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Is America Two Countries Masquerading as One Nation?

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What a presidential election it was. No living American has ever experienced anything remotely like its volatility, closeness, post-election indecision and extended lack of finality. Just over 100 million Americans voted the first Tuesday in November, and we did not have a certified President-elect until late in the evening of December 12, thirty-five days after Election Day. And even then, the real margin of victory was a single vote majority decision by the United States Supreme Court.

Now that it is over and the nation has seen the peaceful transfer of power from President Clinton to President Bush, what do the election results reveal about the people of the nation that is the United States of America? First, and very importantly, that peaceful transfer of such profound power speaks eloquently to the fact that we

are still a people with a deep and abiding respect for the rule of law, even when we profoundly disagree with the result. As Vice-President Gore stated in his concession speech to the nation in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision, "Let there be no doubt; while I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it."

The election results did reveal profound differences and deep divisions among the American people, differences that transcend region and socioeconomic status. The nation did vote very differently by region, with the Mountain West, Southwest, South and Midwest voting heavily for George W. Bush and the Northeast, West coast and Midwest urban metropolitan areas voting for Gore. Thirty states voted for Bush (271 electoral votes) and 20 for Gore (267 electoral votes), yet Gore won the total popular vote by approximately a half-million votes.

The regional division in the nation is even more dramatically revealed in the county-by-county vote across the country. County-by-county election maps published by *USA Today* (November 9) and the *Washington Post* (December 14) reveal a sea of Republican red with strips of Democrat blue in the Northeast, the West Coast, the Mexican-American border, and islands of blue Democrat strongholds in major Midwestern cities and along the Mississippi delta. The *Washington Post's* three dimensional map is particularly revealing with its dramatically soaring high-rise towers of

blue Gore support in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Bush won counties with a total population of 143 million while Gore's counties totaled 127 million. Significantly for future elections, Bush's counties grew by 14% in the last decade as opposed to Gore's counties' 5% growth. The 2000 U.S. Census reports reflect these growth patterns with states carried by Bush gaining a total of seven electoral votes and states carried by Gore losing a total of seven.

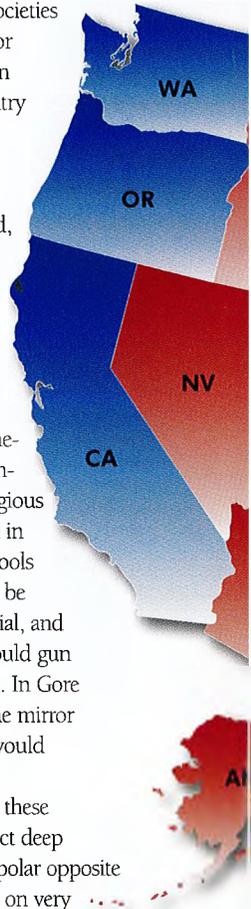
The nation also divided by sex, with 52% of men voting for Bush and 54% of women voting for Gore. The candidates' total combined gender gap of 21% was unprecedented. Yet, the regional and gender differences among the electorate masked and camouflaged even more profound cultural and values divisions among the American people. For example, although Gore prevailed by 54% to 42% among women, Bush carried married women 49% to 48% and women who don't work outside the home 52% to 44%.

Among married voters with children, Bush won 55% to 41%; and among self-identified religious right voters (14% of voters), Bush won 79% to 18%. Gays and lesbians voted for Gore 71% to 24%. Bush won a majority of people who attend church more than once a week while Gore scored heavily with those who rarely or never attend church. Gun owners voted for

Bush 60% to 36%, and yet you are more than six times as likely to be murdered if you live in a county carried by Gore than if you live in a county carried by Bush.

On cultural and values issues, two very different societies emerge. For example, in Bush country abortion would be rare and stigmatized, and there would be little serious discussion of recognizing same-sex relationships. Religious expression in public schools would not be controversial, and neither would gun ownership. In Gore country, the mirror opposite would be true.

Clearly, these issues reflect deep and often polar opposite differences on very important issues in people's lives. How do we live together as one people while in such profound and delicately balanced disagreement? We do so by maintaining and nurturing a common commitment to the rule of law and peaceful change. We agree as citizens to do our best to persuade and convince each other of the rightness of



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RECLAIMING THE POWER OF THE EARLY CHURCH

BY JOHN FRANKLIN

This series of articles has argued that the root cause of the moral collapse in America and more specifically the church has been the loss of the fear of God. My primary appeal to this fact is that on the whole those calling themselves Christians are basically doing the same things in the same proportions as the rest of the world.

In the last article, I contended that God is calling His people to account for their sin as evidenced by the fact that our enemies are winning. In this final article, I seek to answer the question, "If we are to repent and restore fellowship with God, if we desire to see God's favor and power exercised on our behalf again, then where do we start?"

The Bible, of course, is the plumb line the Holy

Spirit uses to measure obedience and practice. Because all Scripture was written for our benefit, and because the early church had power and favor with God, then can we not rightly assume that God left this record as an example of how churches in our day should also please Him? Does it not make sense to ask, "What did they do? Why did God use them so mightily? How did they conduct their relationship with God?" I used to answer that question solely by appealing to Acts 1:8, in which Jesus commanded them to be witnesses. Because they eagerly obeyed and God moved powerfully, I concluded that evangelism and missions were the practices that determined a powerful relationship with God. After careful study of the book of Acts, I no longer believe that.

Don't get me wrong. Missions and evangelism remain the preeminent tasks of the church. Jesus' fervor in stating the Great Commission four times after His resurrection proves that. But they don't *create* a healthy church life; they *reveal* a healthy church life. They are not the causes, but the effects. The apostles practiced missions and evangelism in the marketplace; but with the people of God, they primarily practiced two other things. One of them we continue to practice, but the other is less common. I believe the neglect of this second practice is the greatest contributor to our loss of favor and power with God.



The Practice to Which the Church Must Return

So what were the practices of the early church? Let's examine the choosing of the first deacons in Acts 6:1-4. A great problem arose in the early church because favoritism had crept into the ministry of feeding widows. The apostles agreed that correcting this problem was important, but they refused to personally oversee the ministry because it would interfere with their two primary ministries. What were they? The apostles' statement in verses 3 and 4 indicates the two primary jobs of church leadership were to corporately teach/preach/interpret the Word and to lead the church in corporate prayer.

There are two reasons I say these verses speak of corporate ministry. First, the Greek literally says, "Look . . . for men . . . whom we will appoint over this business, but we to the prayer and the ministry of the Word will steadfastly continue." It is obvious that verses 3 and 4 are contrasting the ministry the seven deacons will oversee with the two ministries the apostles will oversee. Second, a survey of Acts 1-5 reveals what they practiced. In these five chapters, every example relating to the Word and prayer dealt with the corporate life of the church. (For the Word see 1:16-22, 2:14-40, 2:42, 3:11-26, 4:23-31, 5:20-25, 5:42. For examples of prayer see 1:14, 1:24, 2:42, 3:1, 4:23-31.)

As Southern Baptists, we do fairly well in the corporate ministry of the Word. Preaching is the centerpiece of worship services. Sunday School has been our legacy for over 100 years. More recently, we have led the way in discipleship courses. While there is always room for improvement, we practice well the corporate ministry of the Word.

What we don't practice is corporate prayer. Until we do, we will not see significant change in our denomination. Please don't misunderstand me—I am not saying until we practice *personal* prayer, as vital as that is. No, I am boldly saying *corporate* prayer—prayer meetings in churches, in homes, even in our world. I base this on three facts from the Bible. First, the apostles listed corporate prayer as one of their two indispensable ministries. Second, the overwhelming majority of commands to pray in the New Testament are given to the church, not the individual. Jesus taught on prayer in 37 verses on 14 different occasions. Of those 37 verses, only four are addressed to the individual. In the other 33, He corporately addresses His disciples. Third, the mighty moves of God after Jesus' death on the cross primarily occur when the church prays, not when an individual prays. Before the cross God often worked in conjunction with the prayer lives of individuals; but in the book of Acts, He most often works through the prayer life of the church.

History records that when God turned a culture toward Him it was because Christians had practiced corporate prayer. I do not know of a single era since Jesus' day that the church influenced the culture more than the culture influenced the church apart from the church practicing corporate prayer. Likewise, in areas where Christianity is making great strides today—Korea, China, India, Africa and Latin America—corporate prayer is regularly practiced. This is a critical point: God will not exercise His power and favor on our behalf in our culture until we return to the practice of corporate prayer.



What Happens When the Church Fails to Pray

Prayerlessness produces at least five deadly consequences:

1. A lack of relationship with God—If we don't pray together, how can the church even say she has a relationship with God? She's not relating because she's not communicating. The whole purpose for which God saved the church is that we might know Him by experience, but prayerlessness robs that.

2. A lack of love for God—How can the church say she loves God if she doesn't spend time with Him? Those whom we love, we seek. Prayerlessness indicates a cold heart. God doesn't need our service; He only desires a love relationship.

3. A lack of dependence on God—If we don't call on God, then how can we say we depend on Him? We must be turning to something else—perhaps programs, preaching, promotion or the latest business principles from Wall Street.

4. A lack of obedience to God—God commanded prayer. A failure to pray is disobedience, pure and simple.

5. A lack of the proper fear of God—Whenever the people of God no longer experience the presence of God, they lose the fear of God. The lack of encountering God creates amnesia of His holiness and a willingness to disregard Him and our accountability for sin. Hence we have those claiming to be Christians doing basically the same things in the same proportions as the rest of the world.

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When Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission—"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matt. 28:19-20)—He was bestowing on them both an incredible blessing and an impossible task. Into *all* the world and preach? Certainly a disaster in the making! Yet when He sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), Jesus touched these ordinary believers with greatness, filling them with His miraculous power to spread the Gospel....

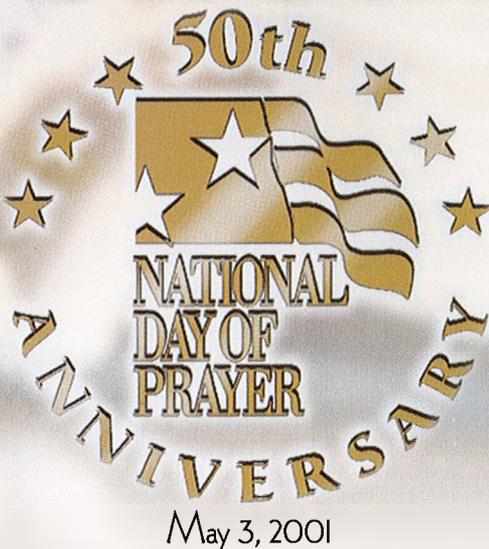
What strikes me about the early church was that believers continually sought to be filled by God (see Acts 4:23-31). They were known as a community who spent hours and even days in prayer together, waiting upon God and asking for His power (see Acts 2:42-47). They were longing to receive more of God's "hand"—a fresh spiritual in-filling of God's power that would turn impending, certain failure into a miracle and make their extraordinary assignment possible.... The rapid spread of the Good News in the Roman world couldn't have happened any other way.

Bruce Wilkinson in *The Prayer of Jabez*, Multnomah Publishers, Sisters, Ore., ©2000

Most prayer meetings in churches have only a fraction of their membership present. Perhaps it's because we no longer know the importance of prayer. Perhaps it's because many prayer meetings are dead. Perhaps it's because we don't view prayer as a priority. Whatever the case, the bottom line remains the same—until we return to corporate prayer, we will continue to lose out on the fullness of God's blessings. However, many churches are rediscovering prayer and are seeing their church life revolutionized. Testimonies abound of how God has responded to the cries of His people. These churches have experienced spiritual growth, numerical growth, debt retirement through prayer alone, healing of members and many other manifestations of grace. These evidences of God's involvement among His faithful call us back to the practice of corporate prayer.

The time is now. Let us wholeheartedly do whatever it takes until each church in our denomination can be called "a house of prayer." If we do that, God will be faithful to His promise. He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land. 🙏

Should We Pray fo



For more information about the National Day of Prayer, call (719) 531-3379 or visit the web site www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

BY MARK C. FRIED

During this age, when politicians often base decisions on self-preservation rather than integrity, it is typical for individuals to develop distaste for the political realm altogether. Have you ever said to yourself, "I'm sick of hearing that guy." "She disgusts me." "Why should I pray for him? He doesn't deserve it."

If you can identify with these statements, be sure there are many in the same boat. Many situations occur within our government that stand contrary to the very fiber of our beings. We become discouraged by the outcomes

and feel there is no need to be a part of the next battle.

But there is hope. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God tells us that if we will pray and repent, He will intervene on our behalf and bring healing to our nation. In that passage of Scripture, the Lord of the universe guarantees results. However, it is a promise based on one condition: His people must "humble themselves and pray... and turn from their wicked ways." Then and only then, will He "hear from heaven... and heal their land." God is looking to His people to make a commitment to unified prayer. He is looking for

us to take the easy, first step of simply joining together on bended knee. Then, He will do the rest.

In America, not only are we given the freedom to express ourselves through prayer; our government even encourages us to pray by suggesting a day to do so. Though May 3, 2001, will be only the 50th annual National Day of Prayer, calling upon fellow countrymen to intercede for our nation is not a new concept. In fact, it dates back to the early days of this country.

In 1775, the First Continental Congress asked the citizens of the new land to pray

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for the Lord's blessings, protection and guidance upon those who had been entrusted to lead. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of prayer in 1863 during the Civil War. President Franklin Roosevelt requested prayer on June 6, 1944, the day of the Normandy invasion. In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a resolution stating there would be an annual day of prayer; Ronald Reagan amended that resolution by stating that the National Day of Prayer should always take place on the first Thursday of each May.

Not only do we have the promise of the Lord's answer

to our prayers as stated in 2 Chronicles, but in 1 Timothy 2:1-4 we are commanded to pray for our leaders. It is not for us to judge a person's actions and remove him from our intercessory prayer list. Their party affiliation and their stand on heated political issues are irrelevant; we must lift all of our leaders before God's throne. This passage is not a matter of interpretation, only a matter of obedience. It is what God asks of us, and we know that He is blessed by our willingness to obey. Our founding fathers put their lives on the line in order to create a government that

allows freedom of religion. Their dreams of uninhibited religious expression live on today through many avenues, including the National Day of Prayer. The Lord calls us to intercessory prayer, and our government designates the first Thursday of each May to publicly pray for our nation and its leaders. Let us be the city on the hill that cannot be hidden. Let us be the "salt and light" in our communities. As this year's theme says, let us unite as "One Nation Under God" and pray on May 3.🙏

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Duties of a Christian Citizen

BY BILL BRIGHT

Citizenship in a free country is a blessing from God. Our great system of self-government assures every Christian a voice in the affairs of the nation. God wants us to do His will in government, just as in the church and in the home.

But we have disobeyed our Lord. We have ceased to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world," as Christ has commanded. As a result, the moral fiber of America is rotting away—and our priceless freedom is in jeopardy. Atheism is penetrating every area of our national life. America is faced with the greatest crisis in its history. We are in danger of losing our nation by default, and with it our individual freedoms and possibly our very lives.

If that should happen, our opportunity to help fulfill the Great Commission throughout the United States and the world will also be lost. And hundreds of millions will never have an opportunity to receive our Savior.

Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." America is the last stronghold of freedom on earth—and citizens who are dedicated to God are the only resource for the preservation of our freedoms, including the freedom to serve Him.

It has been reliably estimated that more than half of Americans profess faith in Jesus Christ. Even a small percentage of us can be used for God to set this nation on a new course of righteousness for His glory.

Your Christian Citizen Checklist

Being very honest with yourself, how would you answer the following questions?

- Do I pray faithfully** for a spiritual revival to sweep America?
- Am I a registered voter**, and do I encourage other Christians to register?
- Am I making a serious effort**, along with my Christian friends, to become involved?
- Am I actively involved** in helping to select and elect candidates?
- Do I vote faithfully** in every election for the best candidates, regardless of party?

If your answer to one or more of these questions was "no," this booklet is "must" reading for you. It will bring you to a new realization that faith in our Lord implies obligation and duty to serve Him in all areas of life—including citizenship. And what is far more important, it will show you how to practice your citizenship for His glory.

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RESCUED FROM THE ISOLATION OF ADDICTION

BY TED STONE AND PHILIP BARBER

From a young man addicted to cocaine to students who binge drink, each must bear the consequences of his actions. Discover some of the benefits of making the right choices.

Kevin stirred the venom in the tablespoon with the plunger from his syringe. Mixing the concoction of tap water and cocaine would save him from the hassle of repeating the process when he wanted another rush later.

The stuff was really pure, and Kevin's head was still throbbing from the bump he had done just a couple of minutes earlier. Or perhaps it was from the half ounce of methamphetamine he had done during the past two weeks. Or perhaps it was both.

Kevin removed his watch and took the syringe from his teeth, his clouded mind forgetting that he had done a bump just minutes before. The

thick dose he was now injecting was supposed to be the spare he had mixed for later. He began to unload the cocaine into his system; the rush was immediate.

By the time half of the drug had entered his blood stream, Kevin began to flop. He quickly realized that this was the second bump. "How could I have been so stupid?" he screamed as he jerked the needle out of his arm and headed for the bathroom door. Dizziness engulfed him. He thought frantically, *I know I'm going to die. God, please help this stupid fool!*

His chest heaved as his heart raced violently. He couldn't get the bathroom door open; he envisioned his dead body lying on the cold linoleum floor to be found by the apartment maintenance man on a routine pest control mission. All alone, he was overdosing on the sub-

stance he had once called his best friend. He fell to the floor, unconscious.

Two hours later Kevin awoke, surprised that he was still alive. When he had lost consciousness, his young but abused cardiovascular system had slowed enough to keep his heart from exploding.

Kevin was sure that for some unknown reason God had given him a special measure of mercy. He began making promises that he wasn't certain he could keep.

"God, I won't ever use the needle again. You can count on that." And he kept his promise. From then on he smoked his dope, whether it was cocaine or speed. He even cut back a little, but he was unable to completely shake the demons that had such a firm hold on his soul.

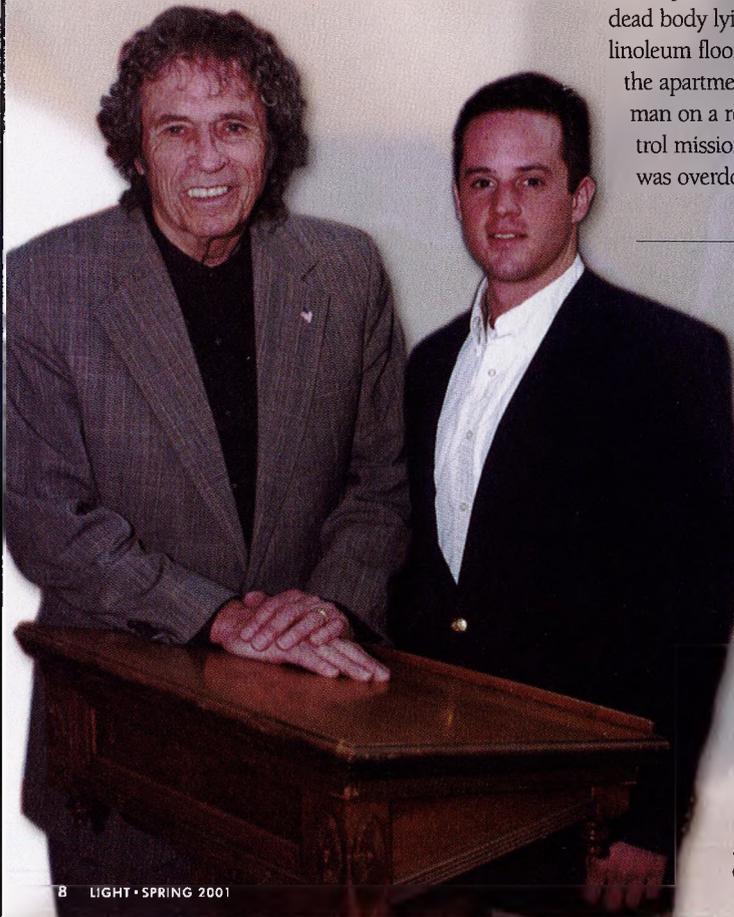
Kevin wanted to shake the misery of the whole drug scene. He knew that unless he

got away from the stuff, it would eventually kill him. He made an important decision to take the advice of a friend who had recommended a drug abuse rehabilitation program.

The rehabilitation center was located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, halfway across the country. He knew that this would force him to sever ties with past and present drug-abusing friends.

The treatment center phone was answered by a friendly male voice, then Kevin was put on hold. He almost hung up as he waited for the counselor to return to the phone, fearing that this attempt at recovery might prove to be another failure. He had a long history of running away from problems rather than dealing with them. But before he could retreat, the counselor returned to the phone.

Kevin's wall of resistance began to crumble as he spoke



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

In the early 1970s, Ted Stone (left), a respected businessman and former North Carolina pastor, became addicted to amphetamines. While in prison for crimes directly related to his drug abuse, Ted faced two big choices, one about his relationship to drugs and one about his relationship to God. His positive decisions changed the course of his life. Ted Stone has devoted his last 23 years to helping others avoid the problem that almost destroyed his life.

In 1997, Philip Barber, an amphetamine-abusing 23-year-old, found hope for his deteriorating life in the words of former "druggie" Ted Stone. Philip accompanied Ted on two of his cross-country hikes and found the same hope of recovery that the older crusader had discovered in prison nearly 30 years before.

Stone and Barber author two guide books to help readers find effective answers to America's tragic drug problem. Though not treatment programs, these books provide hope, encouragement and direction for those seeking help with the recovery process and for those who love these hurting people.

The article above was condensed from The Drug Tragedy—Guide Book I: Hope for the One Who Hurts by Ted Stone and Philip Barber (\$8.95), which is available in your local LifeWay Christian Store and from Ted Stone, P.O. Box 1397, Durham, NC 27702. Also available: The Drug Tragedy—Guide Book II: Hope for the One Who Cares by Ted Stone and Philip D. Barber (\$8.95) and Somebody Special by Ted Stone (\$10.00).

Ted Stone has pioneered ministry for those trapped in drug abuse over the last two decades. His heart of compassion and his dream of focused ministry in this area are examples for all of us. In these guide books, Ted Stone and Philip Barber have provided direction for ministry to those who are hurting from drug abuse and to those who care for those who hurt. These are valuable tools for anyone desiring to minister to those dealing with drug abuse.

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with the friendly counselor who seemed to really care about the stranger on the phone. This was a Christ-centered treatment facility, and this counselor's spirit reflected that. The druggie spilled out his story, and the listener kept providing encouragement, understanding all too well Kevin's plight. Then the counselor said that Kevin could be enrolled in the 60-day program if he could provide test results showing him free of HIV infection and tuberculosis and pay a small entrance fee of \$35.

"Our program is based on the Word of God. We expect you to abide by the rules and successfully complete the program," he continued.

Kevin privately rejoiced that he could afford to go to

the center. His hospital insurance had elapsed, and his habit had drained his financial resources and those of his family. He went to a local clinic for the medical tests and anxiously awaited the results. The negative results came two days later, and a relieved Kevin gave thanks to God for another chance at life.

His parents, so often disappointed by his pleas for help, reluctantly agreed to drive him to his destination. They prayed that this time he would finally be able to stay the course and rediscover some of the joys of the sober, self-controlled lifestyle of his distant past.

Nine months later, Kevin could humbly proclaim that he was still drug-free. This was the longest period he

could remember being sober since he was twelve years old. However, the change didn't come easily. He didn't stop with the primary 60-day program, but continued his treatment in a faith-based halfway house program in his new home state. While there, he established a good work ethic and strengthened his commitment to his new lifestyle. After six months at the halfway house, a tearful Kevin left what he had come to truly consider home to work in the information technology field at a well-known corporation. He now attends a church-affiliated support group on a regular basis, and through his trust in God has truly found new meaning for his life. 

Just "Killing Brain Cells"?

Teens Who Drink Risk Permanently Diminishing Their Learning Potential

Scientists have confirmed what many drinkers feared: alcohol consumption by the young appears to have a long-term, perhaps even permanent, effect. The news is particularly critical because an estimated three million American teens abuse alcohol regularly.

"We believe that the adolescent brain is more vulnerable to the neurotoxic effects of alcohol than the adult brain," said Aaron M. White, lead author of a Duke University study on drinking and teenagers in remarks to Reuters Health. The study, published in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, determined that alcohol impaired activity in the brain receptors responsible for memory and learning. That research, along with other studies, suggests the damage may be irreversible.

Researchers gave "adolescent" rats alcohol in a binge pattern in which they were given a lot of alcohol one day then allowed to "dry out" for a day. This was repeated over a 20-day period.

The group that "made the most errors was the group that had the binge pattern exposure as adolescents. These rats had a more difficult time finding their way through a maze that they were trained to navigate," White explained.

Unfortunately, binge drinking will leave lasting marks on this generation. A Harvard School of Public Health survey revealed that 44% of college students are binge drinkers,* and nearly 74% report they binged in high school.

"Teens who drink heavily may not realize their maximum potential," said Enoch Gordis, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The Duke study suggests that alcohol injures the hippocampus, a brain region involved in memory and learning. It had been known that adults who drink heavily for 20 or 30 years damage that sector of the brain, but the impairment was thought to surface only after decades of alcohol use.

While the standing joke among drinkers is that alcohol kills brain cells, Duncan Clark, a researcher at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said, "In this case, the implications are quite serious."

For information, visit <http://silk.nih.gov/silk/niaaa1/releases/adoles.htm>.

* A binge drinker is defined as a man who consumes as many as five drinks in one sitting within a two-week period or a woman who has four drinks in a row.

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Prevention Tools for Parents

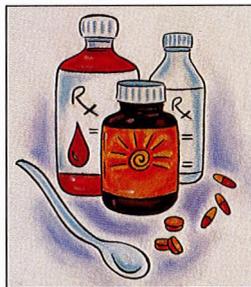
As a parent, your example is the most important tool for preventing your children from using drugs and alcohol. Studies show that many factors influence teens' drug-use decisions, but parental attitudes and actions can influence them the most.



EXAMINING YOUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

Your children learn from your example, and the influences can be subtle. So ask yourself the following questions:

- ▲ Is your medicine cabinet full of mood-altering chemicals?



- ▲ Do you medicate yourself with prescription drugs or alcohol anytime you feel distress or pain?
- ▲ Do you hang on to prescription drugs, just in case, rather than throw them out when the problem subsides?
- ▲ Do you routinely need an after-work drink or an after-dinner smoke?



- ▲ Do you laugh at drunken behavior on television or in movies?
- ▲ Do you wear, or allow to be worn, T-shirts or caps that have drug-related images or alcohol advertisements?
- ▲ Does the music in the house glamorize or trivialize drug or alcohol use?
- ▲ Do you show a lack of respect for the law by refusing to observe all driving regulations?

If you find yourself answering yes to many of these questions, you may want to make some changes if you want to be the most effective prevention tool possible.

The key to being an effective prevention tool is being a "parent in process." This means you don't claim to have all the answers. It means you are willing to admit to your children

when you have made mistakes. By word and deed, you convey the idea that in your family everyone is growing, making mistakes, confessing those errors, learning from the experience and receiving encouragement to try again.

You will also be a more effective prevention tool if you are an active participant in life. Boredom is a big factor in the



decision to use drugs. If parents' lives are boring, children are apt to lead boring lives as well. They need to see that life is full of fun things to do. Resist the urge to come home from work and slowly turn into a couch potato. Instead, show your children how to have fun. Hobbies, music, church involvement, art, sports



and exercise are all ways for parents to model alternatives to drug abuse. Take the initiative to stay active with your kids.

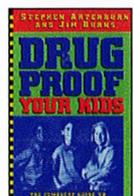
Children regard their parents' very presence in a room with them as a significant sign of caring. Your children need large doses of your time, interaction, playing, questioning, studying, praying and just being you. Whether your children let you know or not, they crave your affection, love your attention and seek your guidance. Even in the most rebellious times, your children are begging for you to reach them. Listen to them, and empathize with their problems. Offer solutions when possible; be a part of these solutions. Be sure they know you will always make time for them. ♣

This article is excerpted from *Drugproof Your Kids*, featured at right, which is available from the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. To order this book, call toll free: 1-800-475-9127. For additional resources on the subject of Substance Abuse Prevention, see pages 14-15 of this publication.

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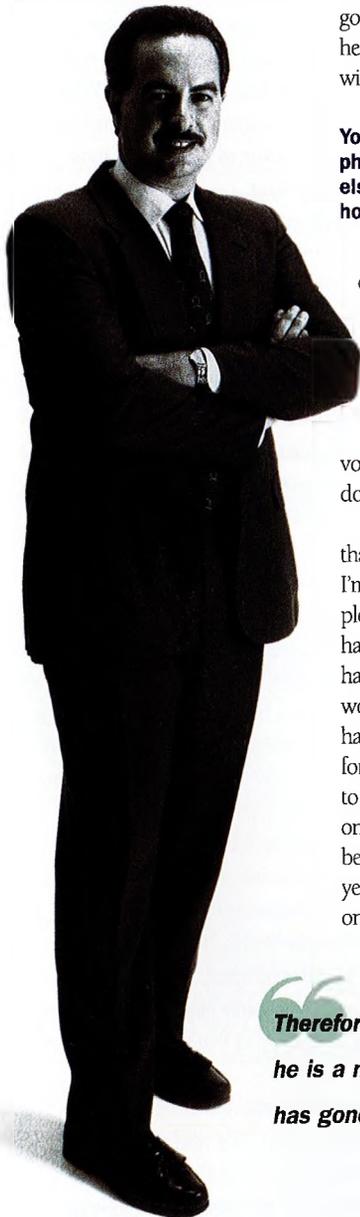
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Coming Clean

A FOR FAITH & FAMILY INTERVIEW WITH JORGE VALDÉS

As a former drug lord making more than \$1 million a month, Jorge Valdés knows firsthand the seductive power of the drug trade. Jorge was a recent guest on *For Faith & Family*, where he shared his powerful story of redemption and the transforming power of God.



What insight can you give people who may be already over the edge and addicted to illicit substances?

The core of any addiction is the same for everyone. It is that void inside of us where we have allowed the world to dictate to us that it has the substance that would fill us. It could be a pornographic magazine; it could be a bottle of alcohol; it could be a narcotic; it could be a prescription drug. The only thing that's going to fill that void in our hearts is an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Your real addiction wasn't physical — like everyone else, weren't you simply hooked on sin?

Yes, and sin doesn't always come in massive increments. I have never met a junkie who started out by shooting up two ounces of heroin or an alcoholic who started out drinking two gallons of vodka. No, sin comes in little doses, just a little bit at a time.

But sin will keep deceiving us that it will satisfy us. And what I'm here to tell people is real simple: I tried everything the world had to offer to the "nth" degree. I had all the wealth that anyone would ever dream of having. I had power. I had presidents of foreign countries bowing down to me. I could buy and sell anyone I wanted. I had the most beautiful women in the world, yet I wished every day that someone would end my life.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NIV

You had all that the world could give, but Christ revealed that you were missing something.

When I gave it all up, I allowed Jesus to change me. It doesn't mean that when I got on my knees and accepted Jesus Christ into my life that immediately I didn't desire pornography or power or any of that. I still desired it just as much as I did two minutes before I accepted Jesus into my life. The difference was that suddenly I felt guilty, and I had never felt guilty about anything in my life.

I realized how deep in sin I was. Suddenly when I had that desire, I felt bad; when I said a bad word, I felt convicted. I began to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to begin to change me. . . . I couldn't do it on my own. I began to ask God to change me, and I began to renew my mind.

This is very important. We just can't say, "Yeah, Jesus changed me. It's fine." No, I knew that my eyes had been continually fed what the world had to offer, and [I realized that] I needed to, like the apostle Paul said, renew my mind through the reading of Scripture. We have to inundate our minds with the Word and saturate our lives with the Word.

What would you say to Christians as they seek to minister to those addicted to worldly substances?

I sign all my books, "2 Cor. 5:17," which basically says, "When a man or woman be in Christ he is a new creation. Behold all things become new, and the old passes away." And that was my challenge to the church as I wrote *Coming Clean*. Let's come clean and be convinced that God can change anybody. God can change the most horrible of all sinners. And if you are thinking, *I am too dirty to come clean*, I [say] that if the Bible were to be [written today], I believe that Paul would say, "Of sinners, I was the greatest, until Jorge Valdés came along."

We need to come clean. We need to come clean, first and foremost, with God; we need to come clean with our pastors; we need to come clean with our spouses; we need to come clean with our children. Healing did not begin in my life until I came clean. It's not an easy thing to do. We love to hang on to our skeletons. It's not easy to let the world know, "I was this, but this is what I am through Christ today." But that is just what we need to do.†

For Faith & Family is a 30-minute weekday radio program hosted by Dr. Richard Land. The *For Faith & Family* broadcast ministry reaches more than 1.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 stations across the country. Live and archived broadcasts can be heard at:

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Dr. Jorge Valdés is the Executive Director of Coming Clean Ministries, Inc. After serving a prison sentence for drug-related crimes, Jorge Valdés earned a master's degree from Wheaton College. In 1999, Jorge completed work on his doctorate in New Testament studies from Loyola University.

ABOUT THE BOOK

As a young man in his twenties with an insatiable thirst for money and power, Jorge Valdés worked his way up inside Colombia's powerful Medellín drug cartel to become head of U.S. operations. Meeting some of the most prominent people in the world, this Cuban immigrant, raised in poverty, was living the high life in more ways than one. Then Jorge Valdés met a person much more powerful than the strongest drug lord, someone who offered something more satisfying than women, drugs, money, prestige or power.

Coming Clean: The True Story of a Cocaine Drug Lord and His Unexpected Encounter with God by Jorge Valdés offers an insider's view of the drug industry and the greed that drives it. More important, it weaves a compelling story of forgiveness, renewal and hope. Water Brook Press, ISBN: 1-57856-294-5



Filling the Empty House, Finding the Most Excellent Way

BY DAVE CORSON

Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Eddie Echarri was an altar boy in the Catholic Church before being dismissed for getting drunk on stolen parish wine. By the age of 15, he was selling drugs and stealing cars, which led to a \$400-a-day drug habit. Today, he has conquered the "drug demons" of a 15-year addiction and shares his story of hope and deliverance through Jesus Christ with drug and alcohol addicts in Pensacola, Florida.



Eddie has sold drugs for the Gotti crime family. Eddie nearly lost his life in a shootout with the New York City Police Department. Eddie has served time in Sing Sing. Eddie Echarri has seen his share of "excitement" in his 47 years, but today his greatest excitement comes from leading people to Christ and helping them kick their drug and alcohol addiction.

Eddie has been the Director of Community Ministries at Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, for the last two years. His primary duties are ministering to persons addicted to drugs and alcohol and to inmates in local jails. He also leads the church's *Most Excellent Way* program, which seeks to make participants "God dependent" rather than chemically dependent.

But offering Christ's abundant life to the downtrodden has not always been Eddie's main concern. Raised in Brooklyn, New York, he was an altar boy in the Catholic Church until he was dismissed for getting drunk on the parish wine he had stolen. He dropped out of high school at age 15 because he discovered the money he could make selling drugs and stealing cars and had been arrested on more than one occasion.

At age 26, Eddie and a friend decided to go for the big score by robbing a merchant neighbor of the \$100,000 in cash he had hidden in his apartment. In an attempt to escape the phalanx of police officers—who were called by two children hiding in the apartment—Eddie jumped through a window of the third-story residence. Landing hard on the street, he broke his lumbar vertebrae in five places and fractured both ankles and his left hip. He was apprehended and hospitalized for the next six months. During that time he became chemically dependent on morphine. With the help of a mafia lawyer, Eddie accepted a plea bargain and was sentenced to five years in prison. He served his time in some of New York's most infamous prisons, including Attica and Sing Sing.

Only a week after his release from prison in November 1984, Eddie shot and wounded his sister's former boyfriend. While in prison for that offense, he met a member of the Gotti crime family who gave him the name of one of their drug dealers. As soon as he was released, he contacted the dealer. Now both a user and seller of cocaine and heroin, Eddie was once again arrested and convicted. Toward the end of his incarceration, he began calling an old friend who lived in Pensacola. The friend, Tony Aponte, told Eddie that he could come to live with him and his family, but there was a catch: he would have to stop using drugs and cursing because they were born-again Christians.

Upon his release, Eddie considered Tony's offer but was leery of his friend's "fanatical beliefs." Instead, he returned to his \$400-a-day heroin habit. However, when a drunk driver killed his young niece, Eddie decided he needed to move far away from the heartaches and temptations of the New York City streets. He accepted Tony's offer.

Eddie determined to kick the heroin habit by going "cold turkey." For 13 days, he could not sleep. In his pain and despair he called out to God to help him. He began to read Tony's Bible. Tony and his wife invited him to church, and six months later he committed his life to Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Olive Baptist Church.

One day, as God was dealing with his past failures, Eddie recalls reading Matthew 12:43-45: *When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, "I will return to the house I left." When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first...*

Eddie realized that neither willpower nor eight detoxification programs had conquered his 15-year battle with addiction. The void in his life (his "empty house") was being filled by drug demons, which progressively made his life more and more miserable. He began filling the void with

God's Word and attended Olive's new *The Most Excellent Way* class. In turn, God began to remove his anger, his bitterness and his craving for drugs.

Yet now he faced a new challenge: prospective employers drew back when they learned Eddie was a convicted felon. He applied at numerous places, including his own church, but no one would hire him. After being in Pensacola for a year, he gave up and bought an airline ticket, planning to return to his old haunts in New York City. In the Sunday morning service before his flight, he came to the altar to pray. After the service, the church's administrator asked him if he still needed a job. The next evening Eddie began working as the night custodian and security guard at Olive Baptist. From robbery on the streets of New York to guarding the house of the Lord in Pensacola, Eddie Echarri had come a long way in one year.

A few months later, an Olive couple told Eddie that God had impressed upon them to use their salary bonus to pay for Eddie's airfare to attend a *Most Excellent Way* conference in California. Eddie says that conference changed his life. He began to see how God could use someone with his life experiences and past failures as a leader in *The Most Excellent Way* program at his church.

Under Eddie's leadership, Olive Baptist Church's *Most Excellent Way* program quickly grew from four people to more than 60 and expanded to other churches. Eddie worked as a custodian for three years, until the spring of 1998, when Olive's pastor, Ted Traylor, asked him to join the pastoral staff and work full-time with drug and alcohol addicts and inmates in the area's jails and prisons. Today, there is a *Most Excellent Way* meeting every day of the week in churches throughout Pensacola, and the only One who can conquer an empty lifestyle has filled the hearts of drug addicts and alcoholics. In addition, scores of inmates have given their lives to Christ because of Eddie's witness. Eddie confesses that only through prayer and by keeping his eyes on Jesus can he find escape and victory from his past. ❶

Dave Corson is Administrative Pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

Eddie is an example of God's grace. His life-changing story and subsequent ministry have thrust Olive Baptist into a new arena of helping the bankrupt, bound, blind and bruised souls of our culture. He is grace on display.

— PASTOR TED TRAYLOR

The Most Excellent Way

The Most Excellent Way has a singular mission: to find the lost sheep who are wandering aimlessly through their lives in bondage to chemical addiction, and to bring them and their families into the fold. In 1986, Glenn Wright, a former alcoholic, began a ministry to people who were chemically dependent by holding weekly prayer and support meetings at Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego. Attendance at those meetings grew so phenomenally that it became apparent to Wright and his wife, Judy, that they needed to write leadership materials that could be used by other churches.

In contrast to Alcoholics Anonymous, the program teaches that God-dependency is the only answer to chemical dependency, and its Ten Attitudes of Victorious Living are based on the Beatitudes. The basic tenets of the program encourage participants to:

- ▲ Be reconciled to God through Jesus.
- ▲ Grow in faith and knowledge of Christ.
- ▲ Gain a better understanding of the sin nature that leads to addiction and obsessive behavior.
- ▲ Learn and apply biblical principles for living joy-filled, productive lives.
- ▲ Provide support to those who desire freedom from drug and alcohol dependency, and other self-centered behavior.
- ▲ Confess our problems one to another.
- ▲ Pray for one another.
- ▲ Love one another.

Glenn's firsthand knowledge of the grip of chemical dependence gives him a deep appreciation for love, acceptance and forgiveness. "As a young Christian I was in AA for about two years, and Jesus' name was heard only as a swear word. . . . I found that I needed the biggest book, the Bible, not AA's big book. The quality of love we want to share is God's *agape* love—the ability to accept and forgive one another just as God, the Father, accepts and forgives us because of our faith in Jesus, His Son."

"The name *The Most Excellent Way* comes from 1 Corinthians 12:31 (NIV)," Judy says. "*The Most Excellent Way* is victorious living in Jesus and love for one another!"

For more information about *The Most Excellent Way* visit www.mostexcellentway.org or call 1-800-548-8854.

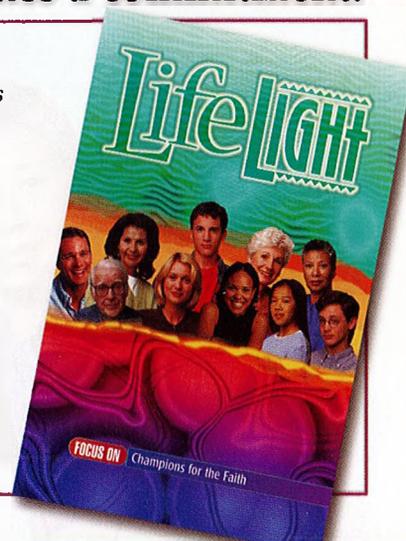
Anyone can be a champion for the faith. It just takes a commitment.

Like Eddie Echarri, a champion for the faith is a Christian from any walk of life who desires to change the culture for good, one heart and one mind at a time. No special skills are required, just a willingness to commit to serving God by serving others.

Our "**Champions for the Faith**" LifeLight is designed to encourage Christians to fulfill Christ's commands for His followers to be "salt" and "light"—change agents in society for good and for God in every area of their life. This four-color, four-page, undated resource is sized to slip neatly into traditional worship bulletins or to be distributed alone as an informative leaflet. It is particularly suited as a handout to accompany a sermon series that outlines Christians' obligations to carry the life-transforming Good News of the Gospel out into the culture as they "live holy and godly lives" (2 Pet. 11b). Further, it encourages the creation of Christian life committees in local churches.

For more information or to place an order for LifeLights or any other of our useful resources, call the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission at 1-800-475-9127 or send e-mail to orders@erlc.com.

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**SUGGESTED FOCUS SUNDAY:
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The third Sunday in March is designated Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday. The dual purpose of this emphasis is to focus on problems caused by alcohol and other drugs and to offer creative, biblically based approaches to prevention and cure. With that in mind, the ERLC offers the products at right to assist churches and individuals in their ministries as they address this important issue. To order resources or obtain a color catalog with additional product information, contact us at:

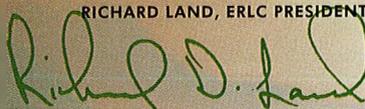
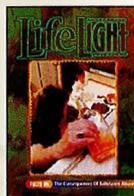
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It is critically important that people of faith — those who know the joy of keeping their mind and body pure — do all in their power to protect those around them from the harmful, often deadly, lure of substance abuse. God expects us to make known the truth that abstinence from alcohol and illicit drugs is not only wise, but that it honors Him as we place our trust in God alone and not in worldly substances that tempt with fleeting pleasure.

RICHARD LAND, ERLC PRESIDENT

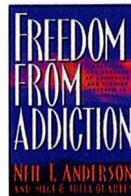
LifeLight

This undated publication includes real-life scenarios, biblical application, statistics, action points and resources. It can be used as a bulletin insert or hand-out when addressing substance abuse.

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Substance Abuse Prevention Poster

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Freedom from Addiction

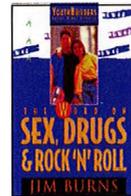
This book offers hurting people tools to help them grasp the Truth that can set them free from the vicious cycle of addiction.

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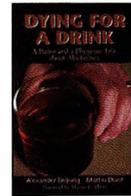
This high-involvement, discussion-oriented book is a dynamic resource for those working with youth, directing them to find answers in God's Word.

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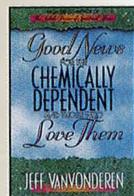
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Dying for a Drink

In this book, pastor Alexander DeJong talks openly about his descent into heavy drinking, his shame and fears of discovery, and his growing understanding of the disease through his family's support, group therapy and the care of a Christian physician.

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Good News for the Chemically Dependent and Those Who Love Them

This book by Jeff VanVonderen describes how people become dependent; steps to overcoming dependency; why total family wellness is essential to long-range recovery; and what friends, loved ones, and the church should (and shouldn't) do to help the dependent person.

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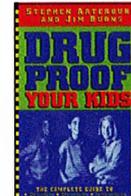
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Book: BKDRU \$9.90 ea.

Video: VTDRU \$18.60 ea.

Critical Issues: A Case for Abstinence

This pamphlet addresses the negative effects of alcohol abuse while issuing a challenge to churches to address the devastation left in its wake.

CIACAU \$6.50/20



The Touch of Two Kings*

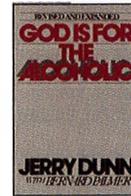
Rick Stanley shares his life on the road with his stepbrother, the legendary Elvis Presley. He tells how alcohol and drug abuse took him to the brink of destruction, until he met the most important person in his life: Jesus Christ.

BKTOU \$10.00 ea.

Children's Activity Sheet

Revised every year, this informative and fun activity sheet makes a wonderful educational tool to share with children when emphasizing Substance Abuse Prevention.

ADCHIU \$1.80/20

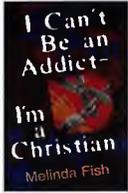


God Is for the Alcoholic*

This book is the product of Jerry Dunn's escape at the end of a two-year drunk, when he picked up a Bible in a Texas prison. He knows firsthand that the road up from alcoholism is long and difficult but that it can be followed with God's help and through commitment, patience, and diligence. This revised edition offers sections on understanding alcoholism, ways to help the alcoholic and ways the alcoholic can help himself.

BKGODIS \$10.45 ea.

Abuse



I Can't Be an Addict - I'm a Christian

This book helps Christians identify the symptoms of addictive behavior and offers a biblical approach to overcoming many kinds of addictions.

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Choices: The Chip Cuozzo Story*

Chip Cuozzo's family shares accounts of his struggle to find identity and purpose in today's world. This inspirational story offers the discovery of hope we can all find if we make the ultimate choice in life.

VTCHO (35 min.) \$13.50 ea.



The Bible Speaks on Alcohol

This pamphlet examines the dangers of alcohol and drunkenness from a biblical perspective.

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Christian Life Style for Youth: Drugs

This pamphlet takes a look at some reasons teenagers experiment with drugs, specific drugs and their effects, Christian principles to apply to drug usage, and where young people can go for help. Includes section on crack and herbs as drugs.

YODRUU \$6.80/20 ADCC Free

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Messengers to the 1999 Southern Baptist Convention signed cards pledging to "abstain from the use of any substance that would impact negatively" on his/her behavior or Christian witness, i.e., alcohol and other drugs. These cards are available at no charge to those who are willing to join this effort to curb the negative effects of substance abuse in our communities. Order a supply for your congregation, specifying the product code below.

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Setting a Foundation for Christian Life

Building Your Life on Solid Ground



Sand castles are fun to build, but they don't last very long.

When we would go to the ocean, I would tell my Mom and Dad I was going to build the biggest castle ever. I would first dig a hole so I could have sand to build my huge castle. But as quickly as I would pull the dry sand out of the hole, more sand would slip back into the hole. So then I would ask my Mom or Dad if I could move a little closer to where the waves were coming in because the sand was wet there. Then I could really start working on my sand castle.

But before I could finish building the biggest castle ever, the waves would get bigger and roll further up the beach. At first I was excited because the edge of the waves would put water in the moat around my castle. Then all of a sudden the waves pushed right over the walls around my castle and washed away all my hard work. I would only be sad for a little bit because even though I wanted to build the biggest castle ever, I knew when the ocean's waves moved in — my castle would be history!

I learned from going to the beach that not even the greatest castle ever stands very long when it's built on the sand.

Jesus used this same picture to describe the people who do not follow His teachings. He said those who hear and read His words but ignore them are like a silly man who builds his house right on top of the sand. When bad times come along — just like big waves — that man is in deep trouble. He doesn't have Jesus to hold onto when he is sad, mad or glad.

The person who hears and reads what Jesus teaches us in the Bible and obeys Jesus is like the smart man who builds his house safely upon a solid rock. He doesn't have to worry about bad times or big waves because his faith is in Jesus.

We must trust in Jesus and Jesus alone. Even though you might not be old enough to build anything but a sand castle, you are old enough to begin building your life on Jesus' teachings in the Bible. He cares for you, and He wants you to trust in Him with your whole life.

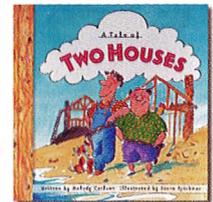
Bible truth: If you allow Jesus to be in control of your life, He will never disappoint you.

Bible verse: Luke 6:47-49

RECOMMENDED READING:

A Tale of Two Houses

In this marvelously illustrated hardback book, two friends build very different houses on very different foundations. Using inspired rhythm and rhyme, the author presents Jesus' parable about the foundations upon which we "build" our life. The book makes it clear that it is foolish to build on "sand" but wise to build "on a rock that's solid and true."



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