

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

NO GREATER JOY

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A close-up photograph of a woman with long brown hair smiling warmly at a baby. The baby is wearing a pink and white striped headband with a large pink fabric flower and a white dress with pink floral patterns. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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Training *Starts at* Birth



By Shalom Brand

Every parent trains their children. They train them to scream and pitch fits, or they train them to be sweet and obedient, but the child is trained either way. When the little ones arrive in our arms and we pull them to our breast for the first time, we are training them that we are their life source. The next time they become hungry and we are holding them close, they will begin nuzzling around looking for that sweet comfort they know will soon come. It is the most amazing thing ever that a little two-day-old will remember the smell, the taste, the comfort, and will not be satisfied with anything else. When a baby is born and a bottle is placed in her mouth she is trained that the bottle is the source of her food, and that is

what she needs. When my little baby was five months old, his intestines flipped, and he was in the hospital for several days, requiring an operation. He was unable to nurse. Eventually, the doctor said that I could give him a bottle, but my little baby refused to drink from it. I finally convinced the doctor that he would only nurse, and sure enough, he nursed with no difficulty. He was trained to nurse.

How to Start:

1 Realize from day one that you are training your baby in everything you do! When you put a diaper on your baby and allow him to mess in it, you are training him to go in his diaper. Yes, it is the norm to place a diaper on your baby, but it is still training. Many others, myself



included, have trained our babies to go in the toilet from day one, so it is possible to train even if it is outside the norm. It is just a matter of deciding what you want for your little one and then following through with that training.

2 Remember, you are conditioning your infants unto obedience. Training an infant is all about conditioning them early to be obedient so when they are old enough to respond to commands, they will obey. They go where you take them, they lie where you place them, and they eat when you feed them. They are in your hands to guide and protect.

3 Make a plan as to what you want them to learn. I wanted my walking child to come when I called, to sit when I said sit, to stop whining when I told them no, and to sleep when I said “sleep”. I wanted them to stop touching when I said “don’t touch!”, and to stop when I said “stop”, and to go potty on the toilet when I said “peepee.” I don’t like to spank. I am

soft hearted, and spanking is not my favorite thing. Because I wanted obedient children, I made a decision early to condition them to obey so that I would rarely have to spank them as they got older. For all you young mothers out there like me who want your children trained to obey when they are still young, make a plan now and stick with it. That way you do not have to retrain them later, making it harder on both of you.

Steps to Obedience

I had seven main things I wanted my very young children to know. In this and the next couple of magazines I will discuss each of them.

1 Come to Mama.

2 Sit down.

3 NO.

4 Go to sleep.

5 Don’t touch.

6 Stop.

7 Go potty.

1 **Come to Mama!**

This is one of my favorite things to train my baby to do; it brings such satisfaction to have your crawling babies come when called and to have your walking baby come running with a smile when you say “come.” By training/conditioning them to come from birth, you will eliminate all those frustrating moments when you tell your little ones to come and they run the other way, forcing you to chase them across a store like an inner city cop. It also eliminates the need, as they get older, to use a switch repeatedly on their little bottoms when they defy your command to come. It is much sweeter to hear them say, “Yes Mama,” with a smile.

Where to start

Right after birth, when I bring my little one up to my breast for the first time, the first words I speak are, “Oh, sweet little thing, come to Mama!” I continue training my new baby by teaching her how to nurse. I praise her for doing such a good job. Daddy wants to hold her, so I say, “Go to Daddy,” again conditioning her. Then when I take her back I again say, “Come to Mama.” It is simple and sweet. No one is even aware that you are training. Every time you pick her up or give her to someone, say, “Come” or “Go.” You will find that she will soon arch her back when you say “Come to Mama,” for she will know that means Mama is about to pick her up. Continue to be consistent in your words so that she is never confused. Come means “Come to Mama.” Once she is crawling you can play a game on the floor with her to help reinforce the training. Have

Daddy sit on the floor on one side of the room while she plays with a toy. You sit a few feet away and, calling her by name, tell her to come to you. Daddy is there to say, “Mama said, ‘Come to Mama.’” After she has come to you then have Daddy call her. Do this often till you are sure she understands what you want. Then when she begins walking you can again play the game, reinforcing the training that started at birth.

There will most likely come a time that your little one looks at you and says, “No.” They are testing you. Repeat the command again to make sure they understand. If they show defiance or stubbornness then it is time for a small switch. A little swat on the leg should get their attention and create a positive response. They will take your word to be serious and obey.

2 **Sit Down.**

There will be times that having your child sit still will be very important; like at church, in a car, or at a restaurant. Training them at home to sit still is training them to refrain from being wild in public places. This was by far the hardest thing for me to teach my first baby. If we were eating and she was ready to get out of her highchair, I thought, “Why not, we are at home,” and I would let her down to play so I could finish in peace. But, the fact of the matter is, if you do not make them learn to sit at home, they will not sit in public, making eating-out miserable for everyone. I remember thinking, “This is not even worth it—I am just going to stay home!”

The public dilemma arises from the nature of our training. We have taught them that there are no

exceptions to coming when called, but by letting them get up after eating at home we have trained them that getting up at will is the norm. So our attempt to get them to stay seated in public is in defiance of our routine training at home. They are not yet old enough to understand the relative nature of a command.

Start off from birth, just like teaching them to come; every time you lay them down say, “Lie down.” If they arch their back and let out a scream to be picked back up, and you pick them up, you are training them to make their own decisions in the face of any command. I understand you want to hold your baby, to keep her close to you, but training them to thoroughly obey is critical to their welfare and to the peace of the home. If you never give in, they will never

This training takes courage and wisdom on Mama’s part.

take over. This training takes courage and wisdom on Mama’s part.

Several years ago I was visiting a new mother who regularly responded to her baby’s plea to be picked up. The child’s sleep was restless; he never took an uninterrupted nap, because he expected to be held constantly. His mother loved it and thought it was so endearing to be so needed all the time. When her little one was close to a year old, Mom was still toting him around while trying to teach the other children and take care of her home. The hip hugger would let out a scream every time Mom put him down, even for a moment. This mother seemed to feed off of it and think it was sweet, but I

am sure Daddy was getting pretty fed up with it! I know my husband would be. The one-year-old soon became a very needy, whiny, three-year-old that no one liked. Her son is now approaching five years of age and he still clings to his mother. If she had started training early she would now be finishing her chores early.

Even after they have a history of being well trained, there may come a time when you will be holding them and they will forcefully demand to get down onto the floor. It may not make any difference in your home, but next time you may be in a doctor’s office where getting down could be dangerous to their health. So train at home and relax in the doctor’s office. When you are at home and they initiate the move to get down, tell them to sit and wait. If they comply, then after a few minutes let them down with a word of praise for their sitting so well.

However, if the little fellow stubbornly demands to be released from his confines, then know that there is a royal battle, winner-take-all contest in the air for a lifetime of supremacy. It is best to avoid a contest of wills if your child is tired, so pray the battle comes when everyone is rested! When the child defies your order to stay seated, making forceful gestures to free himself, offering vocal protests, it is time to demonstrate that you are in charge and will not tolerate rebellion. Switch his leg once or twice with a light instrument while speaking calm but forceful words of command. “No, Mama said sit.” Previous training has caused him to well understand the meaning of “No,” that is, if you have been consistent. We will be

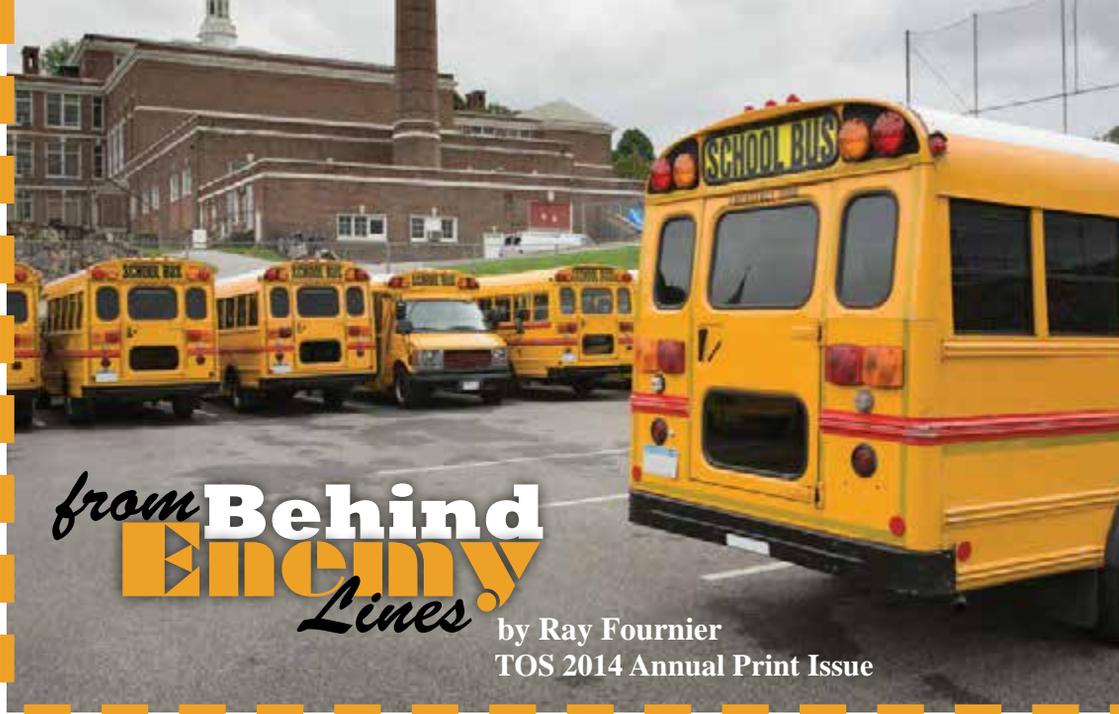


discussing the word “no” in a later magazine. Continue constraining him to remain in your lap while speaking words of determination. If he continues to try to free himself and slide to the floor, then switch his leg again and repeat your reprimand. This defiance won’t happen often, maybe just once or twice in a child’s life—that is if you are consistent in training.

A word of caution: If you have spanked and rebuked several times and the child’s defiance turns to out-of-control emotional turmoil, you may feel like giving up. If you do allow the child to win, he will suffer the greatest loss of his life. From that day forward he will be a rebel and a tyrant. You must win, but there are other tools in your arsenal. Diffuse the situation with a diversion. Pick up a book or a toy and attempt to captivate his attention. Do something ridiculous, start laughing or singing, or carry on a normal conversation with another child or adult, discussing something so interesting that he stops screaming in order to listen. My dad has said, “If you

can’t win, the next best thing is to be perceived to win.” Remember the contest of wills is about remaining in your lap. If you win that contest, you remain the boss and the child remains under authority. If he stops crying in order to hear the ridiculous song you make up about a rabbit and a little boy, and in doing so remains in your lap, you win, he wins, society wins, God wins, and the devil loses. Once he stops crying and becomes focused on singing, or conversation, or a toy, turn your attention back to him and talk with him about anything. When it is clear that you have won the contest of wills, put him down on the floor and speak words of praise. As my dad says, “You have made his negative behavior counterproductive and rewarded his good behavior with fellowship.”

As a side note, you do not need to spank them for crying. Do not tell them to stop crying, for you may not win that battle. All you need them to do is sit without resistance. Once they obey, the crying will stop, so do not be upset by it.



from Behind Enemy Lines

by Ray Fournier
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Public School Teacher says, *"Get your children out!"*

As I step out of my car and begin my long walk across the parking lot I can already feel the oppression in the air. With each step I take the darkness increases and I know deep in my soul that I am now behind enemy lines. Walking through the gates of the public high-school where I teach feels as if I were walking into a concentration camp dedicated to the spiritual death of those imprisoned behind these walls. As a missionary masquerading as one of the "guards" I am an eyewitness to the daily indoctrination and spiritual torture that is inflicted upon those who have been sentenced to come here by their own well meaning parents. The defiling effects of the government curriculum, the media, and the student culture can be seen everywhere you look, but especially in the faces of every student that I teach.

When I look around the room

as I'm teaching one of my classes, I am all too aware that 15 out of 30 of these dear children are sexually active¹. You see, sexual immorality with several partners throughout high school is the norm. Our sex-crazed American culture has defiled the minds and bodies of our sons and daughters. So much so that 23 out of 30 believe that homosexuality is acceptable². 12 out of 30 have used marijuana. 14 don't see a great risk in heavy daily drinking³. 18 have cheated on a test during the last year, 9 stole from a store, 24 have lied to their parents about something significant, and even though they have done these things 28 out of 30 are satisfied with their personal ethics and character⁴. My heart breaks over the moral decline of our youth, but we have an even bigger problem.

Between 70⁵-88%⁶ of children from Christian homes walk away from the visible church by the end of

their freshman year in college. Less than 1% of all Americans between the ages of 18 and 23 have a Biblical worldview including those that came from Christian families⁷. The fastest growing religious group in America is made up of atheists and agnostics including many of our own children⁸. God is being mocked as the minds and hearts of our children are being stolen by the world leading millions of them to spiritual destruction. The question is why is this happening?

There are many contributing factors to this crisis, but there is one factor that almost 9 out of 10 Christian families have in common. 89% of Christian parents send their children to the public schools⁹.

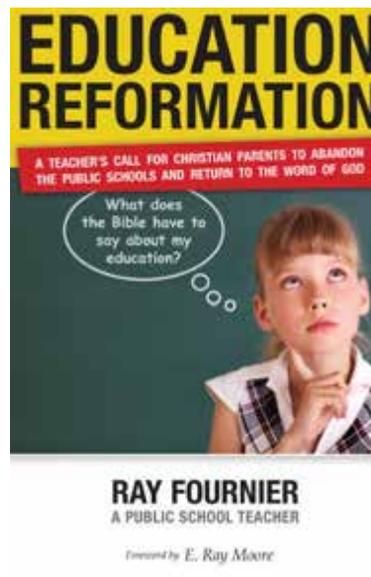
The idea that public school curriculum is religiously neutral is a lie. Evolution based science classes discredit the reliability of the Bible and get rid of God as Creator. History classes get rid of God as Sovereign King and demonize Christianity. English classes reinforce this message through the literature they assign their students to read. This deliberate indoctrination encourages students to break each and every one of the Ten Commandments and sabotages the message of the gospel. By getting rid of God, they get rid of His absolute moral law. Without God and an absolute moral law, the idea of sin and God's judgment becomes a figment of someone's imagination leaving students to sin to their hearts' content. Without the reality of sin and hell, Jesus suffering God's wrath on the cross in our place becomes an unnecessary myth, and the call to repent of our sins and trust in Jesus

as our Lord and Savior becomes foolishness to the minds and hearts of public school indoctrinated youth. This has led millions of our own children down the broad road to spiritual destruction.

You might think that you are doing enough in the personal discipleship of your children to counteract this ungodly teaching or that by taking your children to a strong Bible believing church your

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children will be able to survive the public schools, but that is not what the statistics say or what I have personally witnessed during my 13 years of experience as a public school teacher. On the contrary, what I have seen is the destruction of countless children from Christian families, including many who went to doctrinally sound churches.



One such family that I knew from church was the Walsh¹⁰ family. The Walsh family home-schooled their children for many years but when two of their daughters reached high-school age, they decided to send them to the public school where I teach. As soon as I found out about their decision, I warned them about the spiritual dangers of public education, but sadly they ignored my warning. It was as if their daughters were placed inside a spiritual gas chamber. It didn't take long for the poison to take effect. Within a year's time one of them even became a lesbian. My heart broke each and every time I saw her walk around campus with her girlfriend. I can only imagine how utterly devastated her family must feel.

Stories such as this one have become all too common, but not all corruption is out in plain sight. I have seen many of our children pretend that they are who their parents want them to be, only to change their outfits, their personalities, and their moral values as soon as they get to school. The public schools steal

the hearts and souls of our children long before they walk away from the visible church; many as early as elementary school, 40% by end of middle school, and 80% by the end of their senior year of high school¹¹. As a result, our families are crumbling, our churches are weakening, and our nation is on the road to becoming the next Sodom and Gomorrah.

At the end of every day, as I walk through the halls and glance into the empty classrooms, the whispers of lawlessness haunt each corner and desk while the stench of spiritual death lingers. I think back to everything that I witnessed throughout the day and I wonder how Christian parents could possibly think that this godless institution is the type of "education" that God intended for their children. If they only knew what was happening to their children "behind enemy lines" and what God actually says regarding education, they would not hesitate to rescue their children from the public schools and provide for them a Biblical education for the glory of God.





In the end, only God can save our children, only God can save our families and churches, and only God can save our nation. With that said, God often uses our obedience as a means to protect our children from evil and to lead them to a relationship with Christ. Seize the day! Even if you are in the middle of the school year, rescue your children from the public schools and return to the Word of God for His commands and principles on how to educate your children for His glory.

To learn more about what God says regarding education and a firsthand public school teacher's account about what is really happening "behind enemy lines" please go to www.EducationReformation.org to read my book Education Reformation for free.

End Notes

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)(2009)
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6. Southern Baptist Council on the Family (2002)
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9. Britt Beemer's America's Research Group's national survey (2006)
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Biography

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Proverbs Time

Happy Time at Home

By Michael Pearl

It's raining outside. The kids have been locked up all day with no access to digital media, and they have played all the board games again and again until they are bored. They are starting to get antsy, invading each other's space. We have quelled several uprisings. It is time for an infusion of wisdom—for some attitude adjustments.

"Hey, everybody, get your Bibles; Happy, Happy, Happy. It is Proverbs time again at the Pearl's house!"

It was times like this that we called the family together for a study of the next chapter of Proverbs. We never pulled them away from riding horses or fishing to do a Proverbs study. I too was a kid once.

"OK, where were we?"

One of the girls prides herself in always keeping up. She has a special bookmarker reserved for this

moment. "I know! We are on chapter three," she blurts out. She looks pleased and I am pleased that she is pleased, and I am happy already.

"OK, who wants to start?"

"I do, I do," says our most recent reader.

To the parent:

It is very important—essential—not to let this become a boring experience. The last thing you want is to allow the children to be bored with the Word of God. Don't expect them to eliminate the boredom in their hearts. You eliminate it by being interesting. It stops being drudgery when they don't have to listen to you all the time, when they get to contribute their ideas. Your job is to steer conversation, to jump-start a slow moment with a question or observation that provokes them to express their

opinions.

Debate is good. Nothing keeps us focused like defending our position and trying to see the holes in big brother's argument. This is not Sunday school or church; it is a happy free-for-all of ideas and participation. No idea is stupid except one voiced with stupid intent. Don't be disturbed if a kid chases a rabbit trail that has nothing to do with Proverbs. To have the family together talking, trusting each other with their thoughts and feelings is invaluable. Don't be a religious school teacher unless you want them to look forward to graduation.

Listen to me parent: Never use family time to air grievances or rebuke the children for stored up offenses. Do not use the text to take a dig at a child's former behavior. One time, and you can cash it in. After that, when you say "Proverbs time" they will cringe like you did when you were called to the principal's office, or when the boss schedules a private

appointment
in his office
on Friday
afternoon.

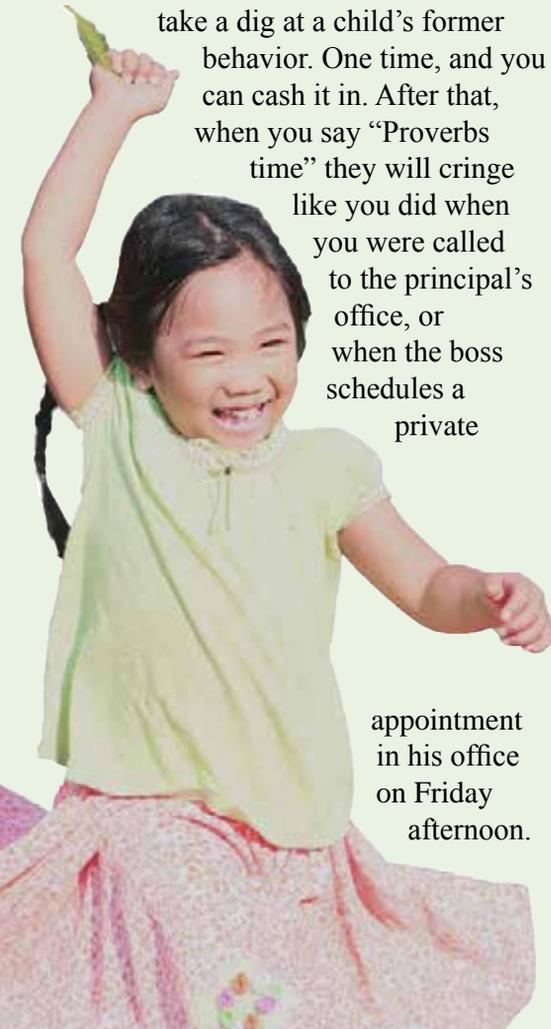
It will never be fun for them again. When they are forty years old they will flinch upon hearing the word Proverbs and never want to know what is in the foreboding book.

The soul of a child is a delicate bloom that must be handled with care. I know I am being negative, but if you read some of the letters I get from grown kids, you would say, "Hit'em again." Religion should be tied to a tree in the woods and starved to death.

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intent.**

Your first goal is a peaceable, fun family time—fellowship all around. Your second goal is to provide a context where the children can develop as human beings—intellectually, emotionally, and socially. When those elements are present and a spirit of good will permeates all, then (and only then) is the family ready to grow in wisdom, understanding, and the fear of the LORD.

If you are serious about conducting this study with the family, purchase *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* by John Walvoord. It is part of my digital Bible program. It is not detailed, but it will give you a spring board to launch your own study further. The commentary should be made available to the kids who can read it. It is great homeschooling for them to pour over it, trying to get a jump on their brothers and sisters. Competition is powerful medicine against disinterest.



It would take thirty pages to give a full commentary on one chapter in Proverbs. Obviously our format is limited, so for our study today, I am going to major on the structure of the text. You can make the application when you understand the text. This is also a lesson on how to study the Bible.

Proverbs 3

**1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.**

This is the first of a series

Always practice mercy and truth and both God and man will like you better.

of commandments followed by promises. Keep God's commandments in your heart and you will have peace and live longer.

Medical science has shown that one who is peaceful is in better health than one carrying guilt and anxiety.

**3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.**

Here is a second commandment followed by a promise. Always practice mercy and truth and both God and man will like you better. Take note of the structure. It is written so there can be no misunderstanding. Like a passenger jet it is packed with redundancies so it will not crash in misunderstanding. In verse one, to remember the law is to hide it in your heart.

In verse two, length of days is long life, and to reinforce it further he states that the days are added to what was otherwise due. Three ways of saying the same thing—redundancies.



In verse three, he says the same thing three ways. To “let not mercy and truth forsake thee” is defined as “binding mercy and truth about your neck like a precious object”, or it is like “writing mercy and truth on the table of your heart”.

The entire book of Proverbs is written in this fashion. For homework, have the children write the Proverbs (writing skills) in an outline fashion (grammar) as an aid to understanding the text (literature).

- Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:
- bind them about thy neck;
- write them upon the table of thine heart:

Note the underlines and mark the synonyms. Not forsake is the negative of bind and write. Always identify the parallel phrases, matching subjects, predicates, and modifiers. At another time, perhaps in preparation for a family discussion, have the children rewrite the entire chapter in poetic form, noting the structure.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Again we have a commandment followed by a promise. To trust in the LORD is to lean not to your understanding, and it is to acknowledge Him—three ways of making the one point.

The promise follows: He shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.



8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

This commandment and promise reinforces the one above. To trust in the Lord and lean not to your own understanding is to be not wise in your own eyes.

Health and marrow? A text written 3,000 years ago associates health with the marrow of the

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bones, where our platelets are made. Compare that to Egyptian or Babylonian understanding of the human body.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

To honor the LORD with our substance is to give Him the firstfruits of our increase. Give

God a portion from the first profits (the increase) not the principle and not what is left over after personal expenditures. That is how missionaries are supported and churches build expensive buildings that are used five hours a week.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father to the son in whom he delighteth.

This passage is quoted in the book of Hebrews.

Here again is a commandment followed by an assurance instead of a promise.

To despise not God's chastisement is to not be weary when corrected.

The assurance is, whom (the Son) the LORD (father) loves (delighteth in) He corrects (chastens).

If you pay attention to the structure of the text, you will discover that the Bible interprets itself.

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

This is not a commandment; it is a positive observation that is reinforced with a long list of blessings (14-18) that will ensue if you find wisdom and get understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it [singular—viewing wisdom and understanding as one reality] is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She [wisdom] is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life [live forever] to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Wisdom must be retained. It can be washed out by digital media and idleness.

He reinforces his deliberations on wisdom by recounting how God himself effectively employed wisdom.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens.

20 By His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

The dynamic trio—wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

These two verses deserve some thought. They are touting intelligent design. When scientists perform genetic modification on our seeds, they are assuming they are wiser than God (Revelation 11:18).

21 My son, let not them [wisdom and understanding of verse 19] depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

He restates “them” (wisdom and understanding, v. 13) as wisdom and discretion, making discretion and



understanding synonyms.

22 *So shall they [wisdom and discretion] be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.*

23 *Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.*

[Two ways of saying the same thing so you don't miss the point.]

24 *When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.*

25 *Be not afraid of sudden fear; neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.*

[And now the promise:]

26 *For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken [Compare to verse 23].*

Commandment:

27 *Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.*

You are not responsible to be benevolent to everyone who has a need, only those whom you have the

power to aid.

Verse 28 amplifies verse 27.

28 *Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.*

Shades of the second chapter of James.

More commandments:

29 *Devise not evil against thy neighbour; seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.*

30 *Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.*

31 *Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.*

These are not random thoughts. All three statements have to do with the way you relate to your neighbor. Reading from the bottom up, it is saying if you have an oppressive neighbor, do not strive with him, as he does with you, or devise evil against him since he lives just next

door.

Three warnings framed in contrasts.

The negative is stated first. The conjunction introduces the contrasting positive.

32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.

33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but He blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

Final promise also cast in contrast:

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

This brief outline is designed

to show you how to study the Bible. The Bible is first studied according to the common rules of literary interpretation—the normal grammatical approach. If you sit around waiting for God to show you something, you might as well go to a mountain top without your Bible. First understand the text through thoughtful, intelligent inquiry, and then you can look for spiritual nuggets. But once you understand the text, your hunger for the spiritual will be satisfied and you will not have a need to get mystical. Proverbs is the handiest book in the Bible. If you memorize it, you will have a quote for every conceivable event. You can correct your own spirit and raise kids on the Book of Proverbs.



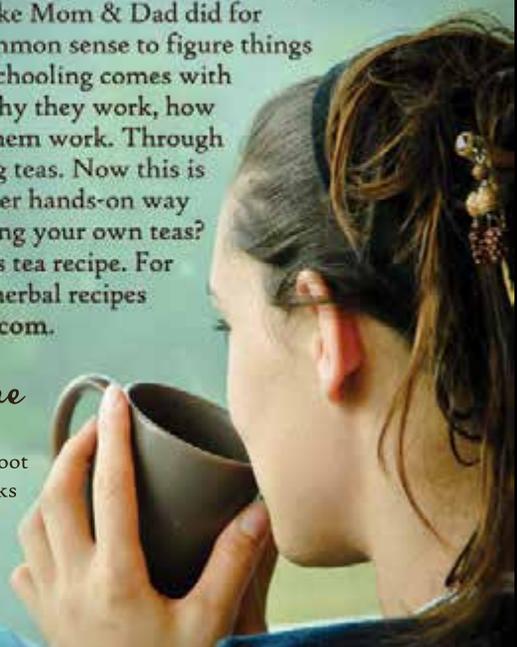
Last week I was asked how old I was when I started working at Bulk Herb Store. I smiled & said, "I was 13. Because I was homeschooled I was able to work construction a few days a week, work at the Herb Store & travel freely. I loved being homeschooled!" Their jaws dropped! My kids, Jeremiah & Penelope, are growing up fast. I am homeschooling them just like Mom & Dad did for me. They gave me a hunger to learn, common sense to figure things out & brains to research. Most of homeschooling comes with conversation. Talking through things, why they work, how they work & what you can do to make them work. Through all of that I started researching & making teas. Now this is something I do with my kids. What better hands-on way to learn than mixing & brewing your own teas? Gather the kids & mix up this tea recipe. For organic herbs & more FREE herbal recipes go to: www.BulkHerbStore.com.



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A Big Thank You From Rick

Missionary to the Philippines, Rick Batson, needs a new(er) truck. His 1992 Mitsubishi Delica diesel has served him well for 5 years, but the terrain and tropical environment are taking their toll. The delays of breakdowns and the costs of repairs are now hindering Rick's ability to efficiently spread the gospel.



Most of Rick's work involves travelling to schools with video and audio equipment and a screen to show gospel films as part of his presentations. He also distributes gospel literature including copies of Good and Evil in the Cebuano and Tagalog languages. In the last five years Rick has personally given these gospel presentations to over 250,000 students, many of whom are Muslim.

Rick doesn't want a brand new flashy ride (this would only make him a target for thieves), but needs a dependable, efficient vehicle to continue his vital ministry in the Philippines. He says that \$9,000 dollars should be sufficient to purchase the vehicle that he needs to continue his work and an additional \$1,500 to upgrade or replace his other equipment (projector, computer, speakers). So far, \$7,000 has come in, and any extra money that comes in will go for printing more Good and Evil books for this ministry.

All donations designated for Rick go to him in their entirety. You can donate online at <http://nogreaterjoy.org/shop/ministry-gift-philippine-missions> or by mailing it to 1000 Pearl Rd. Pleasantville, TN 37033. Donate now and make a difference in the lives of souls who are wating!





Virtuous Conversation

by *Erin Harrison*

“The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,
so that he shall have no need of spoil”

Proverbs 31:11

What does it mean to have the heart of your husband safely trusting in you? We can spoil his trust and confidence in us through our poor conduct and conversation.

Can your husband safely trust in your conversation? When he is away from you, will he wonder what you are saying about your shared private life or about him?

Back Biting

Talking bad about our husbands to others can spoil his reputation among the brethren. When a wife unloads to friends about how unreasonable or controlling he is, it may make her feel better for the moment, but it will spoil his good name for a long time to come.

I have had two sisters in Christ continually cry to me about how horrible their husbands treated them. One wife would call me in desperation, telling me that she could not take his controlling nature any longer. She felt she was not allowed to go anywhere or do anything but serve him. It did not matter that she had talents and dreams. She was forced to set her life aside to be at his beck and call. I listened, I cried with her, and I began to despise her husband. There were times I would get so angry for how poorly she was being treated that I would tell her to leave him. Wow! I know now that I was wrong to feed into her backbiting as I did. The right thing would have been for my husband and I to have a meeting with her and her husband.

Her husband deserved his day in court. He had no voice, and I did not get to hear his heart as I judged him and condemned him.

Our poor conversation pulled me into relating situations in my own marriage that I was not happy with, so we began to commiserate. Our husbands were brought under the slaughter of our words. Every time I would be around her husband, I would think he was such a jerk, even though he would be so very kind to our family.

Years later, I came to realize that I was a wretched wife. I saw how trustworthy my husband was, how he would never go around telling people about how nasty I was to him. He did not tell people when I would slam a door in his face or tell him that I was leaving him, when I did not get my way. I could act like a total, unreasonable jerk to him, and trust that my good name would not be smeared. No one wants other people to know what happens behind closed doors. Even the people who have a great measure of self-control can act nasty in their own seething quiet way, and would not want others to find out about it. From then on, I knew it would spoil the trust we had in each other. I stopped my slanderous tongue against my dear husband.

Afterwards, when another wife came to me about her troubles with her unreasonable husband, I did not cater to her or feel sorry for her. I saw my own past ugliness in her every word. We know there are husbands out there who beat their wives, molest their children, commit adultery, watch porn, or are addicted to alcohol and drugs. What

a blessing it is to be married to an honorable man who may be stern and controlling, but only wants to protect his family. He is generally like that because he feels a grave responsibility to the Lord for his children. Her husband carries a heavy weight in his heart, making sure he provides the resources and protection that his family needs.

And then his wife goes around telling people all that he says behind closed doors instead of trusting the Lord to give her the grace to endure. When you put it into perspective, the beaten wife of a perverted husband would give anything to have such

I stopped my slanderous tongue against my dear husband.

a protective man whom she could trust. It is all in your perspective. I have learned not to tolerate the complaining wife. It is hard for me to not comfort and allow her that venting, but I know it is one sided and it spoils the trust that he may have in her. If she were actually in a dangerous or abusive situation, I would have called the police and had him arrested. I do not tolerate abuse, since I was abused as a child. If you are in an abusive situation, I would suggest the same. It is a sin to enable such abuse to continue. In this woman's situation, she was simply not happy because her husband was being harsh and unkind towards her. She feels unappreciated and overlooked. A typical "Me Monster" situation.

What can an unhappy wife do to keep her conversation pure?

- She can pray.*
- Try to treat her husband the way she would wish to be treated in all areas of life.*
- Make a practice of writing down all the wonderful things about her husband.*
- If she is faced with an opportunity to talk bad about her husband: stop talking, pray, and change the subject.*
- Say something kind about her husband in public every opportunity she gets. It is better they think he is her hero for his protective ways than for him to be known as a tyrant.*

TMI (Too Much Information)

Are you telling intimate details of your married life? Can your husband trust in what you are telling others about his private life? His finances? This has caused my husband more frustration than almost anything else I have ever done. I tell people too much information. Recently, when my husband was having an ailment, I asked him why he waited so long to tell me about it. He said that he was afraid to tell me because he thought I might broadcast such a thing. I had a terrible habit of just saying whatever came to my little mind. Sometimes he would just shake his head in disbelief that I actually said a certain thing. He did not trust my mouth at all. He knew it was an untamed thing and could burst forth with just about anything at anytime. It takes years to regain the confidence and trust in a person once it has been lost. I told him that I would never tell people

about his personal issues and that it has literally been years since I have done such a thing. He looked back at me and said that I had been doing much better in recent years. When I used to get around other people, I would become nervous if there was a space of time that no one was talking. I felt it was my God given responsibility to fill that void. Then the floodgates would open and I would tell all. To train me, he would have a slip of paper in his pocket that he wrote TMI on. When we would be in a situation where I was talking and I started to give out too much information about private things such as our finances or other personal issues, he would flash that piece of paper in my direction. Even when I was on the phone he would pass by with that paper as a gentle reminder. That really worked for me. I wanted my husband to trust me again, so I really appreciated how he helped me overcome. My husband showed me these bible verses,

Proverbs 21:23-Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Matthew 12:36 - But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Psalms 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister

grace unto the hearers.

James 1:19 - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

He did not show me these verses because he felt he was better than me, but because these verses are based on his deep love for me and concern for my witness to others. I can see so much wisdom in his lack of words. My many words have gotten me into worlds of trouble throughout my life. I see this now, but there was a time that I was not so appreciative. The one thing that has driven me the craziest in our marriage is how little he talks. But in reality, it has become the best thing for me. I simply could not understand why he had almost nothing to say. **What was he thinking? Was he thinking at all?** On the flip side he once told me how much he loves to hear me talk to him. On long rides, listening to all my stories, he actually enjoys my many words and feels empty if I stop talking to him. One day he said to me after I wondered why he did not talk very much, "You are like a babbling brook. Your voice is a comfort rolling over me. I am a deep well. It takes a lot of effort to draw the water up. It only gets drawn up when there is a need." **Amazing!** I love how his few words carry the meaning of my thousands. I have learned that the freshest water comes from the deepest wells. Everyone knows it is unsafe to drink out of a stream unless it is flowing from a fresh spring. You can see how clean



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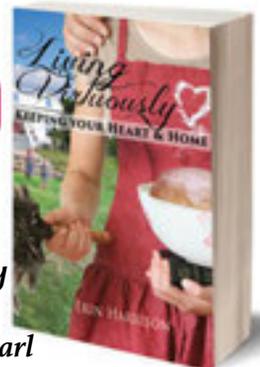
it is by the clarity of the water. If it is clear and cool, you know it is spring fed and you can trust in it. The spring of life is Christ. If you are tapped into Him, pure words flow from your heart. **Lord, please let our conversation**

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be pure and undefiled. Let our words be healing and edifying to our husbands so that his heart can safely trust in us.



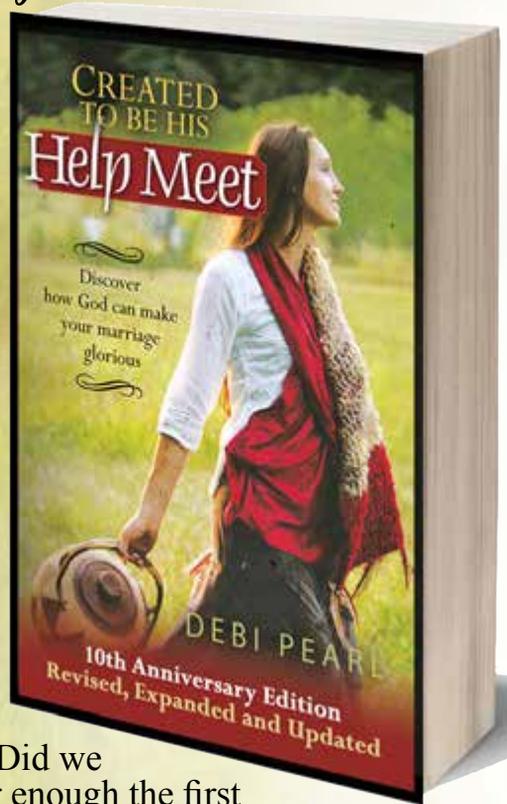
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feet hit the floor in
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**OH NO,
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against **flesh** and blood, but
against principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore **TAKE** unto you
the whole *Armour of God*,
that ye may be able to **WITHSTAND**
in the evil day, and having done all,
TO STAND.

Praying always with
ALL PRAYER and supplication
in the *Spirit*,
and **WATCHING**
thereunto with all perseverance
and supplication for all saints;
Ephesians 6:12, 13, & 18





Don't send a *grandpa* to do a *mother's* work

By Michael Pearl



Photos: Elizabeth Stewart

Either I have forgotten what it is like to be solely responsible for a two-year-old, or I have gotten out of shape—both physically and mentally. My daughter Shoshanna left Jeremiah with Debi and me for the afternoon. Somehow, Deb had to go somewhere right before lunch, and I ended up with Jeremiah. No problem. I can handle kids. I prepared a good dinner, but he didn't want to eat anything except beans and cantaloupe.

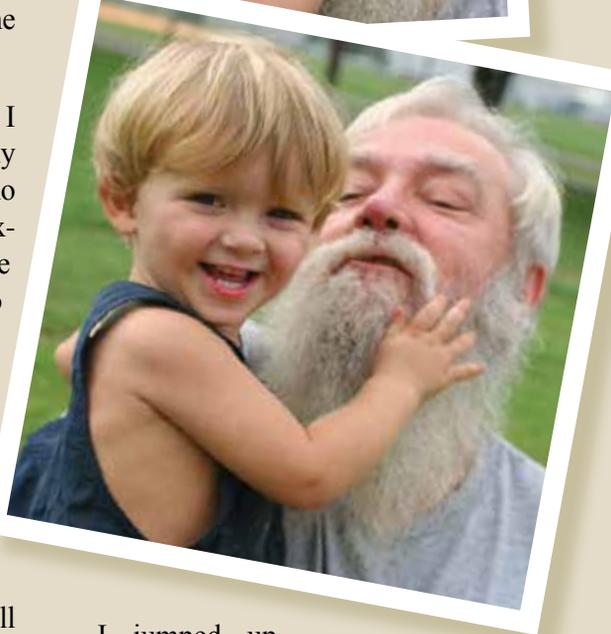
Kids take a nap after eating, right? So he selected a book, and we sat in the rocking chair as I read the “exciting” story. I finished reading, and he still showed no signs of getting sleepy, but after having five children and watching my wife, I knew just what to do. I took him to our bedroom, and we lay down together. My plans were that as soon as he got to sleep, I would go back to work.

He kept fidgeting until he got bored, and then he started in on me. He climbed on me and jumped up and down like a bull rider. I bucked him off and told him in my most commanding voice, “Go to sleep.” Instead, he grabbed my nose and tried to unscrew it. My mother had it permanently attached, and it didn't come loose, but

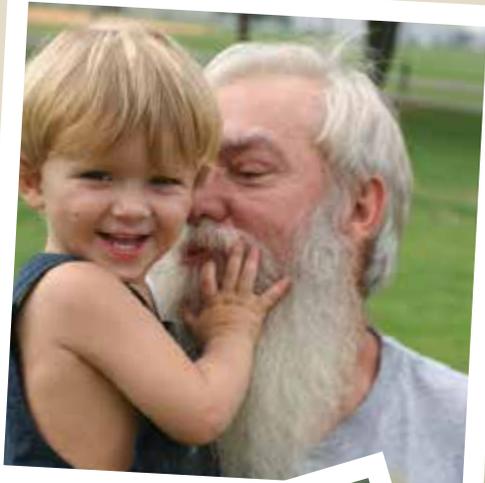
it was not his fault. I pushed his hand away and tapped him on the head with a knuckle before whining my protest. He lay still for a minute, and then out of nowhere, he hit me with a pillow, and let out his inherited rebel yell. I was under assault, so I grabbed a pillow and held it tight over my head so he couldn't hit me with his. He was still for a minute, and then I felt additional pillows being piled on top of the one already covering my head. He then threw the covers over the pile of well-placed pillows and pressed his body down on the top. He was trying to smother me to death! I ran out of air real fast and had to come up gasping. He rolled off the pile, but managed to bore his little finger into my belly button as he passed by. I catapulted him to the other side of the bed and commenced complaining strongly. He thought it was quite an achievement and complimented himself with a triumphant dance in the middle of the king-size bed.

Finally, I had had enough, so I searched into my past and found my scariest voice, commanded him in no uncertain terms that his mother expected him to take a nap, and that he was going to take a nap if we had to stay there all afternoon. He got quiet for the first time. Under my pile of protective pillows, I grinned my victory. A couple minutes passed, and I realized I had won, and I did it without having to read *To Train Up A Child!*

I was thinking, "In a minute he will be asleep, and I will be able to get up and go back to . . ." I heard a yell coming from somewhere far away, and I struggled to consciousness. I had been asleep! He put *me* to sleep!



I jumped up and staggered to the kitchen. He was standing in the middle of the floor with his legs spread apart, pointing to a pile . . . no, two piles . . . no, four or five piles . . . and a number of spears of brown,



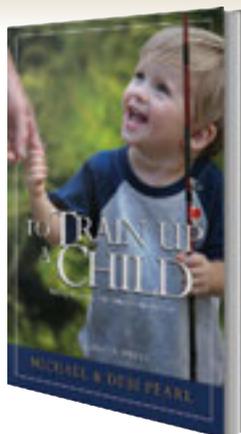
stinky, cantaloupe and beans poopoo—on my kitchen floor! He was whining and complaining and explaining why he could not go to the bathroom, because he couldn't undo the buttons on his pants. He was very unhappy with himself, and he blamed me for sleeping when I was supposed to be babysitting. At least, that's the way I interpreted his jabber.

I picked up the miserable little fellow, holding him at arm's length to avoid contamination. I regretted getting rid of that old 1950s bio suit last year. When I tried to put him into the tub, clothes and all, he began to resist. I later found out that he doesn't like to be in the tub. To hold on to him and get him undressed, I had to change my

grip several times. You guessed it, I got contaminated. I didn't know whether to take my clothes off and get in the tub with him or to try to clean him up first. At the thought of sharing a tub with him, a premonition of impending disaster came over me. So I stripped him and washed him from head to foot—three times—him hollering the whole time. I knew he was going to tell bad things about me when the women showed up.

I then cleaned up the kitchen floor, but since I didn't have a change of clothes for him, I wrapped him in a towel and sat down to hold him until he went to sleep. He never did go to sleep. When the ladies returned, I handed him off to his mother and told them that I never could get him to take a nap. Shoshanna said, "Oh, I fed him and gave him a nap before I brought him over." Then from the kitchen I heard my wife ask, "What is this brown stuff on the floor?" Over my shoulder, as I was heading out the door, I said, "See you girls later. So long, poop head."

To all mothers of two-year-olds, you have my deepest respect.



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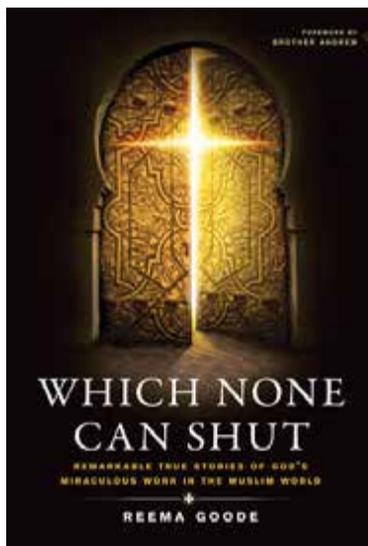
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by Jerit Abart

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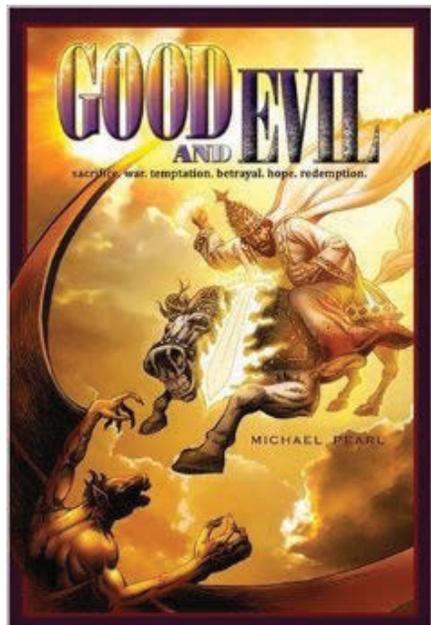
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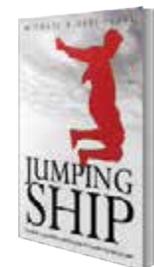
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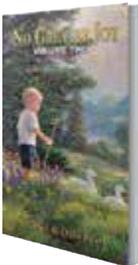
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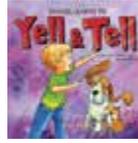
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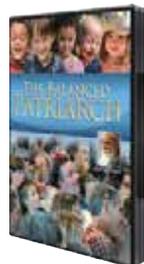


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