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Through The Eyes of An Eagle

By Ty Hanson



Some believe leaders are born. Others believe that leaders are developed. I believe that people are born with certain leadership characteristics. The characteristics that they are not born with can be developed. Some of these characteristics we can get from the eagle. By observing and studying this matchless bird you can pick up on leadership characteristics to help develop you, your church leaders and saints.

The eagle shows four major leadership characteristics:

1) Vision – Just like the eagle, all leaders must have vision. The eagle's eyes can see great distances. They can also look directly into the sun without being blinded. You, being the leader, must have vision. You must have a vision that guides and leads your team towards the organization's goals.

The vision must be big and focused. A big, focused vision will produce big results.

2) Eagles Never Eat Dead Meat – You will never see an eagle eating meat that

it did not kill. An eagle is not a scavenger. It hunts for and kills its own food. It hunts for the prey while it's warm and alive. You as a leader must go where the action is. You must go, hunt down, and find lively people to grow.

3) Looks For & Flies Into Storms – As storms approach, lesser birds head for cover, but the mighty eagle spreads its wings and with a great cry mounts upon the powerful updrafts, soaring to heights of glory. Eagles use the storm to lift him to these great heights. Leaders use storms (challenges); we don't run from them. To leaders, storms are tools used for their development.

4) Very Gentle & Attentive To Their Young – The eagle is known for its ferocity, yet no member of the bird family is more gently and attentive to its young. At just the right time, the mother eagle begins to teach her eaglets how to fly. She gathers an eaglet onto her back, and spreading her wings, flies high. Suddenly she swoops out from under the eagle and as it falls, it gradually learns what its wings are for until the mother catches it once again on her wings. The process is repeated. If the young is slow to learn or cowardly, she returns him to the nest, and begins to tear it apart, until there is nothing left for the eaglet to cling to. Then she nudges him off the cliff.

By studying the eagle, you can be born with and also develop leadership characteristics. Developing and using them, your church will grow and become very prosperous.



That I May Know Him

Knowledge is a powerful thing. Increasing what we know can be the stepping stone to the

next income tax bracket, catapult us into management, and improve our self-image. Higher education can unlock so many doors that otherwise might forever remain closed. Many skills that can be acquired have the inherent ability to broaden our prospects for the future. Developing the abilities and gifts that God has invested into our lives is simply being good stewards of the blessings He's placed in our hands. In Isaiah 1:17, we're told to "learn to do well" and to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Still, Scriptures reveal that what we know can actually harm us. What is it that can be so wrong with knowledge?

We're all familiar with the story in Luke, chapter 8, of Jarius. His daughter had become desperately ill. Jarius approached Jesus, desiring Him to accompany him home to pray for his child. Upon arriving at the house, Jesus stopped the mourners with the statement that the child was not dead, but simply sleeping. The Scripture tells us that they laughed Him to scorn, *knowing* that she was dead. Jesus had the unbelievers to leave the room before He healed the child.

What they *knew* kept them from witnessing the miraculous. What they knew nullified their faith in the power of God. What we know doesn't limit God, but it does restrict what He can do in and through us.

God is not handicapped by what we know, how things appear, the diagnosis of doctors, or statistics. God revels in doing the shocking and challenging – "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20). In this same passage of Scripture is a prayer prayed by the apostle Paul: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to **know** the love of Christ, **which passeth knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:16-19).

Apparently it's not a question of whether we should increase in learning or not, but *what* we choose to know and believe. *Knowing* Christ surpasses all other knowledge. It supersedes what we've been taught, heard from others, and our own foregone conclusions. In fact the Amplified version of Mark 4:24 says, "And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you – and more [besides] will be given to you who hear."

It's been said that the words "love" and "God" are synonymous in the Bible. They can each replace the other, and the Word of God would still be completely accurate and true.

Knowing Christ and His love replaces and revokes the fleshly knowledge of this world – it requires that we replace our preconceived ideas with "thus saith the Word of God!" It is taking a step into the supernatural.

We long to see the miracles, signs, and wonders today that were reported in God's word, but it requires our looking beyond what we can see, taste, and feel. It demands that we take a leap of faith that transports us beyond human reasoning into the thought, will, and mind of Christ!

Paul's exhortation, to the church in Philippi, to know Christ was reinforced by his own commitment, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14). To go further with God, entails our laying aside our earthly wisdom and opening our hearts and spirits to what His Spirit is saying.

To know God requires our devoting our time, effort, and energy in pursuing Him. It demands our delving into His word on a continual basis and bathing our lives in prayer. To *know* God is to be consumed with Him; He becomes our priority, our goal, our fascination. Psalm 27:8, wraps up this pursuit to *know* God. "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

Our quick and complete response to Him only multiplies His influence on our lives. To be constantly attuned to His voice ensures our developing a deeper, stronger relationship with Him. "That I may know Him" has to become our constant craving!

And the Winner is...

With a volunteer workforce of approximately 30,000 in North America alone, we are blessed with godly saints who spend hours each week preparing to "break the bread" and make it come alive in the heart and spirit of our constituents. They are the unsung heroes and the unsalaried volunteers. They are worthy of the honor and tribute that is bestowed upon them. They press on because of the burden that saturates their hearts.

As a token of our appreciation and gratitude for their sacrifice, the General Sunday School Division has created the annual North American Teacher of the Year program. From all the applications submitted, a winner was selected from each district, and from five regions, and a North American Teacher of the Year was chosen. If you know of a teacher who is worthy of this immense honor, please submit an application to the General Sunday School Division by December 1, 2006.



North American Teacher of the Year-2005 Mary Galley
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Sunday School: A Vital Link Between Church and Our Family

Baseball mitt in hand, a boy rushed into his dad's study and begged him to come out and play. The father, facing a mound of paperwork, tried to compromise. Thumbing through a magazine, he tore out a page, tore the page to small pieces, and handed the pieces to his son, saying, "Here, son, after you put together this picture of the world, I'll go out and play ball with you." Expecting to get some work done before the boy finished the task, the father was astonished when the boy reappeared 10 minutes later with the completed picture taped together. "Son, how did you do the picture so quickly?" "It was easy, Daddy. On the back was a picture of a boy.

We live in a confused and mixed up world. People strive to do the right thing or to live the right way, but their lives will never be right and the world will never be a better place until they come to know the Lord through the saving power of Jesus Christ. Think of how many people in your city have not heard of or know that Jesus is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Without a doubt the church has a responsibility to let them know. Jesus commanded: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Sunday School provides one of the most effective ways of reaching people who need God; nearly 85% of the people in our churches today are products of Sunday School. Some came through bus ministries, with a friend, or through the efforts of a dedicated Sunday School teacher. For the most part, people will visit Sunday School before attending any other service; thus, Sunday School growth should be an important goal for a growing church.

With today's busy lifestyles and fast-paced living, most people do not "have time" for the most important works of the church. But "where there is no vision the people perish." Continued growth comes through: (1) a vision of altars filled with people crying out to God in repentance, and (2) prayer for the vision and for the Sunday School as a powerful and active evangelistic thrust to a needy world, especially among children. Often said is "the adults are the Church of today and the

children are the Church of tomorrow," but unless we save our children today here will be no Church tomorrow. Dr. James Dobson posed an important question: "If we really believed the eternal souls of our children hang in the balance today, that only by winning them for Christ can we spend eternity together in heaven, would we change the way this day is lived? Would we ignore and neglect so great an opportunity if our eyes were fully opened to this awesome responsibility? I pray that we do not."

Allow Sunday School to be a refuge receiving the spiritually hungry and the lonely sinners who wander homelessly and hopeless in a wayward world. Let the buses run, let the nursing homes and elderly feel our love, let doors hear our knocking and most of all let children be drawn by our love and concern. May we touch our cities with the love of Christ. Let us have a new burden and a renewed desire to reach the lost before the day is great. Let us remember the real meaning of salvation is JESUS CHRIST.

Mirror, Mirror On The Wall



Mothers, beware. The annoying little bug of discontent from years past has developed into a roaring monster. With fangs bared and claws outstretched, this monster is seeking to devour your daughter's self image. Unlike most monsters, this one does not live in the closet, but rather, in the mirror.

Teenage girls are perhaps the most vulnerable to attack. I remember from my time at a public high school that the desire to look good, feel pretty, and be popular was all that consumed the minds of the girls around me. The worst part of this disease is that it is highly contagious. Negativity is catching. If young women constantly hear the same lies over and over, they will start to believe them.

High school, whether one is home schooling or in the public system,

is the time in which a girl grows into a woman and develops physically and emotionally. Unfortunately, during that same time period, the monster emerges with a plan of action.

"I think I'll point out that tiny zit this morning," the monster schemes from his home inside the mirror. "I can barely see it, but by the time she walks away, it'll be all she can think about." Or maybe this plot sounds familiar – "I'll just wait until she turns to check the back view. Then she'll hurt herself by not eating all day." Sounds crazy, doesn't it? A monster living in someone's mirror, pointing out all of their faults, real or imaginary? Ridiculous? Maybe. True? I think so.

There is a song by the Christian band Caedmon's Call that spoke to my heart just the other day. The song,

entitled *Pieces of Glass*, speaks of this very matter. A portion of the lyrics is as follows: "Who are you that lies when you stare at my face, telling me that I'm just a trace of the person I once was? I just can't tell if you're telling the truth or a lie. On you I just can't rely, after all, you're just a piece of glass."

The Bible states in I Peter 5:8 that our enemy Satan prowls like a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour. I believe with all my heart that this includes teenage girls on their path to self-discovery. I strongly feel that Satan, the Father of Lies, uses a girl's self-image to manipulate and control her. A mother's best defense against this attack on her daughter is prayer. I know my mother prayed for me daily throughout those difficult

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teenage years and continues faithfully to do so today.

An offensive move against this monster on your child's behalf would be that of simple encouragement. Mothers, tell your daughter how beautiful she looks. Pick out something about her each morning that really stands out or makes a statement.

This small effort will live in your daughter's mind throughout her day, whether it's at school or home, and be there as a protective shield when the enemy moves in with those fiery darts. A young woman has nothing to fear from a monster if she is daily equipped with direct

love letters from God. Proverbs 31 fully describes a virtuous woman. I Peter 3:3 states that the "unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit is of great worth in God's sight."

Women, take heart! Drill into your minds that God made you exactly as you should be. Convince your heart that you are beautiful and worthy in God's eyes. Teach your daughters to do the same! Instill in their young lives what true beauty really consists of. God is bigger than our fears, our faulty mindsets, and our broken hearts. He has the power to stand in front of your

mirror and rid it of the monsters within. The key is stepping back and letting Him work in your life. It takes a conscious effort. We can't be free from the chains of insecurity with one quickly uttered prayer. It is a battle that we wage daily.

Next time you find yourself asking, "Mirror, mirror on the wall? Who's the fairest of them all", filter through the lies of the monster and listen carefully. If you let God speak to you, you'll hear His voice say: "You are, my Princess, my beautiful daughter. You are."

Raising a Man in a Boy's World

Article taken from www.crosswalk.com



Help your son decide his convictions before he faces the choices.

When Daniel was faced with eating from the king's table, he "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Daniel 1:8). The choice required courage, but it was not difficult, because it was a choice he had already made.

Help your son decide what his convictions are before temptation grabs him. Many parents avoid discussing important issues because they are embarrassed or fear they might stimulate undue interest. Some question whether their pre-teen is mature enough. Ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you when the timing is right. He will! Then guide your son with Scripture toward establishing right convictions on his own.

Teach your son never to underestimate the importance of his choices.

Each choice your child makes is a step into his future—in one direction or the other. Don't let him underestimate the life-changing impact of each one. You can teach him this by discussing biblical examples (read about Joshua and Caleb, Abraham, David, Joseph, and Solomon) or by offering clear examples from your own life of how one choice affected your future. And while older boys need the freedom to make some choices independently, don't hesitate to step in and help.

Train your son to determine the risk factor in every situation.

The aggressive nature of boys explains, in part, their risk-taking behavior. Unfortunately, analyzing those risks is seldom part of a boy's thought process. And even accidents are not always deterrents. Here's the point: Train your son to understand that most situations involve risk. Determining the risk factor of every situation will help your son avoid trouble and become a man of godly character.

Show your son how to depend upon God every day.

Understanding God's omnipresence will give your son unmatched strength and courage (Joshua 1:9). Train your son to develop a personal quiet time with God. Teach him to be consistent even when he doesn't feel like it. Then, slowly remove yourself from the process over time.

Motivate your son to declare his decisions with courage. Not once did Daniel compromise his convictions but he did remain gracious to those around him, so much so, that his captors called him "O Daniel, greatly beloved." Communicate this to your son by role playing potential scenarios involving peer pressure and decision making. Then help him formulate specific responses for saying no to bad situations.

Encourage your son to develop friends who will stand with him.

Studies show that with just one person on your side, you are more likely to stand up for your convictions. As a parent, the most important thing you can do is pray about your child's friends. Then, as he chooses friendships, encourage him to look

for the kind of qualities God would admire. Loyalty, integrity, and high moral standards are a few that should make the list.

Finally, the most effective way to raise a courageous son is to be courageous yourself.

We all know what we tell our sons has little impact when we ourselves live

timidly for Christ. Being a parent is no easy task, but God is with you. Bow to Him in prayer and ask Him to make you the kind of Christ follower that compels your son to stand up for Christ. If you live your life boldly for God, your son will notice, he will remember, and with God's guidance, he will follow your example.

Teens Identify Roots of Violence

Family First



The killing of 8-year-old Maddie Clifton by 14-year-old Joshua Phillips in Jacksonville has come to resemble an all-too-familiar pattern: Kids that turn into killers.

In recent months we have seen this frightening scenario played out in, among other places, Tampa and Orlando. These tragedies have led to a myriad of suggestions on how to best tackle the problem of youth violence.

Much of this discussion has been dominated by adults, who are often removed from the everyday realities of youth violence. So we thought it might be a good idea to hear the perspective of those closest to ground zero: kids themselves.

We commissioned Wirthlin Worldwide, the internationally respected polling firm, to conduct a survey of 500 youth

between the ages of 13 to 18. The results of the survey surprised us, and paint a picture of teenagers more aware than we think of the societal and family problems around them.

For example, teens are not mindless consumers of today's popular culture. An amazing 54 percent of those teens surveyed agreed that "Violence in music and on TV encourages youth violence."

Young teens, particularly 13-14 year olds, were even more convinced that it was a factor: nearly two-thirds (66 percent). Indeed, the vast majority of teens (86 percent) who agreed that violence in entertainment encouraged youth violence believe "There should be efforts to reduce the amount of violence in music and on TV." This, despite the fact that teens are by far the largest consumers in the country of popular music and television programs that depict violence.

Teens also prove to be keen observers of the breakdown of the family. Perhaps they have seen it among their own circle of friends, or among their classmates. Whatever the reason, 68 percent of our teenagers believe that "Youth are more likely to be violent and commit crimes when their fathers are absent from the home." Teens also identify strong marriages as a deterrent to youth violence. Overall 72 percent agreed that "Mothers and fathers with strong marriages are less likely to have children or teenagers who are violent and commit crimes."

Young teenage boys in particular seem to be crying out through this survey for a stable home life. Nearly 85 percent of males aged 13-15 surveyed said that strong marriages were important. The solutions that teens identified as most likely to work in tackling this problem are also illuminating. When asked what the best solution would be, teens mentioned the following, in order, as their top three: "Parents who commit to marriage and stay involved in their kids' lives;" "Positive role models who participate in kids' lives;" and "Teaching moral principles to youth." Far from recoiling at parental authority and advice from their elders, kids see them as an important part of the solution.

Youth violence is a scourge that speaks sadly about the present state of our culture. But the attitudes of our children should offer us great hope. Far from being nihilistic, self-absorbed, and operating in a moral vacuum, our kids seem to have a better grasp of this problem than we might think. The teens we surveyed identified the root causes of youth violence and several solutions. Perhaps our first step in curing this cultural cancer is to listen to their prescriptions.



Bridging the Chasm: Overcoming Distance in Your Marriage



I'm going insane. My husband never talks to me. I don't know how to say anything without it ending up in a fight. Help me."

This was an email sent to me recently from a woman who felt like her world was falling apart. She had all but given up on her marriage, but knew God wanted more for her and her husband.

A man came to counseling completely bewildered and hurt. "My wife wants a divorce. How did we grow so distant? She says she still loves me, but isn't 'in love' with me anymore.

Painful, tragic stories like these are common. The passion is gone. The vibrancy they knew earlier in their relationship has evaporated. Every day the distance between them grows.

If you were to peak into a "typical" home today you might find one child sitting in front of his X Box, another down the street at her friend's, the absent man working late at the office and the woman returning home walking in with a fast-food dinner. But, it doesn't have to be this way. Consider this. Since it's predictable, it's preventable. We can prevent one of the most damaging critical mistakes in marriage: distance and lack of intimacy.

What causes distance? There are, of course, many causes for distance such as busyness, continual conflict,

and temptations. But if these take us away from closeness with our mate, what are the qualities that create intimacy — or, "intome-see?" What are some strategies you can begin practicing today to save your marriage?

1. Create Safety. You cannot be vulnerable and transparent when you feel unsafe. Therefore, you and your mate must make a decision to create a space where you can share whatever you feel. You must be intentional about this.

2. Talk. Yes, intimacy can be as simple as talking. Real talking — sharing your thoughts, feelings and desires from the heart. The kind of talking where you are vulnerable with one another. Having created safety, you must practice sharing very personal matters. What is private and important to you? Share your dreams and desires only with your mate.

3. Listen. Listening, of course, is not simply putting the evening paper down long enough to nod your head at what your mate is saying. It means special listening; listening for what is unspoken as well as spoken. What is your mate struggling with in her life? What are the hidden desires that he has difficulty mentioning? What are the feelings that are challenging to express? Help your mate find words for them.

4. Create Special Times. The spontaneous

times of affection, those delightful weekends away without the kids, do wonders for reigniting the fires of passion. To have our senses stimulated with new sights, smells and sounds awakens us from the doldrums. We see the world, and our marriage, in a new way. Dress up, go out, laugh, kick up your heels. Search for that woman or man you fell in love with and with whom you shared your soul.

5. Create New Dreams. Just because you have a house in the suburbs, three kids and a job doesn't mean the dream has to end. Sit down and read a new book and discuss what it means to you. Share your dreams with one another. A new job? A new ministry? A summer cabin in the mountains? That dreamy vacation to Italy? Could it possibly happen?

"How is your beloved better than others?" Solomon asks. (Song of Solomon 5: 9) Have you forgotten that she is playful and silly at times? Have you forgotten his loyalty and dedication to providing for the family? Remember these things. Envision the day you met and the feelings you had. Decide today to end the distance between you and your mate. Decide to slowly, methodically build a bridge back to her. Love, you recall, is not just a noun — it's an action verb. Love fully and allow him to love you fully as well. Then watch as the chasm narrows and you discover your soulmate again.

Mighty Minerals

By Branda Polk

Eating a wide variety of food every day provides the nutrients that the body needs to stay strong and function properly. Food not only provides energy (calories) from carbohydrates, fats, and proteins, it also provides the vitamins and minerals that the body requires. To stay healthy, our bodies need approximately 20 minerals found in a variety of foods. Three major minerals the body needs are potassium, calcium, and sodium. Here are some healthy guidelines for these major mineral nutrients based on information from the American Heart Association.

Potassium is required in the body for proper nerve function, muscle contraction and maintaining the proper balance between body fluid and cells. Without adequate amounts of potassium, muscle cramping and weakness, poor nerve function, loss of appetite, fatigue, and irregular heartbeats could occur.

Medications that increase urinary output (diuretics) increase the risk of potassium deficiency. Eating potassium rich foods will help to maintain adequate levels in the body. Potassium-rich foods include bananas, cantaloupe, tomato juice, prunes, potatoes, molasses, grapefruit, and oranges.

To keep bones and teeth strong and maintain adequate muscle contractions and nerve functions, calcium is required from a variety of food sources in a healthy eating plan. Women are at the highest risk of the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis when they do not consume adequate amounts of calcium

rich foods as they grow and develop. While medications are helpful in slowing bone loss when it is discovered, prevention by regularly consuming adequate amounts of calcium throughout life is the best course of action. Calcium-rich foods include dark green vegetables such as spinach, kale, and broccoli; legumes (starchy beans); soybean

between 1000-1200 mg. This is equivalent to three 1-cup servings of milk every day. Adequate amounts of calcium for individuals can be determined by a physician.

Sodium, another major mineral derived from food, is often touted as an enemy in a healthy eating plan and blamed for much of the high blood pressure experienced in Americans. The truth is, for proper body function we need a small amount of sodium. However, Americans are notorious for consuming three to four times the necessary amount of 2,300 mg, or about one teaspoon, of sodium each day. Because salt, a major source of sodium, is both a

flavor additive and preservative, we consume more than necessary without even realizing it. Unlike calcium and potassium, which need focused attention for adequate maintenance in the diet, reducing the amount of sodium eaten every day is a likely necessity for many people. To reduce your daily amount of sodium,

choose fresh, whole fruits and vegetables and prepare them without adding salt. Use fresh and dried herbs to season and flavor cooked foods. Choose unsalted varieties of soups, nuts, and canned vegetables. Limit your amount of salty snacks such as pretzels, chips, and popcorn.

Consuming a balanced eating plan full of fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, lean meats, and whole grains is the best way to stay strong and meet the nutritional requirements for a healthy body.



products; and low-fat and non-fat dairy products including milk, cheese, cottage cheese, and yogurt. In general, according to the National Academy of Sciences, children and teens ages 9-18 need 1300 mg of calcium every day. Adequate daily Calcium amounts for adults, ages 19-50, fall



Black Forest Pie

INGREDIENTS:

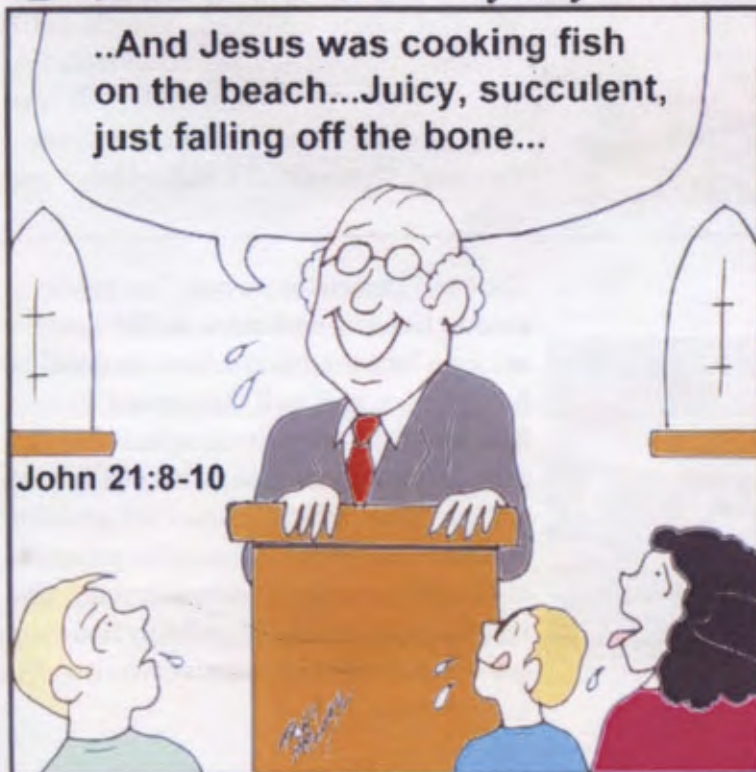
- 4 (1 ounce) squares HERSHEY®'S Unsweetened Baking Chocolate, broken into pieces
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, chilled
- 1 (9 inch) pie shell, baked
- 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling, chilled
- 1/8 cup toasted sliced almonds (optional)

Combine chocolate with sweetened condensed milk in heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted. Remove from heat; stir in almond extract. Pour into large bowl; cool or refrigerate thoroughly.

Beat until smooth. Beat whipping cream in medium bowl until stiff; gradually fold into chocolate mixture. Pour into baked pie crust. Refrigerate 4 to 6 hours or until set. Serve with pie filling. Garnish with almonds, if desired. Cover; refrigerate leftover pie.

Bulletoon

by Trudy O. McConnell



"Everyone could tell when Pastor Harris began to think about lunch..."

Evening's Answers

By BSC

As the scarlet sunset slowly fades,
 And dusk introduces the night,
 The crescent moon on center stage,
 Gives forth a semblance of light.
 Perching on the mossy dock,
 Staring out at the mirrored lake,
 I reflect on this new battle,
 Unsure of which road to take.
 In this dark serenity,
 I humbly look up to You,
 Asking for Your guidance,
 To show me what I must do.
 Gulls appearing as angels,
 Are soaring through the skies,
 A congregation of wispy clouds,
 Have taken control of my eyes.
 Billowing sleeves of purest white,
 Seem coming through the haze,
 Majestic, gentle, outstretched arms,
 At once command my gaze.
 Asking for some answers,
 You've come with Your embrace,
 Through the just born evening,
 You've filled me with Your grace.
 The water without a ripple,
 Reflects this scene from above,
 A most magnificent masterpiece,
 Painted wholly with Your love.

By Bill Donahue

In the Company of Jesus

Ever notice how certain people seem to fill a room with their presence? They simply walk in and every eye turns their way.

No one ever caused jaws to drop like Jesus. And no one ever divided a room more quickly than this prophet from Nazareth. It was not His wealth or size or physical ability that people noticed;

He didn't even have a permanent home. Certainly "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him/ nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2). His redemptive power and grace, His authoritative teaching and nature-defying miracles, His unceasing love and abounding courage, turned heads and stirred deep emotions. His presence was unmistakable. People either loved Him or hated Him – but they never ignored Him. And neither can you.



Women Mentoring Women: Ways to Start, Maintain, and Expand a Biblical Women's Ministry

By Vickie Kraft and Gwynne Johnson

Anyone hoping to start or improve a women's ministry at church will find a wealth of helpful information in *Women Mentoring Women: Ways to Start, Maintain, and Expand a Biblical Women's Ministry*, the updated version of the original 1992 book. Written by two well-qualified women

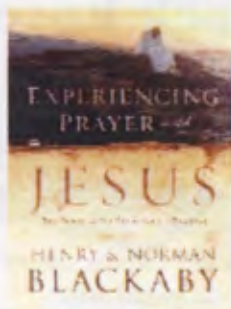
(one serves as a professional minister to women at her church and one is a professional Christian discipleship trainer for women), the book covers just about every detail involved in helping women of all ages grow closer to Christ.



Experiencing Prayer With Jesus

By Henry Blackaby & Norman Blackaby

The twelve disciples whom Jesus chose were no doubt men who prayed. They had been raised in a culture that valued and practiced prayer. Each of their hearts must have been prayerfully tender toward God. Get to that place in your life and experience true effective prayer with the Master.



"Life Is Precious" a Fine Tribute Fit for Wes King

After being diagnosed with a severe form of cancer, Wes King underwent a death-defying series of treatments in a fight to survive. Now well into his recovery process, his fellow artists are offering tribute with the aptly named release, "Life Is Precious."



Give your little sprouts their very own worship music favorites. They'll get a praiseworthy head start with songs including "Better Is One Day" (with Matt Redman), "Thy Word," "Seek Ye First," "I Am a Promise," "Forever," "You Are Holy," and more.



The Mess Detectives are back, but they have a messy listening problem to tackle! Junior is having a little trouble at school: he doodles, he whispers, and well, he messes around. Now his grades are in the dumpster! But Bob and Larry are on the case, asking all-important questions. Will Junior ever pay attention in class? Will he even listen to his parents or to God? Pay close attention and you'll find the answers. (And you'll probably find them quicker than a certain detective who isn't listening very well!)



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Biblical Submission & Authority in the Church

By Chris Foster

From the first century church until today's, there have been misconstrued notions as to what constitutes true Biblical submission and what establishes true authority. The spirit of Nimrod has attempted to make its way into the church and has been addressed in several passages. I believe the most revealing rebuttal to this brutish spirit is found in Revelation- 2:6 and 15.

"But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate."

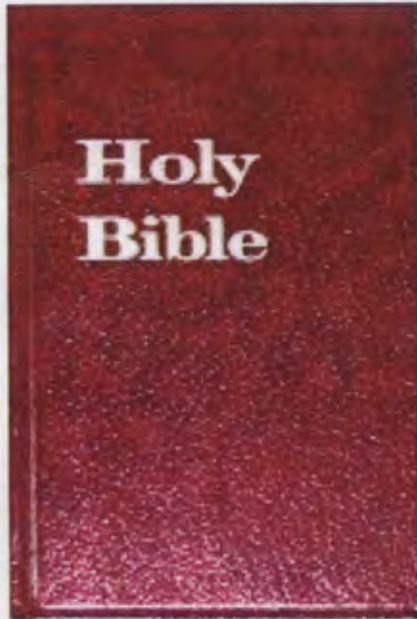
God hates (present tense) the deeds, as well as the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. "Nicolaitan" is the compounding of two words; Nike which means to conquer or triumph, and Laos meaning the people. At times Laos was used to mean the common people and is the basis of our English word, laity; both having the same root, lay. The word, laity, is used to distinguish the non-clergy from the clergy, and as is the case with many words, laity has evolved to also mean a distinguishing of the saints from the ministry.

The Doctrine of the Nicolaitans was in principle, the teaching whereby the ministry ruled over the common people. Its foundation relied upon the concept that the ministry was to be distinguished above, and remain separate from common church folk, i.e. the saints. Thus the understanding of authority and submission became tainted with this unbiblical view. Common folk (saints) that did as they were told by the ministry were considered submitted, those who did not were considered rebels. The ministry became the self-perpetuating authority triumphing over and conquering what they considered "just saints."

MINISTRY / SAINTS

The Bible does not teach that God intended for there to be ministers, and then separate and distinct from the ministers are the saints. By definition, a saint is one who is consecrated, set apart for a special purpose, and a minister is an attendant, a waiter, or servant. We have all been saved to serve; we were not saved to sit. God set all of us apart

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for the purpose of service. All are not called to the ministry of the Word, but we are all called to be involved in the work of the ministry.

THE BIBLICAL VIEW

If that is true, then what is the correct Biblical view of authority and submission? Authority to some may be defined as those in charge and submission defined as those who comply with that control, but that is not what the Bible teaches.

The word "submit" used in the Bible in the Greek form is hupotasso, meaning to subordinate oneself, be under, subdue unto, be made subject to, submit self to. Notice the primary definition did not say to be made subordinated, but to subordinate oneself.

A WORD STUDY

Etymology, the study of words in their original application, tells us that the word, submit, in its original application was a military term used in battles and forays. For example, three leaders would be chosen to attack an enemy position. Possibly a frontal and two flanking maneuvers would be employed. The leader who was chosen for the frontal attack would carry the greatest responsibility for the success of the campaign. Those involved in flanking maneuvers would obligate themselves to come to the aid of the leader with the greatest

responsibility. They would submit themselves, not because of rank, but because of an understanding of responsibility. They understood the mission and chose to become responsible for its accomplishment.

If I may play on the word, submission; sub meaning under, and mission meaning purpose. True submission then is taking responsibility for accomplishing the purpose. We can apply this truth to Paul's statement in Ephesians 5:22. The woman is not considered a second class citizen nor is she to be ruled over. The husband is given responsibility for the purpose and direction of a household, which is to glorify God. The woman obligates herself to help accomplish that purpose and thus has a part in bringing that glory to God. Thus she fulfills the role of the submitted one, not by constraint, but willingly.

JESUS' VIEW

Jesus gave us the correct view of authority in Matthew 20:25-27. The people who are greatest in this church are the people who are serving. Authority is commensurate with service. Proportionally, the lesser becomes the greater, in the Kingdom of God.

Fred Childs recently published a book, "Church Leadership Essentials," which contains a chapter entitled, "Leadership is not Control." He writes about control relative to the church. "Leaders are called to lead people and control process, not the other way around." He cites several instances where leaders have used obnoxious tactics to gain control over others and makes it clear that it all boils down to one thing. A very small person can dominate others, but it takes a real leader to influence others to become more than they are.

The question is not - are you in charge? but - are you involved in doing what God has charged you with doing?

In other words, are you submitted? or, do you exercise authority over others?

When Good Friends Marry Off



When good friends – male or female – get married, so much changes.

Just the other night, in a discussion about singleness as an unexpected way of life, one 27-year-old woman commented, “Each time a close friend gets married, my whole relational framework morphs. My social life is affected because that person is less available. So – goodbye spontaneous Saturday night movie fests or ice cream runs. She (or he) now has a new and permanent primary relationship, and I know I am secondary.” Letting go is never easy under any circumstances, but I think it feels more difficult when it seems like you’re letting someone go toward *more* and you are being left behind with *less*. (Though friends in difficult marriages remind me that sometimes less is more.) In any case, what other choice is there besides letting go? Getting angry? Getting clingy? Getting detached? Letting go with grace is the only way forward.

What does it look like, letting go with grace? I imagine that there are many manifestations, but I think it can look a

little like this: being willing to face the ugly, empty, scared parts of your own soul – no matter how ridiculous or embarrassing – and naming them aloud. It may be something like telling God “I’m insanely jealous and feel highly ripped off and left out.”

Then there’s asking for the help to change. Maybe even wrestling with God, and your own soul, long and hard enough until he blesses you with the capacity to say honestly and joyfully to a dear friend, “Congratulations! I am so happy for you!” And sometimes, along the way, you might just need to march forward with a little pain.

Actually, nothing has taught me dependence on God like letting go of people. Letting go can just be hard on the heart, and sometimes I need help. I need help trusting that if I, like a trapeze artist, let go of one swinging ladder and free-fall through the air, another ladder will come to my hand when the time is right. David, the second king of Israel, once said, “I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread” ([Psalm 37:25](#)).

I know I have had some serious hunger pains since my friends started marrying off fifteen years ago. There are annual moments at family beach gatherings when my brothers and their wives go out for long walks, and I’m left watching another VeggieTales video with their children and my parents. Honestly, at times it has felt like getting whacked in the heart by an emotional hammer. Strangely, though, it’s as if the pattern of loss has actually softened my heart. Though I would never have chosen it (and would melt down that hammer if I had the choice), letting go again and again has pounded tenderness into my heart, keeping it from growing leathery and tough. As a result, as crazy as it sounds, my heart has actually grown more fertile.

Now, when I meaningfully connect in relationships with other friends who have married off, like with my friend Del or with my brother, it’s far richer and deeper because their respective marriages (and parenting experiences) have left each of them as even more loving and wise people. It’s as if the cutbacks have in fact spawned more growth.

Recently I went to the post office to pick up my latest bridesmaid dress (one I think I really will wear again). Unboxing it at home and shaking out the wrinkles, a strange thing happened. Instead of freaking out or getting that “I’m stinking sick of being a bridesmaid!” feeling, I found myself quietly smiling, anticipating my friend’s wedding day. Miraculously, as the bridesmaid-once-again tried on her dress, the drama queen was at rest. Lingered in the pale blue – not white – dress, I found myself silently concurring with King David: in spite of the real loss of intimacy with many close friends whose lives changed with marriage, I had not been forsaken.

Fighting to Worship

Prayer Focus: China Missionaries: Stephen and Lynette O'Donnell



America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. With that in mind, why are Christians in this country so intimidated by society? We have the freedom to practice any religion we want without fear of imprisonment. We can openly carry a bible or any other religious literature without having to hide it or smuggle it page by page. As free as we are, we do not take full advantage of the rights that are afforded to us by our government. There are people in other countries that would love to be able to worship God openly without their life being in danger.

One such country is China. China is a communist country so life is dictated to Chinese people on every level. Being a Christian in China is almost a death sentence in most parts of the country. The Three-Self Patriotic Movement is the state approved church in China. When the church was founded in 1952,

every pastor that refused to bow down to the state was imprisoned. The Chinese Religious Affairs Bureau considers "any Christian activity outside the state church barbaric and uncivilized." The authorities of the Chinese state church are highly atheistic and they only allow Catholics and Protestants to worship openly as they have submitted to the atheist TSPM.

One church that was founded before the communist take over of China was destroyed for refusing to submit themselves to the atheistic leaders. The members watched their church be bulldozed leaving nothing but a pile of rubble. This did not stop the congregation. They built a simple structure on the same site and continued to worship and praise God. The second structure was eventually bulldozed and the members of the church responded by holding a march in the streets and turning it into outreach. They played music, worshipped and danced before the Lord and handed out tracts. The state church tried all they could to make them bow but they would not.

Chinese Christians fight everyday to serve God, they have to smuggle bibles into different cities, and some of them even travel up to 40 or 50 miles by bike to cities where no state church exists so they can have service. They cross rivers by foot and baptize in big water pots, all for the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. The Chinese church is standing up in the face of persecution, and refusing to bow to the atheistic government.

Hearing about the struggle that the Chinese church is in makes me wonder about American Christians. Are we willing to fight for the Gospel, even if it means losing our life and our freedom? The UPCI missionaries have their work cut out for them. They have to bring the Gospel to a communist country with an atheistic government. China needs our prayers and our financial support. There are some areas where a state church does not exist and a UPC church can be built. Think about the struggle that is taking place daily in the lives of the Chinese people who desire to live for and openly worship God.

We are blessed to live in America, God allowed us to be here. God could have placed any one of us in China to fight to be saved, but he didn't. We need to help the Chinese church to outgrow the state church so that they will be the majority and God can be in control.



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Birth control, abortion discussed

Reproductive choice group holds forum

It's called Plan B, a "morning after pill" that can prevent pregnancy if taken after unprotected sex or failed contraception. The drug is one of two emergency contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration for prescription use, but not every Kentucky pharmacy keeps it in stock, according to a recent survey by the American Civil Liberties Union.

"It really is a drug that should be over the counter," Amanda Kreps-Long, director of the ACLU of Kentucky's Reproductive Freedom Project, said at a forum on reproductive issues yesterday. "It's proven safe and effective."

The status of Plan B in Kentucky was among several topics discussed during a two-hour town hall at Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church in Old Louisville. The host was the Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. The forum, held days after the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that made abortion legal nationwide, attracted about 35 people who crammed into a small church meeting room adorned with a grainy painting of the Last Supper.

Joan Beal, chairperson of the coalition's board, said there are faith-based people who believe in a woman's right to choose. But she acknowledged that many won't admit it publicly.

Religion was mentioned only in passing at yesterday's meeting. The discussion ranged from the availability of emergency contraception in Kentucky to how the highly politicized abortion issue has overshadowed the importance of sex education and family planning.

Sandra Jones, a former secretary of the Louisville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said she attended because "it's just something that we don't just sit

around the table talking about."

Jones said she believes many who oppose abortion based on religious beliefs are being hypocritical.

"Those who say 'I'm against abortion' are the same folks who say, 'I'm for the death penalty,'" she said.

Michael Janocik, assistant director of the Kentucky Right to Life Association Inc., did not attend the town hall meeting. But he said in a phone interview that those who attempt to reconcile their religious and abortion-rights beliefs are "selectively looking at various Scriptural texts and trying to decide that they can be pro-choice at the same time."

"I don't think it's a tenable position at all, nor do most Christian religions in the modern world or the Western world."

Ten Commandments Can be Posted

By Trina Kinstler, Staff Writer

Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed a bill that could see the Ten Commandments posted in more places around the commonwealth.

House Bill 277 passed by a 90-5 vote in the House on March 10, and was awaiting the governor's signature. The bill, which includes a provision to return a 6-foot-tall granite monument bearing the Ten Commandments to the lawn outside the Capitol building, would also allow the Commandments to be posted in schools and government buildings.

The bill, which would create a new section to KRS Chapter 42, reads as follows, "Historic artifacts, monuments, symbols and texts, including but not limited to religious materials, may be displayed in Kentucky's public schools, within the framework of applicable legal precedents, if they are displayed in connection with a course of study that is academic, balanced, objective, and not devotional in nature, and that neither favors nor disfavors religion generally or any particular religious beliefs."

The revision goes on to read, "Historic artifacts, monuments, symbols and texts, including but not limited to religious materials, may be displayed in Kentucky's public buildings and on Kentucky's public properties if they are displayed in: a balanced, objective and not solely religious manner; a manner that neither favors nor disfavors religion generally; a manner that neither favors nor disfavors any religion's belief; and a manner which promotes the display of Kentucky's historic, cultural, political, and general heritage and achievements.

Grant County Judge-Executive Darrell Link, who has the Ten Commandments displayed in his office, said that he couldn't see the Commandments being posted in too many more places around Grant County until the Supreme Court rules in favor.

"You would probably see them in a few more places, but I don't expect people to participate in an all-out effort until the Supreme Court allows it," he said. "Nobody really wants a lawsuit from the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)."

The ACLU won a court case that resulted in U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the granite monument outside the Capitol was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. In other recent cases in McCreary and Pulaski counties, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled displays of the Ten Commandments inside courthouses unconstitutional. However, in another case in Mercer County, the Court of Appeals said a similar display in Mercer County is constitutional because it included other historic documents.

Grant County Schools superintendent Donald Martin said he was aware of the bill, but is awaiting further guidelines before the schools would possibly take any action.

The bill is sponsored by 52 representatives, including Rep. Royce Adams (D - Dry Ridge).

Calendar of Events

May

1 – Ministers Deadline to register for Family Camp Kentucky Bible Institute

4 – National Day of Prayer

8 – Kentucky Bible Institute

14 - Mothers' Day Mothers' Memorial Offering

15 – Kentucky Bible Institute

19-20 – Growth Conference/ Kenneth Haney

22 – Kentucky Bible Institute

27-Prom Alternative Abundant Life Outreach Center
Clarksville, TN Pastor Gary Ellis

28 – Official License Request Deadline

29 - Memorial Day

30 - Mothers' Memorial Offering Deadline

June

(Youth Corp Month for each Section)

1 – Save Our Children deadline

4 – Pentecost Sunday, Child's Day

8-10 Man2Man Conference Clarksville, TN Pastor Gary D. Ellis

9-10 - Camp Cleanup

12-16 - Junior Camp/Steve Barber

17 – Sunday School Committee Meeting

18 – Fathers' Day

19-23 - Family Camp – Roland Baker & Paul Mooney, District Board Meeting

Flag Ceremony, ITE Choir

Superintendent's Reception

20 – Children's Church

CFC Awards – 6:30

Media Missions – 6:45

Ministers eat in Dining Hall purchase own food at a designated window at the Concession Stand

21 – First Day of Summer, Children's Church

Tupelo – 6:30

Foreign Missions Banquet

22 - Children's Church

Ladies Ministries – 6:30

Singles' Mingle

23 - Children's Church

Sunday School Awards – 7:00

UND Choir

24 - Junior Bible Quizzing Championship/Elizabethtown

28 - License Application & Home Missions Application Deadline

30 - 2nd quarter district tithe/dues deadline

July

4 - Independence Day

10-14 – Teen Camp

19-21 – Senior Camp

22 - Home Missions Board Meeting

Ladies Committee Meeting

30 – Fifth Sunday Camp Offering

August

(Senior Bible Quizzing Championship T.B.A.)

5 - Youth Committee Planning Session

9-11 – North American Ladies Conference/Louisville

28-30 - Vision & Planning Session

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Friday

Morning Session: 9:00am-Noon

Men only

Lunch @ Noon- Golden Corral

Men only

Evening Service: 7:30pm *Men only*

Saturday

Morning Session: 9:00am-Noon

Men only

Noon- Fellowship Barbeque