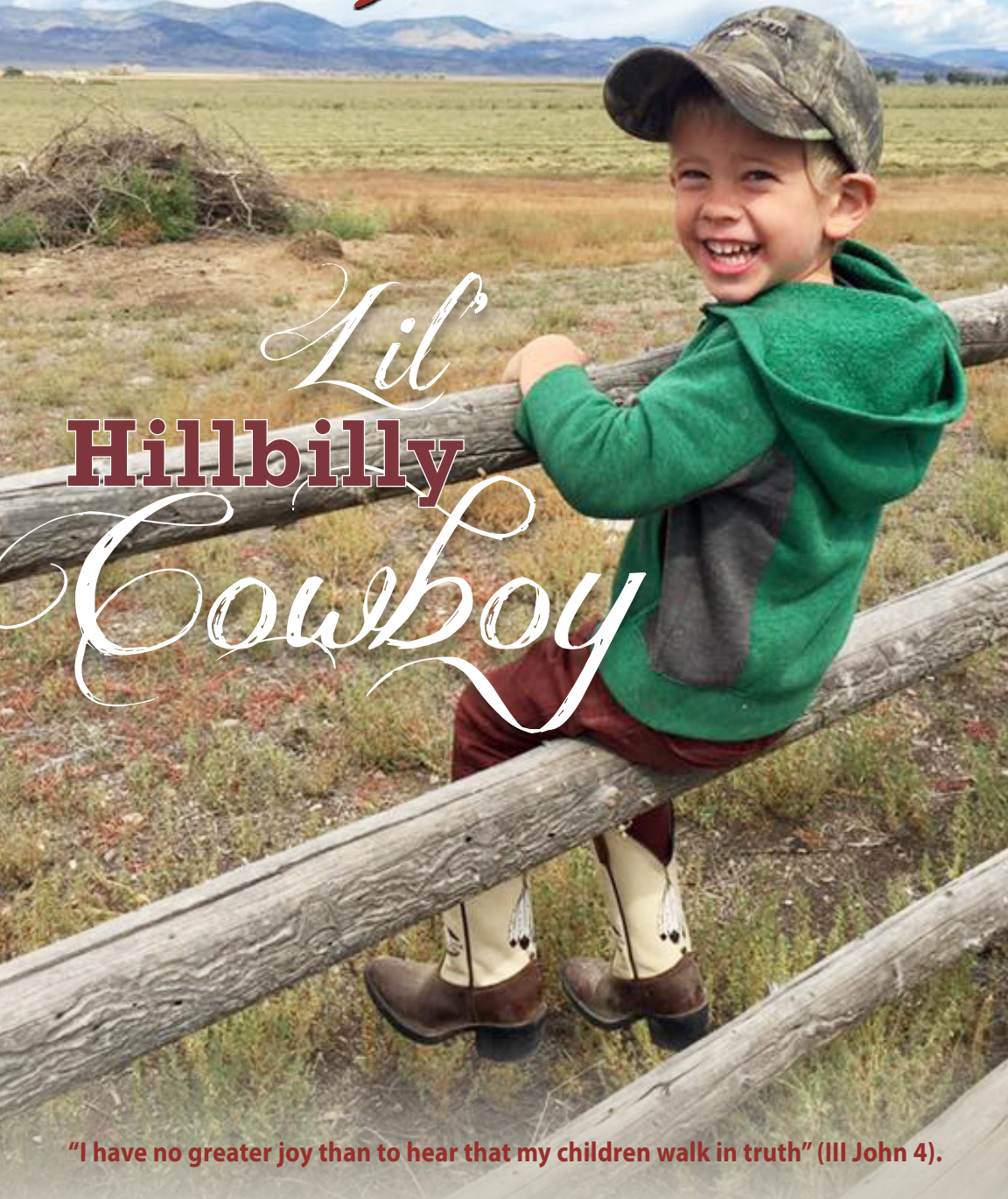




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MIRROR CHILDREN

By Debi Pearl

IT IS AMAZING that a two-year-old child can learn two or more languages at the same time, something very few adults can do. How can a small child without any knowledge of words—and therefore no point of reference—perform all the mental gymnastics it takes to hear, understand, and learn to form the words of two or more languages at the same time, and with no accent?

Imagine trying to learn Arabic and Chinese at the same time. This amazing ability is a point of great interest to educators, and the answer provides important insight to parents attempting to train their children in things far less sophisticated than languages.

Babies are born with fully functioning mirror neurons in their beautifully designed little brains. These brain cells

A YOUNG CHILD BECOMES A REFLECTION OF THE PEOPLE IN HIS FACE

automatically enable them to observe and re-create what they see and hear. Anyone who has ever held a newborn baby has been amused at its propensity for mimicry. You should see Mike holding one of his new grandbabies and performing tongue and facial gymnastics, and then laughing like crazy when the baby repeats it. Then he launches into his dissertation on how smart his grandkids are. Don't tell him, but all babies have the same mirror neurons.

God designed mirror neurons so that a baby can easily learn a language, know what to eat or not eat, and be alert to danger. Infants learn what to fear, whom to respect, how to respond to various things and people, what and whom they should love, and what they should dislike. A young child becomes a reflection of the joys, fears, hates, happiness, sadness, bitterness, thankfulness, and so forth of the people in his face. If your infants and small children are in the care of others, then those people become the de facto mentors and formers of temperament and worldview. Children don't naturally fear snakes,



spiders, strangers, or heights. They are culturalized by observing those around them. Long before genetics begin to manifest differences in children, in the early years mirror neurons are responsible for your child's perspective.

A wise, discerning parent can take this neuron information and use it to great advantage for her baby. Exposing your tiny child to soft, classical background music, the Bible being read on CD, audio of math facts, as well as other educational material can imprint on their minds areas of great learning. On the other hand, you can use the TV to entertain or distract your little child. The sounds from silly cartoon nonsense can be filling her mind with confusion; drama shows full of fussing, bad language, and fighting can be stressing her fragile soul, and other wasteful trash can be making grooves in her forming brain.

WE ARE AUTOMATICALLY IMPLANTING THESE TRAITS IN OUR CHILDREN BY MEANS OF THEIR MIRROR NEURONS

Some children seem to be born to excel, to perform, to be confident, to have true grit, to be somebody. I think it can be better said that some babies have a mama or a daddy that help to make that happen for their children. The early years form the mold from which the rest of his life is cast.

I remember squatting beside my great-grandfather (who was born sometime around the Civil War) as he showed me an herb. I must have been less than four years old. I have no memory of what the herb was or what Grandpap taught me, but I do remember adjusting the way I squatted so as to be more like his position. I also remember being aware of the piece of grass I held between my teeth because I knew I held mine just like he did. It is interesting that I can clearly remember mimicking him. The family spoke of him as wise and very knowledgeable. I wanted to like what he liked and know what he knew. The mirror neurons in my young brain formed an indelible memory and shaped my worldview. Did I become an herbalist due to that first awakening and my intense desire to imitate him?

These mirror neurons can be a great asset in training our children—rendering it easy and automatic—or they can be a terrible

and unwelcome vehicle to perpetuate generational sins—things we never think of—such as treating a waitress poorly, responding in anger to other drivers, mocking, rolling our eyes, speaking with disrespect of those in authority, or exercising deception in regard to personal habits like food, entertainment, and meeting obligations. We are automatically implanting these traits in our children by means of their mirror neurons. Yawn and everybody yawns. Gripe and your kids gripe. Take extra condiments from the fast-food restaurant and your children become thieves.

The electronic media outlets have become the dominant impactor of mirroring. So many children's shows have a foolish-acting kid doing silly things, and everyone laughs at his antics. The little neurons in the mind of the beholder are gathering the information that acting like a fool will cause people to like you. Even secular parenting magazines warn parents not to allow children to watch this silly junk. People often write to us, clearly mad at God because they poured their life into their children yet ended up with a foolish jerk for a child. A million things go through my mind at such times, but I'm left at a loss to explain. How do you tell a parent the

MIRROR NEURONS PLAY A MUCH BIGGER ROLE IN A CHILD THAN DO OUR RELIGIOUS WORDS AND PARENTAL THREATS.

results were predictable; you did it; you made him; he is your masterpiece? On your watch, he watched you, your friends, the media, kids at church, peers, and possibly pornography.

Raising children in today's evil times is not for the lazy, indifferent, or casual parent who is swept along with the flow of society—even Christian society. Nor is it for the parent who is too busy to pay attention. We need to be willing to lay down our lives, to step up to being the person God wants us to be. We need to guard and sanctify our children's environment.

Can we expect to win against this bombardment of evil? Absolutely! When your baby sees and feels joy and peace, he grows up addicted to it and adopts your lifestyle as a means to the continuation of that which brings pleasure. He loves the lovely, praises the worthy, and eschews the evil. It is automatic.

As the child develops she sees thankfulness, loyalty, love between mom and dad, and forgiveness, and she hears words of praise and thanksgiving. Her life is full of things that bring her joy, and she clings to them. She mirrors them, and they become who she is. Show a child the love of working with your hands and he will naturally love to work. The best way to get a child to be more active is to show him the people he loves being

active and enjoying it!

A sluggish, bored, even depressed child, when he sees the flurry of creativity and pleasure around him, will be galvanized into becoming full of life and ideas.

Mirror neurons play a much bigger role in a child than do our religious words and parental threats. When you take him by the hand and let him “do life” with you, he learns the most. Every meal should be cooked with a child helping. Every oil change or floor swept should be partnered with a little one. This is what being a parent is all about.

Last week my oldest daughter, Beka Joy (now middle aged), wrote me a note, telling how much her family was enjoying a visit from their Tennessee cousins. Her perspective, thus her conversation in life, is not shallow. She doesn't write about noisy kids or dirty floors; neither does she include where they ate or what water park they visited. It is just not her style. She sees the souls of their children running in and out of her door. Her note reflected this, “I see so many little ones searching the faces of adults around them, looking for ‘news’ on how life is. The little ones watch my face all the time. Those little watchers have taught me to smile a lot.”

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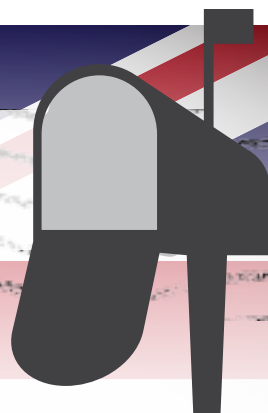
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FROM OUR *Mailbox*

A LETTER FROM "ACROSS THE POND!"



Hi,
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A.B.

FROM OUR *Mailbox*



Dear Mike and Debi,

Our family wants to thank you for all the work you have done to spread God's word. The book ***Created To Be His Help Meet*** saved our relationship and our lives. We came across your book at a city wide yard sale that was inside an abandoned school. My husband wasn't raised to know the Bible but it was him that pointed out the book because he knows I enjoy reading Christian material. It drew my attention because he was unusually supportive of this book. Neither of us understood the title's meaning but the mystery of what the title meant made it even more intriguing. Plus the cover said, "Discover how God can make your marriage glorious," so I figured it was worth at least skimming through.

When we got home I began reading and couldn't put it down. By far the best book I've ever read. It's enjoyable to read and also taught me an entirely new way to approach life. At the time I was in school for nursing and had a 16-month-old. I love helping others, but was overwhelmed and resentful that ALL my time was filled with doing things for others with no time for myself. I felt angry at myself for being selfish, hated that I was not serving with a happy heart, and was so resentful that I had begun to hate being a woman. I knew I needed some way to cope with this or else I'd forever be miserable. I prayed that God would save us and help me cope with life's stress and for God to open my husband's eyes so HE could change. Little did I know it was ME that needed to change. It was less than 2 days after opening your book that our relationship blossomed. He was nicer, happier, and began helping with things he did not do before. I apologized to him for my selfishness and promised to learn to be the help meet he deserves. Later my husband mentioned how when we found your book it was in a box that sat outside the classroom where we first met at age 11. God meant for us to find that book! Now our relationship continues to improve each day through God. Our daughter gets to grow up with both her parents and who knows how many more children we will have that would otherwise not exist. Our family is forever thankful to your family for spreading God's word!

- R.D.



CAKE covered in GRAPE

By Michael Pearl

Deb and I walked into Shoshanna's house with a store-bought cake and ice cream, along with those crazy candles that keep sparking and reigniting after you blow them out. Shoshanna had been sick with an alien virus and was not able to prepare one of her healthy cakes

and all the fanfare due a young girl on her seventh birthday. Penelope was understanding and content to postpone her celebration until a more convenient day, but here we were at about five in the evening to salvage the moment. As we were preparing the table, Gabe, my oldest son, and part of his family

walked in. There was lots of noise and laughing, spoon clanging, bowl scraping, and picture taking. As we sat around talking, Jeremiah, Penelope's twelve-year-old brother, pensively spoke up and said, "Isn't it great... this... all the family?" I realized he had been quiet, sitting on the sidelines, watching, listening, appreciating the moment. As I turned to observe his mature expression and his look of utter contentment, I was amazed. I know that at twelve years of age I would not have been discerning enough to recognize with gratitude the quality of my family life. Yes, it was indeed a great moment; the greatest thing was Jeremiah's heart of thanksgiving and his feeling of being an essential part of something beautiful.

I realized again that when children are reared in an atmosphere of blessedness, you will never have to worry that they might drift from their moorings. They are hooked on love and mutual respect. They are addicted to peace and thanksgiving. It is not possible that the world should compete with what we share as a family, and that includes all of the children and twenty-five grandchildren. Our circle also includes many friends and extended family members radiating out to a host of blessed Christians all around the world. The unregenerate would spend their last dime on a vacation that provided just one day of



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the beauty we experience 365 days of the year—366 in leap years.

It comes from grace, a gift from God, received moment by moment, working joy and thanksgiving in our hearts. Where Jesus abides there is no bitterness, anger, manipulation, judgment, criticism, blaming, jealousy, competition, self-pity, and a thousand other nasty words; your children will be rooted in goodness and will bear the fruit of the Spirit: *"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"* (Galatians 5:22).

Occasional rebuke and discipline are necessary for small children, but they are only effective when the children are constantly bathed in heavenly sunlight. Give attention to loving God with all your heart, and your child training will be as easy as raindrops hitting the ground. ■

**The greatest thing... was Jeremiah's feeling of
being an essential part of something beautiful.**



A BACHELOR'S DISCOVERY

(It's About Time)

By Moses Schrock

Fellow single guys out there who may have been “waiting on God” for a wife, this is for you. But you girls can learn too. I know we’re supposed to do the seeking, but that doesn’t mean you can’t accommodate us a little!

I don’t think girls have to sit around while “waiting on God.” There are things a girl can do to help a guy find her. God isn’t stingy and making you wait. It’s not his fault you’re not married. It’s not up to God

to decide on this matter—he has already decided. He wants us married! That right there will free you from an attitude of resentment toward God.

And He doesn’t decide whom you should marry, either. There goes a whole shelf of books!

“This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry” (Numbers 36:6).

“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 7:39).

That means you can pick your husband from among those who know the Lord—not an unregenerate sinner.

Probably the biggest hurdle for me has been the religious idea that I have to wait on God to give me a wife. But in the last couple of years, I have done almost a 180 on my view of God’s part and man’s part in finding a wife. Looking back, I can’t believe the religious limitations I put on myself and on God. The fact is, God’s plan is that people get married in their youth: *“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth” (Proverbs 5:18).*

That fact was brought home to me the other day when I watched the documentary *Unmarried*. It was about why young people are waiting longer and longer to get married. The answers made me realize once again that God hasn’t been making me wait. It made me a little upset, and almost confused. Here I have been waiting on him to provide a wife, and now I learn that he’s been waiting on me to find one! Something is wrong here! My view of God must be way off. My image of God’s involvement did not fit his Word. I’ve had to literally force myself to change my view of God’s plan for me to find a wife.

God hides things—not from us but for us. *“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour*

of kings is to search out a matter” (Proverbs 25:2).

God hides a thing like a parent hides a present intended for a child. He expects us to search with excitement until we uncover his gift.

GOD’S PART

“House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD” (Proverbs 19:14).

MAN’S PART

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies” (Proverbs 31:10).

Though she is from the Lord, it is the man who finds her.

“Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD” (Proverbs 18:22).

Findeth... not just getting one but finding one. The guy does the finding, which means he searches for her. He can’t find a wife if he’s not looking.

Conclusion: God is the one from whom she comes, yet the man finds her.

WHERE DO I LOOK?

First, I seek God! If she’s from him, then he’s the one I need to seek. I need to find her by him. I need him to open my eyes to her. I need him to make my path cross her path. He cannot make our paths cross if I am not walking a path, so there is no sitting around! There is a lot of seeking involved—I seek wisdom from heaven and I seek a wife on earth.

He doesn’t do the revealing; he

does the hiding. For me to find, I must do the seeking. It's up to me to find. It is my honor to seek that which he has hidden. He wouldn't be honoring me as a king if he revealed her to me without me seeking. He is not hiding anything from me, but for me. It's all there already waiting for me to find. I am not waiting on him to reveal when he thinks I'm worthy or "when the time is right." He

GOD HIDES THINGS— NOT FROM US BUT FOR US.

is waiting on unworthy me to find what he has already freely provided. It's up to me to seek and then I will find. He's not holding out on me. In fact, he has a deep desire that I get all that he has provided. And he has already given it to me. He will not bypass my lack of seeking and reward me anyway. He's waiting for me to seek. He is behind me: "Get out there and look! Use the brains I gave you! I love to see man function as I created him."

"Well then! Lord, I need wisdom!"

"No problem, son. I have plenty of it, but you be the man and put feet to my wisdom."

One of the things God says is wonderful is the way of a man with a maid.

"There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the



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IT IS UP TO ME TO FIND.

*way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
and the way of a man with a maid”
(Proverbs 30:18-19).*

How is he to behold the wonder
of a man with a maid if he doesn't
allow the man to function in all his

capacity as a man? God must allow
man to function as a man to behold
the wonders of a man with a maid.
God will not take the man's way and
replace it with some “miracle-way” of
his. Often we miss God because he
works in very ordinary ways.

Man is to function as a man
under the blessing and guidance of
God. Man needs wisdom from God,
but God will not dishonor the man
and keep him from a way that is
natural with a maid. Man's way with
a maid, according to natural drive
and instinct in the fear of God, is, in
fact, God's way.

Hope this helps those of you
out there who have thought God is
making you wait and if you take any
initiative, you're going ahead of God.
Seek him and seek a wife—not to
make him give but for you to receive
both wisdom and a wife! ■

Look who got Married!

Many of you will remember Moses as “that guy” who
quoted chapters of Scripture at our shindigs! I must
admit, Mike and I thought it would never happen to this
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So, today, I opened [the book] up to Debi saying "It is your duty, your job, and in your best interest to serve your husband," and was shaken out of my selfish stupor of needing my needs met, again.

Thanks, AGAIN for the millionth time, for being there when I needed it.

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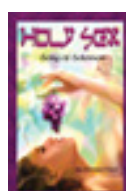


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1 tsp. salt
1 stick frozen butter
1½ cups very cold buttermilk
3 tbsp. melted butter
1 tsp. honey



The Secrets

1. The secret to making really fine biscuits is frozen butter, ice-cold buttermilk, a cold bowl, and a hot black skillet.
2. Another important point is to work fast and gently; never overwork your dough.

Turn oven on to 400° to preheat. Unwrap one stick of butter and put in freezer. Put flour and salt in a bowl and set in freezer. Put your container of buttermilk in freezer to chill.

While biscuit makings are chilling, put 2 tablespoons of melted butter in small bowl and add one teaspoon of honey. Mix well and set aside.

Put a big black skillet in the hot oven.

Take your biscuit makings out of freezer. Working quickly, grate the butter into the cold flour and work it in with your fingers. Pour most of the buttermilk into the flour mixture. Mix gently but quickly adding more buttermilk until most of the flour is absorbed. Turn dough out onto a flat, floured surface and knead lightly, then flatten dough to one inch. Brush top with the melted butter and honey. Gently fold over the dough, flatten, and brush again; fold, flatten, brush again. Fold and flatten once more but this time do not brush with butter. Cut out biscuits using a cup or glass. Take hot skillet out of oven. Hold a stick of butter long-way to quickly (but carefully) butter the surface of hot skillet. Place biscuits slightly touching each other in the hot skillet. Bake for 14 minutes, take out, and heavily brush the tops with honey butter. Put back in the oven until golden brown—about 5 minutes. As good as it gets!

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6-8 strips bacon
5 cups peeled/cubed butternut squash
1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
1/4 cup maple syrup
2-3 tbsp. bacon fat
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt

Cook bacon strips just until the edges start to get crispy. Save 2 tbsp. of the bacon fat. Coarsely chop the bacon, and then stir all ingredients together til squash is well-coated. Bake in a 9x13 baking dish at 400° for 35-40 minutes, or til squash is glazed and soft. Serve immediately.

Debi's Favorite Way to Cook BUTTERNUT SQUASH

1. Prick squash with a fork.
2. Place the whole squash on a sheet of foil in a 400° oven.
3. Bake for 1 hour, or til squash skin is dry and pierces easily with a fork.
4. Remove squash from oven and let cool for 10 minutes. Cut in half, and scoop out seeds. (You can eat the seeds! We think they're best roasted!)
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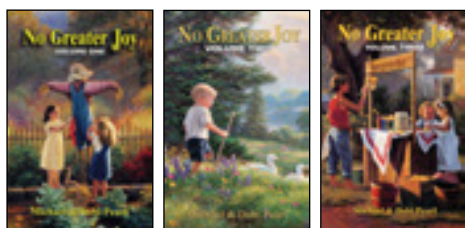
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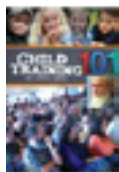
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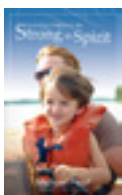
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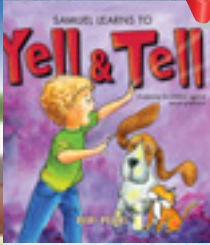
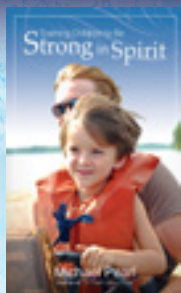
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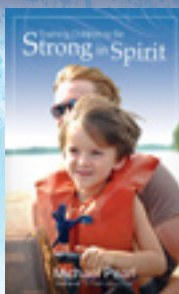
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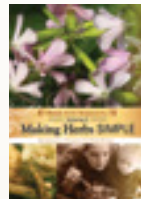
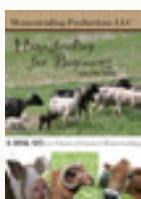
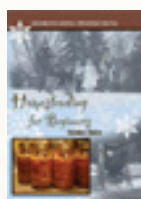
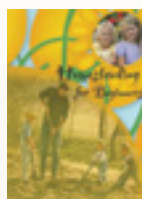
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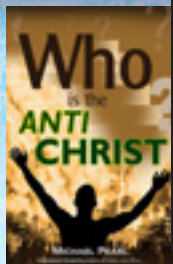
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1 cup of sugar

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PINEAPPLE COCONUT SQUARES



CRUST

- 4 tbsp. powdered sugar
- 2 cups flour
- ½ lb. softened butter

FILLING

- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding
- 1-8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2- 8 oz. containers sour cream
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- ¼ cup fresh milk
- ¼ cup shredded coconut

Cream butter, gradually adding flour and sugar. Press into ungreased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes.

Combine all filling ingredients. Beat at low speed. Pour into pan with cooled crust.

TOPPING

1 tub Cool Whip.

Spread topping over filling. Enjoy!

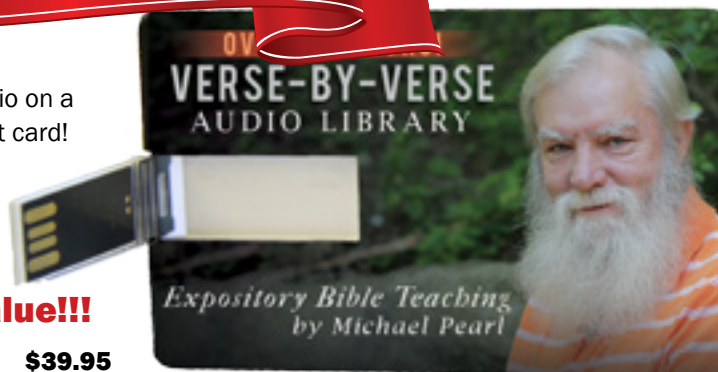
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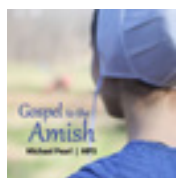


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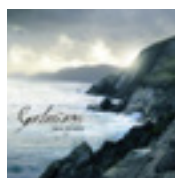
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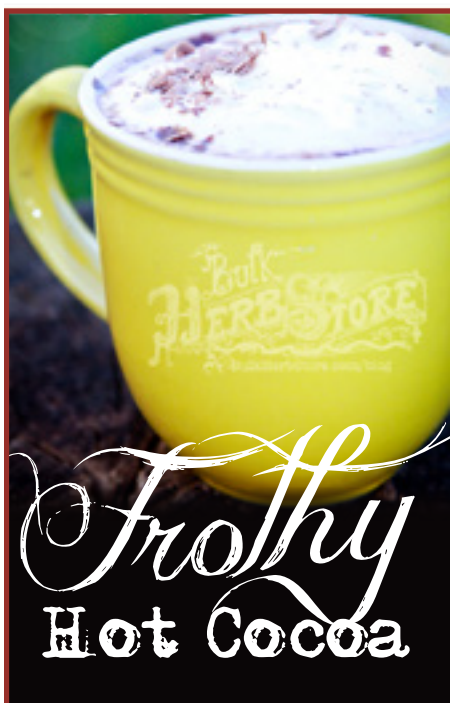
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- 4 cups milk (raw, almond or coconut)
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup raw honey or maple syrup
- 1/4 cup grass-fed gelatin
- 2 tbsp. grass-fed butter
- 2 tbsp. coconut oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Heat 3 3/4 cup of the milk in a pan. If you are using dairy be careful not to let the milk get too hot and curdle. In a small bowl mix the remaining 1/4 cup milk with gelatin, honey and cocoa powder. Stir with a fork or a small whisk until a smooth paste is formed. Pour the cocoa paste into the heated milk and whisk until smooth. Add the butter and coconut oil. Blend with an immersion blender or pour into a blender until frothy. Serve with whipped cream and marshmallows! Serves 4.

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Ashley (12) and her family (Nathan Pearl family plus many from our community) were down in Texas for three weeks working with the Sour Lake Fire Department to feed thousands of people, including our military, firemen, first responders, volunteers, and victims of Hurricane Harvey. They didn't want

any food donations to go to waste, so creative recipes were born. One of the most promising (and repeated due to popularity) was Ashley's pudding created with day-old coffee, stale English muffins, cookies, and instant pudding. One of the firemen enthusiastically dubbed her "Pudding Queen." -Debi

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By Ashley (12 years old)



The NGJ office tested this pudding, and the reviews were mixed. We decided that if you like the taste of coffee, you'll like Hurricane Harvey Pudding!



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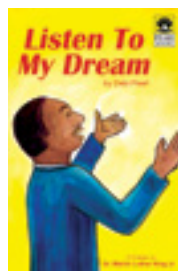
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No Regrets

By Rebekah Rowe

So, there I was hustling around, washing yet another sink full of dishes, remembering the laundry that needed doing and noticing the floor that needed sweeping. I was frantically flying around grabbing items that seemed to have magically appeared, when something started to creep over me. Shamefully, I must admit that it was irritability.

My aggravation got ahold of me and I found myself snapping at my five-year-old, "All I ever do is clean up YOUR messes!" My mind continued to dwell on how hard I

worked to keep up my little home's image, and how it seemed like I was spending my whole life trying to keep a neat house.

My pity party continued as I let my mind ramble over these vain and empty thoughts, until God started to throw some sober thoughts at me instead. "Why do you let such temporal things consume you?" he asked. "Is keeping a spotless house the purpose I have given you?"

Conviction started to sweep over me. Where were my priorities? Sober thought after sober thought

followed, but then came my final reality check: I started envisioning myself in heaven someday...

There I stood, worshipping God and glorying in his presence. Happy, yes, but also alone. I noted my children's absence and sadly remembered all the times I had pushed them aside in order to clean up the house. My cleanliness obsession just hadn't been worth it. The regret hurt terribly.

I shook my head; the thought was just too sad. That is not what I wanted!

My mind quickly jumped to a different picture....

Once again, I was standing before my Savior, praising him, happy. Then from beside me, more praises began to erupt—sweet voices joining me in song and wondrous shouts of “Hallelujah!” I looked from side to side and saw the beautiful, smiling faces of my children!

Oh, the joy—the sheer delight to have my children by my side, worshipping our Creator!

My heart overflowed with thankfulness for time well spent. For all of

Good, Clean Fun!

Cousins little Marlin Zimmerman (on cover) and Hosanna Rowe entertain themselves while their parents rehearse for music at the Door.



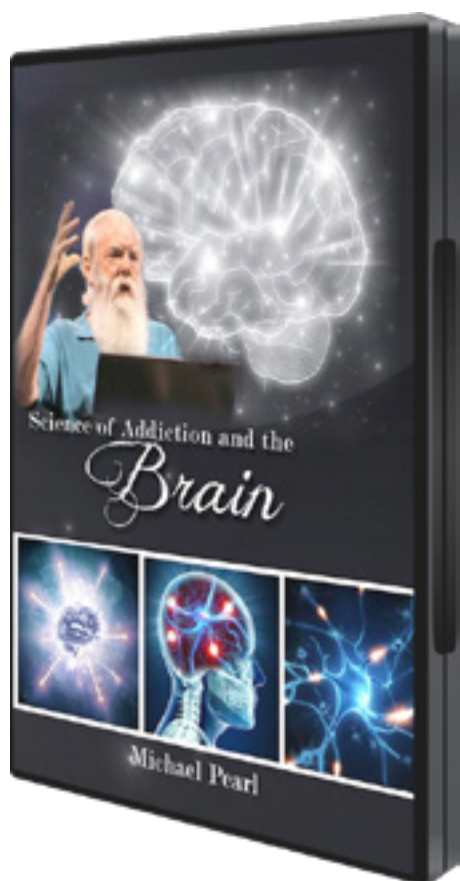
those small moments that I chose to invest in their eternity instead of cleaning my house.

Lesson learned.

My children matter most.

I want no regrets. ■





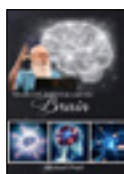
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TEENS PREPARING FOR RESPONSIBILITY

By Debi Pearl

IF YOU, AS A TEENAGER, suddenly find yourself in a situation where you need to care for those who usually provide for you, how will you do it? What will you do to make money to feed those you love? Granted, the chances of being put in this position while still a teen are remote, but I have personally known several teens who had to fill those big shoes. Wise teens will be constantly preparing for what amounts to survival in this uncertain world. Facing up to the call of responsibility will produce wisdom and maturity. It will also leave you with a great deal of confidence and a deep sense of security, knowing you can stand up to the task if need be.

If you are somewhere between 16 and 22 years old, you need to have a realistic plan for assuming

responsibility. What kinds of work are you trained to do? Where would you seek a job if you had to earn money? Look around at the different companies that might be hiring. Be realistic when answering these questions, because this is not child's play. If jobs are not available, how will you feed the family? Young woman or young man, you need to be preparing to take responsibility, because the need will arise sooner than you can believe.

One day your mother is fussing about your math lesson not being complete, and a year later you are married with a child on the way and your husband is struggling to make a living. Adulthood happens quickly. It requires a lot more than knowing science and math. The most prepared are the happiest and most secure. ■

DEBI ANSWERS THE GUY

Question from a
young husband
from our website
on the article “*I
Need Her Counsel
and Judgment*”



My wife is upset with my inability to know what she needs without her having to say something... what should I do?

Dear Mr. Pearl (but answered by Debi who knows how crazy a woman can think),

I have read your book *Created to Need a Help Meet* and it has been very enlightening. However, I am having trouble translating some of that wisdom into action. For instance, in this article you write “relating to your wife with knowledge of her status as the weaker vessel.” I know this is critical, but I don’t know what action to take in response.

Lately, my wife has become very upset with my inability to know what she needs and when she needs it without her having to say something. Now, she knows that I have a mild form of autism and that the way my brain works doesn’t allow me to pick up on nonverbal clues, and that I tend to be very literal in how I speak; and while she outwardly claims to be understanding, our most recent argument revealed that she is very upset about it. She thinks even my most innocuous or kind words and actions toward her are motivated only by selfishness. Nothing could be further from the truth, but I’ve run out of ideas about how to convince her. I

honestly don't know what to do, and I'm beginning to lose hope that I ever will. Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Just a confused young husband

Debi Answers

Dear Confused Young Husband, Females have this thing (especially young, newly married gals)—believing their husbands know exactly how they feel, what they want, and even what they are thinking. These sweet young brides get raging “hurt,” or maybe a better word would be MAD, when their husband is not sensitive to respond to these unknown needs. I know these things because I have counseled a thousand mad gals, and when I was young I too was guilty as charged. Mike was a real stinker!

A man can learn how to forestall such drama by hugging his dear wife at every possible occasion, looking at her

It is amazing, but most females eventually come to really believe that men do indeed think differently than females.

I too was guilty as charged.

with longing even though his mind is still working out a plumbing problem or mechanical issue. Good husbands learn to make happy noises when they are eating what the darling wife has cooked. A proper husband will often be heard telling folks (in her hearing) how amazed he is at what a gift from God he got when he married this wonderful (emotionally challenging) woman. Most girls finally grow up and learn to appreciate their man. It is amazing, but most females eventually come to really believe that men do indeed think differently than females.

So for all you young husbands who are trying to do the right thing, give this to your young wife and say, “Please just love me like I am and know that I am trying to figure out how to be your loving man.” No woman in her right mind could resist such an appeal. BUT, most girls are not in their right mind all the time, so maybe I should say, good luck.

Read the article
*I Need Her
Counsel and Judgment*
here:



MIKE ANSWERS THE GAL



He will come up with “let’s do this,” while his idea is totally foreign and too big to be practical, yet he’s Kingly, so “it’s the law now, so follow.”

Mrs. Pearl,

I am writing to ask your advice because, from what you have written, I know your husband is a lot like mine. My Love is very much both Visionary and Kingly, so he will come up with “let’s do this,” while his idea is totally foreign and too big to be practical; yet he’s Kingly, so “it’s the law now, so follow.” I want to follow his every dream, but I get so crushed when time after time it doesn’t pan out, thus causing real hardship on the family.

When I was a teen I loved and lived by your book *Preparing to Be His Help Meet*. And now your book *Created to Be His Help Meet* is really helping my marriage. I want to do this right, but it is easy to see “us” like those looking on must see “us.”

I know Satan often gives us only the “bad news” of those that think we are wrong in the way we are going, which they say is proven by our failure in business. Thankfully, Paul the apostle says to “rejoice then.” That means we are doing exactly what we need to do for the kingdom because Satan is warring against us and we are a problem for him!

Keep up the good work and I will try to figure out how to be the help meet my man needs.

God bless, Faith

Michael Answers

Faith, your name is your answer. Have faith in your husband. Think of him as an inventor, failing 999 times in preparation for the great success he will eventually achieve. I have tried many endeavors which proved to be great only in my imagination. We have been poor to the bone and down to our last potato many times because I was devoting our money and all my energies and time to a new idea that was “wonderful.” Let me tell you a secret: I had fun at every step of the way. Failure didn’t discourage me. Like Thomas Edison, I knew I had just discovered one more way that did not work. I had grown.

But eventually I had great successes, like the time I went to an industrial auction with our recently acquired \$400. I spent every dime and came home with two trailer loads of pulleys, belts, bearings, half a dozen pieces of machinery that I didn’t even know what they were used for, and hundreds of sanding belts, some of them three feet wide. And best of all, I had purchased for a steal over two-hundred feet of live conveyor belt that had to be removed from the facility in three days. I didn’t have any use for the conveyor and had no place to put it if I had disassembled it. But I had a glorious vision. I left the auction and went to the local newspaper to place an

ad. The next day, after some dickering, I sold the conveyor where it sat for \$800—twice what I had spent at the auction. My wife had grocery and rent money and I had a trailer load of beautiful equipment, some of which, believe it or not, I am still utilizing forty-three years later.

I then took one of the pieces of machinery apart and made an apparatus that would assist in the manufacturing of personalized redwood signs, which I sold in flea markets and malls and made about \$20,000 over a three-year period. I used the bearings, pulleys, and belts to make a table belt-sander that would utilize the three-foot wide belts. With it I sanded the wood items I was selling in craft shows. I constructed several other pieces of equipment out of the goodies I had acquired, and with them I made between \$40,000 and \$50,000 each year for the next eleven years.

I can’t tell you how much fun it was... and still is.

You should note that I took the \$50,000 each year and tried another dozen “hair-brained ideas,” as my mother-in-law called them: some lost a lot of money, some broke even, and some multiplied my money. I can’t tell you how much fun it was—still is.

But I was able to build a house that sold for enough to allow us to purchase 100 acres in Middle Tennessee and get a start homesteading. Again we were

potato broke from time to time, but it was our potatoes, dug with our own hands, and potatoes never tasted so good when served with a venison steak or fish caught in nearby waters, served with butter from our cow and milk warm from the bucket.

Now my wife shares my hair-brained ideas, and we are a finely tuned team thinking of new ways to get the gospel to the whole world. Some ideas don't work at all. Others break even. And some are seeing a harvest of thousands of souls brought into the Kingdom of God. By the way, it's loads of fun. We have never been wealthy, or even middle class. In the past six years the Social Security Administration has paid me three times as much as I ever paid in.

My wife had to endure criticism from family and well-meaning friends, but it just brought us closer together. What other people think ceased to be relevant a long time ago. We became a team, experiencing life together, having more fun than a whole playground full of kids. In time, even my mother-in-law praised me. She discovered what I suspected all along: *"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"* (Ecclesiastes 11:1). We are laying up treasures in heaven and enjoying every minute of it. ■

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