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A Hearty "Amen" . . .

Just a note to voice a hearty "Amen!" to Dr. Dobson's article, "Is Seminary Education Obsolete?"

I enjoy your magazine, and am looking forward to Dr. Dobson's "radical proposals for change."

Joseph Hill, Pastor
First Baptist Church
New Berlin, Wisconsin

I just read Dr. Dobson's article, "Is Seminary Education Obsolete?" and while I'm not a seminary graduate myself, I have been around enough seminaries to say "thank you Dr. Dobson for such insight."

I have been pastoring for 11 years, and most of what I know about the pastorate, I've learned by experience.

The problem with learning such a sensitive ministry this way is that sometimes the ignorant mistakes have eternal consequences.

I would carry Dr. Dobson's article one step further and say that it wouldn't hurt if there was a requirement that the professors at these seminaries have several years of pastoring behind them. If they are a flop at pastoring, it should tell us why the seminaries send out so many flops and failures into the pastorate.

Mark Grooms
Fellowship Baptist Church
Lorton, Virginia

Bell-ringer . . .

Edward Dobson's "Is Seminary Education Obsolete?" was a bell-ringer! It was something that I'm sure myriads

of us have wanted to say for years, but have not had the eloquence nor the platform to do so. I don't always agree with Brother Dobson—sometimes he makes me so mad I could spit. However, as I read and reread this article I could hardly believe what I was seeing. Everything I've been thinking for years, he said. Uncanny!

While speaking to a newly appointed seminary president recently, he and I were discussing this very problem. Though perhaps not verbatim, he said to me in effect, "Don, my dream is to get men with pastoral experience teaching these students. I want men with all the academic credentials plus 10 years experience in the pastorate. Then and only then will we turn out the kind of men who will turn this world upside down for Christ."

Now I have a suggestion for a future article. How about one on why our Christian colleges are failing miserably in turning out teachers who are willing to settle into a ministry and stick with it a few years. Every Christian publication with a classified section is replete with want ads for Christian schools. It seems as though those of us in the small school bracket are simply "used" as stepping stones for higher paying "jobs." We need people who are willing to give of themselves in supporting the ministry to which they say they were "called."

The "grass-is-always-greener" syndrome is probably stronger among Christian school teachers than any other profession. Where the seminary fails the pastor, the colleges fail the schoolteachers.

Don Smith, Pastor
Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church
Martinsburg, West Virginia

I am writing in support of Dr. Dobson's article, "Is Seminary Education Obsolete?" in the March 1987 edition of *Fundamentalist Journal*. I always enjoy his articles, however this one really hit home. In fact, I felt he was plagiarizing my personal experience.

Leaving from Liberty I naturally headed to seminary only to find myself,

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three semesters later, frustrated and burned out. It was not that I struggled to maintain grades (although no honors have ever come my way in this area). I just felt like I was circling around the circumference of Bible redundancy (the article's second major part). Granted, we can never learn too much of God's Word. But for some reason six years of Introductions and Surveys left me limp.

One other point that struck home was pastoral theology theory vs. practical "hands-on" experience. Although having an edge with a preacher father who did assist with some of the practical things, I felt the same inexperience Dr. Dobson felt in his first church. Within one week I had a deacon approach me about his troubled daughter who was now pregnant. Thank God that Dad was still alive. Many phone calls were made his way that first year.

I anxiously await your next article hopefully chocked full of alternatives. Too late for me, however. With only 36 hours and a growing church, there is no way this fellow will obtain the 90 hours needed for an M.Div. (excusing, of course, Philippians 4:13).

Thanks again for the article.

Daniel P. Allen, Pastor
Bible Fellowship Church
Ephrata, Pennsylvania

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We have been getting the *Journal* for two years and find that the March issue is the best so far. However, each issue is of top quality.

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Mrs. Leroy Hostetler
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The March *Fundamentalist Journal* was just like all the previous issues. Dollar's insights were excellent. Falwell had a good exhortation. Dobson made me think. But this time, Shimei was "dirt." Three out of four isn't too bad! I personally consider your magazine the finest Christian periodical in print, Shimei notwithstanding. Keep it up.

Ronald Buchinski, Pastor
Denison Corners Community Church
Mohawk, New York

I would count myself as a Fundamentalist Presbyterian after the order of Warfield and Machen, both of

whom you have covered in your publication. I am unashamed to be called a Fundamentalist and to stand upon the inerrant Scriptures and the faith once for all delivered to the saints. In reading your publication over the last few years, I was surprised at the great areas of agreement I shared with those who wrote for *FJ* and did circulate many issues among members of our little flock. I found most issues of *FJ* very informative, true to the Scriptures, practical, and relevant.

I wanted to send you this note because I am aware of just a fraction of the abuse you take for your stand on the Bible. I wanted to be one who told you "thank you" for your publication and for your ministry overall.

Robert L. Roane, Pastor
Faith Presbyterian Church
Holland, Pennsylvania

I very much appreciate the *Fundamentalist Journal* for its excellent spiritual food stuff and refreshment to my soul. Truly I feel very happy to continue

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T. Happy Christian
Bhimavaram, India

Legalism or Proper Living? . . .

I have just read Dr. Dobson's article, "Seven Characteristics of Legalism." Romans 2 and the Book of Galatians describe the legalist who is attempting to work his way to heaven. But to call a fundamental, Bible-believer a legalist because he obeys the Bible and preaches that Christians should live a holy and separated life is to do desolation to the text. The verses he used have nothing to do with much of the tirade against those of us who believe we should "preach the word," not just the gospel (2 Tim. 4:2-3).

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"love only," "preach the gospel only without teaching saints how to look, act, and live" is exactly the philosophy of many churches today that have become big entertainment centers where "anything goes" including jungle rock music. What will they tolerate next in the name of "love?"

In your same (February) issue you have an article on "Fearless Preaching," referring to Peter Cartwright. But your article on "legalism" is a terrible slam at Cartwright as well as Sam Jones, Billy Sunday, Bob Jones, and John R. Rice, to name a few great fundamental preachers who were truly "Fundamentalists" and preached against sin! You claim that Paul was a great preacher. He said, "Preach the Word." He also said we were to be "separate and touch not the unclean thing" (2 Cor. 6:17) and "Be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). You call such separation and not conforming to be "legalism." You have twisted Romans 2 to make it deny much of what Paul (and God) has to say about proper living for the saints. By the way, I preach as much against the internal sins as I do the external testimony. Most of the preachers I know do. We now have a whole generation of weak, confused saints dabbling in everything the world offers, partly because of articles like yours on so-called "legalism." Think about it!

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From the Publisher



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In keeping with this tradition, President Reagan has proclaimed May 7 as the 1987 National Day of Prayer. He said, "America has lived through many a cold, dark night, when the cupped hands of prayer were our only shield against the extinction of courage. Though that flame has flickered from time to time, it burns brightest when we are willing, as we ought to be now, to turn our faces and our hearts to God not only at moments of personal danger and civil strife, but in the full flower of the liberty, peace, and abundance that He has showered upon us On our National Day of Prayer, then, we join together as people of many faiths to petition God to show us His mercy and His love, to heal our weariness and uphold our hope, that we might live ever mindful of His justice and thankful for His blessing."

I am thankful for a President who upholds America's rich spiritual heritage of prayer. On May 7 I hope you will join with me and millions of people across the United States to thank God for our many blessings and to pray for our nation and its leaders.

Mother's Day. We are to honor our wives and mothers every day of the year, but Mother's Day is especially set aside as a time to show them our special appreciation. I am thankful to the Lord for my godly mother, who is now in heaven, and I am also grateful to God for Macel, the mother of my children.

I think our son Jonathan expressed the feelings of our family well on a recent television talk show featuring the children of well-known people. Following a comment about a good woman being behind every successful man, one of the guests remarked that she felt her mother was *beside* her father, rather than behind. At that, Jonathan observed that his mother could often be found in *front* of his dad! And she is.

My wife is the strength of our home. The children and I do not make decisions apart from her advice. We know she is in front, beside, and around us, protecting us from anything she perceives as harmful to us. Her love and care are our most precious possessions. Think about the wife and mother in your home. Where would you be without her? Thank God for her, and thank her for all she does for you.

PTL and Heritage USA. In my "Comments" to you in this issue I have opened my heart regarding the PTL situation. I hope you will read carefully and prayerfully as I share the reasons for my decision to accept the chairmanship of that ministry, and explain the circumstances that led to that decision.

I am grateful for the many letters of support that continue to come across my desk. The encouragement and prayers of the family of God are so important to me as I do my best to follow God's leading.

We include in this issue an overview of the PTL and Heritage USA ministries for all who are not familiar with it.

Jerry Falwell

Fundamentalism Today

Has Jerry Falwell Gone Mad?

by Edward G. Dobson



I was sitting in an office with Jerry Falwell and Jack Wyrzten on Wednesday morning, March 18, preparing for the 10 a.m. chapel service at Liberty University, when Dr. Falwell began to explain the events of the previous several days.

He had just returned from a meeting with Jim Bakker, where he had confronted Rev. Bakker about his sin. Rev. Bakker had confessed, and he asked Dr. Falwell to assume the leadership of PTL and Heritage USA. Dr. Falwell accepted. The rest of the story was front-page news across the country.

I was in shock! "Either Dr. Falwell has followed the supernatural leadership of the Holy Spirit, or he has done the dumbest thing in recent church history," I thought. Has he made a mistake? Many think so. Has he gone mad? These questions are raised continually in the Christian community.

I think he has done the right thing. Now, I am not obligated to defend Dr. Falwell. I am no longer on the payroll. I resigned all my positions in Lynchburg on Friday, March 20. I am now the senior pastor of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I don't have to defend the actions of Dr. Falwell. I could just quietly walk away and make no comment. But I must speak my mind and give my assessment of what may be one of the most dramatic religious events of the twentieth century.

Did Jerry Falwell do the right thing in confronting a Christian brother overtaken in sin? Yes. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1). Dr. Falwell should be commended for his integrity in doing what others closer to the

situation had failed to do.

I understand that during the meeting in Palm Springs, Rev. Bakker broke down and cried. He confessed his sin and asked forgiveness. The meeting between two brothers in Christ was emotional and spiritual. Then Rev. Bakker asked Dr. Falwell to take over PTL, to protect the cause of Christ, to prevent it from falling into the hands of Satan, and to guarantee the millions of dollars invested in PTL by thousands of Christians (some of that money representing life savings that would be lost forever if PTL went under).

Did he do the right thing in accepting the chairmanship of PTL? I cannot be an objective judge. I was not there. I believe the Holy Spirit led Dr. Falwell to the California meeting, and I can assume with a high degree of confidence that the same Spirit led him to accept the responsibility of PTL. To say that he was wrong

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would be to make a judgment on what happened without being there. I have chosen to accept that he made the right decision. If there is doubt, I prefer to give Dr. Falwell the benefit of that doubt. Some who have been so vicious in their opposition, never trusted his integrity to begin with. These new developments simply afforded them an opportunity to publicly confirm their ongoing lack of confidence in him. Others sincerely disagreed without *ad hominem* arguments. I respect them.

Perhaps the strongest argument against Dr. Falwell's involvement with PTL is that he is a Fundamentalist and PTL is substantially Charismatic. Can the two get along? Did Dr. Falwell compromise his theology in assuming this new position? These questions merit careful and thoughtful answers.

Fundamentalists and Charismatics can get along on a limited basis. We are all part of the family of God, and we ought to love one another. We can get along in a social context, but that does not mean we can have intimate fellowship on theological terms. I have problems with the Charismatic movement, and they ought to have problems with me. I think they misinterpret the Bible and are seeking existential, emotional experiences. They think I am only a partial Christian. Since I don't speak in tongues, they consider me a second-class citizen who needs the "fullness" of the Spirit. So while we may love each other, our theological differences may make it difficult to develop close fellowship.

How does this relate to PTL? When the Devil attacks, we should immediately demonstrate a united front for the testimony of Christ. After that initial response, I am not sure. A long-term coalition of Charismatics and Fundamentalists will be difficult to hold together.

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Jerry Falwell Comments

Changes at PTL



When I was asked, frontally and quite surprisingly, by Jim Bakker, to become the chairman of PTL, frankly, I was stunned. I experienced, as I'm sure you have, a mental barrage of the problems, consequences, ramifications, and so on, of the decision before me. But there was no time for the luxury of contemplation. The seriousness of the problems facing this man and his ministry demanded an immediate response, which I gave him. "Yes. I will try."

Now let me share with you five considerations that were significant in my decision, and then give you, as best as I can, an account of the events and circumstances that led me to that point.

My first concern was for my ministry in Lynchburg—Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty University, Old-Time Gospel Hour. After my Lord and my family, my first commitment is to these ministries. Three-fourths of my schedule will be in Lynchburg, as it has been since my pull-back from the political arena. To those who ask, "Is this going to interfere with the progress, the future, the plans, the dreams of the Lynchburg ministry?" I say to you from my heart, this ministry is my first love.

My second concern was for Jim and Tammy. I've listened to many terrible statements from so many people about those two and what should happen to them. I can't operate that way. There is a verse of Scripture that controls my behavior, which says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit

of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

So in spite of what some of my good friends might think about Jim and Tammy Bakker, they are my brother and sister in Christ. I have a responsibility to them and a concern for the restoration of their family. They have two teenagers, Tammy Sue and Jamie Charles. Can you imagine what they face in a schoolroom, a beauty parlor, a grocery store, on a street corner, with their friends and pals? We must identify with those who are hurting, and put ourselves in their shoes.

That does not mean I condone wrongdoing. Everyone knows that I preach against immorality, and I preach for strong family relationships and fidelity. But my duty to uphold morality and the family cannot be separated from my responsibility to help restore a fallen brother.

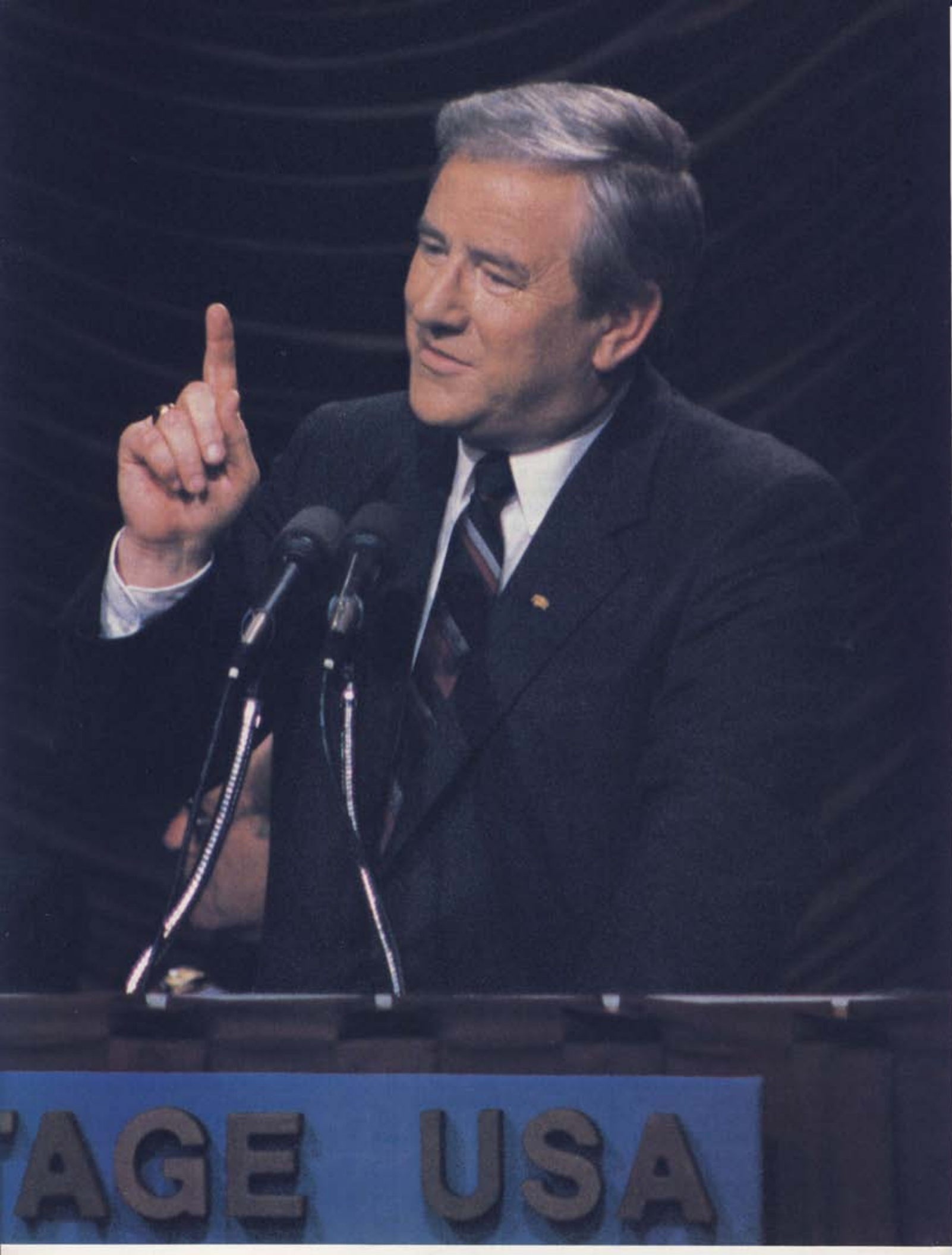
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My third concern was for the supporters, the lifetime partners and investors at Heritage Village, who have given scores of millions of dollars. The people who have put their money there are important. They cannot be left out of the equation.

Fourth, I am part of what the press calls the electronic media. That's just a cute way of saying we're using radio and television for the purpose of preaching the gospel to the world in our generation. Just as it is not wrong for CBS to use the media, it is not wrong for the church to do so.

Now the "electronic church" has taken a broadside that could have a negative impact on the credibility of every preacher of the gospel and the cause of Christ in general. This is a time for closing ranks, not a time for shooting our own wounded.

Finally, I have a responsibility and concern for the entire body of Christ. I'm a Baptist. I'm a Fundamentalist. After all these years I don't think there is a person on the face of this earth who believes I am going to change my doctrine or in any way compromise my convictions. I don't think there is a person who believes that. But I have an obligation to those who do not agree on every point and with every jot and tittle of my doctrinal statement, but who love Christ. My dear and late mentor B. R. Lakin said, "We are friends of all who are friends of Christ." Through the years, God has ingrained that in my heart and has given me a love for everyone who names the name of the Saviour, and a sense of responsibility to everyone in the family of God everywhere.



Now, with those five things said, I want to comment on how it all started. I want all the mythology to be destroyed.

Until the day of the first meeting of the new PTL board, I had never been on the PTL Club in my life. I was on the grounds of Heritage Village once. Two or three years ago on a family vacation to Florida, we took the highway through Charlotte and, in 10 or 12 minutes, drove through the Heritage campus. I was very impressed by it.

I had met Jim Bakker once or twice, at an NRB convention or in a hotel lobby, but had never had an in-depth conversation with him at any time until Tuesday, March 17.

On February 28 at a convention in Florida, a pastor friend of mine said, "We need to be praying about and for a brother whom I am hearing has been overtaken in a fault." Because there were others around, the subject was dropped at that point. I called my friend at home in early March and asked him for the details. He said, "Well, I don't know the details. I have only heard the rumors, but they relate to Rev. Jim Bakker and a possible moral default."

After some calls to substantiate what appeared to have happened, I asked two of my associates to talk with Jim Bakker's number-two man at PTL, Pastor Richard Dortch. At that time the Bakkers had been in Palm Springs, California, for eight or nine weeks, where Tammy Faye had been in the Betty Ford Hospital for a prescription drug dependency problem. My associates asked Rev. Dortch, "Is there any possibility of a meeting with Rev. Bakker to discuss these matters, to determine if they are true or false?"

He said, "I don't know, but I will try to find out for you." On March 12 Pastor Dortch called to say, "Rev. Bakker would like to see Jerry Falwell, but he would like to see him alone. Since he is participating with his wife in the hospitalization in Palm Springs, is it possible for Jerry to come to Palm Springs?"

On March 17, having arrived in Palm Springs the night before with Pastor Dortch and a few others, I met privately for one hour with Jim Bakker in the hotel. I opened my heart to him and told him what I had heard. He said, "You are the first person in seven years who has confronted me with this. With all of the

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rumors that have been flying around the country for seven years, you are the first human being to confront me for this sin. I'm guilty. It was at a low time in my life. Our family was in trouble." He explained that he did have a sexual encounter in a hotel room in Florida seven years ago, and did authorize the payment of money to that girl.

After that private conference we joined Pastor Dortch and the others in an all-day meeting. Sometime during the day Jim Bakker turned to me and said, "Jerry, I want you to take the chairmanship of PTL. Our board will resign in total. Please appoint a board of your selection. They will ratify that board first."

I was advised later that the board would meet on Wednesday night, March 18. They were coming from all across the country. According to the by-laws it was necessary for them to vote unanimously to accept the resignation of the existing board members. They had to vote unanimously, before that, on the appointment and ratification of every one of the new board members. This was not a Jerry Falwell-Jim Bakker transaction. It had to be a unanimous transaction on the part of the total board.

If you know anything about boards, and if you have been in the Lord's work long enough, you probably don't remember many unanimous votes. The night of March 18 I joined the board meeting in Charlotte by telephone hookup in Lynchburg. I listened in amazement as they voted unanimously on every point. I was astounded. One of them, speaking for the board, said over the speakerphone, "Dr. Falwell, on

behalf of the former board, I want to say thank you." I could sense, amidst the tears, "Thank you for helping us in our hour of need." I cannot believe that all of that could have happened except that God had His hand in it.

I do not own that ministry. I have no desire to own that or any other ministry. I believe that what I am doing right now is the will of God for Jerry Falwell. I am going to act in fairness and equality. I'm going to do this thing the way I believe God would have it done, regardless of how many letters come condemning what I am trying to do.

We are a working board, not a figure-head board. I am only one vote. I am not in charge of PTL. I am one of eight people who are in charge of PTL and Heritage USA. I'm not looking for another job. I am employed. I am not seeking a salary. I am not in any way seeking after glory. If anyone thinks I am enamored with the income and real estate assets of Heritage, let me say that I learned a long time ago that all the problems and headaches and heartaches, particularly of this kind of a complex thing, greatly outweigh any glamour involved.

Six months or a year from now, or less or more, I may say that it's impossible, hopeless, and try to find someone else who can do better than I have done with it. Or that ministry may be well, and I may feel my mission is accomplished and walk out. I have not made a permanent commitment to PTL. The only permanent commitments I have made in my life are to my Lord Jesus and to my wife as her husband. Everything else is up for votes every day. The Lord has the right to step in and change everything in a hurry. And since it doesn't belong to me, I see myself only as a steward, perhaps a temporary steward, perhaps a permanent steward. I don't know. It is all in the hands of God.

I'm not going there to make a Baptist camp out of it. I'm going there for the purpose of seeing that it is always a Christian camp. I had nothing to do with that ministry coming from where it was to where it is. It's not my work. It's the Lord's work. I am there to do my best to prevent it from ever falling into the hands of a secular group, or to some who do not love Christ, or that the network be lost to the cause of Christ.

Of course my personality will be seen and felt. My doctrinal position is known

by everyone. I'm not a compromiser, but I think I get along with brothers and sisters in Christ—and people outside the family of Christ—with whom I don't agree, as well as anybody you know. I work hard at that.

With the Moral Majority I worked with Mormons, Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Presbyterians, and 57 varieties of Baptists. And eight years later I'm still preaching the same thing that I preached when I was voted into Thomas Road Baptist Church 31 years ago.

I have a mammoth job ahead of me. I can't do it alone, and I'm not trying to run it alone. I'm asking you to pray for me, to pray for that ministry, to pray for Jim and Tammy and their two precious children, and most of all to pray that this fire storm, which is doing such damage to the cause of Christ, will soon be assuaged, and that we will see a brighter day coming.

We sometimes get the idea that every time there is a failure, or something goes wrong, the church is going out of business. That isn't true. After 2,000 years, the church of our Lord Jesus Christ is alive and well. And long after you and I are gone, God's business will go on as though we were never here.

Now, I'm not trying to pretend that all these things, economically, theologically, and doctrinally, are solved simply. They are not. But I consider all those at PTL who know the Lord as Saviour, as my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am going to treat them accordingly, and I want them to treat me accordingly. But I promise you I am not going to change.

I am seeking the Lord's leading and claiming what James said, that if anyone lacks wisdom he can ask God for it, and God will give it to him liberally. I must be sensitive to what God is saying to me regarding the cause of Christ internationally. This is an awesome responsibility. I cannot do it, but God can do it. I need to be wrapped up in your prayers and your concerns and your constant opinions and counsel and advice.

■ Condensed from extemporaneous statements made to the Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University family in late March.



Introducing the New Board

After its first get-acquainted meeting, the new board for PTL was introduced to the nation on the live PTL show. Seated from left to right are:

Rev. Rex Humbard, evangelist and founder of the Cathedral of Tomorrow in Akron, Ohio, a pioneer in televangelism.

Rev. Richard Dortch, served under Jim Bakker as senior executive vice president and is now president of PTL.

Rev. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, speaker on the "Old-Time Gospel Hour" weekly broadcast, chancellor of Liberty University, and now chairman of the PTL board.

Ben Armstrong, executive director of National Religious Broadcasters.

James Watt, former secretary of the interior, now a lawyer in Wyoming.

Jerry Nims, chief executive officer of the Old-Time Gospel Hour.

Sam Moore, chairman of Thomas Nelson Publishing Company in Nashville.

Rev. Bailey Smith, former president of the SBC, cofounder and chairman of Real Evangelism.

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"Stability, Credibility, Testimony"

Falwell Sets Goals for PTL

by Deborah Huff



"We have an obligation to the cause of Christ, to the testimony of the gospel, and to the reputation of the church," said Dr. Jerry Falwell, explaining why he and the new board of directors for PTL were becoming involved in a ministry shattered by scandal and immersed in controversy.

"We are here for the duration, or as long as we are needed. In six months or a year from now, or less or more, I may say it's impossible, hopeless, and try to find someone else who can do a better job than I can," said Rev. Jerry Falwell as he introduced the new board for PTL.

The first board meeting focused on structuring an executive committee—Jerry Nims, James Watt, and Sam Moore—and an audit committee headed by Sam Moore, with Rex Humbard and Ben Armstrong.

The board asked independent auditors to provide a cold-comfort letter on the financial position of PTL. The audit committee was instructed to prepare a report on the resignation of Jim Bakker and the circumstances surrounding it. Richard Dortch will continue as president of the organization. "This is a working board," said Falwell. "I believe it's a blue-ribbon group."

Restoring credibility with current donors and the public in general will be a priority with the new board. "We'll have an open-door policy with the press, as we have an internal investigation into what happened and an independent auditing firm reviewing the books. Our

primary objectives are to find the truth, dispel the rumors, and restore confidence in the PTL ministry," said Falwell.

"In these last few critical days PTL has maintained a solid financial backing and that's encouraging," said Falwell. "In three or four months we'll know better what impact this has really had on giving."

"People who were giving the money to Jim Bakker are upset with what has happened. But those who were giving to God and the ministry of the gospel have been, and will continue to be, the backbone of PTL."

"Things like this do happen—no matter how big or small the ministry—and when they happen, the focus of a ministry gets shifted away from God and toward the man who leads the organization."

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Falwell says that regardless of the size of a ministry, every pastor has celebrity status, and that creates pitfalls no matter what realm you are in. He notes that people look up to their pastor, and he must maintain a relationship with the Lord and be doubly careful to guard against even the appearance of evil.

Falwell, half-serious, half-teasing, said, "The greatest danger a leader has is believing all the nice things your friends have said about you."

Through all of this, Falwell hopes every pastor in America will become more sensitive to the awesome responsibility he has for his conduct as well as for his personal accrual of wealth. "If God has blessed you financially, that's wonderful. I am not against having things, but don't let things have you."

He encourages pastors and laymen alike to avoid an ostentatious show. "I drive a truck. I could ride in a limo, but that's not me—the people who support me and pray for me don't ride in limousines."

"No one lives unto himself," reminds Falwell. "I can't do anything—good or bad—in Lynchburg, without someone seeing me. That's good. It makes me accountable to my local church congregation. I have an obligation to be blameless, not perfect, but blameless before them."

"Something like this situation at PTL is so injurious to the new convert and to unbelievers. I can only hope they realize that people who know Christ are still human beings. Christians are only sinners saved by grace, through faith. There is nothing supernatural or extraordinary about us without Christ. Hopefully, the eyes of the unsaved world will go past the

situation and focus on a risen Saviour."

Falwell has received criticism for keeping the Bakkers on the payroll. "The board agreed to continue his salary indefinitely. It was a matter of compassion, of obligation, and of fairness. With Mrs. Bakker in the hospital, it would be less than Christian for the board—regardless of what's happened—to terminate the life support of the couple who is responsible for the ministry. PTL would not exist if it were not for Jim and Tammy. They have led the ministry for 13 years." The board has yet to address the future role of the Bakkers, though the billboards and their books and records will remain.

Falwell said, "We must treat all of them—the Bakkers and their children and Miss Hahn—as we would want to be treated. We must wrap them in our prayers."

Asked what would happen at his church if he were involved in a similar incident, Falwell said his church would forgive him, but would have to remove him from the pastorate. "I believe, speaking for Jerry Falwell at Thomas Road Baptist Church, a pastor gets only one chance at these things. If he fails, he needs to find another occupation."

Would his wife forgive him? "Sure she would, immediately after she shot me between both eyes," Falwell joked. "But I do not recommend that as a solution for any of you ladies who face that problem."

Falwell has fielded numerous questions about Bakker's style of ministry. "There's no doubt that we have a different approach. When people visit our Liberty University campus they don't comment on the beautiful buildings. Our buildings are basic and functional. The comments center on our students, the quality of their education, and the depth of their faith."

"Every ministry reflects the leader. At Heritage, the beauty of the place grabs you. It's not my way of doing things, but it is obviously another approach. I know who God used to build PTL. While changes will come, there is no need to stamp Jerry Falwell on the place. That would be impossible to do. I am going to maintain Heritage USA as a ministry to Christian families."

As for the capital projects already under way, Falwell said the Tower is scheduled to be completed in July. Nothing else has been settled yet, and all such programs will be examined at future



The Coverage—What More Could Be Said?

The March 19 announcement of Jim Bakker's resignation from PTL, and Jerry Falwell's subsequent appointment to head that organization, supplied front-page headlines, news show features, cartoons, and editorials for more than a fortnight. Reporters and anchormen from across the nation sought interviews from the people involved, related to, associated with, and even just passing by PTL.

Fueled by bickering between televangelists about the changes and the reason they occurred, the incident became known as "Pearlygate," "Heavensgate," and the "Soap Opera in Charlotte."

Jerry Falwell was the guest on more than a dozen television news shows during that time, patiently repeating what happened and what he planned to do.

What could be said of the attention? Mark DeMoss, administrative assistant to Falwell, said, "The news conference on March 26, following the board meeting at PTL, had over 400 registered media representatives present. It was the largest Dr. Falwell has ever had."

"I think he got the opportunity to set

a new course in a positive direction for the PTL organization. He had to answer tough questions about our differences in doctrine, and had to assure the press and the public at large that they would get the truth as he did.

"In the main, the press has been quite fair in presenting PTL and what ensued," said DeMoss.

"Dr. Falwell feels that a few are trying to use it as a launching pad to do credibility damage to television ministries in general."

With the new board and the Assemblies of God independently looking into the matter, DeMoss did not have any predictions on the outcome of the investigations. "One thing we know for certain is that the press will be sure the public hears the results."

DeMoss credits the media with focusing on the credibility problem of all television ministries. "It's a legitimate concern. That's why Dr. Falwell is asking for the television ministries to set up a system to monitor their own activities. We have to do something of this nature to restore public trust."

Did DeMoss have any favorite moments in all the media show? "Sure. One Lynchburg reporter, Darrell Laurant, wrote my favorite analogy. 'Remember Red Adair, the guy who went around putting out massive oil-well fires? Jerry Falwell has become the Red Adair of the televangelical community.' That's certainly what it felt like for me at times."

board meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28.

"I know some pastors in the Assemblies of God object to my appointment, but I can only say that we are going to try to maintain the stability of the ministry, rebuild its credibility, and guarantee the ongoing testimony of Christ here."

The idea of Heritage USA as a "Christian retreat" has been criticized as frivolous. Falwell responds, "We have supported Word of Life in Schroon Lake and Jack Wyrzten for years. We have supported Christian campgrounds all over the country. Of course, there's more entertainment here, but Christians do go to Disney World, Gatlinburg, and other places. Why not here?"

"It's a wonderful campground. Some of the board members who had not been here before thought they were going to an old-fashioned campground. They were surprised by the wonderful facilities."

"This place is a marvelous idea. Jim Bakker is to be credited with identifying a need—a Christian vacation retreat. This is a place where the entire family can come and be ministered to or come and relax."

When asked if Jesus would have brought His disciples to the water park and gone down the three-story water slide, Falwell chided, "He would not have gone down that slide—He probably would have walked across it!" Would Jerry Falwell go down the slide? "Not only would you not see Jesus going down that water slide, you are not going to see me. I'd break my fool neck."

Regarding the effect this incident has had on the church in general, Falwell said, "The church is on display as never before. I don't know why God let it happen. I only know that He is too wise to make an error. We must keep our eyes on Jesus Christ, in whom there is no failure or disappointment. Only by doing that can we hope to find the answer."

"I hope the family of God at large will close ranks, stop bickering, show love one to another without being unkind. I am not going to knock someone else with whom I do not agree, but who loves the same Christ."

Has Dr. Falwell joined in an ecumenical effort? He quickly responds, "No. I am not a part of the ecumenical movement today, nor will I be a part of it tomorrow. Fellowship for me is in Christ. That doesn't mean I can't be friends with everyone who names the name of Christ."

"When you walk into Thomas Road Baptist Church you know you are in a Bible-believing, Fundamentalist, Baptist church. You know our stand on separation. You know our stand on doctrine. I am going to preach what we believe without compromise."

"I am still—as I have been for 31 years and will be through this lifetime—a Fundamentalist Baptist. I am not going to change. I am not going to compromise."

"What I am doing is asking Christians to close ranks and prevent Satan from having a field day. By holding together, we can present the world with a dramatic testimony of the love of Christ."

"When the dust settles from all of this, we just want unsaved people to remember the love we have shown to our injured, and our kindnesses to one another. We want them to see and hear our testimony for Christ. Please keep us in your prayers." ■

Reactions Explode at News of PTL Changes

In his 15 years with Jerry Falwell, Don Norman, executive assistant, says he has never seen an issue that has been "quite as explosive as this one." He was referring of course to the changes at PTL.

"We have received strong criticism from some of our preacher brethren who think Dr. Falwell is giving credence to the Charismatic movement. After I get a chance to explain that this has just happened and that Dr. Falwell has a 31-year track record of faithfulness to the Word of God, they seem to take a wait-and-see attitude."

"The people who don't really know Jerry are the most concerned. But once they get the facts and see the emergency of the situation, they seem to understand why Jerry responded as he did."

"Of course we've gotten a flood of calls from people who support Jerry and just want him to know they are behind him."

"At Liberty University, Sue Forbus, administrative coordinator to Dr. Guillen-



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min, says she has fielded many calls from parents of students. "Some parents are concerned that Dr. Falwell may have compromised his doctrine."

"After I explain that Dr. Falwell hasn't changed, nor will he, and that the two organizations will not be transferring money or joining together in any way, they seem satisfied."

Rick Lawrenson, manager for Liberty Home Bible Institute, said, "A few students have expressed concern for Dr. Falwell, and a few have wanted more information, but basically, they have all been supportive."

Susan Barringer, manager for Donor Services, said, "The 'Old-Time Gospel Hour' donors are telling us that Dr. Falwell has done so much, that nothing he would endeavor now would amaze them. They're generally very supportive and are standing behind him."

"One lady wrote that, in standing to help Jim Bakker at his time of need, Dr. Falwell showed the extent of his Christian commitment."

Of those who write their opposing views, Mrs. Barringer said, "At least most of them still ask for the facts. That is encouraging. They are not believing everything they read in the papers. We send them a special tape of Dr. Falwell explaining what happened. Again, most of our people are proud of the way Dr. Falwell is holding forth the cause of Christ." ■

It Is All You've Heard...and More

Heritage USA

by Angela Elwell Hunt



"Have a wonderful day, ladies," the costumed young man said as he

helped us through a throng of cars waiting outside the Heritage Grand Hotel, "and be careful!"

I laughed. Such exuberant friendliness was rare even at Disney World. My editor and I were at Heritage USA to cover the press conference held by Jerry Falwell and the new PTL board. Her job was to cover the news. Mine was to soak up local color.

There is plenty of color at Heritage USA. The 2,300-acre theme park in Fort Mill, South Carolina, is surrounded by lush southern pines and gently rolling green hills. Entering the grounds we passed the Welcome Center, where a pretty girl in a colonial cloak gave us a copy of the *Heritage Herald*, a monthly newspaper with the month's coming events and lots of real estate advertising. As we drove along we passed the partially complete Mulberry Towers, the boyhood home of Billy Graham, and subdivisions of lovely country-style homes and smaller town-house condominiums. On our way to the television studio for the taping of the PTL Club, we circled an impressive water park, the lovely Heritage Grand Hotel, and the replica of the Upper Room.

Inside the studio, at 10 minutes until airtime, a smiling man was making announcements in a pleasant voice. No flash photography, please. No leaving your seat, please. And unless you want



The famous three-story water slide attracts visitors from all over the country.

to be run over by a fast-moving television camera, no movement toward the set, please. His friendly banter brought an easy laugh from the happy audience.

Several women, one carrying a box of tissues, moved onto the set, which featured the phone lines where counseling is done. At airtime the lines were switched from the counseling room to the set, and they rang quietly throughout the show.

The studio was hot, bright, and on this day when the new PTL board was to be introduced, very crowded. But the relaxed visitors, dressed for the most

part in comfort, did not seem to mind their hour-long wait. The excitement of being there filled the place they had seen so often on television.

Promptly at 11 a.m. the timpani roll sounded and the PTL Singers sang on cue. Richard Dortch, the show's host, began his descent from steps in the audience, and the audience craned their necks to see him. "He's over there," the gray-haired man in front of me volunteered, "right at the end of your row."

Dortch announced that the new PTL board of directors was present, and the audience rose as one in a standing



The Upper Room, an inspirational center for thousands of park visitors each year.

ovation. The men on the couch—Rex Humbard, Jerry Falwell, Ben Armstrong, James Watt, Jerry Nims, Sam Moore, and Bailey Smith—smiled in appreciation. As the men chatted with Dortch, who talked about their work and their families, the audience breathed, smiled, and chuckled with them. The air was sweet with congeniality and mutual respect for all in the body of Christ. Throughout the program whispers of “God bless you, Jerry” and “Thank you” quietly flowed from broken hearts.

Aside from a couple of suspicious glances at my press badge (one usher gently asked me if I wouldn’t like to sit in the press section “with my own kind”), the people at Heritage USA were warm, appreciative of the help from Jerry Falwell and the other new board members, and faithful to the belief that God would continue to work in a mighty way through the work in which they have had a part.

I had arranged to meet PTL Singer Lee Young after the press conference. Young admitted that the formation of a new board had caught him by surprise, but added that the PTL staff was supportive of Dr. Falwell’s leadership. “Jerry Falwell is first a born-again Christian. So he’s my brother,” said Young. “He is a

preacher of the gospel, a very smart man, and a man who does an incredible job of handling the media. When they said Falwell was going to be head of PTL ministry, I thought, ‘Now that’s a good idea,’ because he knows how to handle himself.

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board, and I was sorry to see some of them go. However, what impressed me was the willingness to keep this thing going. If this happened 11 years ago when PTL was just a fledgling ministry, nothing would have remained. But we have so many things going on here—it is bigger than one person. If it were not bigger than an individual, it should not have been started in the first place.”

Some of the things that “go on” at Heritage USA are an adoption agency, a home for unwed mothers, a home for homeless street people, a home for the physically handicapped, marriage and family counseling sessions, a children’s ministry, a Christian academy, and the Heritage Village Church and Missionary Fellowship with its corresponding ministries. PTL-sponsored activities around the world include over 800 “People That Love” centers, where food and clothing are distributed to the poor, and a prison ministry that involves over 9,000 volunteer workers. Through the prison ministry, over 21,500 Bibles have been distributed to inmates, 20,000 Bible correspondence courses have been graded, and 37 satellite dishes have been installed in maximum security prisons to provide Christian television programming.

Fort Hope, located on the grounds of Heritage USA, provides a home for street people, for men who have just been released from prison, and for men with substance abuse problems. The Heritage School of Evangelism provides hands-on training in the areas of television and counseling. A network of 4,000 pastors throughout the United States has been arranged so that a local pastor can almost immediately contact a troubled soul who has called in over the PTL counseling hot line.

Over 2,000 people live in the homes and town homes on the grounds of Heritage USA, and plans are under way for thousands more. Messner Enterprises, an independent contractor, is building homes as they are needed on the Heritage grounds. As many as 15,000 new families could be housed with relative ease.

The greatest need of the ever-expanding Heritage USA now is room, says Young. “In the summer months we have jammed the studio and the barn full and turned people away. We need something with 7,500 seats right now. We also need a big assembly hall with room enough to host a convention. We would love to see the day when every Christian convention is held here. Let’s face

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it. The secular world does not want Christian conventions, because the people don't drink and they don't carouse. There are a lot of places that just do not want Christian conventions."

Linda Ivy, of PTL public relations, believes that the Christian college students who serve as summer staff have much to do with Heritage USA's appeal. "I have a 13-year-old son, and as a parent I am glad that he can see Christian students who are excited about the Lord and not ashamed of their lifestyle."

The *Heritage Herald* describes the PTL ministry as "one of love, reaching out to the body of Christ, developing mature Christians, and spreading the Gospel around the world. The Heritage Grand Ministry Center serves this ministry as a worship center and retreat facility for the body of Christ. It is not a public facility, but a Christian retreat center, building up the body of Christ around the world. Heritage USA is a twenty-first-century campground that is exalting Jesus."

Young told me he was stopped in a grocery store recently and asked what would become of PTL. His answer: "If God Almighty is head of this ministry, it cannot fail. If a mere man was head of this ministry, it cannot stand. I think we've pretty well answered that question by the example of the way the new board is standing and operating." ■

Heritage USA and the PTL Television Network

- The 2,300-acre Christian amusement park is located between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Fort Mill, South Carolina.
- Visited by 6 million people in 1986, second only to Disneyland and Walt Disney World in number of annual visitors.
- No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco allowed.
- Hotels.
- Shopping village.
- Water park.
- Restaurants.
- Two fishing lakes.
- Campgrounds.
- Workshops, worship services, and musical presentations daily.
- Amphitheater for passion plays.
- Home for unwed mothers.
- Alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs.
- One-year residential ministry for homeless men.
- Private homes.
- Time-share condominiums.
- Elementary through high school academy.



Taping of the PTL show always draws a large crowd of people to the television studios.

- PTL Stands for Praise the Lord or People That Love.
- The network is carried to 15 million homes and features 24 hours of Christian programming.
- Employs 2,000 workers.
- Received \$129 million in income for fiscal year 1986.



Gloria Gaither

by Angela Elwell Hunt

“**T**his last night of our vacation we had a wiener roast on the Dionis Beach. This beach is certainly our favorite—so quiet, so secretive and promising, so romantic. Benjy’s, Amy’s, and Suzanne’s profiles between the pink horizon and the quiet sea are frozen in my mind as if someone had stopped a movie projector to take a closer look at one frame—this frame—this moment.

“I see their faces there between the sea and sky. Barely children they are, yet hardly mature. We’ve celebrated the happy days of childhood here on these beaches and watched the little footprints in the sand. Now we make this island our welcome mat for grown-up days. If I look closely down this beach I can see the prints of tiny toddler feet grow bigger as they run along until they end right here in front of me, long and slim and almost the size of mine. Growing feet. Running feet. Feet I’ve held in my hand and counted ‘piggies’ on. Feet I’ve scrubbed the mud and sand and grass stain from. Feet I’ve tied sneakers on and guided into stiff, new Sunday shoes. Feet I’ve taught to pedal bikes and to roller skate. Feet that have learned to go where I couldn’t follow . . . up tall trees, down school hallways, on dates. I’ve watched those feet take first steps, toddle, walk, skip, balance, kick footballs, run bases, march in parades, and dance pirouettes. And at every stage, I’ve watched them leave the current footwear behind to run barefoot and free down these beloved beaches.”

Nostalgia, pure and simple. Does a modern mother have time to spare for such emotional indulgences?

Gloria Gaither, writing the above passage in *Let’s Make a Memory*, coauthored with Shirley Dobson, would say that a modern mother not only should have time, she must make time for making memories.

Gloria is a talented woman. During her 23 years of marriage to Bill Gaither, she and her husband have recorded over 30 record albums and written over 450 songs. The lyricist of their songwriting duo, she is also an author with six books to her credit. But Gloria Gaither feels her most important responsibilities are found in her roles as wife, mother, and homemaker.

“The greatest opportunity of my life is to be a mother and mold three lives firsthand. Nothing has taken more thinking, more education, more planning, more logistics, more anything than being a parent. It is a vocation where you see the results more immediately than any of our other ways to touch people’s lives, because you see the response, or lack of it, daily, one-to-one. It is the scariest opportunity, and the most gratifying.”

Gloria likes to consider Isaiah 54:13 as she works with her children: “And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.”

“That’s encouraging to me,” she smiles, “because it doesn’t have a time limit on it. We once wrote a musical called *Kids Under Construction*, and since then we’ve talked to so many parents who have said, ‘My kids didn’t turn out right.’ Bill always asks, ‘Are they dead?’ Because as long as they are alive, they are still turning out.”

What makes a family successful? Gloria believes one of the most important considerations is communication. “I think that families need to make an effort to keep the lines of communication open. For instance,

if the wife is working outside the home and the husband is working someplace else, the natural tendency is to come home dead tired from two separate worlds and not have the energy to talk about what has happened during the day. The kids have been off at school in another world—and I mean *another world*—then they come home. I know very few families who even eat supper together or spend any time saying, 'OK, for the next two hours we're all going to tell each other what excited us, or made us mad, or made us disappointed, or made us sad today.' Well, unless we make that effort, then we all lead separate lives, and all we have in common to talk about is, 'Who needs tennis shoes?' and, 'Did the water softener break?' The person who shares our excitement or our disappointment or our joy is our secretary, our boss, or a schoolmate. So the family lives in the same house, but it's basically a rooming house for strangers."

Her concern for other families prompted her to write *Let's Make a Memory* with Shirley Dobson. She noticed that today's mobile society often left young families without a support system to provide special times and traditions of family togetherness. "In the agricultural age, nuclear families grew up around the extended family. Children and young couples were immediately given traditions and habits, special celebrations, great times, and memories—almost ready-made. But now couples often get married and move far away from everybody.

When they have their first baby, there's nobody but a baby-sitter to extend the family circle;

often there is no support system for the parents or the children.

"I think many Christian parents in our segmented society would *like* to start making great memories, but we are embarrassed, we are not creative, we are rushed, our schedules are hectic, and time is limited, so we think, 'What can you do with an hour?' Well, the answer is—a lot! Shirley and I felt that many families just didn't know what to do and were too pressured to think of fun, creative, simple things to do with their families. So we compiled a resource book of ways to 'make memories.' "

Gloria and Bill Gaither have obviously made memories with their family, and they have done it with the help of their extended family. Gloria's parents moved from Battle Creek, Michigan, to join the Gaither clan soon after they settled in Alexandria,

"I'm glad people are beginning to realize that the nuclear family is the natural habitat for nurturing children."

Indiana. Their children have grown up surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

"Bill and I can't raise our kids alone," says Gloria. "We need other people. We need other couples who reinforce what we say. When our kids go through those stages when they're not talking to us, we hope there are other couples around them who will say what we would have said if they had talked to us. We really do need each other.

"The family should also be a unit for a higher, broader purpose—the purpose of worship, of service, of outreach. I hope American families return to the practice of bringing our old people into our homes when they need us to care for them. Even illness and death should be a part of love and life. Miscellaneous relatives, singles who perhaps don't have families of their own, neighbors who are lonely, can find solace within the warm, secure family circle.

"More than 20 years ago when I was majoring in sociology, the prediction was that the end of the nuclear family had come, that there would be all sorts of family forms and substitutes in the future, and that anything would become acceptable as a family unit. The experts were telling us that the family was on its way out, that there would be much more institutional training, day-care centers, and so forth. While this has happened to some extent, it has not had an entirely positive effect on our culture. I find it very heartening now that more of the experts are saying, 'Back to the nuclear family. It is the natural habitat for nurturing human beings.' Our broken society suffers from the lack of nurture that only a loving family can give. I feel a new awareness of the value of the family as God's natural habitat for personhood."

Gloria knows that the demands of family and the growing role of women in society make being a woman in the eighties a challenging task. "I share with every woman a certain frustration. All of us are and should be 'becomers,' but





sometimes we experience frustration because we are not all we would like to be. Sometimes we feel like failures because there is just not enough of us to go around. Women can easily look at people who happen to be in the public eye and say, 'They don't know what it's all about.' But of course that is not the case. Each person tends to see someone else's set of circumstances as more ideal, but we all have to constantly reevaluate our priorities.

"Today's women have some freedoms never known to our mothers and grandmothers. For one thing, we don't measure our value so much by our ability to be perfect housekeepers, perfect homemakers, perfect cooks, and perfect mothers. Women are more aware that each of us has value even though our talents may differ widely. That is healthy and good.

"But often frustration arises because we have held onto the old definition of what a woman is, while adding a new definition—that she is creative and works outside the home and does all kinds of challenging jobs and is interesting and highly educated and a thousand other things. No one can be all things to all people.

"But while some of this new awareness is helpful, I think our society will become healthy only when the men experience this sense of freedom also—the freedom to express love and pain, to laugh, to cry, to fail, to be tender. I am

encouraged that men are becoming parents again, that household duties are being shared, and that children are learning to work with and be loved by their fathers as well as their mothers.

"That was true in the agricultural age—not that parents played with their children so much, but they were together more because they worked at home. The fathers took the sons with them to work in the barn or in the fields. The mothers worked with the daughters in the house or in the garden. But during the industrial age the family was split. Parents and children were separated all day. The children could no longer identify with what their fathers did at the factory. Families left the farms and migrated to suburbia. Commuting stole more time from the family. Some children seldom saw their fathers until the weekend.

"Now we live in the computer age, with its own set of problems and opportunities for the family. God speaks to us in our time, calling us to see each other, listen to each other, and develop deep and meaningful family relationships, loving each other as Christ loved us, and outdoing each other in servanthood. Shared responsibility and work could be a very exciting means of creating ties that bind us together. But most of all Jesus' way of love must be practiced in the home so that the family can once again become the natural habitat for nurturing eternal human souls."



My Child, My Teacher, My Friend

by Gloria Gaither

From the moment I first held you in my arms still drenched in birth until now as I watch you drive away to the appointments you've made with life, mothering you has been my life's most awesome, fearsome, and joyful adventure. I didn't know that first day what mothering would mean, though I was eager to begin. You seemed so fragile then, so small and trusting, depending on me for every life-sustaining need. I thought at first you'd break. "Be sure to support the little head," they told me. But I soon learned that you were tougher than you looked, and could out-squeal, out-sleep, and out-endure me ten-to-one. In fact, those first three months I wondered if I'd ever finish a meal or a night's sleep again as long as I lived.

The teaching began immediately. I had studied to be a teacher, but there was never a classroom student as hungry to learn as you. Before you could speak, your eyes asked the questions and your tiny hands reached to touch and learn, taste and

And I would stop to teach you: numbers, names of things, textures, shapes, sizes, foods, furniture, pets, trees, flowers, stars, and clouds. But soon you were teaching me. Teaching me that when the lesson stopped the learning kept on going.

You taught me to see the miracles I'd stumbled over every day. You taught me trust and delight and ecstasy. You held a mirror up before my attitudes and role-played all my reactions. You taught me what it meant to live what I verbalized, to believe what I preached, to internalize what I lectured.

You, who came to me all wet from birth, baptized the common things with natal freshness, and with the shower of your laughter washed away the barnacles of grown-up cynicism and the dust of dull routine. You made things new. You gave me an excuse to be myself again, to skip down forest trails or sled the frozen hillsides clean with snow, to splash through spring-time puddles, barefoot glad, and guess at where the shooting stars must go.

You gave me eyes to see the realness of people once again, to look beyond their faces' thin facades. You saw the child inside the aged, the longing and the passion long entrapped by gnarled joints and failing eyesight. You recognized profundity and wisdom in the giggly teenage baby-sitter, beauty in the plain, and creativity in the timid. You showed me that the generation gap is the artificial invention of our culture, and bigotry a sick perversion of nature's celebration of variety.

I helped you learn to crawl, toddle, walk, run, swim, dance, ride bikes, and drive the car. I encouraged you to stand tall, walk alone, run from evil, dance for joy, ride out the hard times, and drive yourself on when you felt tempted to give up. I waited for you to cross the road, climb off the school bus, come in from dates, and return home from college. Now, about all I can do for you is *be there*, because gradually you have come to be your own person, not so much my child as my friend.

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see. Before long, your cooing turned inquisitive, and every babbled sentence ended with a question mark. Your first words were: "What's that? What's that?" Soon your questing vocabulary grew and you were begging, "Teach me something, Mommy. Teach me something."

Wisdom from Above

by David Jeremiah

At the Rockefeller Center in New York City, four large murals hang on the wall. The first is of a primitive man laboring with his hands, attempting to survive his alien environment. Next to this is the portrayal of man having become the creator of tools, and the comforts of civilization have been multiplied. The third mural shows man to be both master and servant of the machine. The vast forces of the material world are now under his direction and his control. Our eyes move to the last painting with a sense of overwhelming surprise. It seems so out of context with the other three. Jesus Christ is the theme of this presentation, and He is seen in the setting of His Sermon on the Mount. Struggling up to Him are masses of men and women and children. Underneath that fourth mural, the mural of Christ, are inscribed these words from "Beyond Science," by Alan Walker (*Pulpit Digest*, September 1967): "Man's ultimate destiny depends not on whether he can learn new lessons or make new discoveries or conquests but on his acceptance of the lesson that was taught him over two thousand years ago."

This is the artist's way of saying that true wisdom for man is dependent on man's ability to adjust to and accept God's revealed truth. This wisdom is man, as the creature, in proper perspective to God, the Creator.

When James asks, "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge [wisdom]?" (James 3:13), he is asking a very important question. He answers himself by saying that such a man shows by his life that he has a right relationship with God.

Pseudo-wisdom comes from the world

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and is worldly. It comes from the flesh and is fleshly. It comes from the Devil and is devilish. This pseudo-wisdom is divisively envious, selfishly ambitious, arrogantly boastful, and outwardly deceitful. The product of this imitation of God's wisdom is confusion and every evil work. A man who chooses the world's wisdom over God's wisdom will spend his life in futility and frustration.

James presents an alternative. He gives us an option that will keep us from the pitfalls of man's wisdom. It is an option that protects the body of Christ, which is the church, from the dissension and strife that mark so many modern-day assemblies.

Guy King, in *A Belief That Behaves*, warns: "When Mr. Worldly-wise is allowed to be in the church, the tide of spiritual revival has been stayed. The holy task of soul-winning has been impaired. The commanding voice of Christian testimony has been silenced. And the growing experience of blessed intimacy with God has been arrested. Yes, and many more deplorable effects have

ensued when worldly-wisdom has been allowed to have its way."

As we look at the real wisdom that comes from above, we must see it against the backdrop of the wisdom from below.

Source of Heavenly Wisdom

When James writes of "the wisdom that is from above" (James 3:17), he uses a present tense participle to make his point. He says, "Wisdom *is coming* from above. Wisdom from above is not available in one-time allotments, nor is it to be procured on the installment plan. James presents it as a steady flow from the mind of God to His children. It just keeps on coming. The supply of God's wisdom never runs dry. It comes to us continually from above to meet the demands of each hour. When we walk with Him in the light of His Word, He daily gives us the wisdom we need for our lives.

In James 1:5 we are taught that wisdom comes from God in response to our prayer. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Verse 17 of that chapter further amplifies that by reminding us: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

The wisdom that comes from above is manifested through God's Son. It is made available through God's Holy Spirit, and it is written down in God's holy Book, the Bible.

The wise man is the man who has given himself to Jesus Christ and who by the help of the Holy Spirit keeps his intellect in submission to the will of God.



Such a man will have the wisdom of God which is from above.

Sequence of Heavenly Wisdom

The wisdom from above is pure. This is first in James' list because God's wisdom, like His nature, is based upon the attribute of holiness. This word for purity and holiness is found in the command of James 4:8 where we are instructed to purify our hearts and turn from duplicity. There are no hidden motives in God's wisdom. It is transparent and clean. There is nothing under the surface. It is all up front.

The psalmist reminds us that God's wisdom is just like God's Word, for "the commandment of the Lord is pure" (Ps. 19:8).

Purity has no degrees. There is no "positive, comparative, and superlative." There is only the absolute. R. W. Dale, in *The Epistle of James*, reminds us that "Christians are prone to try to escape the dark and ugly stains on their character, but they forget that the nations of the saved in the city of God walk in white raiment and that even the dust of the common earth shows on their clothes

and destroys its shining purity."

The wisdom of God that is shown out of our good behavior is *first* pure.

The wisdom from above is peaceable. True peace is always an outgrowth of purity. Peace is a blessing conferred upon us by God, and it is available to us from Him alone. Purity always brings peace. The absence of purity is always accompanied by the absence of peace. Listen to Isaiah. "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. *There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked*" (Isa. 57:20-21).

When the peace of God follows the purity of God's wisdom into our hearts and lives, it will even have an effect on those around us. We will be able to "follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14). We will be able to live peaceably with all men (Rom. 12:18). For Christ, who is our Peace, who came into this world as the "Prince of Peace," will be on the throne of our hearts. The "sweet reasonableness" of this peace will cause us to be approachable, to allow discussion, to be willing to yield to others. Such peaceableness will not allow us to drag in personalities nor allow us to make excuses

when we are dealing with problems.

John White believes that someone exhibiting this kind of peace will stand out in his world. In "God's Perfect Peace," written for *Moody Monthly* (December 1962), he said, "Peace is a kind of lighthouse in the midst of a storm. Winds shriek, waves crash, and lightning flickers all around it, but inside, the children are playing, while their parents go about their work. They may look out the window to marvel at the powers that rage around them, but they have peace. It is the peace of knowing that the strength that surrounds them is stronger than the strength of the storm."

Isaiah the prophet had this in mind when he wrote, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isa. 26:3).

And Paul communicates the same idea when he describes this tranquility to the Philippians as the peace that "passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). The psalmist takes us back to the source of peace when he says, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Ps. 119:165).

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then peaceable and then gentle. Paul's in-
struction to Titus bears this out. "To
speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers,
but *gentle*, shewing all meekness unto all
men" (Titus 3:2).

Strife is the world's wisdom, but gen-
tleness is a property of the wisdom from
above. In the New Testament, the word
gentle means "to know how and when to
relax the law, under the pressure of a
higher and greater force than the law."

Aristotle put it this way: "Gentleness
is equity to pardon human failings, to look
to the lawgiver and not to the law, to the
spirit and not to the letter, to the inten-
tion and not to the action, to the whole
and not to the part, to the character of
the person in the long run, and not to the
present moment, to remember the good
and not the evil."

Carl Sandburg once described
Abraham Lincoln as a man of "velvet
steel." So a man who operates in the
wisdom of God may be a strong, aggres-
sive man, but he will exhibit a sweet
gentleness as he deals with people. Only
the wisdom from God provides such a
delicate balance in one's personality. The
wisdom of God magnifies our strengths
and compensates for our weakness and
creates the person God wants us to be.

I believe James alludes to this very
quality earlier in his letter. "Wherefore,
my beloved brethren, let every man be
swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
for the wrath of man worketh not the
righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20).

**The wisdom from above is easy
to be entreated.** God's wisdom has a
conciliatory spirit and is willing to listen
to reason. The Greek term translated by
the phrase, "easy to be entreated," is
found only in James 3:17 in the New
Testament. It is a military term mean-
ing to be willing to take instructions from
the commander in chief. When the
spiritually wise man is in command, he
must be "gentle." When he is under
authority, he must be "easy to be en-
treated," willing to take instruction.

**The wisdom from above is full of
mercy and good fruits.** This charac-
teristic of God's wisdom reminds us that
our wisdom is demonstrated by our be-
havior (James 3:13). Our lives must back
up our testimonies.

When James mentions good works,
he touches on an emphasis that needs
revitalization among God's people today.
In our determination to keep "good
works" out of the gospel message, we
have almost removed the term from our

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Witnessing

In Word and Deed

by LeRoy Eims

Almost immediately after I came to Christ, I began to read various magazines and periodicals that extolled the mighty exploits of outstanding Christians across the land. I learned of men like Merv Rosell, John R. Rice, Hube Mitchell, Bob Jones, Sr., Jack Wyrzten, Hyman Appelman, and many others, who conducted great tent meetings where thousands came to Christ. Giant auditoriums in scores of major cities were filled with their audiences; huge crowds flocked to the front to turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

As I began to read the Bible I discovered similar ministries carried on by the apostles of Christ. Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel in the city of Derbe (Acts 14:20-21). The apostles filled Jerusalem with the message of Christ (Acts 5:28). Philip the evangelist went down to Samaria, preached Christ, and "there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:5-8). The New Testament is filled with reports of how God used these great men to lead thousands to Christ.

But the more I read, the more I became aware of another facet of evangelism. The apostles and evangelists were not the only ones who were to actively bring people to Christ. All the people of God are to be busy about their Father's business. Every child of God is to be an "ambassador for Christ" (1 Cor. 5:20). We are "allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel" (1 Thess. 2:4).

We are to proclaim Christ to the world by our lives and with our lips. We must make the gospel clear as we daily



sow the Word in the hearts of people (Mark 4:14). But the message must be backed up with lives that reflect the righteousness of God. As we witness with our lives we must keep five things in mind.

Fellowship. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of

itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). Here Jesus tells us that the abiding life is the secret to a fruitful life. Daily fellowship with the Lord is a must.

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Begin the day with prayer and Bible reading. Pray for your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your boss, your relatives, your friends, people at work, your pastor, and missionaries. Simply put, "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6). As you speak to the Lord in prayer, and He speaks to you through His Word, you will begin to experience the power of an abiding life and the fruitfulness that Christ has promised.

Obedience. "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). The key to being a good fisher of men is to follow Jesus, to live as He lived—in obedience to His Father. He said, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). If we are to witness effectively by our lives, we must have the same commitment to obedience that Jesus had.

In some Christian circles *obedience* is a bad word. It smacks of a militaristic outlook on the Christian life. It intrudes on my right to do my own thing. It sets up a boundary to inhibit me in things I want to do. But what did Jesus say? "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21). Obedience shows our love for the Lord and prompts God to reveal Himself to us more deeply and more clearly. Make the commitment to follow the footprints of Jesus in a life of heartfelt, complete, and instantaneous obedience to God.

Purity. "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:19-22). We must "depart from iniquity" and purge ourselves from anything that would dishonor the Lord. Sinful pleasure, worldly ambitions, and vainglory must be confessed and forsaken.

Many an effective witness for Christ is on the shelf because he either ignored or did not fully realize the consequences of this teaching. The problem usually begins with something that seems "small" in the eyes of men, but nothing is small in God's eyes. Soon one tentacle after another grips the person's heart and mind to finally immobilize his forward progress in faith.

Pause and take stock. Are there things in your life that are robbing you of some service for Christ? I urge you to get before God and let David's inspired words be the cry of your heart: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139:23-24). Take an honest look at your life. If you are entangled in a web of sin—don't despair. God can still use your life if you turn from your sin, repent, and follow His steps.

Submission. "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes" (Ezek. 36:23). In this passage the Lord speaks of those who have no knowledge of the living and true God. He says these people will come to know Him as the Lord of the universe when one very critical thing happens: when the people of God set the Lord apart in a special place in their lives.

This means that you and I who have at some point in our lives profaned His name—must acknowledge Him as our Supreme Ruler. In effect, the Lord becomes Lord. The plain objective truth of the matter is, He is Lord. But the subjective question is whether He is Lord of your life. When you submit your will

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to His lordship—God can then use your life to communicate the objective fact of His lordship to the unbelievers around you. When they see a life of hate turned into a life of love, when they see a person filled with fear turned into one filled with peace, when they see greed displaced by delight in giving, then God can sanctify His great name among them.

Sanctification. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17-18). Here the apostle Paul gives a clear-cut command to be sure our lives are unspotted by the world.

In Romans 16:19 Paul gets specific. "For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil." Here are two general health rules for spiritual vigor. Be wise to that which is good. Keep abreast of what God is doing throughout the world through missionary prayer letters and through Christian periodicals that report the advance of the gospel in foreign lands and alert us to pray for difficult areas of the globe.

In contrast, the second half of Paul's admonition says to be simple concerning evil. The word *simple* comes from the field of metallurgy. The word is *unmixed*. There are pure metals such as gold and



silver, and there are mixed metals—like steel and bronze. Paul tells us to be pure—unmixed with the world. As Christians we should “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). When a person comes to Christ he lives by a new set of rules. He has a whole new set of goals, all of which are dominated by the desire to glorify God. He walks with new companions. His mind is occupied with new thoughts that are centered in Scripture. “He lives unto God” (Rom. 6:10).

Before my wife and I were saved we met a group of Christians who were extremely friendly to us. We had recently moved to a small town, and these believers reached out to us with words of welcome and deeds of friendship. They spoke very little about their faith in

Christ, but they genuinely lived it. We were attracted to their lifestyle, and we saw that the Bible was important in their lives. We bought a copy of the Scriptures and began to read it every day. In a few weeks we too became Christians through the twofold influence of their godly lives and the glorious gospel we discovered in the Bible. How I thank God for each of them and for the impact their lives made on us.

My experience with these folks has taught me a valuable lesson. These people lived lives of separation from sin, but they did not turn their backs on sinners such as my wife and me. They overlooked pagan lifestyle, coarse speech, and worldly ways in their great desire to bring us to salvation.

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The silent witness of our lives is powerful, *but it is not enough*. We must also witness with our lips. Faith does not come by seeing. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. To witness by the life alone can be dangerous.

Some years ago a businessman in Seattle came to Christ in a Sunday evening church service. On Monday morning he told his business partner about his decision for Christ. “Wonderful!” the partner said. “I’m so glad for you.”

The businessman was surprised. “Does that mean you are a Christian?” he asked.

“Yes, I am,” the partner replied.

The businessman said, “You’ll be interested to know that you are the one who has kept me from Christ all these years. I thought that if you could live such an exemplary life without the help of God, I should be able to do it also. But now I discover that God has enabled you to live the way you do. For years I have tried to live the sort of life I have seen in you, and I failed. Now it turns out that it has not been you. God has been the source of it all.”

The lesson is clear. The twofold witness of our lives and of our lips is indispensable. May God grant us grace to live in such a way that our lives bear clear testimony to our faith in Christ.

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Tips for Witnessing

by C. Sumner Wemp

Know your task. "Preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). We are not commanded to "win the world" to Christ—we are to "give the gospel" to every person. If we share the gospel with someone and do not win him to Christ, we should not feel that the battle is lost or that we have failed. No! Never! If we give the gospel we have succeeded. That is our task.

Accept the goal. Give the gospel "to every creature." Don't fret about the one billion in China. Get the gospel to one person at a time as you have a verbal contact with him. We are not as directly responsible for the "heathen" as we are for the waitress, the store clerk, or the service station attendant who waited on us. We are especially responsible to present the gospel to friends and family with whom we talk frequently.

Walk by faith—obey God. We don't need to pray about sharing the gospel, or wait until we feel "led" by the Spirit. We are to walk by faith, not by feeling, and to obey God. The question is not whether we should get the gospel to someone. God led us by the Holy Spirit 2,000 years ago, through His Word, to get the gospel to *every* person. The question is, will we graciously give the gospel simply because God said to do it?

Getting started is tough. A tract can be offered as a special gift. When time, surroundings, or circumstances prevent us from sharing the gospel verbally, we can give a tract and thus fulfill our part of the Great Commission at that moment. Through tracts we can place the gospel in the hands of the lost—and most will read it.

Tracts also open the door to a verbal witness. I once gave a tract to a service station attendant at 1 a.m. He looked at it and said, "Where have you been? I have been trying to get saved for three weeks. Tell me what to do."

Give the gospel. What is the gospel? It is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). It is that "Christ died for our sins . . . and . . . rose again" (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Keep off the detours! As a 17-year-old high school senior, I did not know Christ died for me. Many know Christ died, but they do not really know *why* He died. They don't know He suffered the punishment and penalty of their sin. They don't know He has paid the way to heaven—in full.

Look for the ones God has prepared. We cannot talk people into being saved. Witnessing is not the great debate. Witnessing is just sharing the Good News that "Christ died for our sins," and seeing the ones God has prepared responding and receiving Christ. If someone's heart is not responsive, we are just to sow the seed and leave it there.

At a front door I handed a lady a gospel tract. She said,



"That's funny. Someone else gave me one of these a week ago, and that is all I have been able to think about all week." Anyone could have led her to Christ. She was ready.

Never argue. "The servant of the Lord must not strive [argue]" (2 Tim. 2:24). Some have sincere questions, and we need to reason with them from the Scripture as Paul did in Acts 17:2-3, for God is reasonable (Isa. 1:18). But don't argue.

Leave the door open. If someone says, "I'm not ready to receive Christ," thank him for being honest and for not making a false profession of faith. Let him know he can be saved later all by himself.

One evening after I shared the gospel with a man, he said he wasn't ready. Later that night, while driving down the highway, he came under conviction, accepted Christ, and went to church the next Sunday to confess Christ publicly. He later became a deacon and is now in heaven.

Give an invitation. Give people an opportunity to "sign on the dotted line." A person doesn't have to "pray to be saved," but the vast majority finalize the moment of salvation through prayer. One must understand how to be saved and must be willing to be saved. The act of the will is expressed most often through prayer as he tells God he believes on the Lord Jesus and wants Him as his own Saviour.

I handed a cashier a tract in a newsstand. An hour later I was back at that newsstand, and the lady said, "I read the tract and prayed the prayer at the bottom." Glory! She had gotten saved all by herself, because the tract had the gospel and an invitation in it.

Don't let folks just die and go to hell without giving them a chance to go to heaven. We have the best news anyone ever heard. Let's be sure everyone hears it. ■

Laymen Soulwinners

Spreading the Gospel

by Angela Elwell Hunt

"Christianity can be condensed into four words," said Samuel Wilberforce, "Admit, Submit, Commit, and Transmit."

Richard C. Raines once said, "Christianity is like electricity. It cannot enter a person unless it can pass through."

We expect pastors and evangelists to share the gospel with those who need it, but the responsibility of being a conduit for the gospel is not for full-time ministers alone. It is a responsibility shared by every Christian.

We asked one simple question at five different churches: "Does your church have an exceptional layman soulwinner?" We were happy to find that soulwinning and visitation are thriving in the church today.

Lafayette, Louisiana: East Bayou Baptist Church. Jeff Fritscher, youth pastor at East Bayou Baptist Church, and James Holdman, purchasing supervisor for Mobil Oil by day and an ardent soulwinner at night, are visitation partners.

"When we teamed up James wanted to set a goal of winning two young people each week," recalls Fritscher. "We prayed about it and finally decided on 50 as our goal for the first year. In the first nine months we led 47 high school students to the Lord, and I feel sure we'll meet our goal."

Holdman, 31, recalls that soulwinning was not easy at first. "The first week, we went out every night and didn't lead



Mae Belle Chappell

anyone to the Lord. Finally, one Sunday night after church we gave up trying and just gave our efforts to the Lord. That night a young person came up to us, and our first soul just fell into our hands.

"I believe soulwinning is our purpose," Holdman continues. "I enjoy seeing the tremendous turnaround in young people, and I believe God has called me to witness to high school students."

Holdman teaches a class of 12th-grade boys at East Bayou Baptist, and all of the young people he and Fritscher visit have come to some activity at the aggres-

sive church. "In all cases, they've shown the first interest," he says. "The visit is never unsolicited. We wait until we feel the Lord has laid that young person on our hearts."

For Christians who are hesitant about soulwinning, Holdman has this advice: "Pray a lot and find a good partner. The more you go and the better you know your partner, the more God will bless you."

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Atlantic Shores Baptist Church. According to

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Russ Damas, ministries coordinator of Atlantic Shores, Mae Belle Chappell is one of several notable soulwinners in the church. Though she is 72 and a widow, Mae Belle is not afraid to share the gospel with those who meet her.

"I enjoy soulwinning because the Bible tells us to go out and tell people about Christ," she says. "I love Jesus and I love to see people won to Him. That is the reason He left us here—to win others. I am thrilled when someone comes to the Lord."

Mae Belle has no idea how many people she has led to the Lord. She estimates that through the years there have been "right many. I've taught Sunday school for 35 years and led many of my students to the Lord. I've worked with all ages—babies, young children, and up through people older than I am."

Mae Belle was saved as an 11-year-old, but she did not really grow in the Lord until after her marriage. "We joined a Baptist church, and I went to a class where a lady taught the Book of Romans. I learned that I couldn't depend on myself."

Mae Belle follows no set strategies. "I was taught to use the Romans Road, but I add verses like John 3:16 and Psalms that talk about how we were born in iniquity and conceived in sin. Then I just explain how Jesus died for us, so we could be saved and go to heaven."

Her pastor, George Sweet, often tells the story of Mae Belle leading a woman to the Lord while she was in a health spa. They were in the steam bath, and were all hot and sweaty when she remarked, "Aren't you glad we can leave this place? I'd hate to go to hell where it is hotter

than this, because you can't get out of hell."

Medford, Oregon: Harvest Baptist Temple. Joel Park, 46, is a layman who serves as unsalaried director of evangelism and discipleship at Harvest Baptist Temple. His pastor, Bob Gass, states that he is an indispensable part of this arm of the church's ministry. He works full time at the church and lives "by faith." How does he pay his bills? "God intervenes and He has promised to meet my needs," Park says. "He hasn't failed me yet."

Why does he devote his life to soulwinning? "Because I love the Lord and that's what pleases Him. I have a love for people, and I want to see them spend eternity in heaven."

After Park was saved in 1974 he did a lot of witnessing, but never saw any souls saved until 1982. That year he began using James Kennedy's "Evangelism Explosion" material and began to see results. He estimates that he led between 35 and 40 people to the Lord in 1986. "My goal is to reach my community of 75,000 for Christ. I know that some plant, others water, and God gives the increase."

Because the church is growing and Park is constantly training new members, he finds that his visitation partners change often. He makes a practice of visiting those on church prospect cards as well as witnessing door-to-door.

Merritt Island, Florida: First Baptist Church. Pastor Len Turner describes J. R. Burgess as "a prolific soulwinner." Burgess, 58, is chief inspec-

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tor for the Brevard County Department of Civil Engineering and has been in love with winning souls for years. "I enjoy soulwinning because that's how I was won to the Lord," he recalls. "In 1954 I visited the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island. I was not a Christian but I thought I was OK. I thought I was a good person. But on that same Sunday a layman and the pastor visited me at home and explained the plan of salvation. They asked the important question, 'Have you ever accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?' I had to answer no, but I was saved that day. I've always appreciated my church because it has people who are soulwinners. Plenty of people out in the world have never been asked that important question."

Burgess's soulwinning partner is Bill Craft. The two men have visited regularly together for 10 years, and Burgess has no idea how many people they have



Joel Park prays with a couple during visitation.

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introduced to Jesus Christ. "I've never really set a goal or kept track of it," he says. "I just want to be available to do what the Lord wants me to do."

Because he was saved on a Sunday afternoon follow-up visit, Burgess enjoys calling on people who visit his church on Sunday morning. Recently three children visited the church on Sunday morning and found Burgess at their door that afternoon. Burgess and his wife, Kathleen, led them to the Lord in their home,

and they were baptized and added to the church that evening.

What advice would Burgess give to a Christian who is shy about soulwinning? "Some type of formal training is good, and it helps to visit with someone who has been soulwinning before. But just pray and let the Holy Spirit do His work. Most of all, you just need to try it and get the blessing from soulwinning."

Fayetteville, Georgia: New Hope Baptist Church. Tony Richards, 42, is assistant director of Delta's Atlanta station. According to his pastor, Ike Reighard, Richards is a consistent soulwinner. He has been saved for seven years, and he loves to share the gospel with others. He realizes many men and women feel that they are doing fine and do not really need the Saviour. "I was just a good old boy," says Richards, "but through listening to Pastor Reighard's sermons I realized that good old boys just don't make it all the way.

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Richards teaches a Sunday school class at New Hope and usually shares his salvation testimony with his class on the first Sunday of each year. He realizes there may be others in his class of men and women ages 30 to 42 who see themselves as good people, but who do not have a personal relationship with Christ.

He uses his testimony as he witnesses on church visitation and as he shares the gospel at work. "Before I was saved I thought of myself as a good person—because I loved my wife and didn't mistreat my family. But since I've been saved, the Lord has worked in my life and turned it right side up—not upside down. He has made everything all right. God has also worked supernaturally in my professional life."

Richards has compiled a list of people he would most like to witness to in the coming years, and he is praying that God will provide the opportunity. Richards is eager to share the news that the former good old boy has been born again.

"It ought to be as impossible to forget that there is a Christian in the house as it is to forget that there is a 10-year-old boy in it," admonished an anonymous writer. These laymen, wherever they work and whatever they do, see each person they meet as a candidate for salvation. Their lives are an example to all of us. ■



Tony Richards



Holding Forth the Word

by Robert E. Coleman

Last words spoken by a loved one are solemnly cherished. That is why Paul's admonition to Timothy, shortly before Paul's death, comes with such force: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:1-2).

The word *preach* here comes from a term used in that day to describe the fanfare of trumpets heralding the king. Or it might be used by a royal courier dispatched on a mission. He would ride into a village, blow his trumpet, and when the people gathered, he would read the proclamation of the royal court. There was no speculation about the message, no dialogue with the congregation, not even an attempt to get their opinion on the subject. He simply announced the word of the King.

Now I am not suggesting that we avoid any explanation for what we say. Indeed, as Paul says, the preacher, with utmost patience, should correct and encourage those who hear. But his authority for

speaking is not in himself; it is in the message he brings.

Interestingly, the word *apostle* involves the same idea. It means one who is sent on a mission with the authority of the person who sends him. So Jesus could say to His apostles, "He who hears you hears Me. He who receives you receives Me. He who rejects you rejects Me." There is an actual transference of identity.

Giving out the Word is the all-important thing. We are sent with the testimony of God, and the message must be delivered.

Years ago I was associated in a camp meeting with an old preacher who repeatedly looked at his watch and assured the audience that we would stop on time. One afternoon he had done this several times, but as he proceeded to expound the Scripture, he suddenly looked at his watch and exclaimed, "Oh, how will I finish? I have only two minutes left!"

By that time, we were all getting nervous. Then one dear brother, unable to restrain his exasperation any longer, hollered from the back of the tabernacle, "Don't mind the time; give us the Word."

That old man's plea expressed the priority that we should give to Scripture in our ministry. Other things are important, but holding forth the Word of God is indispensable. People must hear, else there is no hope.

Knowing what can happen when the Word is compromised, either in its integrity or its commands, the apostle cautions Timothy, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Tim. 4:5).

This is the climax to his exhortation. Prove the Word by the way we live. It is not enough just to believe the Bible and recognize its equip-

ping power for life. Nor can we be content merely to announce the Word in the purity of sound doctrine. Supremely we must bring our lifestyle into subjection of Scripture.

We are saved only by faith in the Son of God who died for us and rose from the grave. It is all of grace. But when by faith we accept the gift of salvation, we start working for God. Men see our good works and give Him the glory. He gets the credit, but someday we shall receive a reward—a crown to lay at the feet of Jesus.

This was the joyous anticipation of Paul. Yet he says to Timothy, "Not to me only, but to all them that love His appearing."

Do you love His appearing? Are you looking to that day when at last the heavens will be rolled back like a scroll, and the Son of Man, in trailing clouds of glory, returns to judge every man according to his deed?

Then take the divine Word of Authority. Proclaim it. Protect it. Above all, prove it in your own life, and you shall not be ashamed in the day of the Lord.

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Sermon Outline

The Faithfulness of God
Deuteronomy 7:9

- A. The Evidence of God's Faithfulness (v. 9a)
 - By His Covenant
 - By His Mercies
- B. The Response to God's Faithfulness (v. 9b)
 - The Response of Love
 - The Response of Obedience

Word Study

Faithfulness (*emeth/pistos*). In the Old Testament the term *emeth* is most prominent to communicate the idea of "firmness" and "stability." From this comes the notion of "trust" and "constancy." The word "amen," which is used frequently in both Testaments, shows the confident affirmation associated with this term. It is used of God (Deut. 7:9), or His servants (Num. 12:7). It can be extended to witness (Isa. 8:2; Jer. 42:5) and to a city (Isa. 1:21, 26). The Hebrew is generally rendered in the Septuagint with *pisteuo*, "believe," or *pistos*, "faithful." In the New Testament the concept of faith is central. The term *pistis* almost always denotes "truth," "reality," and "genuineness." It is related to faithfulness in the sense that what is true is also trustworthy. The adjective *pistos* is commonly used of the reliability of servants or stewards (1 Cor. 4:2). God is supremely the One in whom confidence may be placed (1 Cor. 1:9). But His Word and promises are also reliable (Rev. 21:5). Then too, statements of biblical doctrine may also be trusted (1 Tim. 1:15).

Christian Leadership Using Praise

Other than being sure of your eternal destination, the thing that will likely have the strongest effect on your happiness and success is how you get along with and treat other people. Everybody likes to feel important. Christopher Columbus sought the title "Admiral of the Ocean and Viceroy of

India." George Washington liked to be called "His Mightiness, the President of the United States."

People have committed murder and robbery in order to feel the importance of seeing their names in the newspaper headlines. The wife of President McKinley gained a feeling of importance by feigning illness and forcing her husband to neglect his presidential duties to stay by her bedside and console her.

In the early 1900s, Charles Schwab was paid \$1 million per year to run a major steel company, not because he was a genius or because he knew more about steel than anyone else, but because he knew how to deal with people. Schwab said, "The way to develop the best that is in a man is by appreciation and encouragement. I believe in giving a man incentive to work, so I am anxious to praise but loathe to find fault. Just as our bodies need food, our spirits crave approval and appreciation."

The principle of praise applies to all aspects of our lives—home, church, work—everywhere. Praise, however, must be sincere. People resent hollow, insincere flattery.

Praise for a specific thing is more effective than general statements. For example, when you tell your wife that you love and appreciate her, mention something special: "Honey, that apple pie you made last night was fantastic."

Too often we let the good that people do go unnoticed but quickly criticize their mistakes. When someone does something well, praise him for it.

If your wife cooks a delicious meal, tell her how tasty it was. If she keeps the house clean don't assume that she is merely fulfilling her responsibility. Praise her for it. When she dresses up tell her how pretty she looks. If your wife works outside the home, thank her for helping out financially, but don't stop there. Help her with the children and housework!

And ladies, your husbands need praise for their efforts as husbands and fathers. Tell them you love them and that you appreciate what they do for you and your children.

Recently a young man sat in my office weeping. He was frustrated and disillusioned because no matter how hard he tried, he could not please his parents. He was a psychological wreck. If your children make good grades, or do chores at home, praise them. Your children desperately need your approval. You are their emotional security.

If your boss does a favor for you, let him know you appreciate it. If an employee does a good job, praise him. If a Sunday school teacher gives a good lesson or has a growing class, compliment him for his efforts. Hard work too often goes unnoticed.

So as you go about your daily activities remember that many people are hurting. A sincere word of praise can lift their spirits and "make their day."

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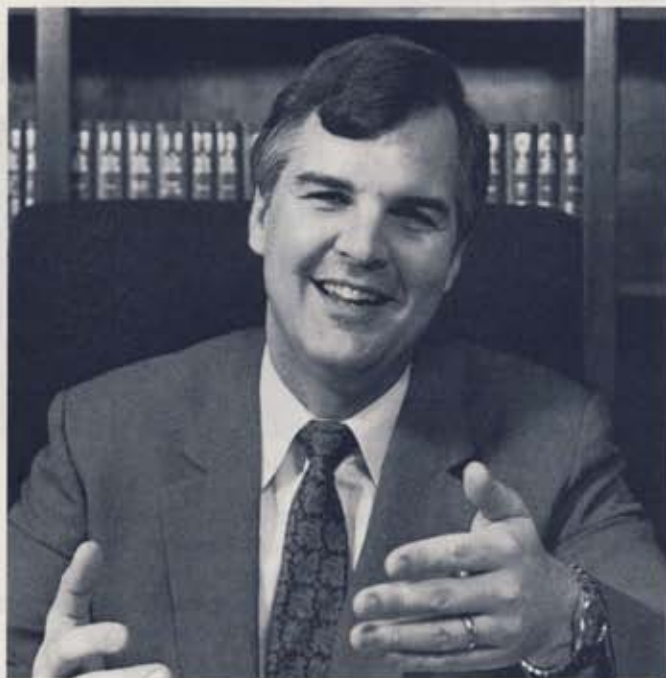
George Sweet: Ministering on the Atlantic Shore

George Sweet really makes an impression when he walks into a room: the 6-foot-8-inch preacher has to stoop to pass through the average doorway. But Sweet's height is not intimidating. His warm smile and twinkling eyes reveal the friendly soul of a preacher who wants more than anything to involve others in the work of the ministry.

Following his 1976 graduation from Liberty University, Sweet worked as an associate pastor and spent two years in evangelism. After gaining valuable experience, Sweet and his family moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, and began the Atlantic Shores Baptist Church with seven people. In five years the church has grown to 1,300 members and operates a Christian

school, a media ministry, and a crisis pregnancy center. The best thing about pastoring the congregation of Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, according to Sweet, is "the love that the people have for one another. There's a tremendous amount of unity in our ministry. We have made a lot of significant decisions in a short amount of time—appropriation of land, important business meetings, big steps of faith—and we've never had anything other than a unanimous vote."

Sweet finds that his greatest challenge is "involving our membership in the work of the ministry. There's a tendency today for Christianity to be a spectator sport. The Bible says we should be preparing individuals for the work of the ministry. I used to think that once someone joined your church, he was simply there. But that's not true. No one is really a part of your church family until he is involved in some area of ministry." In keeping with this philosophy, Atlantic



Shores Baptist Church offers 28 adult Sunday school classes, greeters at the door, hospitality committees, and more. Even a small responsibility, believes Sweet, is enough to get someone involved. "They say that in most churches 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. Our job is to get everyone involved."

In the past year Sweet has been going through the sometimes difficult transition between being a church-planter and a pastor. "It's exciting to see God making this transition," he says. "When you're planting a church, you're out front. You're doing a lot and running everything. But as a church grows, you have more staff members. You delegate a lot of responsibility, and you have more people in the church who can do the work of the ministry. For a strong-willed church-planter, delegation is a difficult thing to learn, but I feel like God's doing that."

God is doing much more in this church. Last year their crisis pregnancy center, Little Life, counseled over 400 girls. The Living Truth Media ministry is developing a television program and now has programs on two different radio stations. The Atlantic Shores Christian School opened last year with 65 students and now has 185 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The church met in three elementary schools and a restaurant until September 1985. Attendance doubled when their permanent building was completed, and Sweet believes that his community has only begun to feel the impact of what a committed church can do. "If I sound like I'm excited," says Sweet, "I am."

■ Angela E. Hunt

Evangelize

Give us a watchword for the hour,

A thrilling word, a word of power;

A battle cry, a flaming breath,

A call to conquest or to death;

A word to rouse the church from rest,

To heed the Master's high behest.

The call is given, ye hosts arise,

The watchword is EVANGELIZE!

To fallen men, a dying race,

Make known the gift of gospel grace.

The world that now in darkness lies,

O Church of Christ, EVANGELIZE!

—Author Unknown

Church News

Christian Ministries Management Association of Diamond Bar, California, presented the **1987 Christian Management Award** to Lorne C. Sanny, chairman of The Navigators, on February 24 at the Eleventh



Lorne C. Sanny

Annual Christian Management Institute in Los Angeles, California. The event was attended by over 1,000 managers of non-profit organizations.

Sanny was selected by the association's board of directors for his outstanding contributions to the field of Christian management. He was president of The Navigators for exactly 30 years. Under his leadership, the organization experienced a growth from 170 to 2,600 staff members of 33 nationalities, ministering in more than 60 countries.

On April 1 the American Bible Society launched a bold new Scripture distribution program designed to persuade and train a million American Teenagers to "Act Now—Go With The Word."

Maria Martinez, who heads the Society's national distribution department, says that the program "aims in part to deepen young people's understanding of the Bible. But more

than that it will encourage them to share the Word in their own communities, counsel their peers through the Scriptures in times of crisis, and assist the ABS in reaching out with the Word to people in other places in their own language."

Those who participate in "Act Now" will receive a packet from ABS bulging with resource material, not just to get the program off to a start, but to keep up the enthusiasm over a period of no less than three years.

For more information contact the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.



John Nieder, director

This year marks the seventh anniversary of the Dallas-based **Art of Family Living** radio ministry. Founded by Howard Hendricks, an author and Dallas Theological Seminary professor, and produced by Ambassador Advertising Agency, the daily quarter-hour broadcast began in February 1980. John Nieder, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, has served as director of the program since its inception. The broadcast has spread from 17 to over 150 markets nationwide.

Designed with the objective of helping families live in the light of God's Word, *The Art of Family Living* offers biblically based counsel on today's most relevant issues.

Macel Falwell Graduates

"One of the things I like best about school is the challenge. I've always liked to have something new and exciting to do."

Macel Falwell accepted that new and exciting challenge when she decided to go to college after being out of school for 30 years. "I was scared to death. It was like starting kindergarten," she said. "I was afraid I would embarrass my husband and children." But after she got started, she enjoyed her classes. "It was great to meet the students."

Last December, three and a half years after starting school, she finished with a degree in interdisciplinary studies, with concentrations in English and psychology. Graduating with a 4.0 GPA, she will walk with the other Liberty graduates, including the Falwells' 20-year-old son Jonathan, on May 4.

Of her two concentrations, Mrs. Falwell tends to lean more

toward English. She particularly enjoyed a creative writing/poetry class she took last fall.

Through attending classes and getting to know the young people, Mrs. Falwell developed a new understanding of the pressures they face. Always keenly interested in her children's lives, she enjoyed the unique relationship of being their fellow student. "The children have been an encouragement—they're interested in my grades. Jerry, Jr., called from Charlottesville to see how I did on a test I was particularly worried about."

She's even been able to take some classes with her family. She and her daughter, Jeannie, took a marksmanship class together, and Jonathan, whose degree is in political science, took a physical science class with her. She has also had several classes with her niece Kathy Pate.

"I haven't given up anything [to go back to school]. It fulfills a need," she explained. "My college education is valuable. It replaced the emptiness syndrome that many parents face when their children leave home."

■ Tammy Leytham

Super Conference VIII

Coming in October

Super Conference returns to Thomas Road Baptist Church October 19-22. The last Super Conference, held in 1983, was followed by the BF '84 Conference in Washington, D.C., and two years of Pastors' Conferences in Lynchburg.

In response to many requests, the 10-conference-

in-one theme is back, this year emphasizing "Back to Basics." Workshops are planned in each conference area: Pastors, Sunday School, Senior Citizens, Missions, Youth, Liberty Godparent Home, Singles, Deaf Ministry, Music, and Ladies. The Sunday School conference will include Children's and Bus Ministry conferences.

E.V. Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, and John Rawlings, pastor of Landmark Baptist Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio, have been invited to speak. Musicians tentatively scheduled for the Thursday evening concert, October 22, include Sandi Patti and Vernard Johnson.

Looking Back... 1974

The First Graduation

On May 22, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. the first graduating class of Liberty University, then Lynchburg Baptist College, received their degrees.



Twenty-seven graduates walked across the platform of the Thomas Road Baptist Church sanctuary to receive their bachelor of science degrees. The Thomas Road Bible Institute presented diplomas to 30 other graduates. One honorary degree was given.

J. Harold Smith was the commencement speaker.



Graduates from that class include Vernon Brewer, presently vice president of student affairs at LU; Tom Diggs, dean of academic services and the School of LifeLong Learning; and Robbie Hiner, in full-time music ministry.

Weekends at Liberty

The typical weekend at Liberty University is anything but typical. Ball games, banquets, movies, concerts, skating, skiing—are just some of the activities available to students.

The weekend begins after the last class on Friday, around mid-afternoon for most students. After dinner they may attend an on-campus movie or enjoy a basketball or hockey game. Then there are late-night activities such as skating, bowling, miniature golf, pizza parties, and ice-skating in Roanoke.

Saturdays give students a chance to face their laundry or spend some time studying in the library. The evening provides more movies, special concert series, ball games, or a trip to the "Eagle's Nest," a snack shop with music, entertainment, and board games for students who desire a quieter evening.

The Office of Student Activities coordinates these events and provides occasional "extras" like white-water rafting, snow-skiing, canoe trips, and horseback riding.

Sunday morning begins early with an 8:15 worship service, followed by various Sunday school classes. Most students spend the afternoon relaxing and gearing up for the coming week—and the next weekend.

■ T.L.

LU Spotlight Singing to the Deaf

How do children of deaf parents learn to talk? Alberta Couthen explains that it is easy. "My parents, who both speak, taught me and I picked up words from television and neighbors." But first she learned sign language, and she feels her unique heritage is priceless. "The best thing my parents ever did for me was give me a door into another culture."

Alberta is a junior at Liberty University majoring in elementary education.



She has been singing since she was in the eighth grade and she now sings with the Sounds of Liberty. Although her parents have never seen her sing with the university's premier group in person, they've been proudly watching her sing on the "Old-Time Gospel Hour." The Couthens live in Riverdale, Maryland, and Alberta often sang in Riverdale Baptist Church.

Did Alberta ever feel that she was responsible for caring for or shielding her parents? "No," she laughs. "My parents were always in control. I had a lot of responsibilities, but my sister and I always knew who was the parent and who was the child."

Alberta uses her ability with sign language to occasionally sign songs with the Sounds of Liberty, and she always tries to spend time talking with deaf students on campus. She is a talented young lady who communicates not only through a lovely voice, but through hands that reach the hearts of those unable to hear.

■ A.E.H.

Calendar

May

2— "Eternity" Concert at Liberty University

4— LU Commencement

11— TRBC Ladies Mother/Daughter Banquet with Beverly LaHaye

25-June 19—

Session I, Summer School

1987 LU Africa Outreaches

The months of May and June 1987 herald the beginning of three foreign outreaches sponsored by the Missions Department of Liberty University. According to Missions Director Vernon Brewer, the projects "promise to have far-reaching impacts." Brewer stated that the purpose is "to provide the challenge of effective service for God in settings and under circumstances that will help show the importance of a Christian's role in world evangelization." Students and staff from Liberty will travel to Liberia, Uganda, and Kenya with a variety of missions programs.

The Liberty Internationals, a specialized team led by Liberty professors Dr. and Mrs. Al Snyder, will be in Liberia from May 19 to June 10, conducting evangelistic services directed primarily to children. Former missionaries to Liberia, the Snyders feel the team "will have positive results for the Lord Jesus Christ."

A second group, under the leadership of the LIGHT Ministries Staff, is composed of five teams with ministries suited to the particular talents and abilities of the students participating. They will conduct an extensive three-week evangelistic campaign in Uganda and Kenya—coinciding with the Liberia program. The singing team will perform and minister in local churches, high school assemblies, prisons, open-air meetings, and on national television. The puppet/singing team will gear their program to children, and the sport's team will utilize basketball as the avenue to minister to youth. The literature distribution team will place tracts and Bibles in the hands of countless people. The construction team will help put up a church building made possible by contributions of Liberty students.

The third outreach, Project Kenya, is a long-term program involving students in ministries directed toward the Turkana tribespeople living in northwestern Kenya. Rick Lange will set up a base camp out of which they will become involved in various projects designed to help meet the overwhelming physical needs that exist. According to Lange, "the hope is that those ministered to through Project Kenya will be able to help their own people in a stronger way. The ultimate goal of this missions effort is to 'provide a cup of cold water in Jesus' name,' opening doors for effective witness."

■ Howard Erickson

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"I commend the films for their Biblical balance and depth in dealing with contemporary issues—feminism, chauvinism, divorce and remarriage. MacArthur did justice to the whole of Scripture."
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"It's exciting to see God's Word applied to the family—with results! One husband in our congregation had this to say: 'The films you are showing have been a real blessing. I've been married for 36 years but no one ever told me how to be a loving husband.'
Don Chapman, Pastor of Education, Bella Vista Church, Rockford, MI.

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"There has been a definite change in many of the families in our chapel as a result of the series...they related that they could now view their responsibilities as husbands and wives in proper perspective."
Timothy M. Peek, Chaplain, USN, Honolulu, HI.

Authoritative

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Lois Decker

God's Woman



Lois Decker, a professional musician and lyricist, has tackled one of the toughest questions of the eighties: Who and what is God's woman? In a time when women vacillate between submitting and overcoming, between careers and families, and between the desires for personal freedom and commitment in marriage, the role of women has never been more debated or more uncertain.

She seeks to assure women of their worth and their place in God's plan through a musical she has cowritten with Don Marsh. Published by the Benson Company, the musical *God's Woman* was featured last September at the national convention of Concerned Women for America. A 96-voice choir of women from around the country performed the choral passages, and 15 congressional wives performed as models for the musical's "Women Throughout History" segment.

Why did Lois see the need for a religious musical about women? For her it was a personal exercise and a private

search for self-esteem and knowledge about how God regarded her. "I suffered from a real lack of self-esteem and rejection throughout my childhood. My father walked away from a family of 11 children. I was the youngest. My mother, with an eighth-grade education, raised seven boys and four girls, and I saw her live as a woman who really trusted the Lord.

"Since I was the first one of those children to go to college, I figured I was

"God's woman is one who does what she has to do when it needs to be done."

learning things my family didn't know, and I bought all the Liberal theology. By the time I came out of college I didn't know if there was a God,

and I didn't believe there was a Satan or a hell. For 12 years I was an agnostic. I know what it is like to feel all alone out there without Christ. I was divorced at that time, a single parent, and without family support. I had no church, no family, and no God.

"About 13 years ago, I picked up *Beyond Ourselves* by Catherine Marshall. Through that book my faith in Jesus Christ was renewed. I asked for forgiveness and started to draw closer to God and to apply His answers to problems within my second marriage—stepparenting, and all those things. I was searching for answers in the church, but my spirit was so broken and so low that the teaching I heard concerning woman and her place only made me more depressed. I knew I was already submitting, and serving my family. What I needed to know was that I was *loved*. I really cried out to the Lord for His answers.

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And given me dignity;

And because of Your love, unconditional love,

I just want to be

Your kind of lady.

—from "Your Kind of Lady"
by Lois Decker and Don Marsh

"As I went out singing, I found so many other hurting women out there who identified with me in the many roles I've led. I just wanted to write something that was uplifting and positive to show them that God really was on their side, that He's for them, not against them. I wanted to include all women, no matter what season of life they are in or what their role is for the moment. Not every woman is a wife and mother, so how do you communicate to the widow, the single, the abused wife, the divorcee, that God loves her right where she is? This is what the musical addresses."

Lois spent five years researching and studying the Bible to discover how God considered women. She found that Jesus treated women in an extraordinary way. "This was the real turning point for me. When I saw what the perception of women was in the Greek, Roman, and Jewish cultures, I realized how out of the ordinary His treatment of women was.

"We define roles so narrowly, but God does not change. Therefore His standard for Christian womanhood does not change. It has been the same over the centuries. Yet women's lives have been so different; they've done so many different things. So what is His standard? It is the inward heart attitude. This frees us to be individuals.

"This message is so timely, calling women to a standard of godliness that they have not realized before. The standard is not of legalism, or 'better-than-thou,' or 'If I do certain things I'm a godly woman,' but compassion, that inner heart attitude about everything and everyone in life.

"Too many women are not using their talents and their influence. The way we conduct ourselves, no matter where we are or what we're doing, should be pleasing to God. We can influence the whole country."

The standard of the inward heart attitude is applicable to men as well. "My prayer throughout writing this was that I would write it in a way that men would also hear and receive from it, because women are not in this alone. Whether it is a husband, a father, a brother, or a son, we have a great deal of influence on men's lives. So my prayer is that they hear and see women through God's eyes and heart, so their treatment of us is perhaps modified, too."

Lois believes this message is vital "because of what's happening in the women's movement and what's happen-

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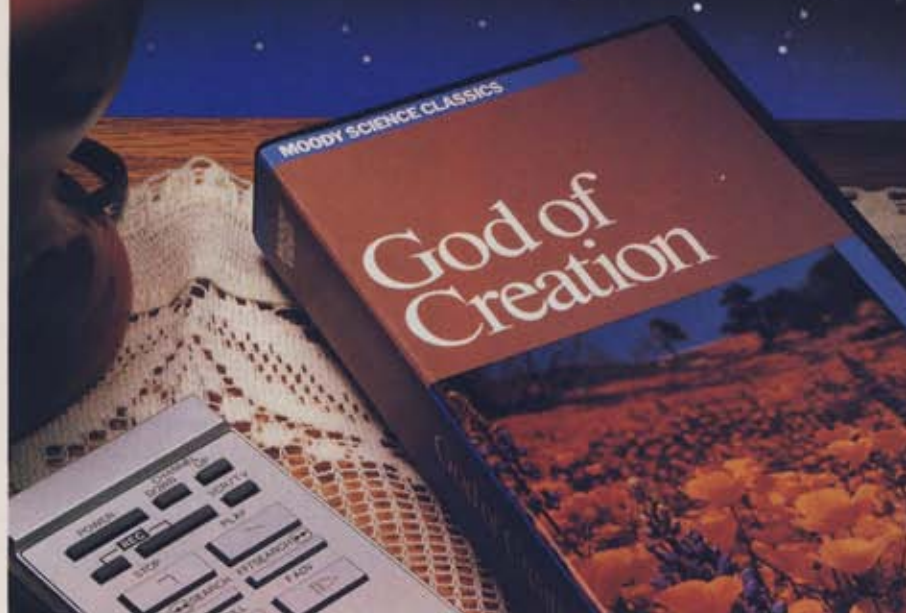
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ing with divorce—women are buying into the world's solutions too much, and I don't think they really have been told within the church how much God loves them. I believe they will fall in love with Christ in a new way through this means, because music communicates directly from spirit to spirit."

According to Lois, the musical is not "preachy." It is "directly from the heart of God." At the conclusion of the premiere of *God's Woman* at a national women's conference in Denver, not a dry eye was to be found among the 800 women present. "There are many messages in it," says Lois. "God's spirit will touch those hearts where they are hurting and needing the message the most."

While preparing for her task, Lois interviewed many influential women, to compare their perceptions of women's roles. Dee Jepsen, who believes that women should be free to be what God calls them to be, was a personal encouragement through her writing. Lois asked the late Mary Crowley, "How would you define what God's woman is?" Mrs. Crowley replied, "God's woman is

one who does what she has to do when it needs to be done."

Lois Decker would fit that definition perfectly. She is a mother of seven children and the wife of a politician—her husband spent 14 years in the Colorado Senate. With degrees in classical music, a background as a professional soloist for oratorio, operatic roles, and lieder, and as a choir and orchestral conductor, Lois has found it exciting, rewarding, and liberating to develop her own gospel vocal style. She has traveled extensively in the States and in Europe, sharing her faith in Christ in concerts, on television and radio, and often speaks and sings for Christian Women's Clubs. Lois has recorded three gospel albums, her latest, *Kaleidoscope* was produced and arranged by Don Marsh.

She is a youthful 47, but she has learned lessons from life that enable her to handle her responsibilities wisely and well. Lois worked hard to support the talent that was obvious at an early age. Her mother took in laundry, and at 12, Lois was ironing shirts to pay for voice and piano lessons. She worked as a maid

at 15, and was the first in her family to graduate from college and attend graduate school.

"We didn't know where food was coming from a number of times," Lois recalls. "But Mother just had such a strong faith that God would take care of us. She would get tired and would be about to cry, but then she'd start to sing. I'd say, 'Mom, what's the matter? You look like you're sad, but you are singing.' She'd smile and say, 'Well, that's where I get my strength—praising the Lord.' I've found that is true in my own life. I cannot exist without singing."

She now finds herself in a new season of life. Most of her children are grown, her husband has retired from the Senate, and she has more time for travel and ministry. She feels that her greatest opportunities for service and singing are yet ahead.

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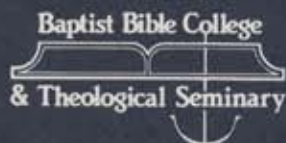
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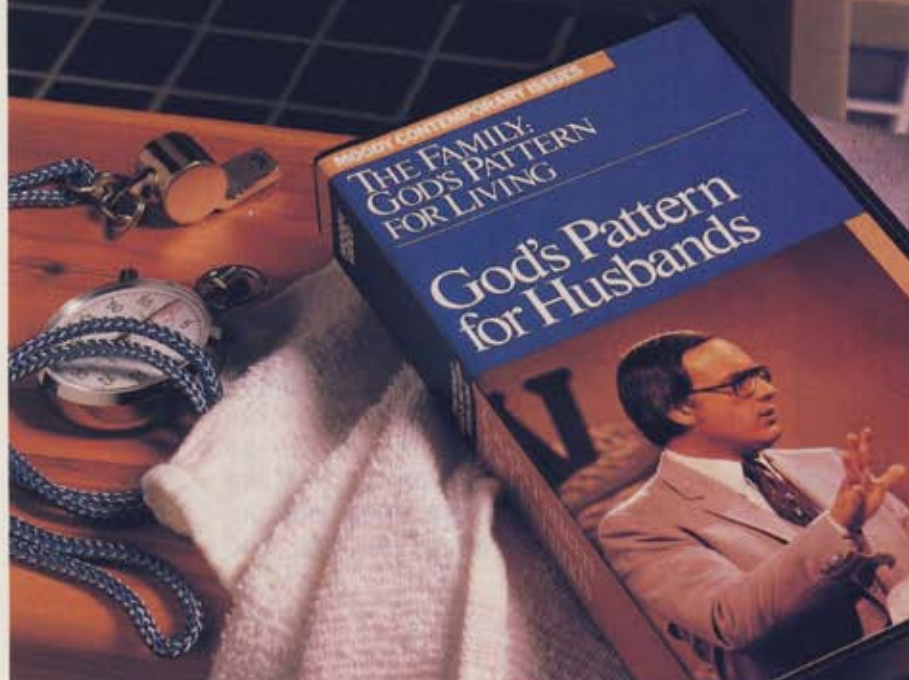
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vocabularies. But "good works" is an important doctrine for the Christian to understand and to practice.

When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he told them that their salvation was "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:9). But in that same context, he told the Ephesians that they were "created in Christ Jesus *unto* good works" (Eph. 2:10).

The consistent message of the Epistle of James is this, "Faith without works is *dead*" (James 2:20).

The wisdom from above is without partiality. To be impartial is to be straightforward, wholehearted, and without guile.

R. W. Dale says that when one has worldly wisdom, he sets his sails to the prevailing wind. He speaks well of a man one day, whom he spoke ill of yesterday, not because the man changed, but yesterday there was no gain by speaking well of him, and today there is.

Impartiality is just one part of God's wisdom that has been defined by one as "ethical conduct in harmony with the

Word of God."

The wisdom from above is without hypocrisy. The word *hypocrisy* comes from the world of drama. In New Testament days, when a person played a part on stage with a mask, they called him a hypocrite. The term gradually became associated with folks who played a role off stage as well. Today, a hypocrite is someone who is not real, someone who is phony and does not truly represent himself.

Paul admonished the Romans to love without hypocrisy (Rom. 12:9). Godly wisdom never masquerades spirituality when it is operating in the arena of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Sequel to Heavenly Wisdom.

"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace" (James 3:18).

The comparison of heavenly and earthly wisdom is instructive at this juncture. The world's wisdom results in "confusion" (v. 16), but God's wisdom brings "peace" (v. 18). The result of the world's wisdom is "every evil work"

(v. 16). But God's wisdom brings forth fruit. In the fruit of God's wisdom are the seeds of more fruit. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in righteousness" (v. 18). God's wisdom automatically multiplies.

Wisdom is not so much a "head" matter as it is a "life" matter. It is shown out of our good behavior. James further focuses his attention on one part of our conduct that is more important than the rest. The entire context of this passage on wisdom deals with the tongue, and James would teach us that the part of our behavior that is more critical is our speech. All seven characteristics of God's wisdom operate via the tongue. The tongue is the instrument that reveals the source of our wisdom. So, be very careful what you say. You are advertising for your Sponsor!

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The Mini-Honeymoon Tradition

by Tim and Beverly LaHaye

Most of the traditions we have discussed so far have had to do with the entire family. Now we turn to one of the most important traditions that help enrich marriage relations. We call it taking *mini-honeymoons*.

The routines of life and the pressures of other activities often rob couples of special times together. As this starts to happen, they should go away to spend quality time renewing their relationship.

When a young couple marries, they have usually spent many hours talking, playing, and being together. That often continues after the honeymoon until the children come along. Then life changes! A wise couple schedules at least one *mini-honeymoon* per quarter for the two lovers who started their little corporation, plus dinner out (if only at a fast-food restaurant) once a week.

The old expression is familiar, "All work and no play makes for a very dull day." All work and no play also makes for a dull marriage!

Our Lord, with only three years to minister, took a lot of time out just to be with His disciples. When couples lose the keen edge of their love for each other it is often due to not spending enough time together.

When did you and your mate last slip away for a weekend together? Go ahead and plan a *mini-honeymoon*. Take your Bible; spend some time studying, praying, playing, and loving . . . and keep the television off. The time alone will enrich your relationship. If you find it difficult to schedule time alone into your activities, remember—we usually do the things we really want to do.

Mini-honeymoons are important to any marriage. I know one couple that started out with one each quarter and now they take one almost every month. Needless to say, they enjoy being together. ■

Your Child's Faith and Salvation

God does not dole out a child-type conversion to people under 12 and another for adults. The message and the process are the same for both. The child believes in exactly the same way as the adult. There are no tryout periods and no special concessions for the young.

Once you have prepared the way with the basic gospel story, invite your child to accept Christ. It is easy to simply tell the story and stop. But that will not get the job done. God wants each little person you deal with to turn to Him.

Tell the youngster that just knowing the facts is not enough, and ask him to tell you his decision aloud. That will not be hard. Kids respond easily: "Do you believe all of this, Sue? Then let's pray and invite Christ into your life right now. Do you want to?"

What Now that My Child Has Received Christ? Pray for the child relentlessly. Prayer is a parent's secret service on behalf of a youngster. Depend on the Spirit to work daily. And encourage the child to tell others about his decision to follow Christ. Telling others will reinforce in his own mind that something important has happened. Go over the plan of salvation again, and tell him he can share Christ with someone else just as you shared with him.

Nurture discipleship. Help your child to adopt an attitude of, "OK, Lord, what do You want of me? I want to follow You; You are my leader."

Reinforce his assurance of salvation: "No matter how you feel, you can trust God's Word and what it says. You don't have to *feel* saved. God's Word says you belong to God because you believe Christ died for you. And whatever God's Word says is true. Some mornings you may wake up

feeling really 'blah.' You may not *feel* saved. You may feel like God has disappeared. But you are still God's child on those days, too. And God never disappears. He said He would never leave. Believe it."

A child's assurance of salvation usually comes easier than an adult's. The simple childlike faith that brought him to God also swings into action when extra faith is needed. Most kids just believe they are God's and that is that. They seem to have uncomplicated assurance of what God has done in their lives.

But what if a child wants to ask Christ into his life a second time? Don't panic. Reaffirm that once is enough. God keeps His promises. Read John 3:36; 6:37; 10:28; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 1:2; and 1 John 5:11-13. If you wish you can then say, "Let's make it final once and for all right now, asking Christ in forever. Then you will never have to do it again."

Above all, be very much aware of the infinite value of the child you are dealing with and the decision he has made. A child's salvation can be very real indeed and is of immeasurable worth, unfathomably important. God allows kids into His family and we need to welcome them in also. An



immortal spirit has determined its eternal destiny. A human being has begun to love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. Spiritual beginnings are often frail and tender, but nonetheless valid and wonderful. Encourage the child in the faith by smiling on what he has done. And let him know you respect his decision as real.

Don't expect perfect behavior because of the youngster's conversion. Remember, only simple faith is needed to come to Christ (Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 16:31). An immediate difference in conduct is not required. Although a child of God is a new person (2 Cor. 5:17), he needs time to grow.

A friend of mine tells the story of a shipboard captain who was retiring. For 25 years the men had respected his strictness and rigid authority, saluting every time they met him on deck. When he retired, a new captain came aboard, but the former captain remained awhile to break him in. Despite the arrival of the new captain, the men sometimes found themselves saluting the old leader out of habit, even though they were beginning to respect the authority of the new. Breaking away from the old captain proved difficult and took time. Just so, when the new authority (the Holy Spirit) arrives in a new Christian's life, He must live side by side with the old nature. It takes time before the new captain commands respect and obedience. But little by little the signs of growth will appear.

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Teaching Your Child to Be Responsible...

With Time. An important part of growing up is learning to be responsible for the management of time. Parents can help in a variety of ways.

First, parents can help teenagers by confronting them when they waste time. One mother chose a humorous approach when she walked into her son's room and saw what looked like Hiroshima after the blast. She inquired as to the reason for the mess. "I just couldn't squeeze it into my busy schedule," was her son's response.

The mother sat on her son's bed and scratched her head, "That's amazing."

"What's amazing?" her son replied.

"It's just amazing how the President can run the entire country in 168 hours per week, but you cannot

squeeze cleaning your room into your busy schedule."

Parents can also help teenagers be responsible for time by teaching them how to make a schedule. Some young people take on part-time jobs, participate in extracurricular activities, and get very involved at church—then they wonder why their schoolwork is being neglected. A caring parent needs to teach a teenager, by example, how to manage time and how to say "no" as well as "yes."

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"That They May Teach the Young Women"

Although Titus 2:3-5 certainly gives an explicit command for the older women to teach the younger women to love their husbands, God's

traditional teachers and models may not be available to today's young wives. Godly mothers and grandmothers and aunts sometimes live thousands of miles away. And those of us who are the older women of the church have been notably hesitant to step in—often because we just didn't know how to disciple and teach these young women. Here are my learned-the-hard-way guidelines to help and encourage you in a discipling ministry.

Initially, I like to take my new friend out to lunch, where we can talk easily and get better acquainted. My experience favors between 10 and 14 regularly scheduled times together. A block of one and a half to two and a half hours seems about right. So that I may minister to her more effectively, I ask what her goals are for discipling get-togethers and for her own life.

Subsequent "share and care" times are in my home, because this is my natural environment, an extension of my personality. Eventually I invite the woman and her family to Sunday breakfast or Friday night supper.

Prayer and accountability to one another are two vital ingredients in discipling. Prayer lists should be two-way, because your younger partner should know *your* need of *her* prayers.

Because prayer leads to sharing yourself and your goals, the next step is being accountable to each other. Accountability is an important biblical principle that many Christians sidestep.

Keeping a page of written observations as the discipling progresses is important to me.

After one young woman left, I jotted down: "Mary Jo lacks close friends and



something outside her marriage—would working in toddlers' Sunday school department be part of the solution?"

Because lack of organization and purpose seem to hinder many, I encourage the use of a notebook for prayer lists, Bible study, discipling notes, goals, and personal musings. I also offer a list of books that have been valuable to me.

And what do we do during these discipling sessions? Although I have used a Bible study workbook, I have found that simply drawing on Scripture related to the topics we discuss is usually more effective.

Specific topics of interest to most younger women are self-worth; the importance of goals—and how to work with them; how to deal with unreasonable expectations (theirs and others'); how to enjoy carrying out the Bible's injunction to be "keepers at home"; and communication skills.

Other helpful subjects are time and money management, maintaining a good attitude under pressure, knowing God's will, rooting out underlying emotional problems, becoming a relaxed

hostess, and considering the extent of church involvement that is appropriate.

Studies in Proverbs 31:10-31 make a good beginning for recognizing the characteristics of a worthy woman. In the Book of Ruth, finding and writing down Ruth's character qualities can be especially valuable when used in conjunction with the Proverbs passage.

Because many young women who need help would never take the step of asking to be discipled, we who are older must be sensitive to such individuals. We can casually ask, "What would you think about our getting together every couple of weeks for some Bible study and woman talk?"

Are we who are older qualified just because of our age? The answer is no. First there must be an understanding and compassionate heart, developed through years of experience.

Disciplers must also have firmly in mind the nature and attributes of God. Because you and I are His examples and bear His name, no matter how imperfectly, we will reflect something of His glory.

■ Lucibel Van Atta

God Must Have Known

*God must have known how we would need
Some dear one close at hand;
Someone that we could count on,
Who would always understand;
Someone whose love would rise above
Our faults—our negligence;
One who would know no sacrifice—
Expect no recompense.*

*God must have known that other loves,
Though precious they might be,
Could never quite fulfill this
Special need of you and me.
He must have known that sometimes, too,
We'd need a gentle prod,
A quiet close reminder of
The constant love of God.
God must have known we'd need one love,
Steadfast above all others,
A love more likened to his own—
And that's why he made Mothers.*



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There's More to Life than What the Mirror Shows



Sooner or later, even with both feet locked in a braking maneuver, and despite our desperate attempts to shift into reverse, we reach certain milestones. As we cross over the line, we cry with disbelief, "Where have the years gone? It seems like only yesterday." "We've Only Just Begun" could be our theme song.

So far in my life I still have not gotten a college degree; traveled across the country; written a book; worn matching leather boots and coat; or rented an attic studio where it was just me, my typewriter, and the whistling radiator.

On the other hand, during these past 39 years, I've certainly been busy enough raising four sons, working, learning, growing, and after 21 years of marriage, still discovering how to be a good homemaker.

Last month I made my first tablecloth. It took me 7 years to perfect pie crust, 15 to learn how to grill cheese sandwiches the way my family likes them, at least 19 to discover

when not to speak out, and all 20 years of our oldest son's life to decide he's never going to change—his absent-mindedness came by heredity.

Even so, it seems that just about the time life really gets going I hit one of those milestones and it takes me by surprise. I remember the day I turned 30. I was working with a 19-year-old girl who thought anyone over 25 kept Geritol in the desk drawer. It had been a rough day and her solicitous comments unnerved me. My 60-year-old supervisor, herself just completing her bachelor's degree and taking ballet lessons, couldn't understand why being "over the hill" gave me goose bumps and threatened to bring on tears. At the time, I felt the best years of my life were behind me.

Now, zooming in high gear past this next decade hurdle, I don't feel the hopelessness I felt 10 years ago. I refuse to parrot that old cliché "Life begins at 40," when my sagging chin, graying hair, lumps, and wrinkles attest to life having begun some decades ago.

At 40 I have discovered how much more there is to life than what the mirror shows you.

Actually, it's quite encouraging to face the second half of life liberated from changing diapers. It is great to be free from the need to compete with Vogue models. At 40, I'm wise enough to cut out the nonessentials and instead zero in on more important things like selected learning, fellowship, love, and the beauty all around me.

Meanwhile, as my body continues to age, way down inside, a 16-year-old is hiding and giggling at a secret. For now I know that no matter

how many milestones I pass, the real me, what I am and will be eternally, is alive and well. I'm thrilled anew with the snow, the warm summer breezes, and grateful for human companionship. And I'm laughing a lot, especially at myself.

Even though my outer shell began dying the day I was born, I am at peace knowing that its decay is not the end. When released from this shell, the person I am will go on living forever in the presence of the One to whom age and time have no meaning.

■ Gail Denham

Family Bookshelf

Theirs Is the Kingdom

by Lowell Hagan and Jack Westerhof, is a New Testament story Bible for children. It is beautifully written, faithful to the Scriptures, and is filled with sensitively drawn, full-color illustrations that bring to life the characters they depict. The stories have a unique richness and depth that immediately capture the reader's attention. The authors have succeeded in painting outstanding verbal pictures of the life of Jesus as presented in the Gospels, the adventures of the early church as found in Acts, and John's vision in Revelation. An excellent family devotional! (Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1986, 326 pp., \$16.95)

■ Jean Beck

Jonah and the Big Fish, Abraham and His Big Family, God and the World He Made, Moses and the Mighty Plagues by John and Kim Walton, illustrated by Alice Craig. Pre-

school children will love these four little books designed especially for them to help build their knowledge of the Bible. Each book clearly and simply tells the Bible story indicated by its title. The bold, bright pictures capture and hold the attention of the young listener. The very last page explains and interprets the text for the parent, anticipating questions the child might ask. These books are the first in a growing series of *Early Foundations in the Bible*. (Chariot Books/David C. Cook, 1986, \$2.95 each).

■ Jeanne Mason

Focus on the Family, led by James Dobson, has begun a new ministry for children ages 6 to 12. **Focus on the Family Clubhouse** offers materials to help teach your child principles of godly living. Club members will receive a monthly, full-color magazine and will have the opportunity to order story booklets and other materials at a reasonable cost. For details write Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 500, Arcadia, California 91006-0500.

Wilbur M. Smith

“Christianity’s No. 1 Bookworm”

by Bernard R. DeRemer

The sprawling campus of Lake View High School on the north side of Chicago was, at the turn of the century, an institution where comradeship, earnest study, and respect for teachers generally prevailed, with “very, very little . . . roughhouse.”

There young Wilbur M. Smith, son of Thomas S. Smith, “Apple King of the Midwest,” was mightily challenged—but not spiritually. He became so interested in Sir Walter Scott’s *Talisman* that he began collecting pictures “with which I hoped to issue an illustrated edition.”

But botany held supreme appeal. Herman S. Pepoon, Smith’s first great teacher, so influenced him that he soon felt botany must be his life work. With characteristic zeal, he began to develop a bibliography of botanical subjects, spent most of his Saturdays at the Field Museum, and joined the Chicago Academy of Sciences. His first printed article, “An Excursion to the Herbarium of the Field Museum,” appeared in his high school paper in 1911.

But other influences were also at work. He had come to know Christ as Saviour at an early age in a godly home. Attending the great Moody Church and Sunday school profoundly influenced his life.

There were indeed giants in the land in those days, and young Smith not only heard many of them but also came to know some: William R. Newell, James M. Gray, R. A. Torrey, A. C. Dixon, Samuel M. Zwemer, Dan Crawford, and others. His middle name was chosen for William G. Moorehead, a leading Bible scholar who had married Wilbur’s parents.

After unsuccessfully trying to enter Dartmouth College, he endured a period of uncertainty as to his future. But on the morning of September 2, 1913, he experienced a definite call to the ministry. Immediately he enrolled at Moody Bible Institute, where his father was a distinguished member of the executive



committee of the board of trustees. Only then did he learn that his mother had prayed for the dedication of her son to the gospel ministry.

Highlights of his student days included early experiences in preaching, and hearing such outstanding speakers as J. Stuart Holden and Sir William M. Ramsay. But perhaps the most significant of all was the great Prophetic Conference of 1914, held at Moody Church. Much later Smith recalled: “No other gathering anywhere has left such an abiding impression upon me as that one of 1914. While the solemn messages and warnings of that conference were ridiculed in

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newspaper reports that week, today the ominous nature of the world crisis in which we are living compels our journalists to resort to the very apocalyptic vocabulary then decried as the result of pessimism, while the church as a whole seems so strangely silent on the great truths of the prophetic Word of God.” Prophecy was to become a major theme of one of the century’s great Bible teachers.

Wilbur soon realized his need for a college education, so later that year he enrolled at Wooster (Ohio) College, which had high academic and spiritual standards. Debating, dorm discussions on high themes, and dramatic literature all helped prepare the future scholar for his unique ministry.

In 1917 he married Mayme Ostrosky, whom he had met at Moody, and left Wooster to become assistant pastor of a Presbyterian church in Wilmington, Delaware. Later Smith would regret never finishing college or attending seminary. Yet a deep foundation had been laid for a lifetime of dedicated, disciplined labor.

Pastorates followed in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. While he was at Ocean City, Maryland, the great flu epidemic of 1918 struck, closing his church for a month. The only doctor in town was also the druggist. Exhausting himself during that terrible time, Smith “assisted in keeping the drugstore open, and every day with a little cart I would deliver milk and hot soup to the families that were most severely ill. At times it was necessary for me to help carry out the bodies of those who had died.” This unusual introduction to the community provided a unique opportunity for practical witness and service.

As the years passed, the Lord blessed Smith’s ministry. Yet it was increasingly evident that he was simply not cut out for some things—such as visitation and administration. In fact, he almost always viewed committee meetings as “an abomination.”

After he had spoken at a number of

Moody Bible Institute conferences, he was called to join the faculty in 1938. This opened a whole new world. Free of so many of the incidental demands of pastoral work, he could now devote himself exclusively to his supreme desire: studying, teaching, preaching, and writing. What contributions he was destined to make!

He taught English Bible, apologetics, theology, and philosophy—with a zeal and dedication that mightily inspired thousands of students over the years. Some students though felt that Smith was aloof, even brusque. The fact is he was so immersed in the challenge of mining and ministering the inexhaustible riches of the Word of God he simply had no time for small talk, games, sports, and so forth—all of which probably also seemed abominable.

He used to tell students, before they rushed to ask him what a certain verse means, to "look it up in five commentaries." Here he was not brushing them off like so many pesky flies. He was seeking to instill practices that would pay rich dividends long after they left those hallowed halls.

Moody colleagues recalled how he would sometimes accost one of them in the hallway or elsewhere on campus, bark a question or comment, and perhaps dash off before he could receive a complete response. In sharp contrast to the absentminded professor, Smith had a driving genius that simply could not tolerate wasteful delays, unnecessary interruptions.

Even though he would never be called to spend hours in counseling students or others, agonizing over personal problems, he did not completely lose sight of the individual. Once on entering a class, he put his hand on the shoulder of a student whom he did not know (many classes then enrolled several hundred) and asked "how things were going." The answer revealed some discouragement, and Smith sought to bring what reassurance he could before ascending the platform for the class session. "The next day I had a note from him saying that he was contemplating leaving the Institute *that day*, but that my stopping to speak to him had persuaded him that he should stay." It was a Holy-Spirit-inspired "word in due season" (Prov. 15:23).

MBI students were generally high school graduates, though some had college credits, even degrees. When a call came from the new Fuller Seminary,

His driving genius simply could not tolerate wasteful delays, unnecessary interruptions.

Smith accepted the position. Now he could dig deeper and aim higher. Later he testified, "I have never known such wonderful work in my life."

In 1963 he joined the faculty of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, near Chicago, where he would teach one semester a year, while maintaining his residence and library in California. He found the Trinity atmosphere "more ideal" for instruction than any other. In 1968 he was named professor of English Bible emeritus.

As great as Smith was as teacher and preacher, he made his most enduring contributions through his writing. When asked how he got started into research, he replied, "My mother was a literary woman. I had a love for bibliographies in my blood."

Over the years Smith spent innumerable hours in the Library of Congress, the largest institution of its kind in the world, as well as in other leading libraries—Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Newberry, and many others.

For 36 years he edited *Peloubet's Notes*, bringing a wealth of information and inspiration to countless Sunday school teachers all over the country—many of them in small, out-of-the-way places with little or no access to the great resources of the past and present.

Once while in the MBI office of President Will H. Houghton, Smith noticed on the shelf a volume he had long sought. He mentioned the fact briefly, and commented, "Some time when you want to dispose of it, I would be glad to buy it." Nothing more was said, and Smith returned to his sixth floor office. An hour later, the volume was in his hands, inscribed: "It would be a great triumph to have in my library *one* book that you didn't have in yours! Perhaps a victory over self is just as important—so here's the book."

Smith's sheer love for books and browsing drove "Christianity's No. 1 Bookworm" to haunt stores from coast

to coast and abroad as well, in person when possible, at other times by mail. Thus he eventually accumulated more than 25,000 treasured volumes. Smith considered his library "a workshop, not a showcase," and declared, "The foundation for any library where research is carried on is bibliography. I have heard some scholars remark that for them to draw up a bibliography for some subject . . . is a burdensome chore. For me bibliographical research has always been . . . a labor of joy."

Smith felt that most ministers "do not spend for books nearly so much as they should." At the same time he warned against indiscriminately trying to accumulate thousands of books, citing cost, moving, and storage as potential problems. In his case royalties from his many publications made possible his outstanding collection, which he willed to Fuller Seminary, where it is still being accessioned.

Smith wrote about 25 books, dealing mostly with bibliography, prophecy, and apologetics, as well as a preface or particular chapter for more than 100 others. In *An Annotated Bibliography of D. L. Moody*, he sought to include every separately published book and booklet by and about Moody, along with important representative items from the perhaps 60,000 periodical articles concerning him. This monumental work, now out of print, is an invaluable tool for every researcher on the greatest evangelist of the nineteenth century.

Smith also authored innumerable articles. In his memoirs he devotes more space to the *Sunday School Times* than any other, since it was long "the outstanding evangelical religious weekly" in the land. However, he also served as a contributing editor for *Bibliotheca Sacra* and others, and wrote for numerous periodicals over the years.

Death claimed Wilbur Smith on May 20, 1976, a few days before he would have reached 82. "Christianity's No. 1 Bookworm" made unique, lasting, and wide-ranging contributions to consecrated Conservative scholarship. We are not likely to see his equal.

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Deception

Satan's Masterpiece for This Age

by Wilbur M. Smith

Matthew 13 records some apparently simple, but really profound words of our Lord. "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them" (vv. 24-29).

"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels" (vv. 37-39).

You have here three stages: a sowing, a growing, and a harvest. First, the sowing of the Son of Man. This is the Lord Jesus, and the seed sown is called here, "the children of the kingdom."

The very word *seed* implies life. Our Lord used this often, both in the idea of seed, or a kernel of grain dropped in the ground, and fruit, as in His wonderful declaration, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

This is different from the more frequently expounded parable in the same chapter, that of the seed which is identified as the Word of God. Here the seed is living men, "the children of the kingdom," sown by Christ Himself.

It says the *harvest of this sowing* will

be at the end of *this age*, not the millennial age.

Whatever you may think of it, the kingdom He is talking about here is *now*. The sowing began when Jesus began to sow men into the world: His disciples, the Twelve, the Seventy, and all those to whom He said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." This is the sowing of men who belong to God, sons of the kingdom of heaven, sons of the kingdom of God, children of light, born-again men and women, children of God whom Christ is sowing out into the world.

The field is the world. Nothing less. Ours is the only religion that is a world religion. Other religions are limited to India, to Africa, to the Far East; and when the light of modern truth dawns on these religions they become increasingly localized and provincial. You and I have the only message that was made for the whole world.

Into this world the Lord Jesus sows His men, born-again sons of His kingdom. And note carefully, this is done before anything else happens.

The second sowing of this parable is when "his enemy came and sowed tares [darnel]." They are called "the children of the wicked one."

***There should be
a distinction
between you and I
and the children
of the Devil
so people will know
we have been with Jesus.***

First of all, notice the name, "enemy." Enemy! Satan is not a rival of the Lord Jesus Christ; he is His *enemy*.

Go way back to the Book of Genesis on this. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed" (Gen. 3:15). God was talking to the Devil, and speaks of Satan's seed. I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the seed of the woman (our Lord and Saviour)—thy seed (the Serpent's seed) and her seed (the children of God, and first of all the Son of God Himself).

What about this sowing? These things are called *tares*. Remarkably, Satan does not set out to destroy the

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good seed that Jesus sowed. He doesn't flood the field. He doesn't rush in and pull up the wheat. He does not attempt to burn over the ground. He doesn't attempt to ridicule what Jesus has already sown.

Why doesn't he go out and destroy the wheat that Christ sowed in the ground, in the world? Because he can't. I like the phrase in Luke 10:19: "I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy." What the Lord Jesus Christ does in this world, Satan does not have, and never will have, the power to destroy!

I repeat. He doesn't destroy the wheat. He doesn't flood the field. He doesn't tell the people, "That stuff is not wheat." They know better. *He begins to imitate.*

When the Devil comes along and sows his tares, what is the harm? Of course they take strength from the ground, and I am sure they crowd out at times a sturdy growth of wheat. But I believe the point the Lord is making here is that they are similar, the one to the other. For what reason?

Only one word can be used to describe the purpose of these tares—deception. This word is found 19 times in the New Testament, and always in relation to the Devil and his work.

The Devil doesn't sow some foul-smelling thing. He sows something that *deceives* men, and makes them think it is so similar to the children of God that there is really very little difference.

What does he sow? He sows what Christ sows—living men and women. Christ sows "the children of God." Satan sows "the children of the wicked one."

Where is this sowing? Here, in the world. What is the world? Humanity. There are three groups of people here, I think: the children of God, sown in the world; the children of the Devil, also sown in the world; and the lost world of humanity in which they are sown. Otherwise, where are you going to sow? There isn't any indication here that the tares ever become wheat, that these tares ever become good.

Do you know who is called "the son of perdition" in the New Testament? Judas Iscariot. Do you know who else? Antichrist himself. And what did Jesus say to those who were pursuing Him? "Ye are of your father the devil." He didn't say it to every-

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body. He said it only once, to a certain religious group.

Men are lost. Men are in chains. Men are in darkness. But there are certain men who are "the sons of the wicked one" himself, and those are the ones that Satan sows out in this world.

When the apostles were sown into the ancient Mediterranean world, the Devil immediately sowed a crop of false messiahs. Do you know there was never one false messiah among the Jewish people until after their own Messiah had been crucified? Even the Jews admit this. When the apostles went everywhere preaching Christ the Messiah, the Son of God, Satan began to sow these false messiahs in the same world.

Take the English Reformation. As soon as England had been blessed by the showers of a revived gospel, the Devil came along and sowed that cursed thing which pretended to give glory to God, but denied the supernatural nature of the Lord Jesus, that is, Deism.

No sooner had God begun to sow the glorious seed of life under Wesley, and those following him, but the Devil sowed in France and England a withering agnosticism, and the ridicule and sneering of Voltaire. As soon as Wesley is sown, Voltaire is sown also. First the wheat, and then the tares!

Note what it says. The tares are to *grow*—to the harvest. I believe that in the last days the children of God will be closer to what God wants them to be than at any time in the history of the church. They are *growing* to the harvest. And I believe the children of the Evil One will be more diabolical as this age comes to an end, and that with each day that passes we are coming nearer to the hour when it is Christ and Antichrist, when

it is God and no God.

The tares and the wheat have always been here. They will come to a head just before the harvest.

Do you know what this means for you and me? First, you and I have got to be, in these last days, exactly what we were supposed to be by the grace of God. If He has sown us into this world as the children of God, we ought to *be* the children of God. If tares are worthless, but look like wheat, you and I ought so to live that there will be no question but that *we* have something no cultural organization can ever give.

There should be a distinction between what you and I are, growing in the world, and what the children of the Devil are, growing in the world, so people will know we have been with Jesus.

Ultimately there will be a harvest. The harvest is the end of the age. Thank God, the harvest is supervised by the Lamb of God Himself. Not a world dictator, not a smart intellectual, not on a racial basis, not on an economic basis. This world over which Satan is prince will be reaped by the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

It is ultimately His world, and you and I by His grace are His wheat, His children; not by any merits of our own, but He has brought it about by His mercy and grace and love.

We are getting closer and closer to what Wendell Willkie rightly called "One World," a smaller, smaller world, where the radio can now engirdle the globe in a moment, where a testimony for Christ is more important now than ever in the history of the world.

You and I are going to *be*, by His grace, the children of God in this world, and out of that will come the fulfillment of His words, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16).

By His grace, you and I, until the harvest comes, are going to manifest that we are the children of God. For *that* He has sown us into the fertile soil of lost humanity, to *grow* as the sons of His kingdom.

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CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH

by Robert E. Clark, Joanne Brubaker, and Roy B. Zuck

This revised and expanded version of a standard work is a thoroughly up-to-date, comprehensive, and well-developed textbook for those involved in planning, organizing, and directing children's ministries. It is also a valuable tool for parents, teachers, and others who desire a thorough, yet concise treatment of child development and its implications for the learning process.

Thirty-five separate articles, grouped into seven major sections, are authored by articulate authorities in their own fields.

The major theme is the necessity for an integrated, unified relationship between home and church in ministering to the spiritual needs of children. The authors make a strong point for trans-generational sharing through the church's total program and for establishing "networks of faith" within the church community for supporting, guiding, helping, and nurturing the whole family. They emphasize that our ministry's effectiveness depends on our knowledge and understanding of the children we serve, and on our adeptness in selecting appropriate teaching materials and methods—so that the theological concepts we teach will later become a matter of practice in their lives.

The reader gets a relatively thorough understanding of what children are like and how they learn at the different stages/ages of development, through detailed treatment of these processes in each section. Specific suggestions for types of material and for appropriate teaching methods are included, as well as several easily readable age-level

charts. Information on evaluating, selecting, and then "putting to use" is an integral part of each article. These skills are reinforced in a separate section.

The section on organizing, administering, and supervising gives an extensive overview of organizational plans, training and supervising personnel, types of programs, and biblical classroom-management procedures. This section includes articles on camping/recreation and child-care programs.

Programs for exceptional children (those with physical, sensory, emotional, or educational disabilities, and those who are creative and talented academically) are addressed. The book also covers the place and purpose of home and Christian schooling, the use of computers

and other visual and auditory media, reading programs for students, and resource centers for teachers and parents.

A helpful feature found at the end of each article is the current bibliography for further reading, places to acquire materials, and organizations that offer help and expertise.

The editors of this book have indeed assembled in one volume not only an overview of children's ministries, but the what, the how to, and the procedures to evaluate children's programs within and adjunct to the local church. This is an excellent tool for all those involved in helping children learn and grow spiritually. (Moody Press, 1986, 628 pp., \$24.95)
Jan Gillette

An excerpt from CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH by Robert E. Clark, Joanne Brubaker, and Roy B. Zuck

The child's personality grows out of all the relationships that touch life. That makes parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, and classmates, with their personalities and value systems, part of the child's environment. They give the child a mind-set, a sense of direction, a life-purpose, and goals. In early childhood, we take over the loves and hatreds of our social environment. Children learn what they are exposed to. We adults set the stage for what we call a "rehearsal," which, however, turns out to be the real "play." What is more, the child selects many of the lines of that "play."

Some of our greatest educators have helped us formulate a more adequate concept of education. They indicate that a child's life-style is, to a large degree, set by the time the child enters kindergarten or the first grade; that learning to respond both physically and verbally in preschool days is actually more important than learning to read and count. Pestalozzi, an influential educator of the past, has stated that the basic principle of education is not teaching, but love.

BOOKNOTES

KEEPING OFF THE CASUALTY LIST by LeRoy Eims

LeRoy Eims covers the bases of what can hinder a Christian in his walk with the Lord in *Keeping Off the Casualty List*. From causes to cures, Eims steers young believers and longtime leaders away from the "spiritual junkyard" and offers help for being ever ready on the "active duty" roll.

Practical and concise, the book excels in presenting the real battle Christians must fight. (Victor Books, 1986, 144 pp., \$4.95) Deborah Huff

CHRIST'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP by James M. Boice

James Boice, a champion of the inerrancy and authority of God's Word, has given us a choice volume on discipleship. He expounds on the meaning, the path, the cost, and the rewards of discipleship. He stresses the necessity for obedience, service, humility, and what it means to take up the Cross of Christ. The book is perceptive and biblical while it challenges us to bring our actions and attitudes into line with our profession of faith. Since this book is derived from messages Boice delivered at Philadelphia's Tenth Presbyterian Church where he is senior pastor, it has the life

of illustration and example breathed into it. (Moody Press, 1986, 171 pp., \$9.95)
James A. Borland

TELL IT OFTEN—TELL IT WELL
by Mark McCloskey

This is not just another book on evangelism—it is freshly different and very practical. It is motivational, but not in the sense of putting one under guilt if he doesn't share the gospel. With over 125 books on evangelism in my library, this is the best one I have ever read! A must for every pastor and personal worker.

McCloskey quotes D.P. Thomson, who writes, "Evangelism has too long been under a cloud. It has been associated with a crudity of thought and expression, a sensationalism of method, and a largely emotional appeal to which thoughtful men and women could not consciously subscribe." Mark McCloskey graciously takes evangelism out from under that cloud throughout his book. The professional man or the peasant could use his methods and message with mutual ease.

McCloskey is balanced. He does not use rhetoric to criticize others' methods. He has studied carefully all the types, methods, and names of evangelism concepts of the day. This excellent piece of work analyzes the different ideas and summarizes the need to get the gospel out, no matter what your method may be.

Theologically thorough, there is real meat in this message of evangelism and follow-up of the new convert. Pastors will be pleased with the thoroughness.

The logical illustrations and presentations stress that evangelism is an absolutely logical path for all to follow. God is reasonable (Isa. 1:18) and McCloskey shows how to logically present the gospel and why one should present the gospel.

Yes, everyone must be gracious and Spirit-controlled. To be effective and not offensive is imperative; but to give the gospel to every person is also just as imperative. The author has done a superb job of conveying this in his book. It needs to be read by every Christian. (Here's Life Publishers, 1986, 284pp., \$8.95)
C. Sumner Wemp

A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE SERMON DELIVERY
by Jerry Vines

If you are a preacher who always seems to have a sore throat or is continuously hoarse, then you need this

book. Jerry Vines offers even trained preachers something they probably missed in school—teaching on the mechanical aspects of sermon delivery. He puts a strong emphasis on the physical nature of preaching and explains how proper relaxation, breathing, and articulation can improve your delivery and maybe even save your voice in the future. The exercises supplied in the chapters are helpful in improving your technique.

The book also deals with the mental, rhetorical, psychological, and spiritual aspects of sermon delivery. Emphasis is placed on communication with and persuasion of the listening audience. This is a good review for those who find themselves somewhat lacking in that area. If you are serious about communicating the gospel and want to be preaching with a clear, healthy voice in the future, this book is a necessity. (Moody Press, 1986, 166 pp., \$9.95)
Charles E. Johnson, Jr.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

DECORATE YOUR HOME WITH LOVE
by Mary C. Crowley

"The home—the greatest influence on America," part of Mary C. Crowley's philosophy, reflects love and understanding in its decor. As founder of Home Interiors and Gifts, Mary shares her expertise on decorating to fit any budget. Her practical suggestions motivate you to think about your own home and the statement it makes. Do your rooms hug you and say, "Come on in. Happy people live here." What can you do to pep up that out-of-style couch that the kids have wallowed over for years? Mary encourages you to search your attic, basement, or garage for hidden treasures that with a fresh coat of paint, new fabric, or pretty ribbon may be the answer to your decorating needs.

You will take a magic carpet ride on Mary's explanation of the color wheel and how certain colors bring things together, make rooms look smaller, larger, lighter, or more elegant. White, for example, is a unifying color, while black creates drama. Overuse of either produces boredom and even depression. She will help you select just the right amounts. Color changes our moods and that means a lot to our home life.

Sprinkled throughout her book are bits of Mary's personal upbringing, life, and pleasures. Her Christian testimony and love for Christ shines continually. She allows you to peek around her kitchen and outdoor chapel through her picturesque way of communicating. You will enjoy hearing the heritage of various periods of furniture such as Queen Anne, Mediterranean, and French Provincial, and learn how to develop your own style of decorating. This was one history lesson I thoroughly enjoyed.

Of course, a how-to book on decorating must have gorgeous, color pictures to make us ooh and aah, and this one has plenty. Most of all, her suggestions will inspire you to use your creativity and individuality to make your home open its doors and say, "Come on in. Happy people live here." (Fleming H. Revell Company, 1986, 158 pp., \$16.95)
Martha Harper

WHAT KIDS NEED MOST IN A MOM
by Patricia H. Rushford

Warning: super momming may be hazardous to your kids' health! Author Patricia H. Rushford says that this warning could well fit in our high-stress, high-tech society. The stress produced to be a "super mom" with "super children" is real, but is that what kids really need?

This delightful book openly tries to dispel the myths of motherhood and guides the reader through the mansion of a mother's heart. As the reader peeks behind each door, practical, biblically-based help is to be found in the areas of time, making memories, communication, discipline, guilt, teaching, loving, and in having a joyful and serving heart.

The depression and guilt women sometimes feel can be found both in the working mother and the stay-at-home mother. This book uses humor, practical experience, and to-the-point anecdotes to give the new mother and grandmother a feeling of self-worth and a challenge for growth and development in motherhood.

Learning, living, and loving are the three most important treasures a mother can give her child, but Rushford reminds us that what kids need most in a mom is YOU! (Fleming H. Revell Company, 1986, 190 pp., \$10.95)
Marilyn Owen

Alabama Textbook Decision

Conservatives pressing textbook cases in the courts are beginning to see cracks in the armor of Secular Humanism and the efforts to promote it in public schools.

"I'm excited about that," Tim LaHaye, founder of the American Coalition for Traditional Values, said in reference to the recent Conservative victory in the Alabama textbook case. "I've been praying for 10 years that someone would take a case to the Supreme Court, challenging Secular Humanism as a religion. Humanism needs to be treated to religious exclusivity the same as any other religion," he explained.

In the Alabama textbook case, 600 "Fundamentalist" Christian parents challenged the use of 45 home economics, social studies, and history textbooks in the curriculum of the Alabama public schools. They charged that the texts promoted the religion of Secular Humanism and were dishonest in the presentation of the role of religion in United States history.

On March 4 U.S. District Judge W. Brevard Hand found that Secular Humanism is a religion and that the texts introduced as evidence did promote that religion in a pervasive manner among the state's school children.

"It's the first case in which Humanism has been found to be a religion based on the meritorious facts of the case," Robert Skolrood, executive director of the National Legal Foundation, said. Skolrood has been active in the case through the NLF, an outgrowth of the ministry of Pat Robertson, which supplies both legal counsel and funds to Conservatives involved in First Amendment rights cases.

On two other occasions some legal mention of the religion of Secular Humanism has been made in legal cases, forbidding its promotion. In *Tourcaco v. Watkins*, in a footnote rather than on meritorious fact, Secular Humanism was classified with other "godless religions," Skolrood reported.

And in *Abington v. Schempp* another footnote dictated that the religion of Secular Humanism could not be promoted. But the Alabama case is the first case in which the religiosity of Secular



U.S. District Judge W. Brevard Hand

Humanism has been one of the main issues.

Yet Humanists have made no secret of their goals. Skolrood stated, "The Humanists have said consistently, 'We are going to make the public educational system our pulpit, the same as any Fundamentalist preacher. We'll trade off an hour of Sunday school a week. We've got them five days a week.'"

The arguments in the case focused on several issues. Most sensational was the one already stated: that Humanism was being promoted throughout the cur-

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riculum of the Alabama schools in a significant number of textbooks and subjects.

The case also refocused on parental rights, as the recent Tennessee *Scopes II* trial did. Both set out to reaffirm that parents have a constitutional right to influence the kind of education their children receive.

Finally, what the parents deemed as dishonesty of historical texts was at issue.

Judge Hand studied passages in the texts to reach his determination that they did promote Secular Humanism and that the history texts were less than faithful in the presentation of the influence of religion on the development of this country. Testimony by experts on both sides of the issue was the basis of his finding that Secular Humanism is a religion.

Although Skolrood was unable to discuss case strategy for the appeals process, he did discuss what he feels are the strong points of the case. For example, he stated evidence showed that content in the textbooks under scrutiny was either nonexistent or denigrating when it came to the presentation of religion related to Judaeo-Christian values.

In addition, references to Martin Luther, leader of the Reformation, were limited to one page in one text, while Marilyn Monroe rated seven pages. In one text George Washington rated less than a paragraph.

Other examples included the omission of the fact that civil rights activist Martin Luther King was a minister, and the failure to mention that the Pilgrims primarily thanked God that first Thanksgiving, not just the Indians.

Even before the case reaches the United States Supreme Court, the nation's textbook publishers are paying attention to it, according to LaHaye. "One publisher has already decided to write a new text," he said. One, he said, that would include the contributions of religion to the history of this country.

The case also illustrates how some of the programs pit parents against children, Skolrood said. He pointed to incidents

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when students were instructed in a manner that suggested: "Don't bring the baggage of your parents' beliefs to class."

"They teach that there is no right or wrong," Skolrood said.

Judy Whorton was one parent who testified about her concern for the subject matter to which her sons were exposed. "I just believe the Christian values we were taught at home should be in our school, and all religions, not just one—Humanism," she is reported as saying in the October 26 issue of the *Washington Post*. She also objected to a requirement for students to devise a menu for a wedding dinner at which the groom was a cannibal.

The case grew out of the 1983 decision in an Alabama school prayer case over which Hand also presided. In that case Ishmael Jaffree, the father of a Mobile County kindergartner, learned that the school allowed prayer before lunch and filed suit against the system.

Hand ruled against the father, but he was overturned at a higher level of the appeals process. Hand contended that the Bill of Rights was not applicable to the individual states; therefore they were free to establish religious practices in their schools. The higher court disagreed.

Questioning the finding of the higher court in that case—an unusual stand for a federal judge—Hand concluded the following:

- If the 14th Amendment and the Bill of Rights apply to the states as well as to the federal government,
- and if that precludes the states' allowing a moment of silent prayer in the classrooms of states that have chosen to allow that practice,
- then no other religion should have the privilege of promoting its beliefs in the classroom either.

In his ruling in this Alabama case, he found that Secular Humanism is a religion—not an unprecedented finding—and that the Alabama curriculum promotes that religion in a number of textbooks used in a variety of subjects—a landmark decision.

Although reaction from the Conservative community is positive, Tayton Dencer, special counsel to the Rutherford Institute and private attorney, fears that the Alabama case may have been drawn with too wide a brush, with the result that it may be easily overturned during the appeals process. Even if it survives the initial process, because the

justices can rule only on matters of law and not matters of fact, he questions whether or not the United States Supreme Court justices will be willing to hear a case that is so general in its application.

The question as he sees it is whether or not the justices could find that Secular Humanism is incorporated into the textbooks at a level of significance. "They [the texts] are religious on some level, but not at a constitutional level," he contended. "The public schools will inevitably reflect the mores of our culture—which have a strong humanistic orientation—and in that sense will also be somewhat unneutral toward religion," Dencer said.

"The constitution clearly does prohibit antireligious propaganda such as is contained in some values clarification literature," he continued, "and a case can also be made against grossly biased history books. But we don't think it is profitable or practicable to try to seek out and repudiate all evidences of Humanism in the schools. To do that you would have to seek out and eliminate all evidence of culture in the schools, which is obviously impossible."

Constitutional attorney William Bentley Ball looks at the case differently: "Judge Hand's decision is very strong and very well reasoned." Its chances on an appeal are, he said, "very hard to predict. It will be a test of the sensitivity of the court to genuine religious liberty and the extravagant claims of Secularists."

And although Liberals are now classifying the decision as government censorship, Ball sees another side of the coin. "In fact censorship was what the Alabama case moved against. The deliberate exclusion of references to God and our religious tradition is a form of almost universal censorship taking place in the public schools. That censorship is now being broken through," he said.

Supporting the Alabama parents' determination to follow through on their convictions, LaHaye summarized the belief of those who use the courts to protect their First Amendment rights. "Christians have to wake up to the fact that this is a country of laws. We have to be more assertive and use the court system to defend ourselves, just as the ACLU has done."

■ Ann Wharton



SMU interim president William Stallcup.

Methodists Say SMU's Football Penalty 'Blessing in Disguise'

NEW YORK (RNS)—United Methodists in the Southwest are embarrassed about the athletic scandal at Southern Methodist University, prompting the National Collegiate Athletic Association to cancel SMU's 1987 football season.

But church leaders and university officials said that the NCAA's decision to invoke its so-called "sudden death" penalty—the strongest punishment ever imposed by the governing body of big-time college athletics—may be a good thing for the Dallas school's academic future and for its ties to the church.

"I really think this is a redemptive event," said United Methodist Bishop Walter L. Underwood of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a member of SMU's trustee board, in an interview the day after the harsh penalty was announced. "It's a blessing in disguise," he said. "The university is going to reestablish a closer tie to the church—a tie that has been visibly eroding over the past 20 years."

In recent years, said the bishop, the church has had fewer representatives on university governing boards, and the boards have been dominated by members of the Dallas business and corporate community. "That's where the money

was, and the school had to have big gifts to operate," he said.

During years when church leaders have not remained "intricately involved in policy-making, we've let an athletic department run wild," said Rev. Don Forsman of Trinity-First United Methodist Church in El Paso.

The NCAA ruling, announced earlier this year, bars the Methodist school from fielding a football team in 1987 and permits only a limited schedule in 1988, because athletic officials made improper payments of about \$61,000 to players. Other penalties include a provision that SMU teams cannot appear on live television or in a bowl game until the 1989 season.

Woman Found 'Not Guilty' of Fetal Abuse

Is a woman who practices a lifestyle contrary to her doctor's orders during pregnancy guilty of a crime when her child is born brain-damaged?

California Municipal Court Judge E. Mac Amos says she is not. Judge Amos ruled that Pamela Rae Stewart was not guilty of fetal abuse when she continued taking drugs and having sexual relations during her pregnancy, after her doctor directed her to halt both activities.

Amos ruled that prosecutors erringly applied a section of the California Penal Code to Pamela Stewart's case. The statute in question, he said, must be used only in child financial support cases and did not apply to the conduct of pregnant women.

However, Judge Amos suggested that the state legislature could construct a law specifically aimed at punishing pregnant women who harm their unborn children

during pregnancy.

The state penal code does have a 62-year-old section reading, "A child conceived but not yet born is deemed to be an existing person insofar as this section is concerned." That law, Judge Amos implied, was not to be for purposes of criminal prosecutions.

Publisher Will Upgrade Treatment of Religion in History Texts

NEW YORK (RNS)—At least one textbook publisher has responded to criticisms about its treatment of religion in history books by promising to make "significant changes" in this area in future publications.

Laidlaw Educational Publishers, based in River Forest, Illinois, is preparing a supplementary text on the "religious influence in the United States" and will include more such references when its current texts are revised in the future, said Herbert R. Adams, the firm's chief executive officer.

In a telephone interview, Adams said he has received an unusually high volume of mail on the issue, including "over 100 letters in the past two weeks." Laidlaw, the textbook division of Doubleday, was one of the publishers criticized in studies commissioned by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, People for the American Way, and the National Institute of Education.

Adams said he felt religion "has not been entirely left out, but it has been soft-pedaled to the point of being ridiculous" in textbooks published by his own firm and others.

In discussing his plans to upgrade the treatment of religion in Laidlaw books, the publisher stressed, "I am intent upon maintaining the separation of church

and state. Whatever we do in our textbooks would not be the inculcation of religious doctrine."

Independent Baptists Oppose Visit

NEW YORK (RNS)—When Pope John Paul II visits South Carolina September 11 and 12, the ecumenical red carpet will be rolled out for an interfaith prayer service in a university stadium and a session where the pope will meet with

25 Christian leaders from around the country.

But leaders of a group of Independent Baptists say they do not want any part of the interdenominational fanfare.

The South Carolina Baptist Fellowship—an organization of about 250 Fundamentalist congregations—has issued a statement protesting the papal visit and objecting to the expenditure of state funds for the event.

Tom Martin, secretary of the South Carolina Baptist Fellowship and pastor of Independent Bible Baptist Church in Prosperity, said his group "checked into

it" and learned that the university itself was not expending funds on the pope's visit, but that government money would be spent on an "all-out security effort" by the FBI, state law enforcement officials, and the city of Columbia.

The pope's visit to South Carolina—sponsored jointly by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston and the University of South Carolina—is part of an unusual yearlong celebration under the auspices of the state university.

The Fundamentalists contend that the university's role in the papal visit is a violation of the church-state separation guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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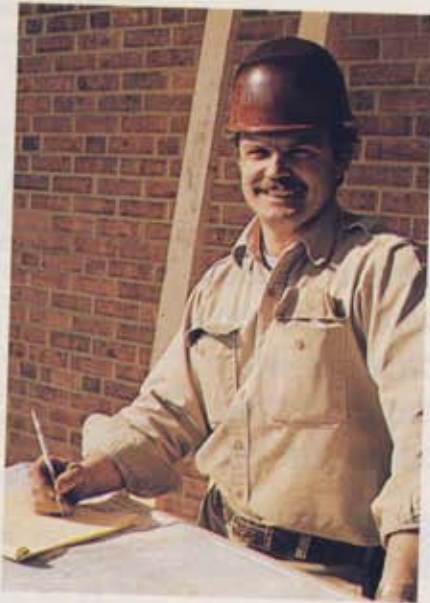
But for now there ought to be a level of tolerance and social acceptance.

Did Dr. Falwell compromise his theological convictions? Absolutely not. He still believes in the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible, in the deity, Virgin Birth, substitutionary Atonement, bodily Resurrection, and Second Coming of Christ. He is still a Fundamentalist.

What about cooperation with Charismatics? After all, he put Rex Humbard on the board. (On the other hand, why would Rex Humbard join with a non-Charismatic like Jerry Falwell?) Dr. Falwell's position on Charismatic theology has not changed and will not change. In the spirit of Christian civility he has agreed to help another Christian ministry, even when he disagrees with part of their theology. He has nothing to gain by this. He may even lose. But he has displayed maximum grace by taking the risk.

I'm not sure where all this is headed, so I'm taking one day at a time. But I'm committed to praying for Dr. Falwell as never before. This may be his greatest challenge. *Everyone* can at least pray. Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible. God will be glorified and good will be accomplished. Some people jumped ship the first day, feeling an obligation to publicly oppose Dr. Falwell. Volumes will be written against him, calling him a compromiser of the worst sort—even Liberal. He has not changed his theology—only added a title, chairman of PTL. I am committed to giving him time to work through a very complex and difficult task. Dr. Falwell, I'm counting on you, and you can count on me!

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The Changing Missions Climate

by Truman Dollar

During my recent tour of Asia I realized to a greater extent that a new day is dawning in world missions strategy, especially in developing Asian countries such as Korea and Japan. The changes are not necessarily bad, and in fact a sovereign God may well be using economic and social pressures to force us back toward a more biblical approach.

At the close of World War II most of Europe and Asia faced economic devastation. Their industries were virtually destroyed. Their cultures, traditions, and self-confidence were shattered. Their capacity to educate their people was limited.

At the same time, America entered the greatest period of economic growth in her history. Between 1948 and 1970 the United States enjoyed outstanding economic vitality, with low inflation, an expanding job market, unparalleled growth in personal income, and almost total domination of world markets. During that period, America spent enormous sums to help rehabilitate countries in Europe and Asia. America's influence around the world was at its highest plateau. Americans were respected and powerful. This all added weight to our presentation of the gospel and our leadership in world evangelism.

Conditions were ideal for the expansion of American missionary efforts. Churches could allocate large sums of money to send missionaries around the world. Thousands of young men, whose hearts were tendered by visiting Asia and Europe during the great world conflict, surrendered to return and carry the gospel to those same people. American mission societies experienced profound periods of growth and influence.

A problem, however, was that American missionaries often misused that power. The abuse was neither conscious nor planned, but it happened. Mission efforts often became a form of spiritual colonialism. Many Americans acted like landowners and entrepreneurs, rather than like missionaries and guests in



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foreign countries. They could and did buy influence and power. Converts who surrendered to preach often became the employees of missionaries. Some converts became little more than houseboys for missionaries, rather than fellow members of the body of Christ. American missionaries often retarded the growth of leadership among national converts by exercising too much control and leadership. Missionary dynasties were common.

Though their resentment grew continually, maturing Christian leaders in these countries remained virtually silent. But now they want to assume their rightful place as Christian leaders in their own countries. Discouraged by their declining influence and effectiveness, some American missionaries have resisted this natural leadership shift. But we must quickly admit our mistakes and reevaluate our leadership role. Everything in our world has changed in the last three decades—with great swiftness. The sooner we make the needed adjustments, the more effective and efficient

we will become in getting the gospel to the world.

Japan and Korea are emerging as industrial giants. Hong Kong has become a great banking and commercial center. Asians score so high on American university entrance examinations that informal quota systems are emerging. While Japan and Korea have trade balances, America had a \$147 billion trade deficit in 1986. At the same time, the U.S. dollar fell to its lowest point in decades. The cost of evangelism to Americans doing work in Japan and Korea is astronomical and may become prohibitive.

Japanese and Korean Christian leaders are often better educated than the American missionary leaders who seek to lead them. Most American missionaries cannot preach in Korean, even after being on the field for years. Asians consider this insulting. Tension between American missionaries and national leaders grows as missionaries fail to adjust.

Let me make two proposals for beginning the critical changes necessary for the future success of our evangelism efforts.

First, let nationals assume leadership as soon as possible. They must have the opportunity and experience to lead their own people. They are more effective. American missionaries must assume supporting roles wherever possible. Let the Daniel Kims of Korea, the Armie Jesalvas of the Philippines, the Nelson Morales of Chile, and the Gerson Rochas of Brazil lead their own people.

Second, let us convene a truly international group of Fundamentalist leaders to plan strategy for the nineties. Developing and Third World countries are sending out missionaries in significant numbers, and they need to participate. We must meet somewhere outside America to give stature to their leaders and let them become full partners in world evangelism. Let's do it now. We must win the world. We cannot do it by ourselves and we should not try. The command to carry the gospel to every creature was given to the church everywhere, not just to Americans. ■

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