nora opens up her web browser and it is automatically redirected to a website she has never seen before, a website called Gospel Box. It looks like an evangelical website that offers free Bibles, books, and videos for download. Hmm. Now this is interesting—finally, relief from the boredom of her trip.

1 The Muslim creed, “There is no god but God; Muhammad is the messenger of God.”

2 A “chicken bus” is the street term for public transport buses. These are typically older U.S. school buses that have been sold at auctions and driven to Mexico for use.

Both the people you just read about connected with their cell phones to a little device called the **Gospel Box**. It streams Christian media to anyone who connects

to it, and all without an Internet connection of any kind. In places where people don’t have access to the Internet, this little box can beam out the message of Jesus Christ 24/7. With over a 100-ft.

radius, anyone with a device capable of connecting to Wi-Fi will be able to download free of charge materials like *Good and Evil* and the



KJV Holy Scriptures. It can also stream multimedia content such as dramatized audio Bibles, the *Are You a Good Person?* video and tract, the *Jesus* film, and any gospel presentation we choose to load.

Over a year ago, NGJ began sponsoring an idea called iMissionaries. We train people how to evangelize online and reach foreign-language groups with the gospel. With iMissionaries we can reach people who are already connected to the Internet, but what about those people who don't have the Internet available? There are many places around the world where smartphones and other Wi-Fi-enabled devices exist, but there is no Internet infrastructure to allow them to connect to the World Wide Web. With the Gospel Box we can target people who aren't online.

We are currently field-testing the Gospel Box. A Chinese language version has been completed, and we sent seven of them with a young evangelist over to China where he will be placing them in strategic locations throughout Beijing. We have great hopes for his success. Compilation is almost finished for the English language version, and we have plans to field test these in major cities around the U.S. It takes an enormous amount of time to build the first Gospel Box in any language: gospel material has to be sorted through and compiled, a website has to be built (on the device), and then the box itself must be reflashed, programmed, and debugged. After

the first one is completed, copies can be made quickly and efficiently.

Other people have had ideas similar to this; however, no one has ever done this cheaply and on a mass scale. Our intentions are to create Gospel Boxes in every language in which *Good and Evil* is available (42 languages at present) and then distribute them where that language is read. We will be providing more info about this project on the iMissionaries website (<http://iMissionaries.org>). For the non-geek we hope to offer a ready-made edition for purchase. For the tech-savvy person we will provide complete DIY instructions on how to purchase the materials and build your own. Lord willing, in the next magazine we will give more in-depth info on this project, as well as real-world results from field-testing.

Interested in getting involved?

Your gifts to NGJ paid for the R&D on the Gospel Box, for the programming/completing of the Chinese version, and to have the boxes sent to China (helping the evangelist with travel costs). To further this project visit <http://imissionaries.org/donate>

Also, if you have technical gifts or access to someone who does, and you want to invest your time in something eternal, email me at jared@imissionaries.org. I specifically need someone with expertise in using OpenWRT, and who is able to program with the C library (Linux). *

The Happy Family

Family Books



**Created to Be His Help Meet
—10th Anniversary Edition!**

What God is doing through this book is amazing! We've received thousands of letters from wives and husbands giving testimony to marriages restored and old loves rekindled.

- 336-page book **\$16.95**
- Box of 24 (40% OFF) **\$215.28**
- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**
- Spanish book **\$14.95**
- Russian book **\$14.95**



The Help Meet's Journey

The Journey is a year-long companion workbook/journal for Created To Be His Help Meet. There are extra pages for your stories, doodlings, and studies.

- 184-page workbook **\$10.95**
- Box of 24 (40% OFF) **\$157.68**



Created to Need a Help Meet

Men know they need their wives sexually, but most don't know they need their wives emotionally, spiritually, and mentally in order to be well-rounded, thoughtful, balanced, and motivated men. You'll be a better man once you come to see the whole truth. Men, this book is for you.

- 245-page book **\$14.95**
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- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**



Holy Sex

A refreshing journey through biblical texts showing that God designed marriage to be the context of erotic pleasure.

- 82-page book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$4.77 ea.**
- Spanish book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
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**In Search of a Help Meet:
Finding the Right One**

Choosing your life's partner is the most important and life-directing decision you'll ever make. This book may save you from making the biggest mistake of your life.

- 250-page book **\$14.95**
- Box of 24 (40% OFF) **\$215.28**
- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**



The BIG Book of Homeschooling

Homeschooling pioneer and veteran Debi Pearl combines her over 35 years of experience and sound wisdom with the input of other successful homeschool mothers in this must-have guide. Includes extensive list of resources for the busy homeschool family library. Illustrated and in full color!

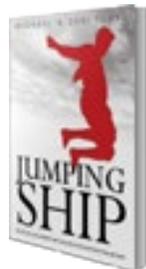
- 288-page book **\$19.95**
- 8-21 copies (25% OFF) **\$14.97 ea.**
- 22+ copies (40% OFF) **\$11.97 ea.**



Preparing to Be a Help Meet

Being a good help meet starts long before marriage. It is a mindset, a learned habit, a way of life established as a young unmarried girl—a perfect study guide for small groups.

- 296-page book **\$19.95**
- Box of 24 (40% OFF) **\$287.28**
- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**
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Jumping Ship

Learn how to keep your children from jumping ship too early.

- 106-page book **\$7.95**
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- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$4.77 ea.**
- DVD **\$12.95**
- Spanish book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$4.77 ea.**



To Train Up a Child

Over 670,000 copies sold in English, translated into many languages. From successful parents, learn how to train your children before the need to discipline arises.

- 122-page book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
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- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**
- Spanish book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$4.77 ea.**
- Spanish Audio (5 CDs) **\$21.95**



Training Children to Be Strong in Spirit

This is not a time for weak spirits. Some call it intestinal fortitude. I call it guts—spiritual guts. The greatest gift you can give your children is to train them to be strong in spirit, courageous, unbending in the face of adversity and temptation.

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Reprints of the first two years of No Greater Joy articles. Covers the subjects of sibling rivalry, pouting, bad attitudes, and much more.

- 104-page book **\$7.95**
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No Greater Joy, Vol. 2

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- 106-page book **\$7.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**
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- Audio book (MP3 CD) **\$12.95**



No Greater Joy, Vol. 3

Covers the subjects of marriage relationships and how they affect children, joy, and much more.

- 103-page book **\$7.95**
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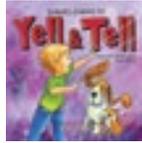


Living Virtuously

Living a virtuous life means learning contentment, choosing joy, and being teachable. Victory and virtue are gifts given to those who persevere on their own journey that God has given no matter what life may bring. In this book, embark on a trail of discovery together with Erin Harrison through Proverbs 31, discovering the traits of a Virtuous Woman.

- 336-page book **\$16.95**

Kids' Books



Samuel Learns to Yell & Tell

A child predator loses his power when he loses his cover. This beautifully illustrated children's book will arm parents and children against predators.

- 40-page book **\$9.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$7.47 ea.**
- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**



Sara Sue Learns to Yell & Tell

Debi's second book in the Yell and Tell series! Join Sara Sue and her little sister as they continue to teach children to yell and tell.

- 40-page book **\$9.95**
- 8-23 copies (25% OFF) **\$7.47 ea.**
- 24+ copies (40% OFF) **\$5.97 ea.**

Family Audio



Alabama Seminar

Michael Pearl speaking on child training. These are geared toward the father's role in the family. Tales of Mike and his sons' wild adventures. Boys love it!

- MP3 CD **\$12.95**



Becoming a Man

This message is for parents concerned about raising their boys up to be men and it is for fathers who never learned to be real men.

- Audio CD **\$6.95**



My Favorite Homeschooling Ideas

Debi discusses her best homeschooling ideas. 20-plus years of accumulated wisdom. A best-seller!

- Audio CD **\$6.95**



Only Men

Michael Pearl speaks directly and frankly to men about their responsibilities as husbands.

Audio CD **\$6.95**

Spanish Audio CD **\$6.95**



Starting Over

The basic message: "Okay, I know I've messed up in child training; now what do I do?"

Audio CD **\$6.95**



Testimony of Darlene Rose

Hear the missionary story of Darlene Rose. Rebekah Pearl listened to these tapes when she was young. She says they helped mold her life toward missions.

MP3 CD **\$12.95**



When Children Die

Do children who die prior to reaching accountability go to heaven? What about stillborn babies, miscarried fetuses, or the two-year-old child who died? You will be thrilled with what God has in store for your departed child.

Audio CD **\$6.95**



Young Adults & Marriage

This message is the story of all five of our children finding their mates.

Audio CD **\$6.95**

God. His messages come highly recommended by all who have heard them.

DVD (135 min.) **\$12.95**



Child Training 101

If you want to introduce child-training principles to a friend, this is the one DVD to give them. It takes the viewer back to the basics of child training. Taught by Michael Pearl. Includes a 25-minute Q&A!

DVD (80 min.) **\$12.95**



Good and Evil: The Animated Series (13 Episodes!)

The graphic novel—now as a professionally-animated video series! Over 7 hours of dramatic content that will engage any viewer, any age.

3-DVD Set (7+ hrs.) **\$29.95**



Making Herbs Simple, Vol. 1

Join Shoshanna and friends as they teach you how to identify and use herbs growing in your own back yard, make poultices, tinctures, and herbal hair treatments, and much more! Includes a full-color, 20-page companion guidebook for helpful reference.

DVD (78 min.) **\$24.95**



Making Herbs Simple, Vol. 2

Making Herbs Simple is a hands-on DVD about herbs. Shoshanna will take you into the wild, teach you to identify herbs, explain what they can be used for, and how to make a remedy out of them. Learn how truly simple it is to use herbs.

DVD (75 min.) **\$24.95**



Homesteading for Beginners Part I

Teaches you basic country-life skills like gardening, raising and butchering chickens, cutting firewood, baking bread, making cheese, and much more. Children love it!

DVD (110 min.) **\$19.95**

Family DVDs



Balanced Patriarch

Today, there is a twisted Christian doctrine preached that justifies not cutting the umbilical cord, all in the name of "Children, obey your parents." When do children cease to be under parental authority? Michael Pearl goes to the Bible and tells you what God has to say.

DVD (60 min.) **\$12.95**



Becoming Tempered Steel

As a young teenager Joshua Steele dedicated his life to serving God and has followed his calling with the force of tempered steel. He came to Cane Creek and addressed the young men on the subject of moral purity and preparation to serve



Homesteading for Beginners Part II

Journey with this family as they share some basic homesteading skills. Learn all about making maple syrup, soda bread, vinegar, yogurt, and a variety of homesteading skills. Geared more for adults.

DVD (149 min.) **\$19.95**



Homesteading for Beginners Part III

More homesteading tips from the former city slickers. Excellent step by step instructions for the novice homesteader.

DVD (120 min.) **\$19.95**



Homesteading for Beginners Part IV

Additional practical applications for those of you wanting to begin your own homesteading adventure. Topics include raising various animals, fencing, gardening, making cheese and soap, canning, sewing, camping and more!

6-DVD Set (8+ hrs.) **\$39.95**



Knife & Tomahawk Throwing For Fun

In this fun-to-watch DVD, renowned knife thrower Michael Pearl teaches the basics of knife throwing. You will learn how to choose the right knife, find the correct distance to stand, and learn how to easily solve common knife throwing problems.

DVD (60 min.) **\$16.95**



Marriage God's Way

Husbands, learn how to sanctify your wife and cleanse her of spots, wrinkles, and blemishes. You have the power to bring your wife into the fullness of all that God intended her to be. Wives, learn the freedom of honoring and ministering to your man. You can help him become all that God intended him to be.

2-DVD Set (184 min.) **\$19.95**

Great White Throne tract

You can be a missionary! No kid will turn down a comic book, especially one of this quality. Sold in lots of 50 only. Buy 500 and let your children give them away in public places. You can rent a table at a flea market and give them away. Use it as opportunity to share Christ to any who will stop and talk. You will be amazed at the conversations it will provoke. Your kids will love it beyond anything and beg to go "preaching" at the flea market. You could take along some G&E books and sell them, possibly recouping your investment in tracts.

\$14.95

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Movers & Shakers

Michael encourages parents to train their children to be tomorrow's movers and shakers. Teach them to become leaders, entrepreneurs, statesmen—the framers of tomorrow.

DVD (50 min.) **\$12.95**



Teaching Responsibility

In this seminar, Michael Pearl uses humorous stories and practical examples to illustrate the simple process of training your children to work without complaint. Cut into his speaking presentation are hundreds of video clips and photos that help illustrate his message. Debi says, "The introduction is just too fun to miss!"

2-DVD Set (119 min.) **\$19.95**



The Joy of Training

Michael and Debi Pearl tell how they successfully trained up their five children with love, humor, the rod, and a King James Bible. This set contains hundreds of snapshots and video clips of family and children, illustrating the things being taught.

2-DVD Set (180 min.) **\$24.95**

Bible Teaching



Verse-By-Verse Audio

Matthew

Michael Pearl describes this book as the last book in the old covenant. A grasp of the book of Matthew is essential to a proper understanding of the New Testament.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Mark

Michael teaches through the book of Mark verse by verse.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Luke

Michael teaches through the book of Luke verse by verse.

MP3 CD \$12.95

John

Every verse is discussed, every critical word examined. Here is doctrinal and practical teaching to enrich your life.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Acts

A thrilling drama of the missionary activities of the early church. From gifts of the Spirit to shipwreck, stoning to death and deadly snake bites to angels opening prison house doors, this is the story of the men who built the church Christ promised.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Romans

Until you know the book of Romans you don't know the Bible. If you have never listened to any Bible teaching by Michael Pearl, this is the place to start. We continually receive testimonies of lives changed and souls saved through listening to this greatest of all New Testament Books.

MP3 CD \$12.95

(See also *Romans Commentary* under [Bible Topics Books](#))

Galatians

Many professing Christians who don't have a personal relationship

with Christ are seeking meaning in Rabbinical Judaism, keeping feast days and Sabbaths, and resorting to using Hebrew words for God and Jesus. Many are "falling from grace" in their attempt to give the law of Moses a place in their daily lives. God gave us the book of Galatians to answer this ancient and now modern heresy.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Ephesians

Practical and Scriptural Bible teaching to encourage the believer. Includes teaching on husbands and wives.

MP3 CD \$12.95

1 & 2 Thessalonians

The Apostle Paul writes to his favorite church, the one that had been faithful under persecution.

MP3 CD \$12.95

1 Corinthians & Colossians

This is a book of radical answers for radical times. If you enjoyed Romans, you need to hear Colossians. Learn about your spiritual circumcision. Two books on one MP3 CD.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Hebrews

This is a book that will bless you like no other. As you study the book of Hebrews, you will not only learn about faith, you will actually have faith built into you by the Word of God.

MP3 CD \$12.95

1 & 2 Peter

Learn about election, adding to your faith, Paradise, the seven baptisms, Christian suffering, corrupt shepherds, and much more. There are more practical teachings in these two letters than one can imagine.

MP3 CD \$12.95

1, 2, 3 John & Jude

The epistle of 1 John is the scariest book in the Bible. He that is born of God sinneth not! Why did the devil try to carry off the body of Moses? Who is antichrist, and why does he deny that Jesus came in the flesh? What is the sin unto death?

MP3 CD \$12.95

Bible Topics MP3s/CDs

2 Steps to Heaven

This is the simplest, clearest, easiest to understand gospel message. It is especially suited for those who have doubts or who are trusting in a confusing mixture of faith and works.

Audio CD \$6.95

50 Sins

Your sins are found in this list.

MP3 CD \$12.95

A-B-C Bible Verse Songs

Beka and some of the kids in the church sing the A-B-C Bible verse songs that her mother taught her when she was growing up. Your little ones will love listening to these songs and learning the 26 Bible verses with the references.

Audio CD \$6.95

Am I Saved?

Three message set: Born Again, Am I Saved? and Repent, discusses the nature of repentance and faith as it pertains to salvation.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Body, Soul, Spirit

These messages are a smorgasbord of subjects. The message begins by discussing the nature of man (body, soul, and spirit – mind, will and emotions) and proceeds with a discussion of the nature of temptation and sin.

Michael then tackles the sovereignty of God and the free will of man, total depravity, and other like issues. A drawing he made during the teaching will also be included.

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Born Sinners, or Made Sinners?

Answers the question, "Are we born sinners, or made sinners by choice?" From Romans 5.

Audio CD \$6.95

Cherubim

This message proves that Michael Pearl does indeed believe some "strange things." Learn about angels and cherubim, strange creatures nothing like traditional paintings.

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Gospel to the Amish

Is a man justified by faith alone or by faith and works? Two messages tailored to the needs of the Amish in particular.

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Prodigal Son

A simple message inviting sinners to repent toward God and be fully accepted into his favor.

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The Rich Man and Lazarus

Fun and serious sermon that will scare and challenge you. It discusses the nature of the dead and the afterlife.

Audio CD \$6.95

Righteousness

Four messages on salvation: The Man Christ Jesus, The Blood, Imputed Righteousness, Saving Righteousness.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Sin No More & Sanctification

Are you still a "Romans 7 Christian"? I assure you, God not only saves his children from the penalty of sin but he saves them from its power as well. Two sets of messages on one MP3 CD.

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Sinful Nature

These messages answer some of the ridiculous teachings of an ancient heresy sometimes called "Calvinism." For too long, Reformed theology has robbed the church of the power of God.

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Sowing and Reaping

Better defined as a sermon than as teaching. It is a truly fun listen with entertaining stories and illustrations, designed to warn the believer that he will reap what he sows.

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Witnesses Unto Me

Three Bible messages on one disc: Ye Shall Be Witnesses unto Me, Great Grace, and Ye Must Be Born Again.

MP3 CD \$12.95

Bible Questions DVDs

50/50 DVD

Unscripted and spontaneous, follow Mike around the farm as he answers your Bible questions. Varied questions and answers in a changing context makes this series captivating.

DVD \$12.95

Bible Topics Books

By Divine Design

If you are philosophically minded, this book will appeal to you. It addresses the question, "Why, God, did you let this happen?"

85-page book \$7.95

8-23 copies (25% OFF) \$5.97 ea.

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Audio book (MP3 CD) \$12.95

Eight Kingdoms

Understand the Bible by discovering the differences between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven.

Book \$12.95

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Good and Evil

A 320-page, award-winning graphic novel depicting the Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation, written by Michael Pearl and featuring spectacular full-color artwork by former Marvel Comic artist Danny Bulanadi. Many more languages available in black-and-white through Print-on-Demand.

320-page book \$24.95

Audio book (MP3 CD) \$12.95

***The Animated Series*
3-DVD Set (7+ hrs.) \$29.95**

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Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

— Isaiah 55:8-9, 11-13

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