

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

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## A WORD FROM MIKE AND DEBI...

I have begun my seventieth year on earth (had my 69th birthday). My body is holding up, and my mind is still active with creative ideas for ministry. I am writing two books at present, one on *The Science of Addiction and the Brain*, and the other on *Numbers in Scripture*. The ministry increases, especially overseas in multiple languages. Rejoice with us and pray that our strength will match our vision.

*"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass;  
and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."  
Deuteronomy 33:25*

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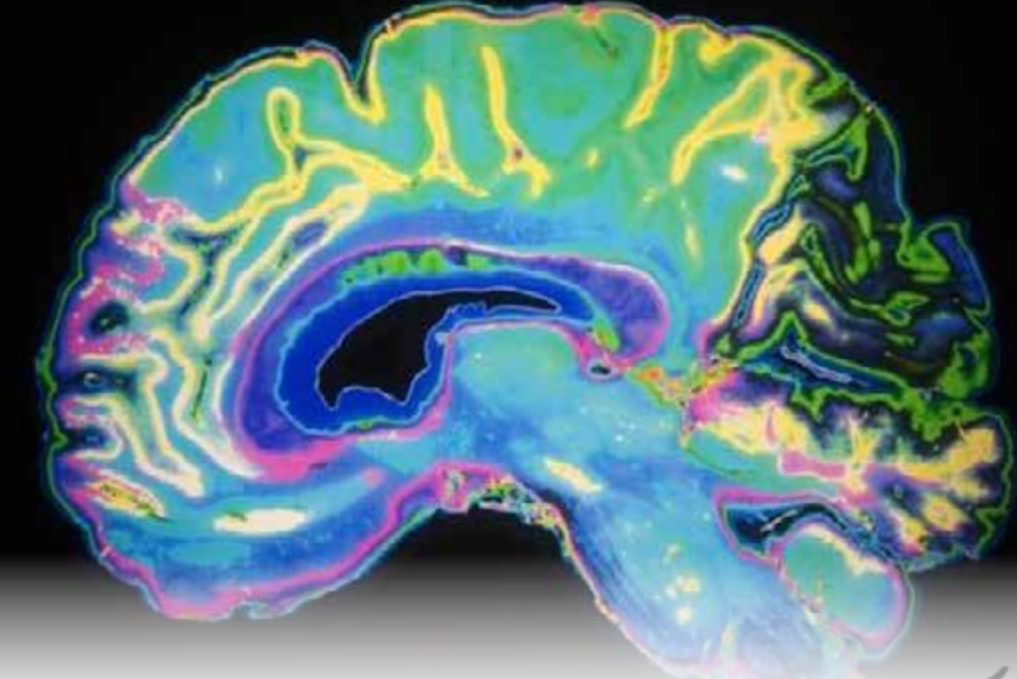
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# freedom *from* Addictions

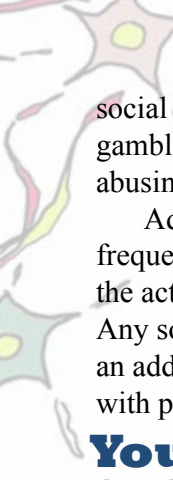
by Michael Pearl

**A**re you an addict? If you don't do drugs or alcohol, you probably think not, but think again. Most of my readers are non-substance addicts, and it is harming your life, your children, and the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul described addiction in Romans 7: 19,20,23,24 "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Addiction is the state of being enslaved to a substance or habit,

the cessation of which causes emotional distress or bodily trauma. It takes away from ordinary life responsibilities such as work, relationships, or health, and consumes a disproportionate amount of time and energy. You can locate your addiction by identifying that sacred cow that, when kicked by a family member or friend, you defend most forcefully. You have had your doubts about it, if not downright guilt and shame, and you have tried to lay it down, but you are compelled to return again and again on a regular basis, trying to deceive others as you deceive yourself. The mark of an addict is the denial of addiction. Addictions can be substance based, like drugs or alcohol, or non-substance based, like video games,





social media, gossip, exercise, gambling, shopping, overeating, abusing one's self, and pornography.

Addiction comes through frequent and continual reliance upon the action as a source of pleasure. Any source of pleasure can become an addiction. All addictions begin with pleasure and turn to dependency.

**You can overcome your addictions, even the ones you have not yet identified as such.**

When an initially pleasurable experience becomes a fix, you have lost control of your behavior.

You can overcome your addictions, even the ones you have not yet identified as such. I am going to tell you how. But first you must understand the nature of addiction and the brain...your brain, how it has been altered by addiction, and how you can rewire it in 50 days.

The Bible (Traditional Text) has always been clear on this subject, but not always clearly understood. We have believed it, but many have failed to appreciate the scientific accuracy with which it speaks. That is, until now, in this generation, because scientific tools have opened up the text like an archeological excavation lying there for 2,000 years waiting to reveal its truth.

Exciting discoveries were made in the spring of 1977. Raymond Vahan Damadian invented The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine, enabling researchers and medical doctors to see the inner workings of the human body, right down to single

nerve cells. As its accuracy increased, scientists were able to measure and then map the innermost activity of brain. We now know that the brain is divided into functional units with particular tasks, like processing visual information, thinking logically, or experiencing various emotions. For every category of sensory and intellectual stimulation there is a unique region of the brain to process that information.

Researchers can place you in a functional MRI (fMRI) machine and show you a series of pictures, noting the part of your brain that has activity, and how intense that activity is compared to the average subject. They will learn more about you than you know about yourself. How do you respond to the picture of a lawnmower, a sink full of dishes, a slice of pie, a motorcycle, a pair of new shoes, a pretty girl dressed modestly, a sexy girl dressed immodestly, a pretty boy, a darling child, a male model, or two babes in an erotic pose? They will know your sexual preferences, your fantasies, what disgusts you, and what attracts you. They will not know what you have done. Only God knows that, but they will know what you want to do. If you are angered or displeased, one region of your brain is active; if you experience lust, another region is active. They tell us that the brain of a pornographer comes to resemble that of a lesbian.

I remember about fifteen years ago the news was abuzz with the then-recent revelation that the brain of homosexuals was different from that of "straight" men. The sodomites hailed it as medical proof that they were born differently. "God made them the way they are," or so they



said. But even as the propaganda was being circulated by the leftist media, there were a few scientists who were quietly dissenting, saying that the differences seen in the brain of homosexuals was not the cause of their divergence from nature but rather the result. In time, with additional observation it became obvious that the brains of children are all the same; it is only after they are induced to certain experiences that the brain changes to reflect their actions.

In a German study published in JANA Psychiatry, Simone Kühn says, “Basically everything that people do very frequently can shape their brain structure and function.” Kühn said other behaviors, such as driving a taxi, are linked to changes in brain size and function.

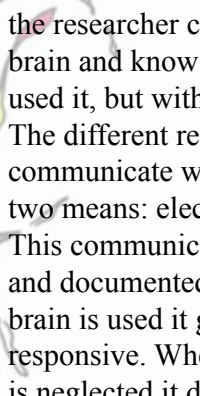
I have spoken publicly thousands of times and shaken the hands of tens of thousands of men, often asking them what they do for a living. A brief handshake reveals the kind of labor a man does. I can tell the difference between a welder and a brick layer. A welder is thicker on the ends of his fingers, whereas a brick

layer has strong thumb and index finger muscle. I can tell if a man is a carpenter and whether or not he is frame carpenter or a trim carpenter. Farmers are obvious by their longer fingers and the development of the fingers as a whole, but not the thumb. Computer geeks, clerks, and accountants are obvious for their lack of muscle and calluses on the tips of their fingers. Mechanics have strong hands without any particular part being distinct. The strongest hands of all are block layers and stone masons.

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A man who acquired his muscles through work will be the strongest in his hands, then his wrist, then his forearms, and finally his biceps, whereas a man who acquires his muscles by working out with weights will be strongest in his shoulders and biceps and weakest in his hands.

As I can examine your hand and know how you have used it,



the researcher can examine your brain and know how you have used it, but with more accuracy. The different regions of the brain communicate with each other by two means: electrical and chemical. This communication can be tracked and documented. When a part of the brain is used it grows larger and more responsive. When a part of the brain is neglected it diminishes.

Neuro pathways are the brain's "fiber optic" communication conduits. When you do a thing repeatedly, as in golfing or playing a video game, your brain develops strong neuro pathways. These more developed regions and pathways of communication become the default position, the easiest to access and

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initiate. Muscle memory is a fact, as is habit memory, and pleasure memory.

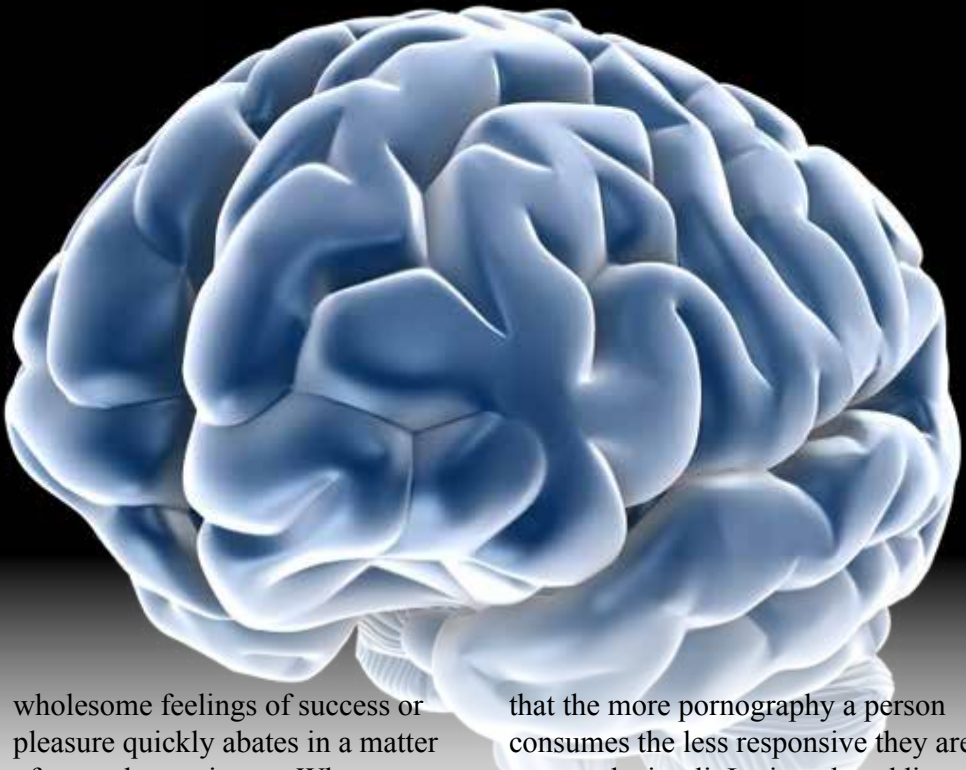
The brain is wired to steer you to repeat that which is pleasurable and avoid that which is not. I will oversimplify it by saying that the brain, like a computer, communicates digital information by means of electrical impulses, and stores that information in negative and positive charges to be retrieved as needed. But it also communicates happiness or sadness by means of chemicals. You have heard the term "dopamine rush" to express sudden surges of pleasure. There are four happy

chemicals—dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin, and endorphin—that are released in the brain in various amounts to mark moments and events that are pleasurable. But life is not all pleasurable. There are reasons to be cautious, concerned, afraid, and to feel unhappy with circumstances. Unhappy chemicals, like cortisol and epinephrine, stir us to action, creating emotions which drive us to take steps that secure our safety or happiness.

Your brain not only stores the facts of events, it also stores the emotions associated with those events. So the next time a drug addict sees a needle, or a drunk sees a bar, his brain releases pleasure chemicals that prompt him to repeat the former pleasure. If he does not give in to the chemical prompting, unhappy chemicals are released that make him feel miserable. The only way to get relief is to repeat the addiction. He is locked into a war of chemicals centered in his addicted brain. His brain compels him to get back to the source of extreme pleasure and avoid the discomfort of a release of unhappy chemicals.

Substance addiction is an artificial stimulation of the brain's natural release of dopamine and other pleasure chemicals. It hijacks the system and accelerates an otherwise natural process. As a base line, intercourse releases about 100% dopamine—the highest natural release. Happy, normal, non-addictive living releases dopamine in the 10% range. Alcohol releases 100-200%. Meth releases 1250%, and lasts for eight to twelve hours, whereas a cocaine high lasts only about one or two hours.

Dopamine released by



wholesome feelings of success or pleasure quickly abates in a matter of seconds or minutes. When one overstimulates his body and brain with excessive pleasure, as in drugs or pornography, the brain reacts by shutting down the brain's production and release of pleasure chemicals and increases the release of unhappy chemicals so as to maintain a balance. It is similar to losing your hearing by listening to loud music. Over time the brain is altered so that it takes more of the same, higher doses, to induce the brain to pleasure. The drug addict needs more drugs more often. The shopper needs more and more shopping until it becomes a compulsion, and the pornographer needs darker and more deviant content to get the same high out of the experience.

Simone Kühn, in a German study reported in JAMA Psychiatry, says, "Men who report watching a lot of pornography tend to have less volume and activity in regions of the brain linked to rewards and motivation." The report concludes

that the more pornography a person consumes the less responsive they are to sexual stimuli. In time the addict increases his compulsion while his pleasure diminishes. He becomes a bigger hole that needs filling and continually suffers with the inability to find satisfaction. He becomes an itch for which there is no scratch. And the downward spiral has no bottom.

The pornography industry stands ready to feed the dissatisfied straight guy with lesbian sex. When that gets old, they can take the elevator a few stories down and find stimulation with violence and blood mixed with the sex. When that loses its ability to get them off, a few stories lower they offer child pornography to feed the induced hunger. The industry takes you where you never thought you would go and keeps you longer than you wanted to stay, and they close the door behind you, offering a one-way trip to lower levels of perversion, creating appetites that never existed in nature. The shame diminishes and the conscience seems to lose



contact with divine promptings. The addict ends up in a signal-free zone where heaven gives up on them and turns them over to a reprobate mind to do those things that are now “inconvenient.” But they remain possessed with an unsatisfying and ever-growing compulsion (Romans 1:24–28).

Simone Kühn, a secular researcher, says, “We found that the volume of the so-called striatum, a brain region that is active when people see sexual stimuli, was smaller the more pornography consumption the participants reported. Moreover, the connection between the striatum and prefrontal cortex, which is the outer layer of the brain associated with behavior and decision-making, learning, and reasoning, worsened with increased porn watching.” In other words, the part of the brain that is stimulated with pornography begins to lose connection with the part of the brain that makes moral judgments and decisions. The brain itself is

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altered so that one’s ability to think rationally and morally is diminished. The addict takes on self-destructive, self-sabotaging behavior that to the outsiders seems totally irrational and idiotic, for the lust part of the brain has developed while the moral centers have diminished. This is not just theology. The secular researchers can see this transformation take place through an fMRI scan of the brain.

The Apostle Paul described it this way: “Wherefore God also gave them



up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient” (Romans 1:24–28). Note the underlined portions. For 2,000 years this passage has been waiting for the explanation that science has now given us. The sexual perversion of heterosexual fornication and homosexual acts resulted in the perpetrators receiving inside their own bodies (minds) a consequence that was tailored (meet) to the sin. The degenerative change is meet (suited) to the sin. They are altered within. This is not a punishment



from God. It is the natural fruit of their lifestyles, but it moves them away from God until they become unreachable—reprobate.

A thing done often is a thing done easily. Pornography today is reflected in actions tomorrow. “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one” (Job 14:4).

Some things are harmful (wrong) only when done in excess, like eating, shopping, use of electronic media, etc. But other things are harmful (wrong) from the very first experience, like drunkenness, getting high on drugs, or viewing pornography. It takes repeated experience over a period of time to develop an addiction for alcohol or drugs. It takes longer to develop addictions to social media, gambling, gossip, and overeating. But the day a boy goes through puberty he is already addicted to pornography, for he is created to crave the female form in all of its beauty and lust. It just takes one glimpse at the naked form on a cell phone for a young boy to be fully addicted, like the former alcoholic who takes a single drink and finds himself entirely in the grip of the addiction he laid down ten years earlier. All young men are recovering pornography addicts and will remain so the rest of their lives, even if they have never seen the first image.

I promised to tell you how to be free from your addiction. The thing that has prevented you from ceasing your disgusting behavior is the misery you feel when you cease partaking. The term “comfort food” says it all. All addicts are seeking

comfort. The brain has become wired in its neuro pathways and will punish any attempt to withdraw by releasing misery chemicals. Science tells us that it takes about 45 days to wean the brain off of an addiction and rewire it so that it does not punish your attempt at abstinence. They sum it up in two words, “Reject and Replace.” Reject the old habit no matter the emotional cost, and, just as importantly, replace the old pleasure source with a new pleasure that is wholesome. Stop drinking and start exercising, or learning to play a musical instrument, or learn a new language, or take up that hobby you

## **All addicts are seeking comfort.**

always dreamed of. Stop viewing pornography and start running or swimming or studying something interesting. Plant and tend a garden. Maybe commence a building project. Build a rock fence all the way around your back yard. That should take about six months. I am passing on the completely secular approach to addiction recovery. One need not be a Christian for this to work.

But the big problem is human flesh. Paul said, “For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I...O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Romans 7:15, 24). If indeed you can lift yourself out of addiction by your own boot straps, then do so. Some have exercised their wills and overcome. Most do not. They want to but feel they are powerless.

Enter the gospel of Jesus Christ where “...it is God which worketh in

you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). It is not just religious rhetoric when Paul says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13). The most pitiful, weak-willed slave to addictions can be freed by the power of Jesus Christ through crucifixion with Him and resurrection to a new creature as the Holy Spirit recreates us in the image of God and replaces our old man with the new mind of Christ. This biblical message of deliverance is far more efficient and certain than the secular message of “Get a strong will.”

But science has provided us with some powerful insight into the process. Whether by will-power or God-power, it will still take about six to seven weeks to purge your brain of the old habits and create new neuro pathways, making normal behavior seem normal. God will not deliver you from withdrawal symptoms, but he will give you the power to endure the pain. You can overcome, but you cannot avoid the cost of changing your behavior.

## **Your New Realities, Christian or otherwise**

- **You will live the rest of your life denying self.**
- **You will guard against temptation every moment.**
- **You will accept bad feelings as normal.**
- **You will develop new neuron connections with activities that are wholesome.**

The very first step in overcoming an addiction is to hate it. Then you must be honest with yourself and others, admitting your weakness

and asking for help. The next step is ceasing your addictive behavior and making yourself accountable to others.

The Christian has the winning edge, for he can “...put...on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof” (Romans 13:14).

Now, fill your life with prayer and praise, sprinkled with thanksgiving.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6).

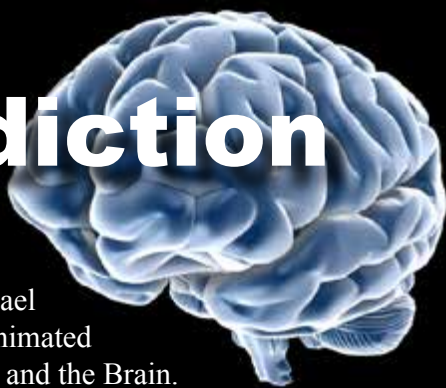
“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).

Read Romans 12:1–2.

Hang in there for 50 days until the brain creates new pathways to normal wholesome pleasure.

This was an excerpt from a book I hope to finish by the spring of 2015, Lord willing. This article is a severely edited version and is incomplete. Many people have told me that they were freed from their addiction upon listening to my Bible teaching series called *Sin No More*. It will help flesh out this message, explaining God’s method to freedom from all sin and addiction. I spoke on this subject to 2,200 people at the recent Shindig. It is in the form of a beautiful animated presentation with about 185 frames. It should be ready for distribution about the time you receive this magazine. It could change your life forever.

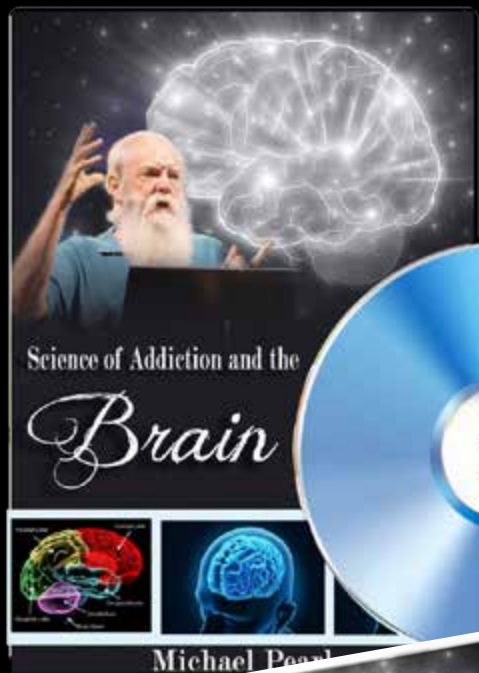
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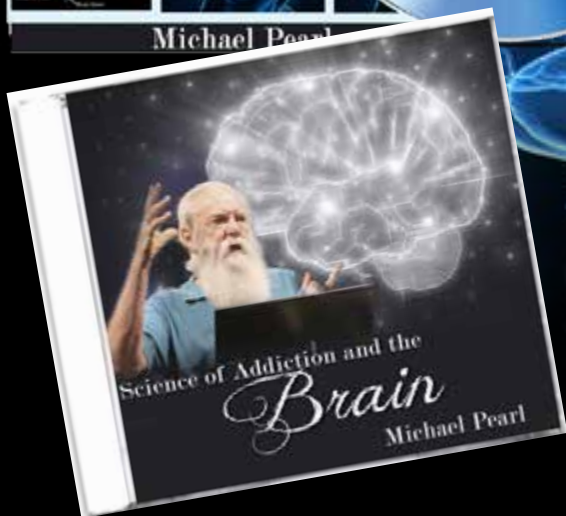
At the 2014 *Smoky Mountains Shindig*, Michael delivered five messages, supported by 185 animated slides, on the subject of The Science of Addiction and the Brain.

One clinical psychiatrist came up to Mike and said, *"What you are teaching is going to put me out of business."* Two medical doctors said, *"This is an amazing presentation, showing the link between Scripture and science."* Three people who work fulltime in addiction recovery programs said, *"We need this in book form; it will be extremely effective in our work."* One nine-year-old girl came up to Michael and said, *"You should write a science book; I don't usually like science, but I liked what you said."*

We are making these five message available on DVD. They should be ready by November 1st.



Please call or check our website after November 1st for pricing and availability.







# The Greatest *But Not the Last* Shindig

by Nathan Pearl

## Seeking God's Counsel

**T**his year all of the messages at the Shindig shared a common theme—following Jesus. We challenged you to be active in reaching the world for Christ and to walk uprightly in your home, church, marriage, and wherever God has put you. To put it succinctly, “...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1).

As we walked around and talked with you we heard another theme. It was around every table; it was on the porches as we sat talking in the rocking chairs; it was in the halls, on the fields, and around the dinner table. It was loud, it was clear, and it had many voices all saying the same thing, “This cannot be the last Shindig!” The reasons varied from person to person, but the message did not. I heard from couples that had met at previous shindigs saying, “We would never have met if it were

not for the Shindig!” I was told by moms that this was the best time of fellowship they have all year. I heard from dads that had been delivered from sin and built up in the faith from the teaching. Over and over I heard how families were stronger, marriages were better, and lifelong friendships were forged. But, by far, my favorite was the young men and women who came to me to tell me that they had committed their lives to serving God faithfully for the rest of their days. How can we say no to that? So I have spent the last few weeks praying and seeking God’s face as to how we should move forward with a new Shindig. I believe God is in it, so my wife and I will be pursuing it.

We will have some challenges to overcome this year, but I have had some very capable people offering to help. This is our prayer list:

- **The several months’ preparation has grown to**

**be too taxing on Mom and Dad, so we will not have the financial or logistical support of NGJ. Please pray that we will have wisdom in choosing how we structure and organize to best overcome these challenges.**

- **As we pick volunteer staff, we need wisdom to choose godly men and women who will place Christ at the center of everything.**
- **We need godly wisdom to choose a location that fits the ministry to which God has called us.**

I know I am slow and methodical in making decisions on something like this; it is not because I am not paying attention. The story of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 18–20 is very impacting to my life. In 2 Chronicles 18:3, Jehoshaphat, being very blessed of God, set about to do something in his own way and in his own time with his own people, but it was not God's way.

In chapter 20 his attitude had changed; the Bible says in verse 18, "And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants

of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD."

This is my commitment to my LORD and my God: Your way, your time, your people. "Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us" (Psalm 123:2).

This is his commitment to me: "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

So, yes, we are going to do another Shindig, and we do need your input, so let's talk, let's muse, but most of all let us, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:5–7).

We will be hearing from you and you from us through Facebook.

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# *Great Smoky Mountain* 2014 Shindig



Keen Kids



The Soggy Britches Band



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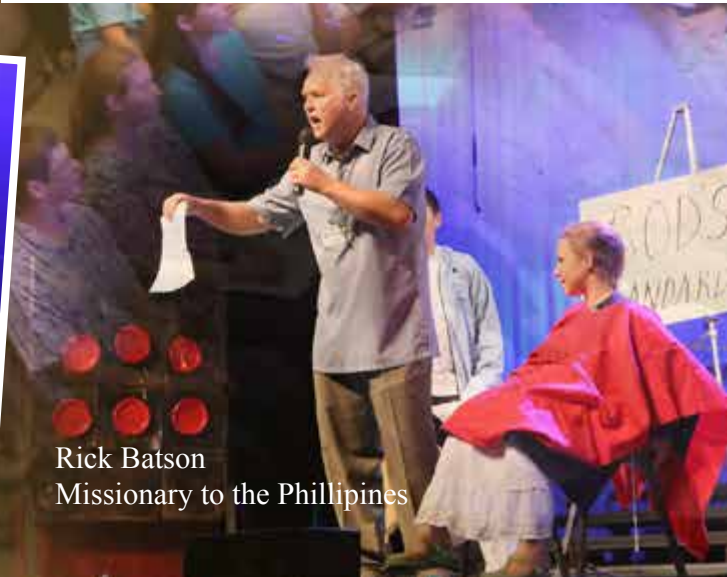
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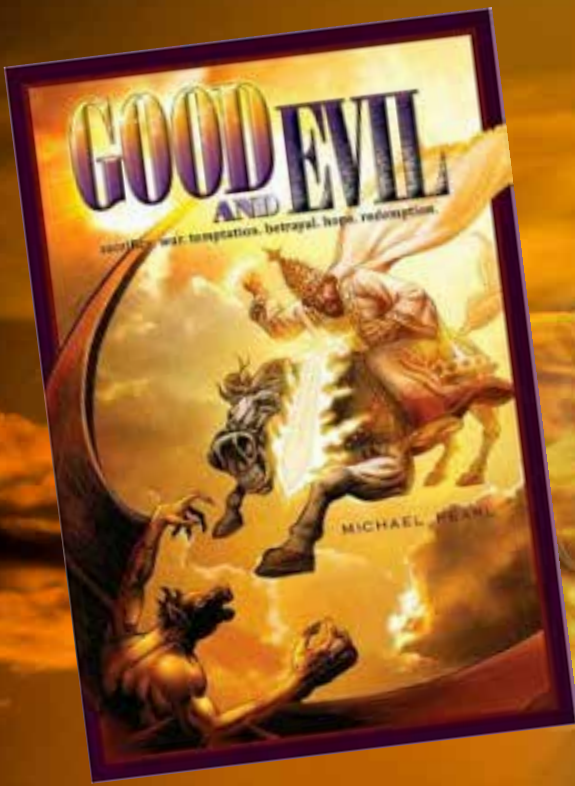
All the other messages from the other speakers  
will be available as free downloads at  
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Missionary to the Phillipines



# Change is Good

by Debi Pearl

No Greater Joy Ministries is on the roll, and we (Mike and Debi) are moving along with it as well as can be expected for two old fogies. Here is a list of what's up:

**1** *Good & Evil* is now being downloaded in 44 languages through the ministry of the **iMissionaries.org** website, which is making a real impact around the world in places where missionaries cannot go. Right now, as you read this, Muslims in places like Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Yemen are discovering the gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time as they sit in

the privacy of their homes and read the *Good & Evil* Bible stories. The iMissionaries ministry is made up of folks like you who are putting ads on Facebook or other social media that offer a free download of the *Good & Evil* book. Hundreds of millions of people from around the world can now read the gospel with a simple click. The video production is also in full swing and will soon be seen for free around the world through many different venues with just a simple click.

**2** Our other books such as *Created to Be His Help Meet* have exploded with international





sales. For the first 20 years of the NGJ ministry most of our sales were to homeschooling families here in the USA. Then NGJ book sales transitioned to mostly wholesale through brokers. The large majority of our USA sales are shipped in boxes on pallets addressed to distribution companies. But the international sales have again changed our dynamics. In the past year we have had more sales in foreign countries than here in the USA. In China alone, last year we sold 6 times more ***Created to Be His Help Meet*** than were sold here in the USA! These books are printed in the Chinese language right in China and sold in China. They simply send NGJ

the royalties (we give all royalties from our books and other media to NGJ). The royalties are not much in the way of income, but it only takes one very savvy man (Mel Cohen) working with an international agent to manage these contracts.

Ministry gifts have declined this year along with domestic sales, and that has limited our ability to finance the reprinting of G&E in some languages. When we ministered to individuals (homeschoolers) those individuals were blessed and blessed NGJ in return. Now, we are ministering to people who “knew not Joseph” (people buying from Amazon and other retailers), or people in different countries that consider us a business rather than a non-profit ministry. The decrease in direct domestic sales and the decrease in gifts has prompted us to reduce our staff and find ways to cut our overhead.

So we are relocating No Greater Joy and the newly-formed Good and Evil International to an office building in the small town closest to us. It will reduce our overhead significantly, allow us to access much faster internet service, put us across the street from the post office, and give us access to a commercial loading dock. There are many overhead expenses we will be able to cut out altogether, as we will be sharing services. We expect to save about \$200,000 each year with the changes. That is \$200,000 we can put back into the ministry. We are excited about the possibilities. The move will also reduce the stress on Mike and I, allowing us to spend more time writing. We have several half-finished books that need our attention.



Here are the visible changes:

**1** January 2015 No Greater Joy will no longer occupy the buildings that we have been operating in for the last 20 years. Our new headquarters will be in town. MANY Visitors who neglect to read this will go to our previous headquarters to visit and will think NGJ has closed. To entertain himself, Mike will doubtless put up some sign to throw them into a panic such as: “Closed due to the RAPTURE.” “What? Did you not hear the trump?” or, “Attention: Quarantined Due to the Impending Apocalypse.” So, when you hear rumors, YOU will know where they originated and why. Please be a good NGJ friend and tell them Mike is funny and NGJ is going strong.

**2** After the New Year, when you call to order from NGJ, a young voice will answer. If you have a question the girl will decide if your answer can be found on our website or if it is a shipping issue they can deal with it. If not they will decide whether it is necessary to refer you to one of the two NGJ staffers on duty.

**3** If you write us a letter, an NGJ staffer will direct or answer the letter but there will not be counseling or extensive letter writing as we offered in the past. Our days of long hours are also past. Mike is now in his seventieth year and I am not far behind.

**4** Hopefully, sometime in 2015 we will have a private office and studio set up where we can broadcast Nathan teaching, and conduct the Good & Evil ministry.

**5** AND Mike and I will have some down time to spend with our 22 grandkids. We will keep you updated on this new adventure. We might even have the time and energy to go on some speaking tours. We will still write the NGJ magazine although we are considering only publishing four times per year, as it is very expensive and time-consuming. This adjustment is really a step upward, and will to allow us to minister to more people more efficiently and with less stress. Please pray for us and those who are taking more responsibility in this venture. May the peace of God rest upon you.

I know this is a change of subject, but this is *so* important. There are still untold millions waiting for YOUR ad on Facebook to point them to the gospel message, and there is no better homeschool teaching project than becoming an iMissionary. Mama, open a map and let your children choose a country each week to place an ad. They are learning geography. Do a web search and let them hear the language they are reaching with the gospel. Help them save money so they can invest in a \$10 ad. They are learning money management and investing in the eternal. Let them watch you make the ad. They are learning to use the computer as a tool for God. Then show the children each day how many people saw the ad and how many opened the **Good & Evil** book in their language. (If you don't know how, then it is time to learn!) Pray with your children (out loud) for the folks that read the book online where you posted the ad. You will be teaching your children to have eternity in their eyes. You will be teaching your children to have a heart like God's heart.

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).*

*"And how shall they preach,*

*except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet (and hands) of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15).*

Then get on social media and tell others how you and your children are bringing glad tidings of good things and making an eternal difference! Encourage others to go and do likewise. This is good. This is really good.



Dear Mike and Debi,

This is a letter to say thank you. Our family has so many things to say thank you for... starting with the Smoky Mountain Shindig! What a wonderful event that was! We made new friends, heard incredible teaching, and were motivated to get back out onto the streets again sharing the gospel.

On the first night, when Nathan asked for a show of hands of how many people had been offered a free meal because of the behavior of their children, we were able to raise our hands. Twice people have anonymously paid for our meal telling the restaurant that they were amazed at our children's good behavior. My reflection was on the day thirteen years ago that a very dear friend came up to me with three books and said, "If you are going to have three children (I was pregnant with my third), you need to read these books." Most likely my two-year-old had just thrown a fit on the floor and my four-year-old was probably interrupting her. We had recently been saved and knew nothing about training children. Those three books were: *To Train Up a Child*, *Child Training Tips* and *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. What a blessing it was to me that I had a friend who would speak the truth to me and that you had written such a book that made training simple... if only we could be consistent.

My favorite book that you wrote is *No Greater Joy-Volume Three*. It was there that I learned the power of a mother's joy with the household. I cannot tell you how many times throughout the years we have received a comment about how happy all of our children are. You know the direct connection. Thank you for this book.

My husband would tell you that his favorite book that you wrote is *Created to Be His Help Meet*. No surprise... that same friend gave me this book as well... then she encouraged me to get past chapter 1. What a blessing.

What a blessing it is to get together with so many like-minded people... for so many different reasons. Our 16-year-old son told me that his favorite thing about the Shindig was the teaching. Our 18-year-old learned to square dance. Our seven-year-old just really enjoyed special time mini-golfing with her hardworking daddy. Our ten- and thirteen-year-old made more friends that we can count. My husband and I were encouraged to get our family back out on the streets sharing the gospel again.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!  
Stephanie and Richard



# Becoming *His Kind of* Woman

*by Shoshanna Easling*

**M**y Dad was not the type of guy to check with you before he made a decision. We would be driving down the road when all of a sudden he would pull in to a restaurant and say, “Let’s eat!” as he was getting out of the car. Everything was at full speed; there never seemed to be any hesitation in his decision-making process, and it never occurred to him to ask your opinion when he had already deduced in his mind that this was the best choice. When I think about my parents during my childhood, I laugh. I see Mom bouncing around Dad as this feisty bulldog personality, always full of heart and ready to start dancing. Dad, on the other hand, was cool, logical, and unmoved by others. She always had him listening to her and smiling at her, but in the end, his decision was made with biblical

backing and fact-deducing logic. People would look at Dad and think, “How does his poor wife put up with him?” He did not ask; he told. He liked things one way and was not open to changing them. Mom knew that Dad’s unchanging decisions were not to lord over her; they were just a part of who he was.

When I got married, I expected my husband to be that alpha male that my dad was; but he was not. We would be driving down the road and he would say, “Where do you want to eat?” I would smile and say, “Wherever you want to eat,” expecting him to quickly turn in to this or that place without hesitation. Instead, he would smile and say, “I don’t care. I want to take you where you want to go. Where would you like to go?” I wanted to be his Help Meet; I did not want him to be



mine, so I would say, “I would like to go where you want to go. Where would you like to go? I am good with anything.” Whether I made the choice or he made the choice at that point, both of us were feeling a little unsatisfied.

My husband James is an idea man, what Mom calls a “visionary.” He comes up with all kinds of “wild” ideas. They are only “wild” because 99.9% of the population doesn’t think about what makes a car fly, or where The Cheesecake Factory gets their stainless steel countertops. He is a thinker, but usually about stuff unrelated to personal things.

I am very much like my dad in personality, and I was used to submitting under a strong personality like my own. I was ready to obey my husband, and I tried to tell him. I did not understand why he wouldn’t just boss me. I was frustrated that he did not “lead me.” Every time he asked my opinion, I would work to help him figure out what his opinion was. I didn’t want to give him my opinion because I wanted to help him realize he was the leader of this home. Both of us felt frustrated. I felt like I was trying so hard to submit, but he would not let me. That is when I really thought about what I was actually doing; it was the opposite of what God designed me to

be—my husband’s Help Meet. What did James need? What did James want? What did James appreciate? What was James’ will? Well, he kept asking for my opinion. He seemed pleased when I worked with him. He liked me looking tailored and well put-together. Those were easy to comply with when I was paying attention, but what else? How could I help him? How could I make his life better? What exactly did he need? I knew he had a hard time seeing what was in front of him. He struggled with simple decisions because his brain was so busy with complicated ones.

So I began to help him see what did not come natural to him. Instead of trying to make him lead, I stopped my control issues and helped him. If he asked where I wanted to eat, I told him. If he asked my opinion, I gave it. In fact, I started telling him where I wanted to go, what I wanted to do, what my opinion was on this or that. He loved it! We became best friends. He needed me to be strong. He needed me to help him balance life. I found that it was a blast living as his Help Meet. He likes it when I am creative, working with him, and strong enough to stand on my own when he needs me to do so. We both found that we were two halves, but together we make a whole.

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*“A wise woman seeks to be part of her husband’s life.*

*His interests become her interests.*

*She looks for ways to help him in all his endeavors.*

*When he needs a helping hand, it is her hand  
that is there first.”*

*~Debi Pearl*



# YEAR in Review

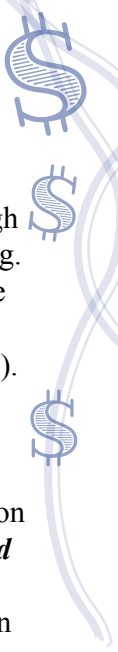
by Mel Cohen, CFP, RTRP, General Manager

Our fiscal year at No Greater Joy Ministries (NGJ) ended on June 30, 2014. Our total income for the year was \$1,226,603 (unaudited) of which \$470,136 were contributions. Contributions were down \$140,216 and our total income was down \$282,179. Our royalty income increased significantly over last year as our overseas sales are well more than our domestic sales. Our annual independent CPA firm audit started on September 23, 2014.

We are continuing to minister full steam ahead. Despite the diminishing contributions and overall sales, we have not slowed our global ministry—actually increased it. We thank you for your continued support of our Ministry through purchases and more importantly your contributions. Due to the technological evolution of how people access information, we have reduced our staff. So much is now downloaded or sold through Amazon

and other distributors that in-house orders, packing, and shipping are diminishing rapidly. While maintaining our ministry focus, we are continuing to reduce staffing and overall expenses. We have the fulltime equivalent of less than 6 staff members.

We now have 44 languages of **Good & Evil** available on our site, which is 8 more than last year at this time. We have also had reprints in many of the translated languages due to the overwhelming demand for the books. NGJ funds this work entirely from your donations. Our iMissionary program is expanding each month, and we literally are reaching other language groups through the world on a daily basis. **Good and Evil** has a separate website: <http://goodandevilbook.com>. It is being developed to provide access to translation tools that almost any family will be able to work with. Future languages will be translated



and available for download at a much faster pace than the first 44 languages were.

Families often contact us about sponsoring a language. In September someone contacted us about purchasing 500 copies each of the Nepalese and Urdu **Good & Evil** to have delivered to missionaries in Nepal and Pakistan. In order to achieve an economy of scale, we printed 2,500 of each and are sending the balance of 2,000 copies each to the missionaries already distributing **Good and Evil** in Nepal and Pakistan. Situations like this happen fairly regularly through our worldwide outreach.

This is the first year since 2006 we have not exhibited at the International Christian Retail Show (ICRS). Over the last few years there has been a steady decline in attendance and enthusiasm at these trade shows, and we did not feel the expense and the time away from the office was worthwhile. The brick-and-mortar Christian Bookstores are diminishing in market share as digital sales escalate, whereas Amazon (about 35 million print books on their site) and other online retailers' sales have increased exponentially. Unfortunately NGJ does not make as much profit on an Amazon sale, but we are expanding our base as families who have never heard of us are accessing our books and experiencing transformation in their marriages and families. The publishing business is changing at a

very fast pace and we are changing with it.

More and more of our communication is happening through Social Media and Social Networking. We continue to expand our presence there to reach the tech-savvy generation (plus a few grandparents).

The funds to print the newly translated languages are not available. We need your help! NGJ does not take an administrative fee on any donation; 100% of all **Good and Evil** donations go into funding the translation, printing, and distribution of **Good and Evil** books. Any gift postmarked by December 31, 2014 will be receipted for 2014. You can phone in your donations through 5:00 p.m. Central Time on December 31st.

The stock market has been good to many people this year. If you have stocks or mutual funds that have experienced a large capital gain in 2014, turn that gain into **Good & Evil** Illustrated Bible Storybooks. By donating the stock to NGJ before December 31, 2014, you avoid the capital gain on your sale and you also receive a tax deduction. Make an eternal impact on God's Kingdom! Email me (Mel) for more information at [mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org](mailto:mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org) or call me directly at 931-593-2484.

Every available dollar we receive goes to Ministry once our overhead is accounted for. We again thank you for supporting No Greater Joy and may the Lord bless all of your endeavors.

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*"With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.  
With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding."  
Job 12:12-13*





# *Virtuously* **Kind** *by Erin Harrison*

*"She openeth her mouth with wisdom;  
and in her tongue is the law of kindness."  
Proverbs 31:26*

**T**he virtuous woman is kind. She does not get involved in idle chatter. Her words carry weight. They are well-thought-out and she has enough sense to say things to build others up. She will not be found gossiping and talking about things that do not matter in eternity.

She practices what she preaches. If she does not know something, she will not speak merely for the purpose of hearing her own voice. She will do her research and have a level of understanding before she opens her mouth to give advice. When she gives advice it is gentle and given with a heart full of love and compassion. She is not self-seeking or arrogant, so

she is glad to offer thoughtful words of encouragement. This virtuous woman is not a "know-it-all."

*"If you have nothing good to say, say nothing at all"*

This is a very old saying but it still rings true. I tell my children these words all of the time. I try to thwart their efforts to share unkind words about each other. I remind them that they should think before they speak. If we take thirty seconds to think before we open our mouths, we would say far less negative things unnecessarily. I used to be impulsive with my mouth. I never thought first.

I used to be the opposite of the virtuous woman's rule over her tongue. I said the ugliest things. My husband helped me figure out how to temper that tongue. He said if I had to pay a dollar for every word I spoke I would quickly land myself in the poor house. It is only by the grace of God I do not say everything I think. Now I have my thirty-second rule. Most times I say silently to myself, "That is not really necessary to bring up."

### *Know-it-alls*

I never want to come across as a "know-it-all" either. That kind of person is irritating to be around. They have the answer to everything, and half the time you feel they are pulling stuff out of the fluff in their imagination. Information without fact to back it up is like a toothless person trying to take a bite out of an apple. Their words carry no purpose. You roll your eyes when they try to give you sound reason. When a person is accustomed to being a self-proclaimed expert on every topic, if they do finally have some kind of wisdom to impart, it falls on deaf ears.

Rather, I want enough sense to think deeply before I speak. I want to have gentle and kind words, making sure I have a pure heart towards others. Not self-seeking or with hidden purpose. The Bible says:

*"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth*

*in the LORD, happy is he.*

*The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.*

*Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.*

*The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.*

*Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."*

### **Proverbs 16:20-24**

### *The hidden agenda*

Why do so many women have this undercurrent going? I have yet to figure it out. Since I do not hold back a lot of what is in my heart from flowing out of my mouth, I find it mind-blowing that some women say one thing but mean something entirely different. What is up with that? I think it is because they do not want to look bad, so they cover up their evil thoughts with a half-hearted smile. They know what you want to hear. They say what your itching ears want to hear. They are two-faced. As soon as they get with someone else, the words start pumping out. And those words are not meant for anyone's good, especially not their own.

Words that are filled with guile are both evil and the opposite of kindness. They seek to ensnare the hearer. Their purpose is not pure.

*"Where no wood is, there the fire  
goeth out: so where there is no tale-  
bearer, the strife ceaseth.*

*As coals are to burning coals, and  
wood to fire; so is a contentious man  
to kindle strife.*

*The words of a talebearer are as  
wounds, and they go down into the  
innermost parts of the belly.*

*Burning lips and a wicked heart are  
like a potsherd covered with silver  
dross.*

*He that hateth dissembleth with his  
lips, and layeth up deceit within him;  
When he speaketh fair, believe him  
not: for there are seven abominations  
in his heart.*

*Whose hatred is covered by deceit,*

*his wickedness shall be shewed be-  
fore the whole congregation.*

*Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall there-  
in: and he that rolleth a stone,  
it will return upon him.*

*A lying tongue hateth those that are  
afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth  
worketh ruin."*

**Proverbs 26:20-28**

Their own words will condemn  
them. They cannot fool God. I  
choose to use wisdom when I open  
my mouth, to encourage others, and  
embrace the law of kindness.

Portion taken from *NEW* book  
**Living Virtuously** by Erin Harrison  
[www.KeeperoftheHomestead.com](http://www.KeeperoftheHomestead.com)

Dear Mrs. Pearl

About three months ago I found *Created to Be His Help Meet* for 50 cents at the thrift shop while looking for homeschool books. I read it in a month, highlighting all the way through. God had already been working in my heart but the book gave me light and hope. I called to get your free *No Greater Joy Magazine* and it was like gold. I wish I had read your book years ago. For as long as I live I will promote your book and magazine. Thank you and especially, thank you Jesus for creating in you the desire to be a heavenly light to woman. May God continue to bless.

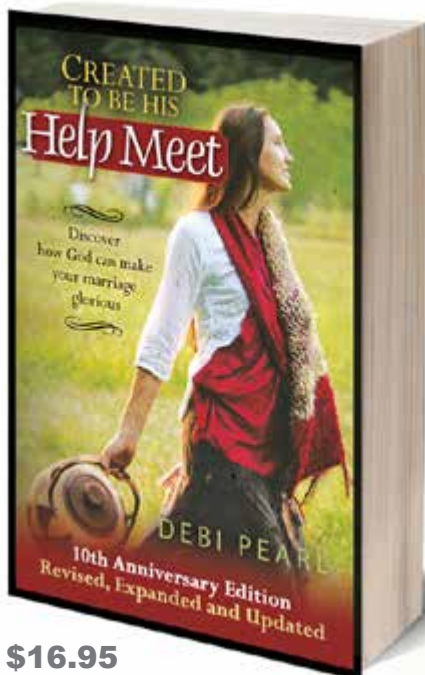
Sincerely, Yvette



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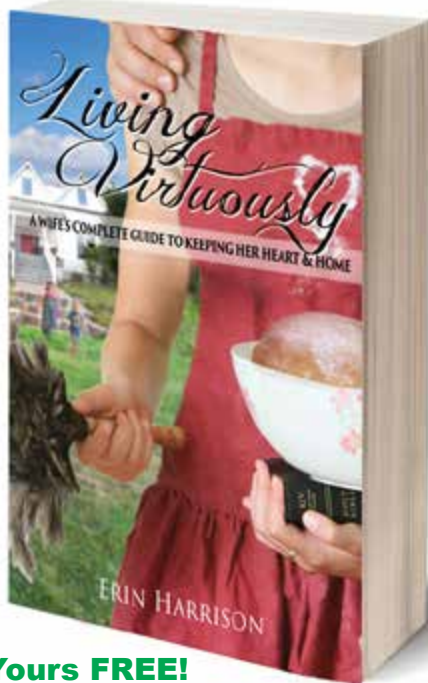
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~ **Candace Cameron Bure**  
Actress, Author & Speaker,  
*Growing in God Ministries*



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"Our family has enjoyed watching the *Homesteading for Beginners* videos by the Harrison family. We also recommend Erin Harrison's new book, *Living Virtuously*. Erin is an energetic wife and mother who has a heart to encourage young mothers to train their children to love God and to have a ministry mindset."

~ **Michelle Duggar**  
Mother of 19 Kids & Counting



# Steps To Obedience

by Shalom Brand

**I**n the last magazine I covered:  
1) Training your child to come and  
2) Training your children to sit down.  
Let's dive right in as I cover the next  
training steps.

**1 Come to Mama.**

**2 Sit down.**

**3 NO.**

**4 Go to sleep.**

**5 Don't touch.**

**6 Stop.**

**7 Go potty.**

## **3 No!**

This command is much needed, but can be so overused that the child never listens to it. It is used often with another command like, "NO! Do not touch that!" "No! Sit down!" or "No! Come to Mama." Parents become frustrated that the child is not listening, and begin repeating it more loudly or aggressively. Have you ever been in a store or church

and heard a parent say "No," and then a second later they repeat it at a slightly higher pitch? This continues until the parent reaches that particular stress level that the child has come to associate with seriousness. The child is accustomed to ignoring the first few "No" commands, knowing they are only preliminary. The child is a musician and has learned how to play his parents.

The key to the word "No" is to be judicious and consistent in its use. Do not use it unless it is absolutely necessary and you are committed to following through. If your child is pouring water on the floor and you want him to stop, be prepared to make him stop by applying a switch if he does not respond to the first quiet command. Otherwise, let him pour the water on the floor. It is better to have your child pour water out with you smiling at him than for you to become angry trying to get him to listen to your repeated stressful "No's." Learn to be consistent and your life will become one of relaxed joy.

I will not tell you that my children are perfect! They make big messes, pour water on the floor, and do not always sit still! But when I give a command, in most cases they immediately obey, even the two-year-old. I do not make rules I am not prepared to enforce! I only say “No” when I can follow through! My friends accuse me of being too laid back and too relaxed. I see stress as a disease, and do not plan on contracting it. So, a relaxed mom I will be!

“No” is usually the first word a baby learns to say; he hears it so often that he just begins to repeat it. A few months ago when my baby was about 18 months old and learning to talk, I realized that when I said “No” he repeated it back to me. I told my husband, “I think I have messed up and Roland does not understand the meaning of ‘No’ anymore.” I was not consistent! So I decided to use the Russian word for “No” and be consistent with the new command and not use the “No” word anymore. So, “Kneat” became my new word to make him obey. It worked like a charm; he respected the new word and knew that Mom meant business when she said “Kneat,” and I got the results I wanted. So now I have two negative words. “No” is a general word for the opposite of “Yes,” and “Kneat” is a more threatening word that censors any negative behavior and demands immediate compliance.

## **4 Go to Sleep**

How can you get your children to just go to sleep? The same way you get them to do everything else: Be consistent! Every night, put them to bed the same way at the same

time and never let them take over the process.

At eight o'clock every night we read the Bible, pray, give them drinks (and if they are hungry, an apple or banana while we read), then kisses, and finally lights out, and that is it. They are in bed and the day has come to an end. At times we have had to remind one child or another that this rule is final, but most of the time the conditioning is never challenged. We have them play hard all day, so they want to sleep!

## **A funny story:**

My six-year-old trained my two-year-old to go to sleep anywhere, anytime by giving him treats. She loves training dogs, and decided that training her brother was fun as well. So she got little pieces of cheese or chocolate and would give him a command like, “Sit down,” “Get up,” “Lie down,” “Say ‘Mama,’” and so on. She then told him, “Close your eyes; now go to sleep.” To her great joy, he did!

One day at church I told my mom, who was holding Roland, “Just tell him to close his eyes and go to sleep and he will obey!” She laughed, but after a few minutes of him wiggling in her lap she tried it, and instantly he fell back in her arms with his eyes closed and was soon sound asleep! She was shocked, and I have to admit I was too! The best part about it is that he still goes to sleep that way. It is like putting a baby doll down.

## **5 Don't Touch**

This training starts early. It is one of those commands that could save your child's hand from being burnt or cut or any number of harmful



things. When you are holding your baby and she reaches out to pull your plate off the table creating a huge mess, it is time to train her not to touch. Instead of pushing the plate beyond her reach, creating an “if you can reach it, it is yours” game, keep it within reach and start training.

As she reaches for it, take her hand away and say, “Don’t touch.” If she reaches again, have a pencil or small switch equivalent in size and tap the back of the hand. This is not to hurt but to reinforce your words. She will pull her hand back and, depending on the child, will stop and let go, or try again. Make sure you win the authority contest and then create another opportunity later in the day to reinforce the training.

Holding a book is a good training tool; they love to reach for a book. Do this for several days until they understand and respond to the command quickly. As they get older, put things on the coffee table that you do not want them to touch and again train them to not touch by being close

at hand to reinforce your command of “Don’t touch.”

## 6 Stop

This command, like “Don’t touch,” can save their life. If your child is about to step into the street, you want him to stop in his tracks when you shout “Stop!” It also goes along with “Come to Mama,” so practice the two together. You can also create a game to play with your children (when Mom says “stop!” you stop). It is okay to have fun while you train them. The more conditioning you do the less trouble you will run into later.

In all your training, remember it is not about disciplining them but about training and conditioning them to obedience so they do not require as much discipline. You will have to discipline at times when they are rebellious or disobey, but the more you train the less you will have to discipline, and as a parent that should be your goal. So start training!



# *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

To **every thing** there is a *season*,  
and a *time* to **every purpose**  
under the heaven:

A *time* to be **born**, and a *time* to **die**;  
a *time* to **plant**, and a *time* to **pluck up**  
that which is **planted**;

A *time* to **kill**, and a *time* to **heal**;  
a *time* to **break down**,  
and a *time* to **build up**;

A *time* to **weep**, and a *time* to **laugh**;  
a *time* to **mourn**, and a *time* to **dance**;

A *time* to **cast away stones**,  
and a *time* to **gather stones**  
**together**; a *time* to **embrace**,  
and a *time* to **refrain from**

**embracing**;

A *time* to **get**, and a *time* to **lose**; a *time*  
to **keep**, and a *time* to **cast away**;

A *time* to **rend**, and a *time* to **sew**;  
a *time* to **keep silence**,  
and a *time* to **speak**;

A *time* to **love**, and a *time* to **hate**;  
a *time* of **war**, and a *time* of **peace**.



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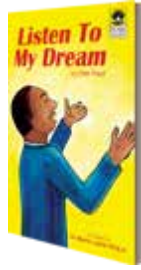


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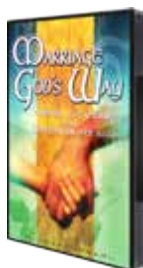
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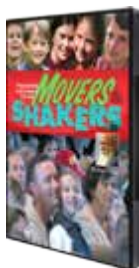
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