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# Thank you Kentucky District

Dear Kentucky District,

Thank you for the Love Offering you received for us on Friday evening of Junior Camp. It was a blessing and we pray God's blessings on you. Also a big thank you for all those that worked so hard to make Junior Camp 2006 a success.

Bro. & Sis. Robbie Knox & Family, Kentucky District Sunday School Director

Bro. & Sis. Rusty Bennett & Family, Kentucky District Sunday School Secretary

We also would like to say thank you, Kentucky District, for another record year in the *Save Our Children* giving. Our district gave an offering of \$38,125 and had a record Easter attendance of 10,251. To God Be the Glory!

## Top 10 Givers

#1 United Pentecostal Church of Carrollton  
Carrollton, KY  
Pastor Robbie Knox  
\$10,020.30

#3 Faith Apostolic Church  
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Pastor Gene Easterling  
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Pastor Scott Marshall  
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Pastor Ronald Knox  
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#8 Greater Life Apostolic Church  
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Pastor G. Alan Browning  
\$1,000.00

#10 Life Tabernacle  
Hopkinsville, KY  
Pastor Gerald Adams  
\$625.00

Robbie W. Knox  
Kentucky District Sunday School Director

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"Thank you Kentucky District for the generous love offering received for my wife and I during Family Camp 2006."

-Bro. & Sis. Scott Marshall

# Principles of Pastoral Time Management

Recently, a frustrated young pastor called one of his deacons. Knowing that the deacon was an expert on business administration, he hoped for some help in getting on top of his work. After hearing the sad story of "too much work and too little time," the deacon responded: "Pastor, I have listened to you tell about all of the things you need to get done this week. I did not hear you say anything about believing you could do them. Without that belief, I cannot help you at all."

Most pastors simply have more jobs than they can get around to. Some simple suggestions about a philosophy of time management will help build a foundation on which you can construct a solid approach to time management. Years ago a highly successful pastoral administrator concluded: "If I have more work than I can possibly do in a day, it is obvious that the Lord did not give me part of it." God never frustrates his people. Once you know that many of the responsibilities that clamor for your attention are not from God, you can begin to prayerfully delete some of them.

The second principle grows out of this one. "You can and should do those things God intends for you to do each day." The administrative expert rightly analyzed his pastor's problem. The pastor had completely given up on any possibility of doing all of his work. Convinced that he could not, he simply could not. He was cut off from the vital resource of a positively programmed subconscious mind. We must begin with the basic assumption that God will provide the power, insights, and resources to do what he wants done in a day's time. That will open the subconscious to the power of the Holy Spirit so that part of the mind can devise the program for getting things done.

The third principle of time management is: "Learn to work without friction." A guide at a hydro-electric plant heard a woman declare: "With all of the work that machine does, it must wear out in a hurry." The guide responded: "No, the machine has been built so that it generates almost no friction. Work never hurts a machine, friction wears one out." Resistance to the job at hand, laziness, despair, and dislike of interruptions all create

friction that wears away at your energy and time resources. To overcome this friction, you must develop a positive enthusiasm for your work. When you look forward to the tasks at hand with excitement and zest, you will accomplish more than twice as much. We are told that most people only accomplish about ten percent of what they are capable of doing. Enthusiasm is one of the key ingredients in turning on the resources to multiply your accomplishment level.

Learn to see interruptions as "messengers of God."

One pastor stated recently that his whole ministry was changed when he realized that "God has a purpose in many of my interruptions." Interruptions cause more internal frictions than almost anything pastors face. When you begin with the idea that God may have a purpose in the coming of some person, then you approach it positively, deal with it quickly, and return to your other tasks without having wasted energy on a negative resistance.

One final principle: "Learn to evaluate your priorities." A leading industrialist paid twenty-five thousand dollars for a simple secret more than forty years ago. The secret: "List all of the jobs you need to do each day, number them in order of

importance and then work down the list. That insures that you do the most important jobs each day." That simple rule can change anyone's output level.

These simple rules will help you build a foundation on which to develop your own approach to time management. Anyone can accomplish more when they know that it can be done and that it is more enjoyable when you do.

To succeed at managing his time and work, a pastor must have a solid philosophy of management. Once this is established, then there are a number of hints that he can incorporate into his daily habits that will help accomplish more work in less time. Each of them has been well-proven through experience. Some of them will key your mind to try variations that will save further time in your busy life.



# Kentucky Bible Institute Graduation



A graduation service held Sunday Night July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elizabethtown Center of the Kentucky Bible Institute (KBI), honored 2006 graduate Charlene Basham .

The service was well attended by friends of Sis. Basham. Bro. Brown, the Director for the Elizabethtown center, spoke on the subject of **God is Not a Quitter, Neither Should We Be**. The scripture was taken from **Philippians 1:6** "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." After the graduation service, there was a reception held in the fellowship hall of Faith Apostolic Church.

I would like to thank Bro. David Aldridge for his continued support, and for allowing us the use of the Church facility for our classes.

I also would like to thank all the teachers that had a part in sharing their knowledge with our students. Without them it would not have been a success.

Finally I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our graduate of KBI, for her determination to finish the required courses to graduate. In spite of the many obstacles she faced and especially the passing of her mother a few weeks before completion of her classes this semester, she continued to press on and complete her work. It is a great honor to have students like her with such a hunger for the word of God. I pray that she will take what she has learned, and allow God to use her in a mighty way for his name sake.

Rev. Jerry Brown  
Director  
KBI Elizabethtown Center



# Rising to the Challenge of Christian Fatherhood

By Rick Johnson

**M**en, you are the leaders of your families. You might be reluctant to assume that role. You might even deny that it falls to you. Nonetheless, you are your family's de facto leader, whether you choose to believe it or not.

Leaders are always the highest priority targets in any war. The enemy knows that if he can kill the commander, the troops will be easier to defeat. Cut off the head and the body dies. The body in this case is your family—you are the head. One way to fight back and be the leaders God created us to be is to be aware of our roles, our responsibilities, and our influence with those we lead.

## The Indispensable Father

You may not think of yourself as being particularly influential or even successful in life. Maybe you don't make a lot of money, lead a large group of people, save lives, or invent amazing gadgets. Maybe life has even beaten you down, and you've lost confidence in your abilities. Consequently, you don't think of yourself as a big deal. But you can bet your boy does. He thinks you're a very big deal. He doesn't know or care what the outside world thinks. He only knows that between the walls of your home, you are about the biggest, wisest, most powerful person alive. Oh, he knows you're not perfect. But he doesn't care, because you're just good enough to be indispensable in his life.

Fathering is at the heart of masculinity, of what it means to be a man. Godly fathers put others' needs before their own. If you're like me, you spend the majority of your conscious thought and effort on benefit and satisfying your own wants and needs. It's almost an automatic response to life. But if we are to be authentic men and fathers, we need to

rethink that attitude and consciously make sacrifices so others can benefit and prosper.

When fathers neglect this duty or are absent from the home, families are attacked by predators.

Young men, such as gang members, who are raised without the influence of older men, often become marauding wolves themselves—predators preying on women and children for their own self-gratification.

Families are like flocks of sheep. Children, like lambs, are naive and simple in their understanding of the world. Fathers are like sheepdogs, guarding the flock from marauding wolves. We protect our families from human predators and from corrupt television programs, movies, music, books, friends, and other people or influences that enter into a child's life.

By the way, sheepdogs come from the wolf genus, so they are no stranger to wolves' traits and habits. Fitting, isn't it? We dads often find the hackles rising on our necks when we sense a wolf in sheep's clothing parading around our kids. I once told my teenage daughter, "I might not always know why, but I know a wolf when I see one; I can sense him." Of course, my daughter says that I think all boys are wolves, but I just tell her that's because I used to be one. It takes one to know one.

Fathering is a modeled behavior that is becoming an increasingly rare commodity today. Because of the high divorce rate in our culture, we have a generation of fathers who grew up without fathers of their own. Men have become fathers without ever having seen how a father acts and what his role entails.

Before I became a Christian, I was concerned about my fathering skills. Not having had a very good role model growing up, I was not exactly sure of what to do in certain situations. I found myself reacting instead of having a proactive game plan. Reacting to situations often forced me to use anger instead of wisdom. Even after I started reading books

to improve my fathering skills, I was not confident in my abilities. The books encouraged looking for "teaching moments" to use for lessons. I wasn't sure what a teaching moment was, much less what to say or do when it came along. Thus I found myself evading or walking away from my responsibilities, thinking I was avoiding failure. I knew my children not only expected a better father but deserved one. And I knew my wife was watching and evaluating my role as a father. The prospect of losing her respect was more than I wished to endure. But by walking away from my responsibilities and trying to avoid failing actively, I was still failing. I was just failing passively, which was even worse! Many men I talk to have the same feelings of inadequacy regarding their fathering abilities.

Without the proper training and role modeling, fathering can seem like an overwhelming responsibility. But as author Frank Pittmon says, "The guys who fear becoming fathers don't understand that fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects men. The end product of child raising is not the child, but the parent."

Let me say this: you are the man God chose to be the father of your children! God could have picked anyone on earth for this task, but in his infinite wisdom, he chose you. Even if you don't have confidence in your fathering skills, God says you fit the bill perfectly for his plan for your family. He knows all your strengths and weaknesses, and he determined before time began that you would be the father of your children.

Privilege, power, responsibility, sacrifice. They're all part of the same package. They all belong to a father.

Be a man. Stand tall. Give your son an example of masculinity that will survive down through the generations. I've heard men speak in reverent tones of their grandfathers or even great-grandfathers they've never met. The power of the masculine legacy they left behind has cured and hardened down through the ages like a concrete foundation of manliness.



# A Mother's Discipline Should Point Daughters to God's Truths



**I**t wasn't an easy decision, but it was time to pull Kristin out of school. The year before, after being homeschooled for three years, Kristin had begged C. J. and me to let her attend a local private Christian school. We agreed, under one condition: She was to be a difference-maker. But Kristin had not kept up her end of the deal.

She failed to show consistent love for home and family, one of the foremost characteristics of biblical womanhood. Though subtle, these were serious concerns.

I knew Kristin wouldn't be happy about our decision to homeschool her again. I knew she might resent us. It was tempting to give her what she wanted in order to avoid a potential conflict and retain her affection. But in reality we had no choice. We knew that God was not pleased with Kristin's lukewarm attitude.

So C. J. and I deemed it necessary to take action. As parents, we had a deep sense of our responsibility before God to lead, train, and discipline our children

for the purpose of holiness. We were bound to the commitment we had made even before our children were born that, *"as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"* (Josh. 24:15).

Pastor John MacArthur explains that the word discipline in Ephesians 6 means "enforced conformity of the heart and the life to God and His truth."<sup>1</sup> Discipline is a strong word that implies deliberate and committed action on the part of parents. It insists that we go to whatever lengths are required to deter our children from sin and to instead direct them in paths of righteousness. My husband used to express his resolve to obey this command by telling our daughters, "If necessary, I will throw my body in front of you to prevent you from sinning." Our biblical charge to discipline our daughters means that we cannot be passive parents. We must not think that we are helpless or without recourse to deal with our daughters' sin. Neither turning a blind eye nor remaining ignorant are acceptable options. We cannot afford to assume "this is just a phase" or "this is normal for her age." And we must not subscribe to the theory that allowing our daughters to experience the world will make them stronger. Effective discipline requires more than reactive parenting, which only swings into gear when a crisis hits.

That's why J. C. Ryle strongly warned parents:

Beware of that miserable delusion into which some have fallen,—that parents can do nothing for their children, that you must leave them alone, wait for grace, and sit still. These persons . . . desire much, and have nothing. And the devil rejoices to see such reasoning, just as he always does over anything which seems to excuse indolence, or to encourage neglect of means.<sup>2</sup>

Biblical discipline calls for a proactive approach. We must aggressively and intentionally steer our daughters in the ways of the Lord.

This idea is illustrated by a television commercial that exhorts parents to oppose teen drug use with the slogan, "Action: The Anti-Drug." We would do well to apply this phrase to our biblical understanding of discipline: "Action: The Anti-Sin." Of course, action alone won't prevent our daughters from sinning. It takes a work of the Holy Spirit, but action is vitally necessary.

Bringing our daughters up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord is hard work. God never said it would be otherwise. But He has promised to provide help and assistance to all who call on His name. This promise gives us the faith and courage to discipline our daughters with the end in view. They may not thank us for it right now. They may not thank us for a long time. But one day they will.

It took some time before Kristin appreciated our decision to take her out of school. But today she is grateful for the consequences she was spared and for the grace she's experienced as a result. And it is so rewarding, as a mom, to observe God's kindness to Kristin. For now she loves the Savior and is devoted to her home and family. As a wife and mother, she selflessly cares for her husband and three small boys. Not only is she a difference-maker in their lives, but she is also seeking to make a difference in other young women's lives. Even her sisters tell Kristin that they want to be like her when they grow up.

The book of James closes with this stunning promise: *"Whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins"* (James 5:20). Let's be ready and willing to perform this merciful service for the daughters we love.



# Adult or Tall Child? How Your Past Influences Your Marriage

By Sandra P. Aldrich

When Harry S. Truman graduated from high school, he anticipated a favored young teacher's traditional kiss. When his turn came, she dismissed him with "You don't deserve a kiss." Years later, when he became President of the United States, he asked one of his aides, a long-time friend and graduate of that same class, if he thought the teacher would give him a kiss *now*.

As a former educator, I'm appalled by the teacher's lack of professionalism, wantonness, and downright disregard for a student's self-worth. But the story illustrates how we hold the hurts of youth close even during adulthood.

When I first married, I didn't know adults were, in many ways, just tall children. I thought once I'd achieved grown-up status, I would automatically do "grown-up" things. It took me awhile to learn that all too often, we adults carry our pasts into our futures.

At wedding ceremonies, I watch for the lighting of the unity candle. As the couple each take a lit candle and join their flames to light a larger candle, I hold my breath. Will they naively blow out their individual candles? If they do not extinguish them, I think they are realistic and understand they are bringing separate backgrounds into this committed relationship.

A friend disagrees. She says blowing out the individual candles is a symbol of God making two into one. In life's little irony, it didn't happen like that at her own wedding. Someone tried to help by lighting the unity candle before the ceremony, which resulted in the wick being buried in the wax. The bride and groom spent what seemed like an eternity trying to light the thing,

until finally the frustrated groom yanked it off the stand and dug the wick out so they could light it. Then it promptly extinguished itself! What a perfect illustration of the struggle for unity each married couple will face.



Believe me, you bring who you are to marriage, so understanding your mate's history is vital. An example is my other friend Roz. Her husband Albert, has several advanced degrees and is fluent in French and German in addition to English, but to his wife's frustration, he refuses to do even simple household repairs, preferring "to leave such things to the experts."

When they were first married, Roz tried to get him interested in maintenance, beginning with gentle nudges: "Honey, the faucet is dripping. While you're out today, would it be possible to stop by the hardware store? I'd love to have this taken care of before the Taylors come for dinner."

When Albert continued to ignore the drips, Roz found her frustration turning into nagging: "When are you going to fix the faucet? I told you about it a week ago, and I'm tired of the Chinese Water Torture." From there it was an attempt to shame him: "I can't believe you have three postgraduate degrees and could be dropped into Paris and sound as though you have lived there all your life, but you still can't take care of a drip."

Roz even went to the hardware store and purchased the needed supplies and a handyman book, which she displayed on the kitchen counter. Albert ignored it all. Finally, Roz read the step-by-step directions as she replaced the faucet washer, grumbling all the while.

The following weekend, Albert and Roz were at his parents' for dinner. During the salad course, Roz discovered the pepper mill was jammed, so she handed it to Albert, asking for help. Immediately his father said, "Better give that to me. Old 'Fumble Fingers' won't be able to fix it. I've never seen a kid as useless around the house as he was."

Without a word, Albert handed the mill over while Roz stared at the bland expression on her husband's face. Suddenly her cheeks burned with the memory of the harsh things she had said to him about the faucet. It had been his lack of confidence keeping him from taking care of the problem! Her insight helped her understand his insecurity and she determined to stop demanding he fit her expectations. Isn't that a worthwhile goal for us all?

# Shaping Your Strong-Willed Child's Will

**D**on't despair if you have a strong-willed child, with intense opinions and a demanding nature. Although your child's determined attempts to control his or her own life can frustrate and exhaust you as a parent, there's hope. You can come to understand your child and learn to shape the will without breaking the spirit.

Here's how you can help your strong-willed child:

**Focus on the positive.** Keep in mind that your child is a gift from God, with great potential. Realize that a strong-willed temperament can be a strength just as much as a weakness. Know that a strong-willed child can apply his or her determination to something as noble as finding a cure for cancer, or as destructive as organizing a crime ring. Recognize that the key lies in directing your child's strong will toward positive purposes rather than negative ones.

**Discipline wisely.** No matter how hard the battles between you and your child become, never give up. Understand that your child doesn't hate you; he or she is just more persistent in testing you than a more compliant child would be. Know that your child longs for you to provide consistent, firm, and loving discipline, because that provides the security he or she needs. Realize that a strong-willed child needs discipline even more than a compliant one. Never discipline in anger; ask God to help you calm down before you punish your child for bad behavior. Choose your battles wisely, considering what truly matters and what doesn't affect your core values. Be as clear about instructions as you are about consequences. Always follow through; never make a threat you can't keep. Ask God to give you the patience you'll need for the long journey of raising your child, and take heart that your efforts to discipline will pay off eventually.

**Recognize the tender child underneath the tough behavior.**

Remember that your child, like everyone else, wants to be loved, appreciated, and respected. Ask God to help you see your child as He sees him or her. Catch your child doing something right as often as you can, then encourage him or her to keep it up. Affirm your child through your words and actions; show him or her regular affection. Be your child's advocate in challenging situations at school and elsewhere. Help prevent him or her from being mistreated or ridiculed. Surround your child with adults who understand and encourage him or her; limit your child's contact with adults who discourage him or her. When helping your child deal with a conflict, don't always



assume that your child is either right or wrong. Instead, carefully evaluate the situation to search for the truth, and discuss it honestly with your child.

**Know that you're not alone.** Understand that a strong-willed child isn't an anomaly. Recognize that plenty of other strong-willed children exist, and get to know the parents of a few of them to support each other.

**Give your child responsibilities.** Remember that strong-willed children are born leaders, with exceptional abilities to solve problems. Give your child as many responsibilities as you can that are appropriate to his or her age, such as pet ownership, household chores, and a paper route or other part-time

job. Show your child that you respect his or her abilities. Listen to your child. Encourage your child to express him or herself. Show a genuine interest in his or her thoughts and opinions as you discuss them together. Converse with your child about whatever he or she is interested in – not just what interests you.

**Motivate your child.** Encourage your child to ask you questions about any subject, and do your best to answer them honestly. Help your child discover passions and develop talents in order to contribute to the world. Affirm your child to give him or her confidence to continue thinking creatively. Urge your child to take risks to pursue dreams.

**Be a good role model for your child.** Ask God to help you live with integrity so your child respects you. Know that your child is constantly watching you to see if you're living up to the core values you're trying to teach him or her.

**Pray for – and with – your child.** Daily ask God for patience, wisdom, guidance, and blessings for your child. Help your child see his or her significance in God's eyes. Encourage your child to connect with God often through prayer.

**Envision your desired destination.** Ask God to show you the vision He has for your child's future, and what specific and measurable goals you and your spouse should set to help your child get there. Don't share your parenting strategy with your child, but celebrate with your spouse when you achieve successes along the way. Help your child seek God's plans for his or her life and set his or her own goals. Teach your child to come to conclusions about what actions will be the most beneficial as he or she moves closer to those goals.

# Preventing a Broken Heart: Is It Possible?

By Kathleen Hardaway



**H**urt and pain can come in many different forms, but those that come from a broken heart seem to hurt us the most. There can be deep disappointment when relationships don't work out.

Is it possible to date and not get hurt? Certainly. Is there anything you can do to help prevent heartbreak? Yes. There are lots of things that you can do to help. However, you are never excluded from heartbreak if you give your heart to someone. The deeper the relationship, the greater potential for pain or joy. Unfortunately, we live in a world where many date with reckless abandonment. Godly integrity is often not a part of dating, and enormous consequences and heartbreak are inevitable.

Following a few basic truths from God's Word is the answer to preventing much heartbreak. Whom should you date? Whom should you court? Whom should you spend

time with? There is absolutely one essential key in the area of dating: If you're a believer, then you must date a Christian.

God says in His Word, "Do not be unequally yoked." And, since dating often times leads to marriage, you don't ever want to get involved with an unbeliever. Plus, "Bad company corrupts good morals." You may think that you're just having fun and you never intend to marry the person you're dating. I have known people who began dating someone just for fun and ended up marrying them. With deep regret they admit they made a huge mistake. Watch whom you spend time with.

The key to a good marriage is respect; therefore one of the biggest goals in dating should be respect. If you don't respect who you're dating, and if they do not respect you, stop the relationship now!

Often I hear women tell me that the man does not respect her, and he pushes her too far in the area of sex.

This is an age-old problem that continues to break the hearts of countless women. How do you guard your heart? One way is by "Fleeing youthful lusts." If you play with fire, you will get burned.

## A Passion for Purity

As a Christian you must have a passion for purity. If you truly have a passion for God, then you should have a passion for purity. Much can be said on this subject, but the key is holiness. The Bible is very clear, "Be ye holy for I am holy." This should affect what you watch, what you read, how you dress, and certainly whom you're spending time with.

Getting to know the opposite sex does not necessarily mean telling all your past. We have often been fooled into thinking that an intimate relationship cannot happen without pouring out your heart about your

past. Be very careful about this. If a relationship does not work out, you may be sorry later for what you've said.

If you're pure in your dating relationships, you are less likely to experience as much heartbreak. Always pray about every friendship that you have. Ask God to show you the direction a relationship should go. *Treat them as you would like to be treated.*

Keep your relationships pure. Keep your relationships simple. Keep an open hand with your relationships. Ask the Lord to use you to be one who is pointing all your friends to the Lord. Be honest with yourself, and certainly be honest with whom you're dating. If the person you're spending time with is trying to fool you into thinking they're a Christian, but they're just trying to steal your heart, ask the Lord to show you who they really are. A lady shared with me her deep hurt after rushing into marriage. "Please tell anyone who is single to not be blinded into thinking the person they're dating is a godly person if they're not. I married my husband much too soon. I thought he was a believer and I know now I was very deceived. It's much better to be single, than to be in a wrong marriage."

Is it possible to avoid a broken heart? There is no guarantee. But, there are ways to prevent the hurt from devastating your life. In all your relationships walk in a godly manner pleasing to the Lord. Yes, my heart has been broken many times, but praise God He has been faithful. As I reflect over the past, I am so grateful for relationships that did not work out, because I was headed toward a wrong marriage.

My friend, wait on the Lord. Trust the Lord. Always put your hope, your joy, and your dreams in Christ. When He is first then, single or married, you will have a peace that no person or thing can take away.

# How to Light a Fire Under Your Church Members Without Getting Burned

By Ted Engstrom and Edward Dayton

**W**hy can't I get new people to join the evangelism committee? We really need some new ideas from that group. What ever happened to Bill? He was gung ho on starting a new members class six months ago. Now he never turns up for planning meetings. Pastor, I'd love to see that job done, but nobody around here wants to do anything.

Are these typical of some of the things you have heard around your church lately? I recently heard Dr. Win Arn refer to the results of a survey, which asked pastors what their greatest obstacle was in moving their church toward growth. The problem most often given was "Motivating lay people to get involved and be a part of the process."

How do you motivate people? How do you light a fire under laity to get them moving in an enthusiastic, committed way, especially ways that result in new growth? The answers are not simple. The fact is, it's very difficult to motivate people. We would like to suggest a way for getting things done... rather than simply continuing to "pull teeth."

## Begin Together

People are motivated by their own goals. "Good goals are our goals." Begin any new program or ministry in the church only after seeking out those individuals who are already attracted to the goals. How do we do this?

First, recognize that not everyone is either motivated, equipped, or called to the same task. For example, while everyone is expected to be a witness, not all are gifted as evangelists. If we attempt to enlist everyone in one program of evangelism, we will not only fail, but we will leave a lot of people with great feelings of guilt. Don't expect that everyone will be interested. At the same time, don't mistake lack of interest for antagonism. The place to begin is with a clear vision of what needs to happen and why it needs to happen. Lay people need to first understand and identify with the problem to be solved. Later they will think about how to solve it. For example, let's assume you felt the need to begin a regular new members' class next quarter. You believe if there was a regular class for new members, these people would have a place to immediately make new friends within the church, they would have a class of their own right from the start, and these new members (many of them new Christians) would have a curriculum of study specifically geared toward their needs. "We need a new members' class" is a solution. It is not the problem itself. What do you do? Where do you begin? As publicly as you can, begin to share your concern about the problem with others. Paint a picture as to why things would be better if the present problems did not exist. Usually you will find those who agree with you and can identify with the problem. Perhaps, in this case, they might be recent members themselves.

Encourage the appointment of an ad hoc "new members' class" Study Committee. Let the group write the goals and do the planning together. It could very well be that they will come up with a different solution than the one you thought was best. Fine. Remember that the goal was to incorporate and train new members, not necessarily to use your solution. Typically, you will find that as people make their own suggestions, they will become enthusiastic about playing a part in implementing them. Let's assume that you were right, and the rest of the group decided that what really was needed was a new members' class. Take the next step in finding goal owners: call a meeting of all those who would be interested in doing the planning for (not serving on!) a new members' class committee. Take this group through the initial planning of how the committee will function and what assignments will be given. Take care that as you give assignments you recognize the capability of each person. Attempt to tailor the size of the task to the gifts of the members. We've already said that it's very difficult to motivate people. They are motivated by achievement, by recognition of their efforts, by challenging work, by being made responsible, and by experiencing personal growth.

Let's apply these to our class for new members. What is likely to motivate such a planning committee? Achievement-which perhaps can be experienced by learning or doing something new. Recognition-by seeing their names in the church bulletin or having some recognition from the pulpit that the committee is doing a good job. Challenging work-in the sense that there is an understanding that the new members' class is helping the church become a better church, and that the project will not succeed without dedicated effort. Responsibility-as people are held responsible and expected to be accountable. Personal growth-not only because the person sees himself as doing something worthwhile but because the common bond of commitment to this goal provides a sense of identity and unity with other group members.

## Keep Motivating

Recognize effort-if you see someone obviously trying to do a good job, strengthen their efforts by pointing out to them that they are doing a good job. Recognize results-when the new class becomes a success, let the committee know that they had a part in it. Be committed to their ability to do it-if you as the leader of the group don't believe in the group, who will? Let people know that you're committed to their being able to do it. Don't step in and do it for them.

Finally, don't compare people with people-compare them with themselves. There will always be somebody to do the job better than the person who's doing it, but that person is not here and this person is. God placed him here. You placed him here. Believe in people and trust in God.

# Easy Grilled Tri Tip



## Ingredients

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- ground black pepper to taste
- 4 pounds beef tri tip, cut into 1/2 inch slices

Original recipe yield: 8 servings.  
 Prep Time: 15 Minutes  
 Cook Time: 15 Minutes  
 Ready In: 4 Hours 30 Minutes  
 Servings: 8 (change)

## Directions

In a large, non-reactive bowl, blend the soy sauce, olive oil, water, garlic, and pepper. Place the beef tri tip in the marinade. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 4 hours.

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat, and lightly oil grate.

Grill the beef slices 3 to 5 minutes per side, or to desired doneness.

Discard remaining marinade.

## ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted or in need of making some kind of decision.

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**"Objection sustained - witness will refrain from prefixing his answers with 'would you believe!'"**

## Wait

By Gene Griffin

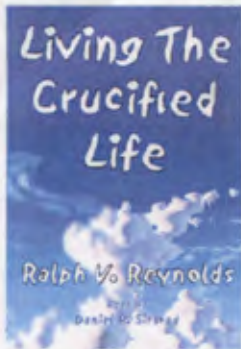
"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:31

A pressing need, a burdened heart,  
 A longing in my soul that won't depart-  
 My trouble burns as a brand upon my spiritual man,  
 But our all-knowing God has a plan.

I want, I pray, I beg- I plead,  
 My heart burdened with a Goliath need;  
 Our Lord knows- we surmise,  
 And our petitions He will not despise.

But God doesn't answer right away,  
 Though with much expectation we pray.  
 "Wait" - our Master seems to say-  
 To a heart grieved day by day.

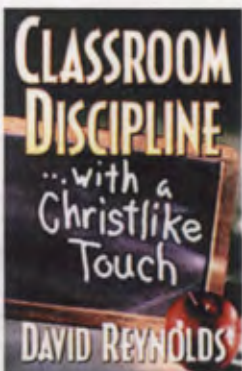
The wait is not in vain-  
 Giving hope amidst all our pain.  
 The Lord shall turn our loss into gain,  
 Though God's ways we cannot explain.



Ralph V. Reynolds

“Living the Crucified Life” is a book that will challenge you to live a life above the ordinary. A life of glorious triumph “In Christ.” A book that will dare you to live victoriously. As you journey through its pages, you will be led to the foot of the Cross. Far too many, in our

day live lives of defeat even though they grace our church pews. Many others live in the Grey Twilight, never really experiencing the abundant life. “Living the Crucified Life” gives the answer to a better way. Listen to this in your car, home or office. It will be a blessing!



David L. Reynolds

This book will help you learn how to handle the student that is mischievous, self-indulgent, argumentative, openly disobedient, refusing to work, aggressive and/or misunderstood. You need to love your students. Do not allow your students to self-destruct. Good

teachers model the values they wish their students to follow. When discipline is needed, do so with dignity and then keep teaching.

David L. Reynolds

This book is for parents that desire to raise their children using Godly principles to guide them. This book covers topics that involve training the child, disciplining the child, understanding the child, giving the child a love for God and the importance of the family. Here is a quote from the book: “Your child is in the biggest and most important contest there is... the contest of life.

Your child is in training for eternal life. Your child is the contestant and you are the coach.”



## Humor

### Making the Dean's List

College student: “Hey, Dad! I’ve got some great news for you!”

Father: “What, son?”

College student: “Remember that \$500 you promised me if I made the Dean’s list?”

Father: “I certainly do.”

College student: “Well, you get to keep it.”

### Be Polite

Like all growing boys, my teenage grandson Jermon was constantly hungry. I went to the ‘fridge to find something he might like.

After poking around a bit and moving the milk and juice cartons, I spotted a bowl of leftover chili.

“Hey, Jermon,” I called out excitedly. He came running into the kitchen.

“Look! I found some chili.”

Struggling to be polite, he said, “If you’re that surprised, I’m not really sure I want it.”

David L. Reynolds



This DVD has two live seminars on marriage. In “We Are The Same!” you will learn to understand your mate’s unique needs by discovering your gender differences and endeavoring to meet the desires of his/her heart. In “Communication In Marriage,” you will learn to communicate in a way that shows respect and most of all love to your mate.

# How to Win Friends

By Marilyn Hickey

**D**id a friend ever let you down? Or have you let a friend down? I think most of us would answer "Yes" to both questions. There is a key to cultivating friendships, it's found in the Bible.

**Proverbs 17:17 gives a beautiful definition of friendship.**



-you'll ruin it.

## Why Are Friendships Broken?

Next, let's see how friendships are broken: "...He that repeateth a matter separateth friends" (Proverbs 17:9). Don't gossip and sow strife; you'll break up friendships.

God says, "Blessed

are the peacemakers ..." (Matthew 5:9).

This refers to Judas. Jesus was saying, "Judas, My friend, when you betrayed Me, it hurt so much." Jesus knows how it feels to be dropped by a friend-He was dropped too-He was betrayed.

Jesus feels everything we feel, and that's why He is a friend that sticketh close than a brother. He understands us, and He will never reject us in any way.

Pray to God that He will make you a godly friend. Ask Him to make you the kind of friend that Jesus is. Thank Him for helping you to love at all times - even in adversity. Ask Him to give you friends that really love you - even when you're in trouble or "unlovable." Be committed to helping other friendships. Remember not to be a whisperer or a sower of strife. Cover up transgression, because that's what love does.

car window to tell her how sorry I was, but she rolled up the window and drove off. Wouldn't you say that I had blown it? You're right, I did. I went home and prayed. The Lord quickened Colossians 1:20 in my spirit. I repented for my actions, applied the blood of Jesus to this situation, and asked God to reconcile us. Before the night was over, she called to say, "Marilyn, I can't be angry with you. My father is ill, and I need you to pray with me." God restored our friendship that night.

## Friendship Requires Thoughtfulness

Now let's look at some very practical things that we, as friends, should not do: "Withdraw thy foot from the neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee" (Proverbs 25:17). Don't overdo your welcome. Don't run over to your friend's house and stay there all the time. And don't telephone every five seconds. You'll wear out your friendship

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." A true friend will love you no matter what happens, and when times get tough, he or she will stick with you. A friend knows the worst about you and still loves you. Friendship requires spiritual resources.

The natural man does not have what it takes to be a true friend. It is difficult to be a friend to some people, especially when they really blow it. That is why it takes spiritual resources to be a good friend.

Years ago, one of our friends decided she would surprise me by painting a Sunday school room at our church. She picked out the color, and she and her son painted the room. When my husband took me into the room, I looked at the walls and said, "Oh, what a terrible color!" I didn't know my friend was hiding in the closet. She was devastated! She ran out of the church, and I ran behind her asking her to forgive me. I tried to stick my head in her

# Obedience: The Key to Worship

**T**hroughout history, God has demanded nothing less than total and complete obedience from his people. The pages of the Bible are full of accounts of men and women who have been favored and blessed by God because they listened and were obedient to his Word. There are several things God wants us to know about obedience.

## Obedience is the Greatest Form of Worship

Without obedience to God any form of worship is hollow. It is an empty gesture, not pleasing to God. It is our willingness to submit to Him and to obey Him that is highly valued.

In II Samuel 6, we see the result of a mind trying to improve upon God's perfect will. The Ark of the Covenant was constructed so that it could be carried on two long wooden poles by priests of the Tribe of Levi.

These were God's instructions to His people. But the Ark was placed on a cart which two young men, Uzzah and Ahio, had borrowed from their father. These two young men guided the Ark down a bumpy road.

This was man's invention. It was not obedience to God's Word. Verse 6 tells the fatal story: "When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled." The first act of disobedience, putting the Ark on the cart, led to the second disobedient act, touching the sacred Ark, something that God had expressly forbidden.

The seventh verse tells of God's reaction: "The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the Ark of God." God did not want Uzzah's "better" idea. He wanted Uzzah's obedience.

## Obedience is Believing God's Word

Obedience means that we believe God's

Word. Certainly we would not obey a set of laws in which we had no faith. The same must be true with God's laws. Saul brought sheep and cattle back from the land of the Amalekites in order to make burnt offerings to God. No doubt in his mind it was a great idea, but it was not what God had commanded. In I Samuel 15, we read that Samuel spoke these words to Saul:

*"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."*

Saul paid the price for his lack of faith in God's law. He fell from grace and was removed as king over Israel. The last sentence in the 15th chapter underscores God's attitude toward Saul: "And the Lord was grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel."

## Obedience Means that We Are Determined to Follow God.

Obedience means that we are dedicated to God and determined to follow him. It is always easier to do as our flesh suggests, to "give in" and return to a sinful life. Obedience to God implies strength of mind and determination of spirit. In the 22nd chapter of Genesis we read that God told Abraham: "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

There is no suggestion that Abraham hesitated even for a moment. Genesis 22:3 begins with these words: "Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac.

When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about." Abraham proved himself to be the obedient servant. He neither questioned God nor argued with God for his son, Isaac. He quietly set out to obey. And because he was obedient, the Lord told him, "I swear by myself, . . . that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore."

## Obedience Means Separation from the World

Obedience means that we have come out of the world and away from its standards to a higher and better place. It means that we see with different eyes and hear with different ears. Obedience to God speaks loudly to all that we are set apart and separate for his sake. In Acts 5:29 we read, "Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than men!'"

## Obedience Brings Rewards From God.

In John 14, we discover the fullness of the rewards which await the obedient servant. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command," and, "Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

From Genesis to Revelation, we see accounts of servants being rewarded for their obedience, and we read of the disobedient suffering the wrath of God. Jesus makes it clear: If we say we love Him, we must obey Him. It is through our obedience that we prove our love for Christ. Obedience is the key, which makes our worship pleasing and worthy. It is the key, which unlocks the door to God's rich blessings.



# Missions Perspective

By Jerry Ramsey

Suppose one of the oldest stories around is about the four blind men who had their first encounter with an elephant. As they approached the elephant, each of them arrived at a different point of his massive body.

The first man felt the elephant's trunk and thought it very much resembled a large snake. The second blind man approached the animal directly in front of one of his front legs and therefore arrived at the conclusion that an elephant very much resembled a tree. The third man approached the huge creature broadside and as he felt the side of the animal, he thought he closely resembled a wall. The fourth man approaching somewhat shyly from the rear caught hold of the cord-like tail. Consequently, each of them was able to partially describe the elephant, but not any one of them was able to describe him fully. The reason was because more of them had taken an overall view of their subject. It was a matter of perspective. So it is with missions.

From a pastor's standpoint, this man has the everyday pressures of pastoring in today's world, striving to operate many times with a T-Model budget in a Mercedes Benz Society. With the demands of a congregation, as well as his family, along with the various functions on a sectional and district level, sometimes it seems that he just doesn't have time for a missionary to come by his church. He also knows that the missionary's main purpose in coming is to

ask for a Partner In Missions (PIM). This puts additional pressure on the stressed out pastor who knows that he is having difficulty in meeting the monthly PIM's to which he is already committed. Doesn't that missions director know he can't take anymore missionaries?

From a district director's standpoint, added to the normal duties of pastoring and taking care of a family, is the burden of placing a missionary for a church service so he will be able to get back to the land of his calling. The director must suppress the urge to hang up the phone and "go fishing" after sometimes literally hours of very little, if any, positive results and make "just one more phone call." He remembers all too well the sound of disappointment in the missionary's voice the last time he was unable to give him a full schedule of services. He tries to walk that thin line between the overworked pastor and the harassed missionary. He takes his duties seriously because he knows the importance of getting the missionary back to the field as soon as possible. Many times he must take his frustrations to God in prayer as he sees the lack of a burden for missions from a pastor.

From a missionary's standpoint, he wearily hangs up the phone. He fights back the resentment as he hears the same old story from a foreign missions district director who was unable to give him a full schedule. Sometimes, frustration attempts

to set in as he remembers the strong call from God. He remembers the many months of wrestling with that call in prayer, until finally, with his face buried in a carpet made soggy with his tears, he accepted the Will of God for his life. He wants to say, "Don't those pastors know that I gave up a good church, a comfortable home and a nice income to fulfill the great commission so they wouldn't have to answer the call."

Instead, he must find a place on his knees and remind the Lord that he is depending upon him to supply his needs and move upon the hearts of pastors to take him on as a PIM.

So who has an accurate view of missions? The answer is that none of them alone has the complete picture of the work of foreign missions. However, by each of them doing their best to have a better understanding of the position of the other, it will make for greater harmony and a better spirit of cooperation by all concerned. When we pull together we can indeed reach our world!

## Judge: No prayer at Graduation

**But student delivers religious remarks anyway, drawing loud applause.**

**Russell Springs** - A federal judge barred prayer during a Russell County High School graduation ceremony; it included a religious message nonetheless. Megan Chapman made sure of that. Chapman, chosen by fellow seniors to deliver opening remarks, had planned to include a prayer as had been the practice at commencement for decades. Instead, she talked of her faith and God's love.

"God will never leave you or forsake you," she said drawing a loud standing ovation from the 2,000-plus people packed into the gym.

Many in the conservative county did not agree with U.S. District Judge Joseph McKinley's decision barring the prayer.

Mark Lawless, a minister in Russell Springs, and several members of his church stood at the entrance of the high school holding signs with religious messages. There are more than a 100 churches in the county, and religion is important to many people, he said, calling it a travesty that a minority view could override a majority view.

"They call it a free country (but) they're taking religion right out of the schools. I don't call that free," said Tom Crawford, who was holding a sign that said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Anthony Padgett, whose daughter Misty was graduating, called the judge's ruling wrong.

## Kentucky Readies for Another Ten Commandments Battle

**Lexington, Ky. (AP)** - Kentucky's battle over Ten Commandments displays in state offices may be on again.

The Lexington Urban County Council, the latest government entity to join, voted tentatively by 8-1 to accept a gift of historical documents that includes a framed copy of the commandments, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

This year the state legislature voted to restore a Ten Commandments monument on the state Capitol grounds that was removed by court order in 2000. The American Civil Liberties Union recently filed a lawsuit against the action.

The Lexington donation, from the Body of Christ Ministries in Irvine, would include framed copies of the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence and other documents. The ministry has made offers to a dozen Kentucky counties and only two have turned down the gift. A 2000 poll by Louisville's Courier-Journal showed 86 percent of Kentuckians had no problem with displays in government buildings.

The state has twice gone before the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold displays in public settings. In 1980 the high court threw out a law allowing public school classroom postings and last year it outlawed McCreary County's courthouse display.

## Thank you

*"It has been our privilege to serve the Kentucky District in various positions over the last 21 years. The generous love offering Sister Keaton, Natalie, and I received was a tremendous blessing. The roses and framed page of a 1611 King James Bible was also greatly appreciated. From our hearts, we thank all who participated in honoring our family."*

-Brother & Sister Keaton and Natalie

## October

- 2 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 7 - SOC Crusade - Madisonville/  
Hendricks
- 9 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 16 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 16 Section E Christmas For Christ  
Promotion
- 20 - Section I Christmas For Christ  
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- 21 - Section N Christmas For Christ  
Promotion
- 23 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- Section U Christmas For Christ  
Promotion
- 29 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- Fifth Sunday Camp Offering
- 30 - Kentucky Bible Institute

## November

- 5 - Early Pentecostal Disciples' Day
- 6 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 7 - Election Day
- 10-11 - Minister & Spouse Retreat
- 11 - Veterans' Day
- 10-12 - Singles' Conference/  
Elizabethtown - Ron Tiller
- 13 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 19 - Mission of Hope Offering
- 20 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 23 - Thanksgiving
- 27 - Kentucky Bible Institute

## December

- 1 - Mail Christmas cards to  
missionaries
- Paid District & Section dues?
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve
- 4th quarter district tithe/dues  
deadline

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**Hey, got an event that needs to be promoted? If you are having revivals, anniversaries, special services, etc. we want to know about them. Submit your church's special events and we will put them in the Kentucky District News calendar section for free. If you want to have even more exposure, you can buy ads at inexpensive prices to maximize coverage of your special event. Call 270-726- 1142 for ad rates or send an email to [marshall5@integrity.com](mailto:marshall5@integrity.com) if you have special events that you want put on the Kentucky District News calendar.**

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