

"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 young boy with a short haircut, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and shorts, is smiling broadly while driving a green tractor. He is holding the black steering wheel with both hands. The tractor is green with a black seat. The background shows a garden with a metal trellis structure and various plants. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

Opportunities



Y'all Should Have Been in Texas!

This year's Mini Shindig in Texas was a real hit, though it wasn't so mini with around six hundred fifty in attendance. A nice homeschooling family with piles of little kids pulled it off. Deb and I were invited speakers, sharing the time with several others, so we didn't have such a busy schedule and loved every minute of it. We were actually refreshed when we got home. I encourage other families from all over America to consider stepping up to the plate and setting up a Shindig. First, find a campground that is suitable, and let the camp take

the reservations. Let us know and we will advertise for you, whether or not we are a part of the event. All you have to do is set up a schedule of speakers, music, sports, etc. You could consult with others who have sponsored Shindigs and camp meetings to get ideas. On the way home we entertained ourselves by discussing our own ideas to liven up a Shindig. Just ask. ~ Mike

See page 13 for more pictures from the weekend!

On the Cover...

Thank you to **Nathanael Schnell** who is the son of Steve and Margaret Schnell. The Schnells were faithful missionaries to the people of Cambodia and instrumental in getting *Good and Evil* into the Khmer language. They now serve as instructors of the Advanced Missionary Training course offered at BBTI in Bowie, Texas — the same school from which Beka Pearl and TJ got their Linguistics degrees.

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THIS I HAVE OBSERVED

by Michael Pearl

Every family I meet, be they delightfully exemplary or sadly dysfunctional, provokes me to analyze what they did right or wrong that brought them to this place in life. Families that are abject failures don't provide much insight; their shortcomings are so obvious that a Democratic talk show host can tell you what they did wrong. But the delightfully exemplary families are an unexplainable phenomenon to the secularists who discount the Christian experience. I know that only where the Lord Jesus Christ is paramount in the hearts of parents do we observe the beautiful treasure of a family life that is the envy of all who love wholesomeness.

I readily admit that in a secular family—or atheist, or marginally religious, and one that follows a man-made religion—when parents are self-disciplined and live according to wholesome principles, they often rear disciplined children who are successful in life. Observing from the outside, secularists would tout this as equal to the success of

the Christ-centered family, thus dismissing it as anything more than discipline and properly applied psychological principles.

But I have been close to a wide spectrum of families and have objectively observed what makes them tick. I can say without a doubt that non-Christian families that are entirely successful are rare, for they are the product of borrowed Christian principles usually left over from former generations or passed down to them through a disciplined religious culture—though not a Christian one. I have also observed that where there are more than two or three children in the family, these secular families don't have the same success with all of their children. One or two may go on to create stable, wholesome families, but several of the children will be drawn into the carnival of worldliness and fail in life.

I have also taken note of the wide cultural, racial, economic, and intellectual diversity of successful

Christ-centered families. I have observed young couples that are uneducated, uncouth, poor, and functionally illiterate, formerly addicted to drugs, sex, and illegal activity—all the markers for raising little broken heathen—come to Jesus Christ. As they begin to love God with all their hearts, totally absorbed in worship, praise, and thanksgiving, their little heathen kids become Christ-centered and all grow up to be beautiful examples of virtue and discipline. There is no way to explain it other than Jesus Christ. There is no parallel in atheism, marginal Christianity, other religions, or in psychology. The transformation is as unrivaled and unexplainable as stinking Lazarus coming out of the tomb, bound hand and foot, after four days of decay.

I have also observed that godly parents who are self-disciplined, wise, and totally Christ-centered, but farm their children out to public or private education, are rolling the dice and are more likely than not to lose their children to worldliness. It is not enough for parents to love God if their children are raised by other adults or by their peers, as is the case when kids are out of the home, away from parents the greater part of the day. It is the parent's duty to train up their children in the way they should go. When kids spend six hours a day disciplined by teachers and three hours by their peers, two hours in front of the digital screen, and one or two hours at the most with their parents, who do you think is going to bear the greater influence? Who knows? It's a roll of the dice.

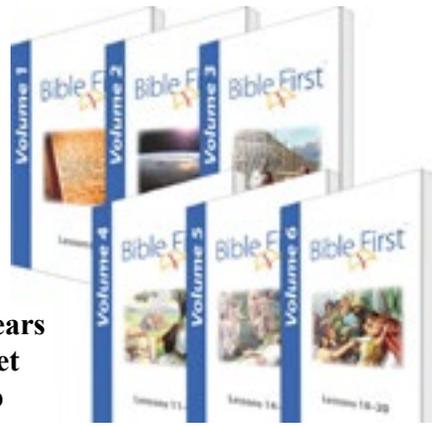
Not all Christian families have unblemished records. Sometimes sincere believers who love God the best they know how drag through life some of the old baggage of their youth, tarnishing their parenting skills. A house doesn't have to be perfect to be attractive and useful. I encourage those of you who are having trouble with some of your children, or those of you who may have seen the first child go astray, don't give up. Every child is important. If you have even one left in the home, don't let your past record prevent you from living in the grace and thanksgiving of the Lord. And it is often the case that the prodigal son will come home. Just make sure that he knows when he comes he will find loving, open arms, ready to forgive and restore.

Most of us must live life knowing that we are not the smartest, the most gifted, nor the most successful, but we forge on to make the most of who we are and what we are given. It may be that you don't have the best kids ever or the most disciplined and obedient, but press on—and on and on. For often God finishes what you did less than perfectly, and it all works out to his praise and your satisfaction in the years to come.

The secularist has no place to turn when he begins to fail. You do. Turn and learn. Discouragement is life suicide; there is no profit in it. You started this journey forgiven. You are still forgiven. Likewise forgive and keep your eyes on the coming of our Lord. ■

JOSHUA STEELE'S *BIBLE FIRST!*

by Debi Pearl



When we first moved to Cane Creek 30 years ago, there were about 30 people who met with us several times a week for over a year to study through the Old Testament.

We all took part in the teaching and research. The study of Genesis was the longest and most important book we covered. It turned out to be foundational in coming to understand who God is and his plan for us. The people who took part in that study became grounded in truth.

One day a few years back I received a manuscript from someone who wanted to know if what they had written would interest our readers. I get manuscripts often and try to read at least a portion of each. That afternoon I kicked back on the couch, put my feet up on the other end, and got comfortable. It was a long manuscript of Bible lessons from Genesis, and it was naptime. I figured I might make it a page or two before the afternoon snooze overtook me. Sometime in the late afternoon, when the shadows make reading difficult, and long after the time I should have

started dinner, I finished the last page. Simply said, it was an amazing, riveting read. It built the same foundation that we had discovered those many years before. It is a foundation that most families and churches have missed. It builds faith and wisdom and instills the fear of God deep into your soul. Any homeschooling mama could establish her children on this foundation by using this simple Bible curriculum. All Sunday school classes from 10 years old and up would enjoy it and grow from using it each week.

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By Debi Pearl

HOW TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO KNOW GOD

I have been reading the book of Joshua this week. The stories are a powerful reminder of who God is as we see how he reacts to situations in the life of his people. We are now also his people, so it would be wise to read and learn how God relates to our situations in life.

God cares deeply about ethics—not just about stealing, lying, or skirting the edges of legality; the Bible stories

reveal that God cares about doing what is altogether right. This story and the one in Acts 5 are about two men and one good wife who thought they were outwitting God's leaders; they thought they were sly. Being sly is not being wise, and God wants us to learn that lesson without having to suffer like these two suffered. God gave us two very potent stories to demonstrate what he deems unethical and what provokes him to judgment.



By definition: *Ethical* is relating to moral principle or a branch of moral dealing. Pertaining to right and wrong in conduct.

The book of Joshua starts after the death of Moses with a new leader, Joshua. God promises Joshua the same blessing he gave Moses. It is difficult being a leader. It requires making hard decisions while constantly balancing ethics—one’s own as well as others’. Joshua was about to discover what Moses had learned the hard way—leading to his premature death.

Courage is essential in a leader, as seen by the fact that three times in just four verses God tells Joshua to have courage. Obviously, God knows Joshua is dreading assuming a position that requires him to make decisions that affect the lives of so many.

Joshua placed two spies in peril by sending them into a city called Jericho. They were discovered and in danger of being killed, but God used

a harlot to hide them and provide an escape route so they could return to tell Joshua what they learned about the city of Jericho. In order to save the spies, this woman of poor character lied to those in authority. In turn, she was blessed and honored for her deeds. Your children need to understand what a harlot is, and they need to see that God forgives and uses people regardless of their background. The life of Rahab the harlot was spared because she believed God. This is a side of God that people often fail to note. Your children need these stories so they can make godly decisions as adults. Many people are confused about the character of God. Bible stories clear up the matter.

At the end of chapter 5, Joshua has a glory encounter with the captain of the LORD’s host. This heavenly captain gives Joshua the war plans on how to take down the city of Jericho with its tall, thick stone walls. The walls protected a people so depraved that God told Joshua, “The city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only

Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD” (Joshua 6:17–19).

God told Joshua that they were to kill every man, woman, child, and animal in Jericho and to burn everything else except the gold, silver, brass, and iron, which would be delivered to the tabernacle. The city had something so dreadful in it that God called it accursed. And God let Joshua know that it was very important that nothing accursed be brought into God’s people’s camp.

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The deed God was asking of Joshua and the children of Israel was so horrific, he sent his own angelic captain to give Joshua clear instructions. Joshua would need bold courage to do such a thing, so he would need to know for sure it was God giving the order. Joshua would have to simply believe when God said everything was contaminated to the point of poison—accursed!

During those early years, the men of war were paid by taking what they called “spoils of war.” When they defeated a city, they would gather what they wanted that had belonged to the defeated people. They might even take slaves back home to serve their families. The men of war were accustomed to this; they felt it was owed them since they did battle. But Joshua’s order was clear; nothing was to be taken by anyone.

Some may ask, “How could God be so insensitive as to kill even the children? And why kill the animals? And why destroy the goods and valuables when they would be such an aid to the children of Israel who had been traveling all these years?”

We are not told the reasons God acted thus, but due to the fact that in some future conquests they were not required to destroy animals and inanimate objects, it is a fair guess that this particular city was infected with disease that would be spread though the personal objects taken from their homes. Even darker is the thought that the people of Jericho practiced bestiality, so the animals had to be destroyed. God didn’t explain it, but when God speaks there is good reason behind it.

Chapter 6 ends with great victory and God’s blessing on Joshua.

Chapter 7 begins by telling us, “But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing . . . and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.” Bad things—really bad things—began to happen, and Joshua called out to the LORD as to why. God told Joshua, “Israel hath sinned, and they have



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also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff” (7:11) But how would Joshua ever know who was the guilty party?

God gave Joshua instructions to bring each family before him to question them. Finally it was time for Achan and his family to come forth. It was made known that he was the guilty man, “When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.”

Obviously Achan didn't think anyone would ever know what he had done. He didn't think his sin was that bad. He didn't understand God; he simply didn't appreciate what God values nor comprehend how God judges. He really didn't fear God. I am sure it never occurred to Achan that the whole nation would suffer due to his sin of stealing. He would not have thought that his tribe would be shamed or his family killed simply because he wanted what he felt he deserved. He was probably nervous at first wondering if he would be caught, but after a while he knew he was safe. We know that some time had passed because of the things that came to pass between the victory against Jericho and the discovery of Achan's sin. He most likely enjoyed thinking about how sly he had been to pull off such a coup. He was no doubt dreaming about how prosperous he would be as soon as they came into the land. Knowing and fearing God brings wisdom. Wisdom comes from knowing what God has done, how he reacts, what he values, and how terrible are his judgments.

God had clearly commanded Joshua that every person, every animal, and every thing was to be burned except

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for what was saved for honoring God, “the silver, gold, and vessels of brass and iron which would be put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.” God defined Achan’s sin as taking the accursed thing. Verse 11 includes “also stolen.” I don’t know if the accursed thing referred to the garment which was to have been burned. Maybe it was full of infection that had the potential to bring death to the whole nation. He wasn’t such a bad man, but the result of his sly game hurt many people.

It was interesting that the whole nation suffered due to the sin of one man stealing that which God said not to take. This is a point that should be considered in all churches, ministries, church clubs or groups, and what I call tribes (people that work together for a mission of some kind). When one person feels it is their “right” to take from God, the whole body suffers. One man, Achan, was guilty. After the judgment and sentencing, the people picked up stones and destroyed the man and his family who had brought God’s anger upon them. God told them to burn everything. Fire destroys infection, disease, and bacteria. It would also destroy tiny insects such as ticks and spiders that could carry terrible disease. God was helping his people avoid a terrible curse but no one really understood why God would require such things. When we read these stories we can learn to appreciate God’s mercy even in the ugliest judgments.

The next chapter begins with God exhorting Joshua to have courage doing the right thing, the hard thing: “And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee,

and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land. And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.”

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God made a difference with this city. They could keep the animals and inanimate spoils of war. If only Achan had waited for God to provide!

I encourage you homeschool moms to read with your children one chapter a day from the book of Joshua and then discuss what you have read. Don’t be shy about the different subjects introduced such as stealing, war, harlots, or judgments. God gave us his Word for our instruction. It is time this generation gets some of God’s kind of instruction and thus learns to fear him. During the month of July, I will pray for the families who are reading through Joshua, that God will teach you and your children wisdom through what you learn as you read how God worked among the children of Israel. We are God’s people, and he is the same God as he was back then.

Here are some questions

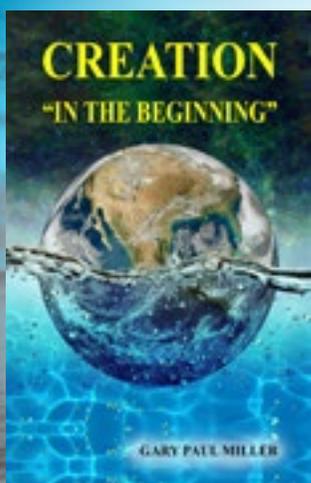
and thoughts to discuss with your children concerning this story.

You will need to read out loud to the children Joshua chapters 1–7.

1. What is a spy?
2. Why did Joshua send spies to Jericho?
3. How did Rahab hide the spies?
4. What lie did she tell the leaders of her city?
5. When Rahab lied was it sin? If not, why not?
6. What did God do for Rahab for protecting his spies?
7. How did the spies escape?
8. How did the people get across the river?
9. What is circumcision?
10. Why do you think God made the people do this?
11. Talk about how God told the army to take down the walls of Jericho.
12. Why were all the animals killed?
13. What do you think of all the people being killed, even the children? Why did this have to happen?
14. Why do you think they had to burn everything? Does fire kill germs?
15. Do you think being tricky and sly is funny? How might we be tricky in taking things?
16. Where did Achan bury his stuff? Did it seem safe there?
17. How did Joshua find out who stole the stuff?
18. Why did they burn all Achan's things? Do you think germs or evil was spread in this tent?
19. Did you like this story?
20. What did you learn that will make you wiser?

Mama, the story in the New Testament that deals with this sin is found in Acts chapter 5. It would reinforce the subject to read this chapter after you discuss Joshua 1–7. ■

Be strong
and of good courage...
Joshua 1:9



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By Michael Pearl

BUT I WANTED TO ASK MR. PEARL...

Question

HOW DO WE BECOME A MINISTERING FAMILY when we live out in the woods, stay busy at home trying to live off the land and still pay bills, and rarely encounter unsaved people?

My husband and I are questioning if this is possible.

We REALLY enjoy living exactly the kind of life your article describes—

goats, chickens, honeybees, blueberry plants, gardens . . . my husband is a Mr. Visionary.

But at the same time that we love it, we also feel less useful somehow because we are not a part of society anymore. We are a good thirty minutes from town, and it's difficult to invite unsaved potential friends over to build relationships because of



the drive time for them, or for us to find time to go to their home.

We fear we are becoming self-centered. My husband did missions for a few years, and I have taught girls in Sunday school. We've always been active in reaching out. But as we pursue this quieter life, all of that seems so hard to do now. We have no children yet but hope to become foster parents this year.

We often ask ourselves if we need to move into the city because that is where the PEOPLE are. We're afraid to choose this life if it might be a cop-out.

So all that to say HOW DO YOU DO THIS?

Thank you in advance!
Shana

Answer

You are living a life of self-interest—not necessarily the same thing as selfish. We, too, moved into the deep

country, away from a ministry, when our oldest child was 13 years old.

We did so mainly for the sake of the children. We bought 100 acres in the least populated county in Tennessee, and the poorest. Though we were isolated, one day two men found their way down our quarter-mile-long driveway. I spoke of Christ and they wanted to hear more, so I traveled to their home to teach a Bible study. In time others joined in and we had a church, and then a mission outreach, etc.

If you share Christ with every single person you meet, you will have a ministry. You could also drive in once a week to nursing homes, jails, homeless shelters, or just go door to door visiting people and telling them about Christ. When people find out you have the love of God and a message of hope, they will come to you.

Question

After reading the article “Why Are My Teens Rebellious?” I realized that I have very much been the wife and mom described there, obeying my husband (most of the time), but not honoring! I take our five children to church by myself, I decided to homeschool and do so, I read the Bible with my children and try to explain all I can, including subtle rebukes of certain things my husband does and says that I disagree with and deem unbiblical. My oldest child, a son, is 13 years old, and I certainly see rebellion and disrespect. He is a great son in many ways, but he can be a mean dictator type to his younger siblings, and he has completely disregarded things my husband and I have told him to do or not to do. Bottom line, I have seen in my home and in my children all the things you described would be the negative results of not honoring my husband. This has been a known struggle for me. My husband is very honorable in several ways. He works hard and diligently to provide well for our family. He has the best work ethic I personally have seen or know. He is very generous and enjoys quietly giving to others in need. He is truly a servant leader. He said recently in response to some comment from me that he “is very much into God,” he’s just not “into church.” So my question comes down to this: How do I turn this ship around? How do I correct these mistakes of mine and my disobedience to 1 Peter 3:2? I definitely want to raise great teens and adults for God’s glory.

Answer

Get the family together and announce that you have been a hypocrite and a religious bully, and you are deeply sorry. Tell them that you want to change and you may not do a perfect job at first, so you seek their patience and forgiveness.

The vast majority of churches are an evil that should be avoided. Maybe your husband has never been in a man’s church where sentiment or legalism are not dominant. Somewhere out of 100 or so churches surely he can find one that preaches the Word of God from a King James Bible and lives by grace and faith. You may have to drive 90 minutes, but it is worth the time and gas. Anyway, that is his decision. Remain flexible and follow his lead.

Question

Does No Greater Joy have experience with ADHD? I have never observed it to be addressed well here. When I read about the “attention deficit disorder lie” it makes me sad because my husband and three of my children have it. ADHD is quite real and affects how children respond to training. I wondered for many years why my son never seemed to learn from cause and effect. I hope No Greater Joy will address training children with extra challenges as well as typical children, because the process does not look exactly the same.

Answer

Our daughter Shoshanna is double marker ADHD. Her daughter Penelope says that I am as well because of my inability to remember

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names and my agitation in crowds. But what does a five-year-old know? Shoshanna is high-strung and has extreme lows and highs, but she uses her highs to amass great wealth and accomplish great deeds, and she uses her lows to rest up for her next explosive adventure. I don't think she would be so successful if she weren't ADHD. All divergence from the norm, whether mental, emotional, or physical, is just an opportunity to be exceptional or an excuse to be a victim. We have had many parents tell us that their ADHD child responded well to normal biblical training principles and we have had parents tell us that biblical training principles don't work because their child is ADHD. You decide.

Question

My daughter is eight years old, and I wish I had learned the biblical model of spanking when she was younger. Now I fear she is too old to use that method, not to mention that my husband wouldn't allow it. What can I do instead when she throws a fit because she isn't getting her way? We have started to read a chapter from the Bible every night

before bed, along with writing down scriptures on index cards and working on memorizing them to hide them in her heart. I have seen improvement, but I just wish I could cultivate more of a spirit of contentment and gratitude in her.

Answer

I wrote an article titled "Rodless Training" sharing methods that employ the principle of negative consequences for negative actions. Even if you had spanked when she was young, now she is probably too old to respond well to a spanking, so the cause-and-effect method would be appropriate at her age, regardless.

You said she throws a fit when she isn't getting her way. Just make sure she never gets her way when she throws a fit. Write it down on a large poster board: "You never get your way when you throw a fit," and pin it up in a prominent area. When she acts out, just smile and point to the sign on the wall, fold your arms, look smug, and wait for her to stop. Then explain the principle to her again and place further consequences upon her.

The negative consequences should be in line with the reason for the fit. For example, if she throws a fit because she wants to watch the TV, then tell her that she will not be allowed to see it today or tomorrow because of her fit. Always abide by your dictate without emotion or lecture. You are the chief potentate; rule with dignity. When a fit brings more pain than obedience, her selfishness will make her obedient. Since she throws a fit to get her way, she will learn to not throw a fit to get her way. ■

Berry Patriotic

CHIA SEED PUDDING

- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons Raw Honey
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/3 teaspoon Celtic Sea Salt
- 2/3 cups Chia Seeds
- Blueberries
- Strawberries or raspberries

Combine first five ingredients and beat until smooth. Add chia seeds and stir rapidly with whisk for 5 minutes. It is important to stir well, so you don't have lumpy pudding. Cool in the refrigerator til thick and chilled. Blend strawberries until smooth. Pour into 1/4-pint jars and put in the freezer for 15 minutes. Spoon chilled chia seed pudding over the strawberry layer, and put blueberries on top.



July 2016

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POOL NOODLE TOSS GAME

6 pool noodles

2 Dowel rod to fit inside pool noodles

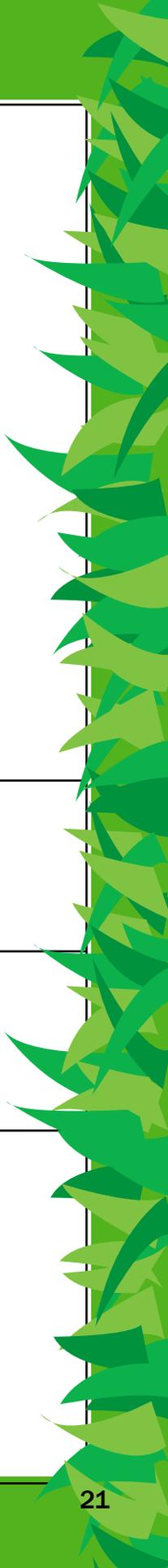
Duct tape

Tape three of the pool noodles in a circle. Tape the three circles to two straight noodles. Pound the dowel rod into the ground, leaving about 12" above ground. Stand the two straight pool noodles over the dowel rods. Cut the other pool noodle in half and test your skills and aim!



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WHY I DON'T HAVE FAT KIDS

by Shoshanna Easling

When I was a kid I was trained to eat to live, not live to eat. I was taught that food makes your body healthy or unhealthy, lean or fat, that overeating was gluttony and gross. My dad was very pointed, descriptive, and honest about biblical and life principles, and I am so thankful for that.

As a child I knew I would never be fat because I would stop eating before that happened. Food is medicine. Just like my dad taught me not to run with a knife, he also taught me to think before I put food in my mouth. Now, I love good food, and I love to cook. I love going to nice restaurants and eating gourmet food. But even though I love good food, I was taught to think before I eat, so it is not a sacrifice to put the fork down. It is a choice! Every day I teach my children about nutrition, health, and self-control, and their lives are better because of it. They are strong, happy, healthy, and beautiful kids!

Maybe as a child someone didn't teach you this principle, but it is not too late! I encourage you to teach your children. Lead them by example! Help make your children strong, healthy, and confident by teaching them self-discipline. As parents we can teach and train our children and give them the tools they need to avoid a lifelong struggle with weight. Something that seems so small can make a huge impact in their life. Health, confidence, physical abilities, opportunities... the list goes on. Fight for your children and for their health. You can mold them just as I was molded and am molding my children. Be encouraged! ■





The word "kohlrabi" is a combination of two German words that literally means "cabbage turnip."

Kohlrabi Salad

Kohlrabi is one of those vegetables that most people pass up because they do not know what they are missing! It is sweet, crunchy, and great fresh or cooked!

- 2 2/3 cups kohlrabi, cut in small cubes**
- 1 Tbsp. chopped mint**
- 1 Tbsp. chopped basil**
- 1 Tbsp. lime juice**
- 2 Tbsp. Vegemaise or mayonnaise**
- 1 tsp. (or a little more) lime zest**
- ½ tsp. honey**
- ¼ tsp. sea salt**

Wash and chop herbs. Wash and zest lime. Mix herbs, Vegemaise, honey, salt, zest and juice together. Wash, peel and chop small cubes of kohlrabi. Pour dressing over kohlrabi and toss. Enjoy. ❖

Tip: You can change this recipe by using lemon instead of lime, and parsley instead of one of the other herbs.

“ All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ”

- I Corinthians 6:12



HOW DO YOU SET UP A TRUE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

by Michael Pearl

For most of us, there are probably 100 churches within driving distance of home. If you are like the great majority of conscientious believers, however—put off by the modern imitation of Christ’s church—you desire a more perfect solution. Here is my answer:

When one believer does the work of the New Testament (NT) church, which is sharing the gospel, and is joined by other faithful disciples doing the same, and they assemble together for prayer, mutual encouragement and discipleship of new converts, you have a NT church.

A church cannot be created through organization. It comes about spontaneously as believers band

together to let their lights shine into a lost world.

The NT church cannot be instituted; that would make it an institution of man.

Don’t “make” a church. Do the work of the church, which is evangelism first, and ministry to the needs of saints second.

Today’s evangelical churches are most often “bless-me” gatherings designed to meet the emotional needs of the congregants.

David Wiersbe said, “When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater, the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment, and man’s applause and approval become the measure of success.”

The very best churches in America are generally the ministry of one man—a good man who loves God and seeks to fulfill the great commission. He is a King James Bible teacher and a soul winning preacher, walking in righteousness, and pouring out his life for the work of the church. But it does not resemble a New Testament church, for it is the ministry of one man—his ministry observed, supported, and appreciated by a large congregation of pew sitters who say, “Amen” and are proud of “the work their pastor is doing for the Lord.” The church has degenerated to become one man fighting with a 200-man support team.

These faithful pastors are burning the candle at both ends while the congregation supplies the cheering squad and the choir. If the church is God’s army, only the general and a few majors actually do the fighting; everyone else just shows up for the dress parade and marches to the band. It makes for a lot of excitement about two hours each week, but the church is losing the battle against Satan, and there are thousands of

more lost people today than there were yesterday.

So in answer to those of you who have been looking for a New Testament church: Stop looking and start doing—start doing the work of the church. You will both discover others of like mind and you will create converts that you will disciple into the same path of obedience. You will experience church.

But a word of caution: A diligent believer that is winning souls attracts others who are hungry for “real church” but may not be willing to win others to Christ. They just want to be around others who do. That can destroy the NT church in two ways. One, the soul winning pastor gets caught up in “church growth” and lets off on the evangelism, or, two, the large influx of spectator Christians weakens the church and results in soul winning becoming a spectator sport, causing the church to move further away from the NT pattern as the love of many “wax cold.” You can read all about it in Revelation chapters 1–3. ■

DON'T “MAKE” A CHURCH.

Do the **WORK** of the church,
which is **EVANGELISM FIRST**
and ministry to the needs of saints second.

So let your

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He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to procla
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at their light as of May 31, 2016



... hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;
... to give liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison
... bound.” Isaiah 61:1



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

by Debi Pearl

God has raised up an army of people who are shining the light of Jesus into prisons all across America. For years through the gifts we receive, No Greater Joy has been sending *Good and Evil* books into the prisons. Two other people contacted us and asked if they could send books to prisoners in their states. It never dawned on us to present this ministry opportunity to other folks until recently!

Over the years thousands of letters have come back from inmates thanking us (some with tears of rejoicing), telling us they were born again due to what they came to understand reading G&E. Many chaplains say it is the very best piece of literature to ever come into the prisons. It is easy to read and chronologically tells the Bible story of salvation from Creation to the New Jerusalem. Many prisons have been drastically changed by placing this book in the hands of inmates. Preachers and teachers come and go, but the book with the message of God stays and keeps teaching, preaching, encouraging, and winning the souls of men. It is passed from hand to hand; it never sleeps or tires. Once placed in the hands of an inmate, it goes on and on ministering for years. And inmates

are a captive audience, so they WILL read and reread the pages.

Two months ago it suddenly dawned on me that other people NEED to have the opportunity to send these books into prisons. There are people with a burden for those behind bars who would love to be a part of this ministry.

Up until now we have been stingy in letting chaplains know about *Good and Evil* books because we simply could not afford to send more. As you can see on the map, to date, 20 people or churches have stepped forward to take the responsibility to send *Good and Evil* books to the prisons in one state. Now we can contact the chaplains of these states and give them a sample book as well as 20 redemption cards, which the prisoners fill out and mail to us. When we send one *Good and Evil* to a chaplain, that basically guarantees a BIG response. Usually they photocopy the redemption cards so many others can receive a book.

Here is how to be a **Light Bearer**. First, call Thea at 931-593-3115. Tell her the state in which you want to be a Light Bearer. You must order at least four boxes of books to get the Light Bearer extreme discount (please don't ask for this discount if you are

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One of our inmates requested an item like GOOD AND EVIL, which I had heard about at a recent conference, perhaps at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. The inmate shared his struggle with literacy, but his love of comics, and a desire to have religious materials in graphic comic format. Unfortunately, our institution was unable to budget for the item. Some of our inmates who genuinely seek to follow Christ and increase their faith have limited literacy skills. So this publication is truly a God-send!

Jeffrey L. Oliver, Chaplain
FCI Fairton, NJ

not a Light Bearer). Then each week we will send you a stack of inmate letters and a sheet of already printed out mailing labels (addresses of your state's inmates) ready to be used on packages. The number of requests varies greatly. It all depends on how many chaplains we contact and how many requests you think you can handle. If you have a limit, we can take up the slack and only send you what you can afford. **There can be more than one Light Bearer in each state.**

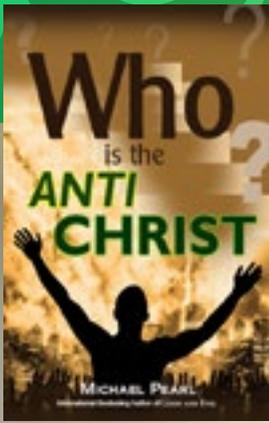
You put the address labels on the packages (you buy the packaging), put the book in, add redemption cards if you want more requests next month, and a note or your address

(use a P.O. box address) if you want the prisoner to write back to you. Our office can tell you where we get the best deals on packaging and very simple, inexpensive shipping equipment to save you a trip to the post office. May God bless you as you let your LIGHT shine into the hearts of those behind bars.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). ■

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Many Light Bearers LOVE the burden of mailing books to prisoners, but others are feeling the same strain on their finances that NGJ has felt over the years as the demand for books keep increasing. If you have a burden for prisoners that don't know Jesus, you can donate directly to this project without having to pack, ship or correspond with the prisoners. You can even request that your donation be given to pay for books within a specific state. Your financial contribution can save souls! You can mail a check to NGJ with Light Bearers in the memo section or donate online at <http://nogreaterjoy.org/shop/ministry-gift-lightbearers-ministry>



Who Is the Antichrist?

by Michael Pearl

God tells us in II Thessalonians chapter two that he is sending a “GREAT DELUSION, that they shall believe a lie.” The delusion is concerning the Antichrist. Will YOU be among the deceived?

HIGHLIGHTS TAKEN FROM THE FIRST THREE PAGES OF CHAPTER 1

Antichrist is not about a mark, rather about a religious figurehead and his ministry. Popular preoccupation with his number has obscured his nature.

DEFINING ANTICHRIST

Most people think that antichrist is someone who is against Christ, as in a godless, secular ruler. To the contrary, the final antichrist aspires to be Christ and presents himself to the world as God. He seeks worship. He only persecutes those who will not believe in him.

Antichrist is another christ “in place of” Jesus Christ. He offers himself “instead of, in the room of” the Lord Jesus Christ. Anti-christ is opposed to Christ only in the sense that he claims the title for himself. He offers himself as the object of worship (Revelation 13:6, 15), and presents himself in the temple in Jerusalem as the true Messiah (2 Thessalonians 2:4) come to bring peace to the world. His offer is universal to all religions (Revelation 13:16).

NOTE THE WORD: ANTI-CHRIST

Antichrist is not anti-Allah or anti-Buddha, nor even anti-God or anti-religion. He is anti-Christ. The antichrist movement will be a Christian movement. No doubt antichrist will utilize the Bible, just as does the Mormon Church. “*For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*” (Mark 13:22)

Antichrist will have a religious background, for he is said to be the shepherd that “leaveth the flock!”

Antichrist is a man who leaves the fellowship of believers, denying that Jesus and the Father are one, and denying that Jesus is God’s son—the Christ in human flesh.

Antichrist denies “*the Father and the Son*” (1 John 2:22)—the equality of the Son with the Father. He attempts to elevate the Father alone, which is to denigrate the Son. ■

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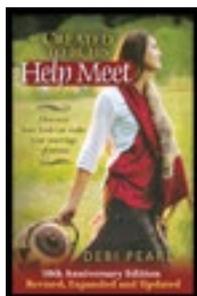
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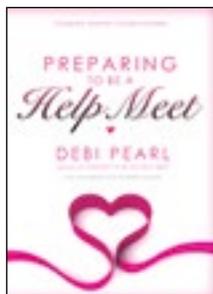


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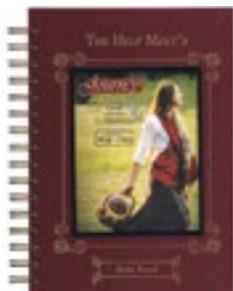
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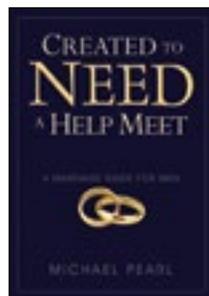


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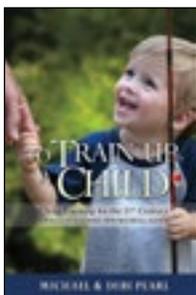
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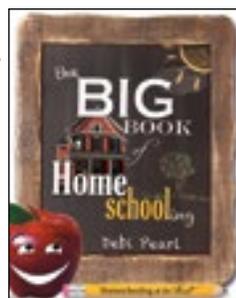
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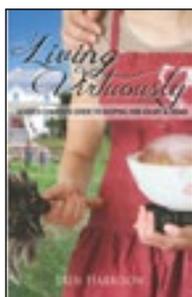
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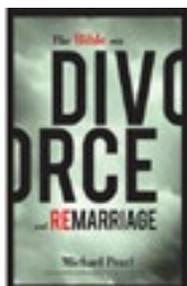


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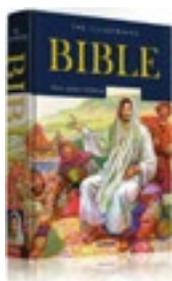
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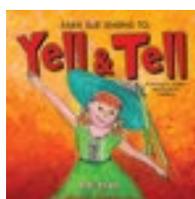
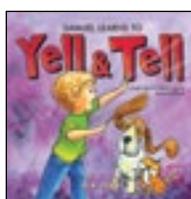
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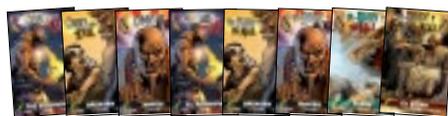
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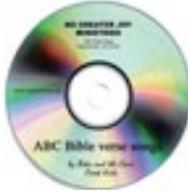
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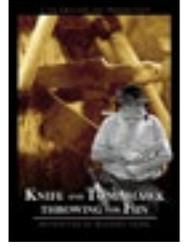
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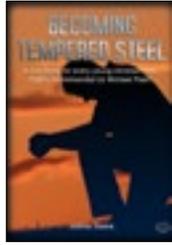
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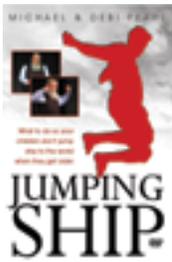
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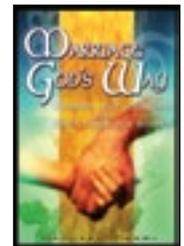
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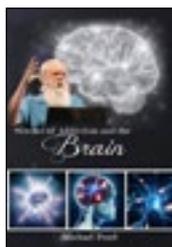
Michael encourages parents to train their children to be tomorrow's movers and shakers. Teach them to become leaders, entrepreneurs, statesmen—framers of tomorrow. 50 min.



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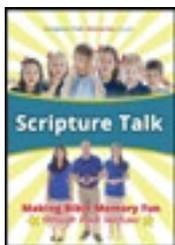
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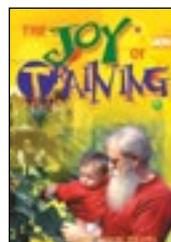
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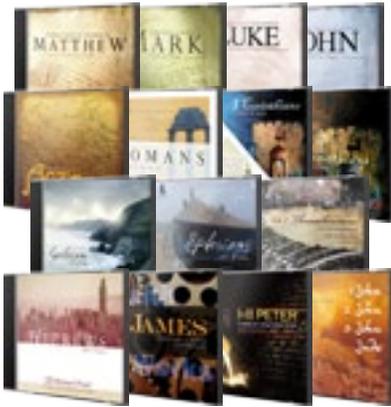
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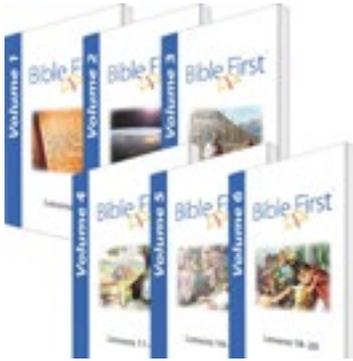
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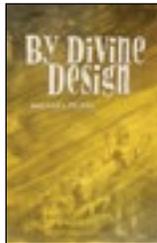
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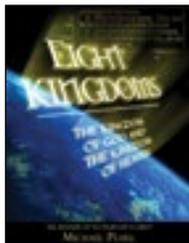
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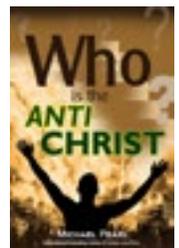
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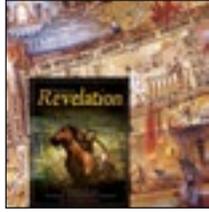


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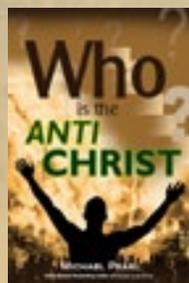


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