

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



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This has been a very busy and fruitful year.

It has also been exhilarating due to the amazing things that I have been learning. On May 22, 2019, I finished writing my newest book, *Create a Better Brain through Neuroplasticity: A Manual for Mamas*. Mike says it is so interesting (full of stories) and so helpful for everyone, that he thinks we will sell five million copies! There is nothing so fine as having a man who has confidence in your work! Our goal is to have the book ready for pre-sales in late August. See page 28 for more information! –Debi Pearl

← Our 8-month-old granddaughter Eden Pearl (daughter of Gabe and Liz). She looks just like her mama, isn't she cute!

The Three Types of MEN JUNIOR-SIZE



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God is dominant—a sovereign and all-powerful God. He is also visionary—omniscient and desirous of carrying out his plans. And God is steady—the same yesterday, today, and forever, our faithful High Priest. Most men epitomize one of these three aspects of God, and with a little study we can begin to see the type of men our boys will naturally be.

 **COMMAND MAN**
 A few men are born with more than their share of dominance and, on the surface, a deficit in gentleness. They are born leaders—we call this type Mr. Command Man.

A Command man expects to be waited on and obeyed. He is strong, forceful, and bossy. A Command man does not have much tolerance.

TRAITS YOU MAY NOTICE IN A YOUNG COMMAND MAN

- Bossy
- Demanding
- Fearless
- Whiner when things don't go his way
- Conqueror
- Bully
- Competitive
- May enjoy playing chess or with army men/superheroes
- Wants to be served
- Enjoys strategizing and creating battles
- Dominant
- Protective

He tends not to share vulnerabilities and feelings, so you are left wondering what he is thinking. He seems to be sufficient unto himself. It is his nature to control. A Command man feels it is his duty and responsibility to lead people, and so he does whether people want him to or not. Because of this, a Command man—especially if he is very young and immature—is often seen as an obnoxious bully. He may balk at being given orders, since he feels he should be the one doing the commanding.

Words of affirmation are meaningful for a young Command man.

If a Command man is to become a benevolent, honest, strong, and fulfilled man of God, he must be given honor. It is very important to acknowledge his accomplishments and not shame or belittle him. Correct him, yes, but do not embarrass him publicly. Words of affirmation are meaningful for a young Command man, so be sure to notice and commend him when he does good things.

COMMAND MAN'S NEEDS

There are two things that a budding Command man needs if he is to become a man after God's heart, and you, parent, are the one to provide them.

First, he must learn that, although he feels he is in charge and is capable of running the show, there is a power higher than he to whom he must willingly subject himself, just as a grown Command man subjects himself to God. He must learn the Christian chain of command and become a willing participant in it.

Second, he must learn that the natural ability to lead others is not permission to run roughshod over them. He must be taught to be benevolent—to use his leadership for the good of others and not for his own glory. One of the first rules of good leadership is that it is not about the leader, but about those being led. Parents can accomplish this by setting an example of good, godly leadership in the home. Those being led must feel they are under a compassionate authority, not a bullying dictator. Remember, more is caught than taught.

MR. VISIONARY

God is a Visionary as seen in his person the Holy Spirit. Prophets, be they true or false, are usually of this type. A Visionary is a shaker, a changer, and a dreamer. He focuses on peripheral issues and tends to have tunnel vision. He loves confrontation and hates the status quo. He often demands things be done “the right way.” This is the boy who will immediately notice if you say we are going to the library, but then choose a route different from the one you normally take.

Mr. Visionary is consumed with a need to communicate with his words, music, writing, voice, art, or actions. He is the “voice crying out in the wilderness,” striving to change the way humanity is behaving or thinking. He will be the first one to tattle when other children are not doing what he thinks they should, or he may take matters into his own hands and try to force them to behave a certain way.

He is an initiator and provoker, never leaving well enough alone.

TRAITS YOU MAY NOTICE IN A YOUNG VISIONARY

- Builder
- Dreamer
- Artist, writer, or musician
- Adventurous
- Loves danger
- Thrill seeker
- Risk taker
- Curious
- Loves to explore and try new things
- Drama queen (king)
- Always plotting and planning
- Calls others out for their inconsistencies
- Demands things be done a certain way



They are full of **ideas, plans, and dreams,** and want to tell you all about them.

He is a trailblazer and a voice to get things done. He is tenacious and insistent, not one to quietly comply.

A Visionary is a shaker, a changer, and a dreamer.

This boy is full of ideas, plans, and dreams, and he wants to tell you all about them. He wants your enthusiastic support, not a critique. No matter how crazy they seem, be excited about his ideas, and then gently steer him in a doable but not-too-tame direction. His curiosity is insatiable and he **MUST** know how things work. He will learn by doing, building, tearing apart, and rebuilding. You can help by providing plenty of old junk for him to build and experiment with: old, broken appliances and radios, scrap lumber and a few hand tools. This is the boy who enjoys learning survival skills, and his creativity in building a shelter or small animal trap may amaze you. He will build elaborate forts if given enough junk and a few trees near each other.

VISIONARY'S NEEDS

The Visionary boy needs good, wise, stable parents who have a positive outlook on life. He needs to feel his ideas have merit, even if they never come to pass. He needs you to be flexible enough to allow him some “crazy” within the bounds of safety. Strap a helmet on this boy’s head and let him test his three-wheeled go-cart on the steep hill out front. He will soon learn the stabilizing benefit of four wheels.

A Visionary must always be doing, so do not allow boredom. Keep a steady supply of junk and simple tools,



He needs you to be flexible enough to allow him some "crazy" within the bounds of safety.

have an old set of how-to books available, and plan plenty of family adventures. There are free options whether you live in the country or the city—make it your goal to find them. Keep art, music, and writing supplies handy. Have the children turn a Bible story into a full-fledged play with props, costumes, and a script, and invite the neighbors and grandparents. Record it on video to share with others. Indulge the Visionary’s insatiable need for creativity and discovery while teaching him to stop and consider the safety of his plans. Let him burn out on things that are not wise, but don’t throw water on his fire. Let him find his own balance by bumping into hard

realities, but always remain supportive and enthusiastic. You may be raising the next Thomas Edison.

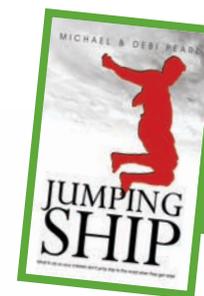
MR. STEADY

God is as steady as an eternal rock, caring and faithful, like a priest—like Jesus Christ. Many boys are made in this image. The Steady boy does not make snap decisions or try to tell other people what to do. He avoids controversy and quietly complies with the demands of others. He is a people pleaser. He is often described by his mother as a sweetheart, a snuggler, or a servant. For better or for worse, he is a follower.

How do we keep the calm sweetness while building the leader?

The Steady boy will likely sit back and watch all that is going on around him, without comment and without adding fuel to the fire. He will allow others to take his toys without much protest, and he will happily trail along

after more dominant personalities, willing to do their bidding without arguing. He will not stand up for his rights, and of the three types, he is the most likely to be bullied. He will play quietly by himself and may occasionally be forgotten because he doesn’t cause a ruckus. He often wants to help in whatever you are doing, even if it is baking, cleaning, or sewing. He loves to be a servant.



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MR. STEADY'S NEEDS

Because a Steady boy is happy in his little self-built comfort zone, he needs parents who are willing to gently push him out of his bubble. It would be very easy to let him remain as he is—a sweet, lovable follower—but we are talking about raising men here,

TRAITS YOU MAY NOTICE IN A YOUNG MR. STEADY

- Sweet
- Compliant
- Nurturing
- Loving
- Snuggler
- Servant
- Encourager
- Helper
- Responsible
- Likes schedules and predictability
- Follower
- Content
- Dependable
- Not given to extremes





Wisdom is knowing what you got when you had that boy and learning to work with him as he is, not as you want him to be.

men who will one day be required to lead their family and maybe more. So how do we keep the calm sweetness while building the leader?

Do not be upset if he doesn't have strong opinions, but do be patient and encouraging.

Begin by encouraging your Steady boy to develop opinions. Help him work through the issues in his mind and know what he thinks and why. Do not be upset if he doesn't have strong opinions, but do be patient and encouraging. Mother, as much as you love your little snuggler, make sure your Steady boy spends time with men doing men's work. He needs that manly influence so he doesn't turn into an emotional mama's boy. Remember to consider what is best for your boy, not what is comfortable or pleasing for you. Always praise his efforts to be a little man, and provide opportunities for him to take the lead and be the protector.

TRAINING LEADERS

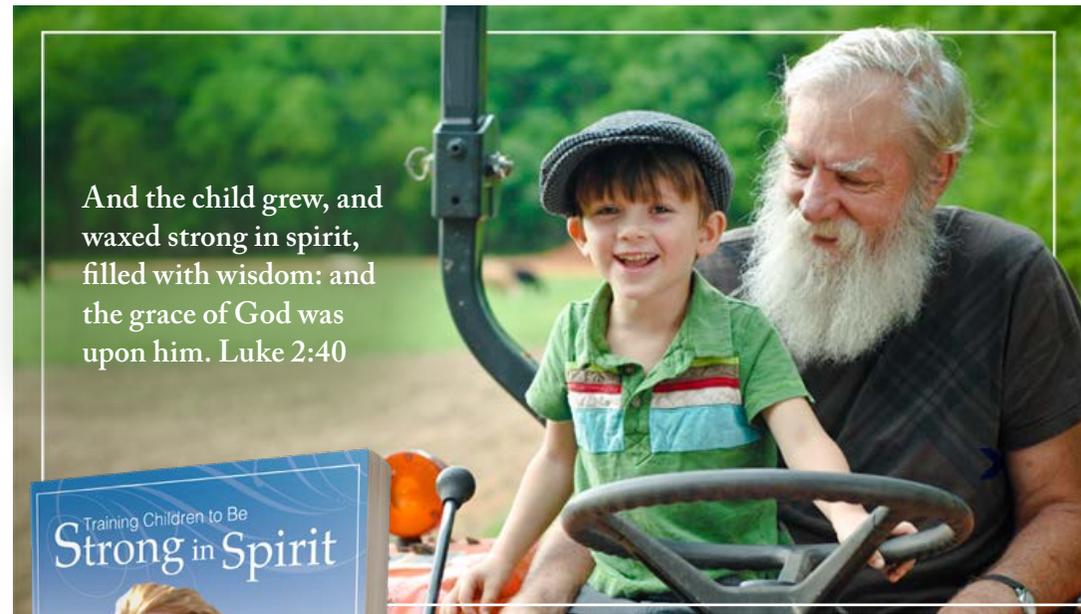
Give all boys opportunities to make decisions that will affect others: What shall we have for lunch? What Bible story will we read before bed? What chore should we do this afternoon

that will help Daddy? This will help each boy in a different way: Command man will learn to consider what is best for the whole group; Visionary will learn to consider those he is leading before he makes a snap decision; and Steady man will learn to make a decision, period. Remember that you are raising the next generation of leaders, and leaders of all types must be trained to lead well.

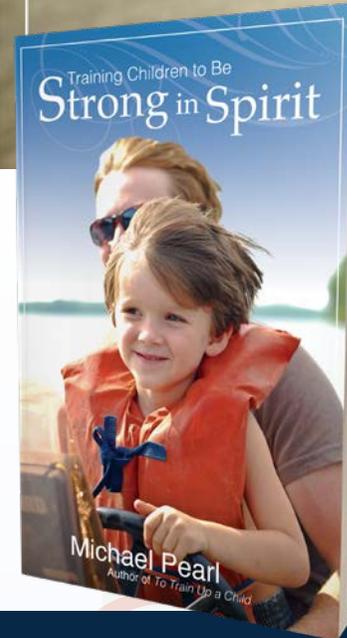
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Leadership is most often defined as the influence we have on others, so it is easy to see that it can be either positive or negative. The first rule of leadership is the same as the first rule of parenting: more is caught than taught. Military leadership classes stress that 80% of leadership is your personal example (1 Peter 5:2-3).

Be careful about the kinds of role models you set before your sons (and daughters). Children are like little sponges soaking up everything they see, hear, and experience. Think about some popular children's entertainment: The Flintstones, The Jetsons, The Berenstain Bears book series. If your children are fed a steady diet of these, they will grow up thinking



And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40



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1. Grew/increased in stature
2. Waxed strong in spirit
3. Filled with/increased in wisdom
4. Grace of God was upon him
5. In favor with God
6. In favor with man



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daddies are inept and foolish and mamas always fix the messes that daddies make. Never underestimate the power of outside influences.

Finally, it is important for boys to have a biblical view of what leadership is and is not. Do a study of Bible leaders with your children:

Adam, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Saul, David. Learn from the good and bad kings. Compare Paul and Peter, Timothy and John. Let the children examine their character, their successes, and their failures. Learn together how to be good leaders. ■

An Encouraging Word...

Dear Michael & Debi,

We are a family that has been greatly influenced through your faithful ministry. My husband first heard of your child training books before we were married. After reading them, he was certain that he knew exactly how to raise up the “perfect child.” 😊 We married about 16 years ago. Our marriage was less than ideal. We had not realized that we were not born again Christians. Hubby was enslaved to sin and was requiring me to “appear religious,” and I was growing in bitterness and resentment, even though we professed Christianity. After six years of marriage we had three children and were following your teachings on child training. I read the *Help Meet* book, but still something was missing. We were miserable.

Michael’s CDs on *Romans* really spoke to my husband, since he had no victory over sin. He then “examined himself” to see if he was “in the faith.” He was not! Long story short, he found Jesus and was born again, then proceeded to lead me to the Lord shortly afterwards. Our marriage was completely turned around! We were new creatures. Everything was new and exciting! At the time we were also members of a Christian cult that we have since denounced, and then were forsaken by friends and family. Shortly after our conversion, we visited your church in Tennessee (we are from Oregon) for two weekends. Michael baptized both me and my husband! Thank you for doing that!

We have experienced big trials, but God has made sure to bless us bigger than the trials. There is not enough time to tell you of all the impossible victories, healings, and such we have experienced in our walk with Christ.

Our family is doing well, we have eight children, and our home is happy, healthy, and “wealthy enough.” 😊

May God bless you. Thank you for sticking to the truth in Christ when so many are “falling off the deep end.”

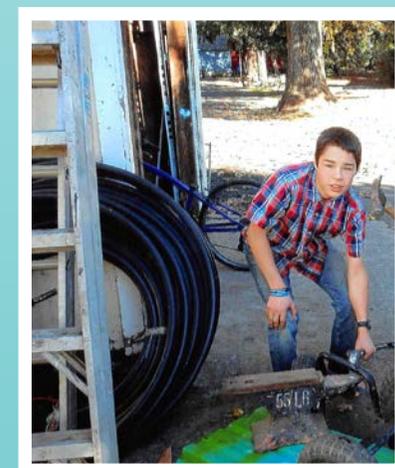
We are strong in Christ partly because of your testimony. God is praised. Just wanted to let you guys know there are some people out there doing well and growing in grace, fighting the heavenly battle right alongside you.

Love in Christ,
The Micah Family

PS. My husband has been free from sin for over ten years now and is pastoring a local church.

PPS. My hubby often says you guys would love our family. We have six very “busy” boys and two adventurous girls!

These are candid pictures of our family from the past year ⇨



For God
is not unrighteous to forget
your work and labour of
love, which ye have shewed
toward his name, in that
ye have ministered to the
saints, and do minister.
Hebrews 6:10





THE CHANCE

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The chance of your child becoming a professional athlete is 1 in 120,060.

The chance of your child standing before Jesus Christ:

100%.

Parents, are you spending as much time preparing your child for what WILL happen as you are for what likely WON'T happen? I'm telling you this as a fact: The spiritual training you received as a child is not sufficient for the world they are about to inherit. While millions of Muslim parents throughout the Middle East are putting their children through 40+ hours per week of training in the Quran, Christian parents expect sixty minutes of coloring Noah's Ark in Sunday School to be sufficient. While it is not a numbers game, it is an intentionality game. Ephesians 6:4 tells fathers to raise up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Proverbs continues with, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Men, are you training your children? Are you teaching them the word of God? The battle for your child's heart in this world is fierce and the enemy is playing for keeps. The preparation for sports and music and hobbies is fine, just make sure these pursuits never overshadow their preparation for eternity.

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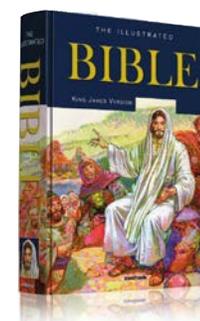
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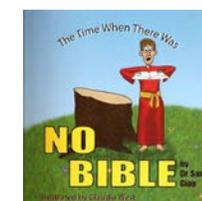
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From our MAILBOX

Dear Mike and Debi Pearl,

I wanted to share a story with you about my teenage son, Daniel, because you share in the eternal rewards for his testimony.

Daniel was able to buy a nice truck at 16 years of age because he has worked hard for many years. He wanted to take care of a few items on the truck that needed repair so he drove to the local auto parts store.

As he was getting the necessary parts from the store, the middle-aged cashier noticed Daniel's phone when it rang. He said mockingly, "How old are you, boy?" My son replied that he was sixteen. The man went on to say that he had a sixteen year old son and his son wouldn't be caught dead with "a dinky phone like that."

I figured, as Daniel was relaying the story to me, he was about to say he sheepishly put his little Tracfone away, paid for his items, and got out of there, BUT that is not what happened!

He looked at the man and said, "Sir, would you like to know WHY I have this "dinky" phone? The man answered, "yes." Daniel proceeded to tell him respectfully that other phones—like his son had—had filth and things on them that can destroy a man's life and that he didn't want any part of that!

To say the least, the man was dumbfounded! He replied very soberly, "Wow, I wish my son thought that way ... your parents must be very proud of you."

Needless to say, I was and am very proud of him. I told him, "Son, it's people like you that can change the world by unashamedly proclaiming the truth."

God bless you both for being some of those "world changing" people. You have boldly proclaimed truth and given many warnings. We are eternally grateful for the impact you have had in our family's life.

-LW



SNEAKY KIDS, NAIVE PARENTS

By Shalom (Pearl) Brand

Ever wonder why some kids are so sneaky?

Remember the saying "Don't get caught with your hand in the cookie jar"? The thing that concerns me is not that children might be sneaky and indulgent; it is that most parents are so naive as to believe their children would never consider acting deceptively!

I remember when I was growing up, friends and siblings tended to be sneaky. It bothered my soul! I would get so upset when they would sneak around even though they were not really doing anything super wrong. The point was they were sneaky about it. Because of this, I made an early decision that I would be honest in my

dealings, not only when told "No, don't do this or that," but also in what God thought and expected of me. I wanted to walk in truth.

When I became a mom, I gave special attention to training my children to be open and forthright. I wanted honest children, not perfect children. I wanted open and humble children, not perfect children. I wanted hardworking children, not perfect children.

For us to expect our children to be these things, we must lead by example. If you say, "No, you can't have chocolate," yet you buy chocolate and

secretly eat it, you can expect your kids to sneak it when you're not looking. You are training them in the art of sneakiness.

They will do as they see, not as they are told.

My brother Gabe told me about something Jocelyn, his first baby, did that taught him the sneaky lesson. He said they avoided giving her anything sweet, but they both loved chocolate. One day they were secretly eating a large chocolate bar while riding in the car. Jocelyn was only about 18 months old, so they were sure she wasn't aware of what they were doing. When they pulled into their drive, Jocelyn suddenly closed her eyes as if she were asleep, although they wondered why she appeared to be faking sleep. Gabe left her undisturbed with the car running and a baby monitor active as he unloaded the groceries and put everything away. After about ten minutes, he went to check on her and found her happy as a lark and covered in melting

chocolate. Her grin was one of obvious victory. She had outsmarted her daddy. It was hilarious that an 18-month-old baby had pretended to be asleep in order to wait for the perfect time to find the hidden chocolate bar. But it was also sobering to realize that he was training her to be sneaky.

They will do as they see, not as they are told.

Many parents make this mistake. I am neither condemning eating chocolate nor endorsing it; I am simply using it to illustrate a principle. I have seen good families say no candy, no sugar, no chocolate. Around them, all the other children are eating junk while these children are looking on with longing. *"When lust hath conceived..." (James 1:15)* and Mom and Dad are not looking, the kiddos will steal a piece of candy tucked out of sight. They learn quickly how to do a clandestine raid and then hide. Parents sit bragging about how wonderful



it is that they have chosen to not eat these bad foods, yet they just turned their child into a thief and they are naive as to what is happening right in front of them!

Sneaking a candy or a toy is not a big deal . . . or is it? The Bible tells us in 3 John 1:4, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."* When I was a child, it was a popular verse in our home. Sneaking is the antithesis of walking in truth. If a child reaches his teen years with sneaky habits, it is indeed a big deal. Sneaky teenagers with clueless parents will shipwreck.

You are training them in the art of sneakiness.

Many parents simply do not believe that their wonderfully obedient and wholesome child—with whom they have a completely "open relationship"—would look at porn. Parents have no idea what modern porn portrays. Even on small-children's sites or searches, one click can lead to graphic group homosexuality. The advertisers change constantly, so it is impossible to guard against. My mom's new book, *Create a Better Brain through Neuroplasticity: A Manual for Mamas*, shows how scientists, through the use of scans, have proven that porn literally shrinks the brain and kills the conscience. For a young developing brain this can be devastating mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually.

How to create honest children? Be honest! Be humble! Be hard working!

As a child, I remember sitting

at the table staring at a chocolate bar someone had given us. It was suppertime and Mom was working to get the table set. The bar was on the table and my sister and I both wanted it. My dad, instead of saying no you can't have it, to my shock said, "Now that it is out, I can't say no to eating it." He opened it and broke it up for all of us to have a bite. Later when I had my own first child, I was visiting my parents. Janelle Grace was just a baby. There were some sweets on the table I tried to hide, but she saw them and began to ask and cry for them. My first thought was to take them away and train her to not cry for them, but to my shock Dad said, "Too late! We left them there, so don't hide them. Give her a bite!" Now, as an experienced mama, I understand why it is better that a child have a sweet here and there than to train one to lust after it and sneak it later.

Proverbs 29:15b says, *"...but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."* Children that are left to themselves have a higher risk of being sneaky. I trust my children and know I have a good relationship with them, but I also have a mirror phone connection so that their phones are mirrored on mine and they know I see everything they write or see. I hold them accountable and they can see my phone so they can hold me accountable. I can't eat chocolate without them knowing and sharing.

I have also learned that idle hours leave time for mischief. Having a lot of work, creative play, and planned projects to do is key in causing a child to have a productive life and is also

key in developing what are called executive skills—good life training. A productive, hardworking life causes a child to be busy and to have a good attitude. Work should not be slave labor, but fun work—with Mom and Dad! Again, this means we are an example! It's what we do, not what we say! I know lots of children only do their chores and that's it. They finish those and they are free. Now, I am an organizer and love the order of lists. But when they finish their list, then what? It leaves the children with a lot of open time. If they are asked to help a sibling, you hear "that's not my chore! I already did mine!"

I HATE that attitude! I know it's a strong word, but it is so wrong!

We must raise servant leaders! What do I mean?

Imagine children that are looking actively to fill needs and asking, "Who can I help? Who needs me? Who can I serve?"

To do this I first gave them the love of working by having them work

with us from their very first months of life. They were never too small and never in the way. My parents raised us children that no matter what they were doing, we were a part of it. Now I have my children do all my work with me. They love working. I praise them all the time, encouraging them and bragging on them. I give them worth, value, responsibility, and a purpose. They feel needed and loved and wanted. They know they are a part of the team. There is no time to be sneaky or lazy. It is a full-time job, but it is what parents are required to do.

My children are serving and giving, and that makes a joy-filled life. Learning to be a servant leader is learning to be like Jesus.

Be honest so your children will have an honest example. Be hardworking and bring them along with you in all that you do. Don't be clueless about this filthy world you are raising your children in. The enemy is not without, he is within. Watch and pray. ■



Put Your Eyeballs on Me

By Debi Pearl

A mother wrote a short note on Facebook that caught my attention. She said her 4-year-old son was playing on the climbing bars while at the park when he shouted to his mom, "Put your eyeballs on me!"

Mother thought it was amusing. "I have my eyeballs on you."

"NO," he responded demandingly. "I can't see your eyeballs on me. Take your sunglasses off."

The need in a child's soul for you—his parent—to look at him is overwhelming. This is his soul hungering for love that says, "You are mine and my eyes are on you." No other person can satisfy this need.

This evening I went to the park to swing. Swinging hard 50 times back and forth is good exercise for a senior citizen and it helps loosen up my neck. I go most every day for a

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5- to 10-minute swing. As I rushed to the swing set, I passed a dad sitting on the park bench. He was looking intently at his cell phone. There on the climbing bars was his 4-year-old son, climbing while constantly looking over his shoulder at his dad to see if his “eyeballs were on him.” I could see disappointment in the little guy’s face as his shoulders slouched and he sat still. My grandma instinct got the better of me: I hit the lazy dad violently over the head with my fanny-pack and told him to get his sorry self over there to play with his son.

Actually, I didn’t really hit him, but I did think it real hard in case he had the gift of telepathy. Instead, I gently and sweetly said like the nice old lady that I am, “Your son would like his play a whole lot better if you climbed with him.” The dad didn’t take offense, nor did he take the obvious hint, but mumbled, “Yeah, well...” and down his eyeballs went

to the phone as if glued to the screen.

That guy is one dumb dad and someday he will be so sorry.

Face-time to a child is like sunshine to a flower or rain to parched soil. Jesus said, *“The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light...”* (Luke 11:34).

In recognition of their need, Jesus said of little children who have died, “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10). If Jesus, busy with running the universe and caring for the church, takes time out to put his eyeballs on dead, departed infants and small children, why would we pass up the opportunity to do the same with those in our care? We tend to look at our treasure, and “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21). ■

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A Peek BEHIND THE SCENES

Working at No Greater Joy is not a job; it's a ministry. Everyone that helps us is called by God to this ministry. I want to introduce our team to you and let them share how they came to be part of No Greater Joy Ministries. We are profoundly thankful that God has raised up such a dedicated group of servants to aid us in the work he has called us to do.

THEA

I was born in Germany and moved to the USA with my family in 2010, because of the freedom to homeschool. Coming to the USA was a culture shock, but I have grown to love the community and my church here so much that I wouldn't consider trading it for the beautiful scenery and climate of Germany. I was saved 6 years ago and started working for NGJ in 2015. I couldn't ask for a better team to work with or boss to work for and feel blessed indeed.

Debi says: This summer Thea is taking a 6-week trip back to Germany, and also to Greece to work with Syrian refugees.



J.D.

I was raised in a Bible-believing, homeschooling family, and got saved as a young kid. A year ago, I moved here to be NGJ's tech man. I know that God raised me up to fill this position, and I'm so blessed to be serving God in full-time ministry here. I also love studying God's word in my spare time, and enjoy teaching and preaching.

Debi says: Mike says anything he forgets that he once taught, he can ask J.D. because J.D. knows everything! He grew up listening to Mike's Bible messages.

KAREN

God saved me 35 years ago after I had faked being a Christian for a few years. When I finally saw myself the way God saw me, I knew I needed what only he could give. Ben and I have been married 35 years. We have five grown children plus spouses and a growing herd of sweet grandbabies. I blog occasionally at BeyondMomLife.com. I do the copyediting and proofreading for NGJ, and Ben and I help answer emails.

Debi says: Ben and Karen are almost like our own children! We have loved them so long and so well, and we are so thankful they are standing behind us in ministry.



TIM

I was raised learning Bible stories and the Gospel from an early age. It was because of my parents that I got saved around age 8. Before having our own kids my wife and I moved to Hawaii where I eventually met Nathan and then Gabriel Pearl who asked me to work as the bookkeeper of their metal business. Later they suggested me to their parents for the job of General Manager of NGJ. My wife and I now have four kids 4 and under and I've been at NGJ now for two years. It's a great place to be.

Debi says: When Mel (our previous General Manager) retired, I panicked! But Gabriel and Nathan felt very confident that their guy from Kauai was the man for the job. It was a divine encounter.



EMMA

I'm the 2nd born of 10 children. We have lived in TN for 5 years. I have been apprenticing with Thea for several months now. I'm doing the prison ministry and shipping. I have been a Christian since I was 10 years old. I'm so grateful for my parents' Godly example. I really enjoy being a part of the NGJ team.

Debi says: It is refreshing to see young people who are seeking the Lord and want to be a part of ministry. Emma is delightful!



CHRIS

I grew up in a Christian home and was saved at the age of 12. My wife, six children and I moved to TN from PA almost two years ago. Life sure is different around here, but all for the better. I'm the Bookkeeper here at NGJ and also help out with other small tasks as they arise. The team is the best and I thank the Lord daily for this fantastic "job."

Debi says: You will read about Chris in my new book! He's such a phenomenal father, one Sunday as I watched him interact with his 3-year-old daughter, it almost made me want to jump up and kiss his balding head! (Don't worry, I'm old enough to be his grandma... well, almost!)



MEGAN

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home and understand my need for a Savior at a young age. As a Yankee transplant I'm slowly becoming acclimated to Tennessee's southern culture after moving here four years ago. (Y'all want sweet tea or soda?) At NGJ I do the graphic design/marketing... I have the best job in the office, and an awesome team to minister with daily!

Debi says: Megan is my brains and my confidante. She is superb at being discreet, and wise. I'm thankful for every blessing that has come her way!

The NGJ Office



Give Him Some Slack, Not Flack

By Debi Pearl

This past week, a woman came to me troubled in her spirit. She is a nice, older woman, well dressed, educated, and well past the age of needing guidance. What she told me was fascinating as well as eye opening, so I wanted to share it with you.

Growing up she had two brothers. The older brother was definitely a king type, and the younger was a gentle, loving priest type. The older, whom I will call Tom, loved to study the Bible, preach, teach, and lead a crowd to be involved in ministry, but he was often rude, impatient, and not gentle or kindly. And to her, he seemed arrogant.

She told me that she had greatly resented Tom, and for years she had criticized him anytime someone

spoke highly of his Bible teaching or preaching. She said she was almost disgusted that he had a good marriage and raised great kids who grew up to adore him, and that he enjoyed a fruitful ministry all his life. Thankfully, God opened her eyes to her critical, unthankful heart and gave her a new heart. I will never forget the look of total bewilderment as she looked at me eye-to-eye and said, "I have no idea why I felt he should be the overall perfect man, especially when my life was such a mess." Her nasty attitude toward him had tainted her life, as all nasty attitudes do.

Her revelation is one many wives need to experience. Almost every woman has this built-in expectation that her man must be what she thinks

he should be, and when he is not she is hurt, irritated, frustrated, or annoyed. But men are who they are, and no amount of hurt will make them a different man.

One man likes to do things—lots of things—in a hurry. He is a man of action. But his wife doesn't appreciate being rushed and takes his rushing as a personal offense. She stays frustrated, hurt, and over-worked because she thinks he is putting her under pressure to always have a meal ready when he wants it ready or he will just pick up something in town. Sweet is not the way I would describe their relationship because she wants him to be what she wants. Not gonna happen! This wife needs to learn to appreciate his drive and rearrange the structure of her life in order to accommodate him. Have meals ready-made in the oven or fridge, so if he is in a hurry he can grab something and run out the door. His not wanting to stay and eat at home is not a crime. Give him some slack. Teaching the children to move quickly and even keeping a set of clothing in the car so they can dress on the run would minimize tension.

Men are who they are, and no amount of hurt will make them a different man.

Another man likes to take it easy and is not bothered by things left undone. He is happy to sit around playing with the kids or just hang out. He is never offensive and is always available to give comfort. But Wifey is so irritated with the broken kitchen door that she doesn't enjoy his presence at

all; and to top it off he will not lead them in devotions. Instead of learning to do some simple repair jobs, the wife spends her entire marriage griping. If she steps up to learn how to do a few things, she will feel good about herself and he will be proud of his woman. There will be peace.

My dad got saved when he was almost 40 years old. I remember it well even though I was only 9. He was a nasty drunk, harsh on us children. The change in his life when he came to know the Lord was remarkable, but he still had episodes when he was mean. My mama was the queen of giving him slack. He always felt like a fool after a blow-up, and she knew he would. She would say to us kids, "Your daddy is working overtime again tonight. He is one of the hardest working men in this county." It made me proud. She didn't feel offended when he wasn't the overall perfect man. She was honest with herself and with us kids; there were times when she wasn't the perfect human being either.

When I look around at the marriages that are really sweet, I see that the lady of the house cuts her man some slack. There are things I see in almost every one of these husbands that would irritate me, but it's not my business; if she thinks he is Mr. Fine, then good.

The same nasty attitude that the sister spoke of concerning her older brother is often seen in churches. There will always be a pastor that forgets to say something nice to the old ladies, or is rude, or handles something insensitively. The gentle, kind, and loving person will be hurt. They

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will take their sorrow to someone else, and together the two tender people will talk of the "ungodly" response of the pastor. They will share their pain with others, and others will totally agree that the pastor is insensitive and should repent. Just like the sister who judged her older brother for 60 years, they will be in a constant state of nasty attitude and they will share it with anyone that speaks highly of the pastor. The root of bitterness will defile many. It will never occur to the tender-tail gripers that

they are not the perfect people they expect the pastor to be. Tell me: who then is the greater sinner?

Now, Wife, back to you: Who then is the greater sinner?

Giving slack is just acknowledging that he deserves to be allowed to be who he is. And in doing so, you will have a much happier life as you appreciate his good points. It is also helpful if we first take the beam out of our own eye before we start digging into his eye...we see clearer when we do. ■

COMING SOON...

AUGUST 2019



Neuroplasticity is the study of how the brain changes itself, not just accommodating new knowledge, but actually changing its own structure, for better or worse, in response to how we use it. Scientists have known for some time that the brain's structure is remarkably organized, and they've mapped the brain's layout, but only more recently have they realized that this layout is changeable. For instance, different parts of the brain correspond to different functions of the body: one tiny spot is the area that causes the pinky finger to function, and another next to it controls the ring finger, and so on. If the pinky area of the brain is damaged and no longer able to send a signal to my finger, the pinky doesn't function. But through neuroplasticity the brain can remap itself, meaning it learns to use a different area of the brain to cause the pinky to work like normal. Now, apply this principle of remapping to mental illness, strokes, seeing, hearing, or speech problems, low IQ, deformed brain, autism, old-age memory loss, brain injury . . . and the list goes on.

Neuroplasticity is being used to help train policemen's and firemen's brains to see and react 30 percent faster and more effectively, saving lives. It is being used to educate willing prisoners to change their attitude to one of respect, patience, and

dignity, drastically reducing prison violence. It is being used with children who previously could not learn. In some countries it is being used in every school, and their level of excellence has surpassed the rest of the world. Literally, with the aid of neuroplasticity the blind are being trained to use a different area of their brain to see!

Neuroplasticity was discovered quite by accident in the 1970s by two brothers who were trying to help their father, a stroke victim. The idea was so far off what had been the accepted medical consensus taught in every textbook that the very idea of neuroplasticity was ridiculed and completely

rejected by all medical scientists . . . that is, until the truth could not be denied. By the late 1980s, thousands of new research programs were set into place using all kinds of therapy to see what worked best in helping the brain reprogram itself. My new book *Create a Better Brain Through Neuroplasticity: A Manual for Mamas* introduces, through personal stories as well as quotes from the world of science, what is happening through neuroplasticity that you can use to make your life and that of your children better. The book is full of God's Word and his promises, admonishment, and encouragement. Clearly, God said it first and science is now catching up.

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*Ponder the path
of thy feet,*



and let all thy ways be established.

Proverbs 4:26

I pondered as I sat watching my little one walk carefully over the warm rocks after wading through the cold spring water. I saw his careful concentration on where each foot would settle and his pride at being able to tackle such a hard path.

I know that during his life he will face ups and downs. There will be hard rocky paths to cross, smooth soft sand, and a few deep waters. My goal is to cultivate wisdom, understanding, and the knowledge needed for each step he will take through his life.

If you want this for your little ones, I leave you with these tips:

- **Start now! Don't wait to train or cultivate wisdom. Start now when their steps are short; then when they are long, your children will bring you joy, not dishonor.**
- **Pray for them to gain wisdom.**
- **Create opportunities where you can help them overcome little obstacles. This will prepare them for the bigger ones.**

Life is full of mountains. Right now your children are small and trusting you to help them climb the little hills. Help them do it, but don't do it for them—a big parental mistake—and when they are grown they will climb the mountains alone with wisdom and confidence.



—Shalom (Pearl) Brand

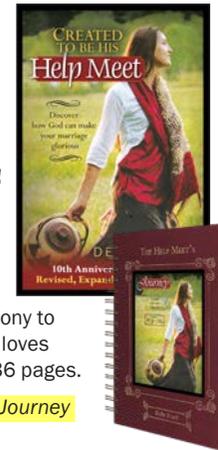
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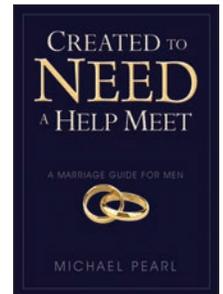
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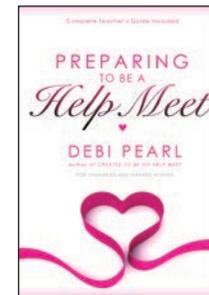
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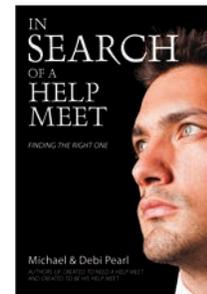
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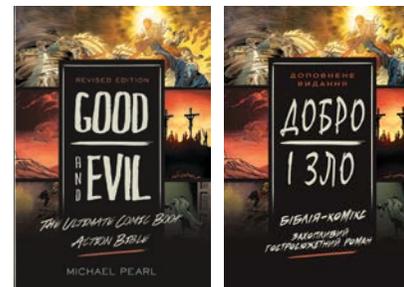
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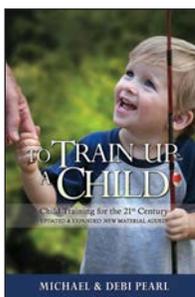
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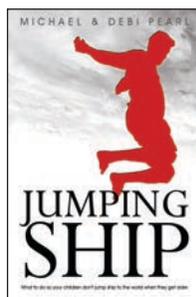
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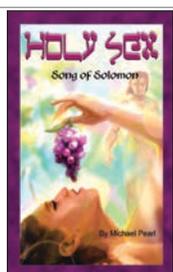


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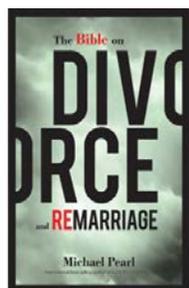
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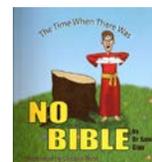
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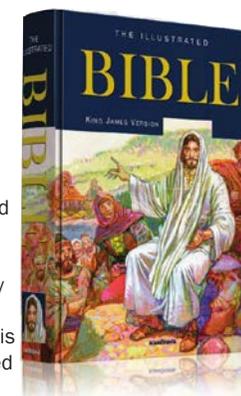
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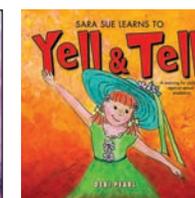
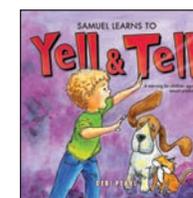
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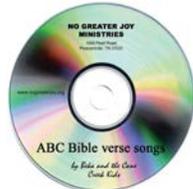
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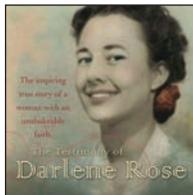
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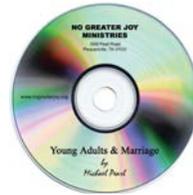
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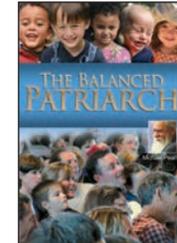
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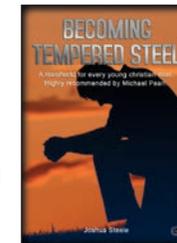
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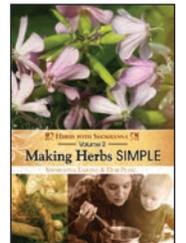
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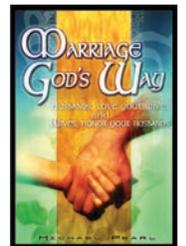
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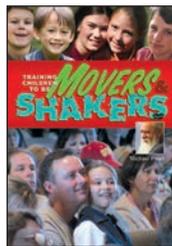
Husbands, learn how to sanctify your wife and cleanse her of spots, wrinkles, and blemishes. You have the power to bring your wife into the fullness of all that God intended her to be. Wives, learn the freedom of honoring and ministering to your man. Help him become all that God intended him to be. 184 min.

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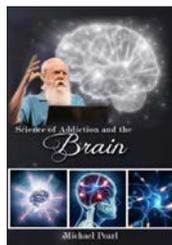
Michael encourages parents to train their children to be tomorrow's movers and shakers. Teach them to become leaders, entrepreneurs, statesmen—framers of tomorrow. 50 min.



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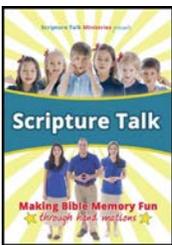
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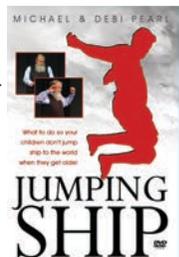
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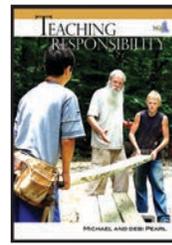
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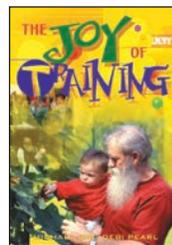
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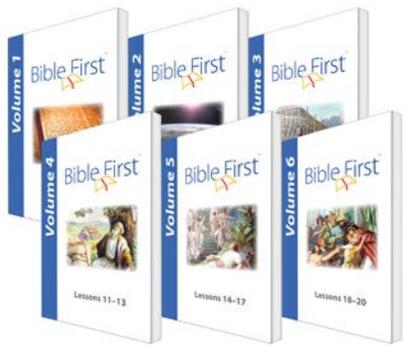
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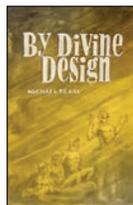
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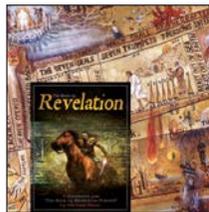
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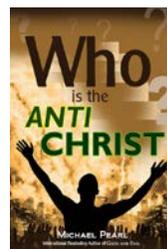
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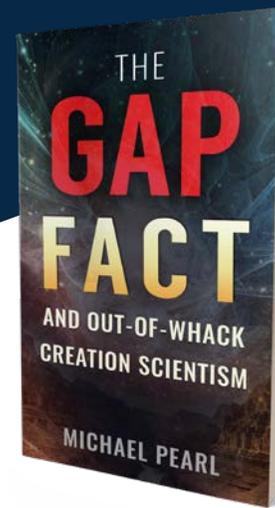
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