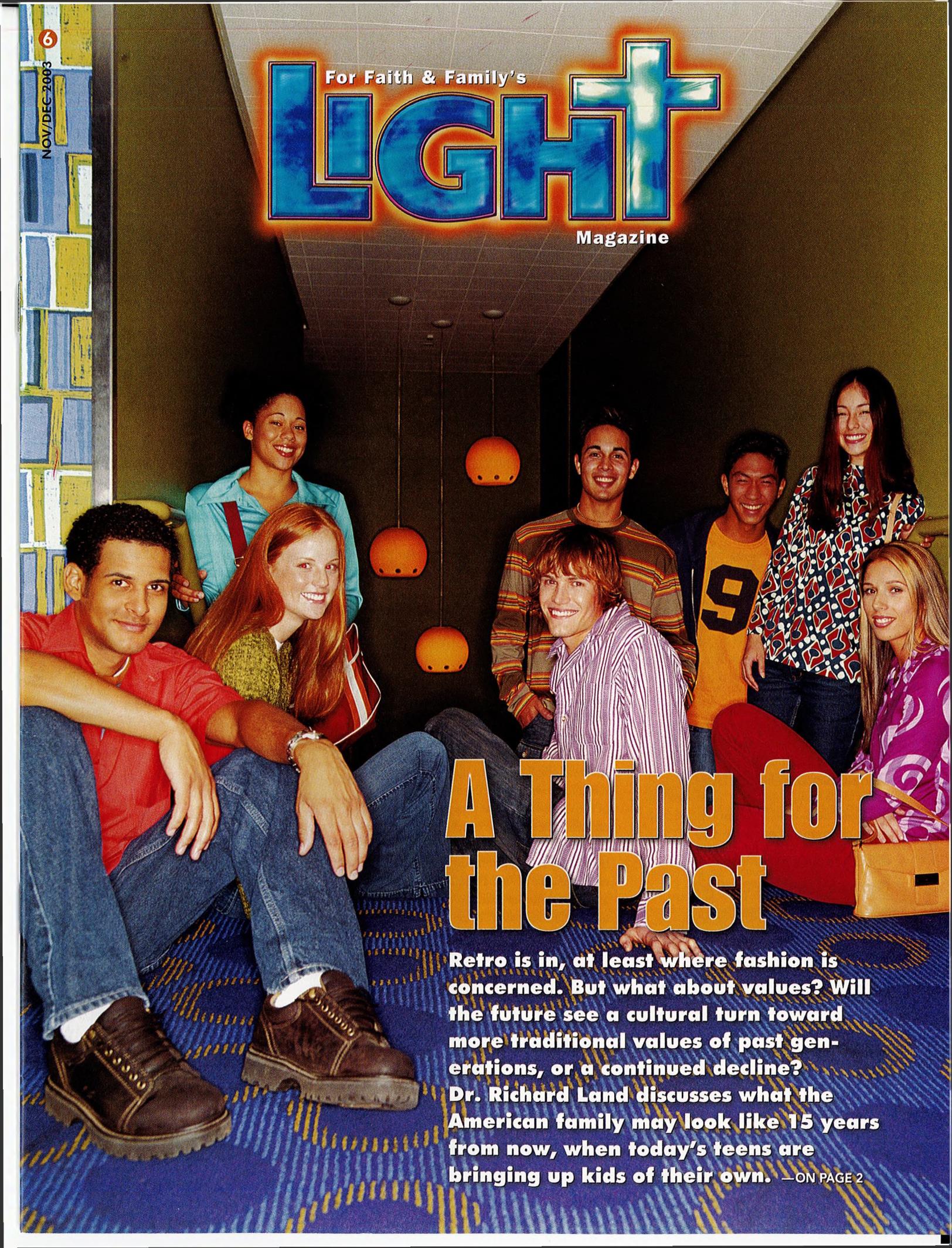


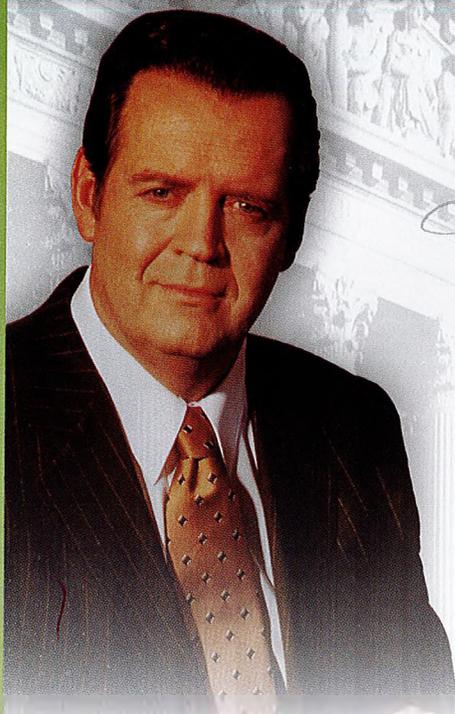
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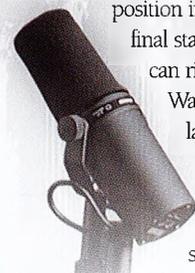
Retro is in, at least where fashion is concerned. But what about values? Will the future see a cultural turn toward more traditional values of past generations, or a continued decline? Dr. Richard Land discusses what the American family may look like 15 years from now, when today's teens are bringing up kids of their own. —ON PAGE 2



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THE CULTURE: 15 YEARS AND

BY RICHARD LAND, President of the SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and host of the nationally syndicated daily radio broadcast, For Faith & Family



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with Dr. Richard Land

When the Lord led me to this position in 1988, we were in the final stages of what I believe can rightly be called World War III, more often labeled the Cold War.

For those of us who knew nothing but a Cold War consciousness, it would have been unthinkable at that time to live in a world out of the shadow of communism's original and greatest power, the Soviet Union. Yet within three years the Iron Curtain had collapsed and the USSR had splintered into numerous republics. Most of us were surprised to watch it happen as bloodlessly as it did.

We now know that Ronald Reagan and his policies had much to do with those events. And evangelical Christians had much to do with his occupancy of the White House. The assault on their values, plus the organizational efforts of such groups as the Moral Majority, had motivated evangelicals in both 1980 and 1984 to become involved and to help elect Reagan. In 1988, evangelicals again helped make the difference in electing the first President Bush.

Had Reagan not been elected, the Soviet Union could have tottered on for another twenty years. Evangelicals have been understandably frustrated at the impact of the Reagan and first Bush administrations, but our foray

into the public policy arena the last quarter of a century continues to bear fruit.

For instance, I believe the last fifteen years have seen America turn the corner on the sanctity of human life issue. For the first time since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, a majority of American women believe the legalization of abortion on demand was a bad ruling. We have the semblance of a pro-life majority in Congress and arguably the most pro-life president ever.

On the cultural issues, we are in marginally better shape now than we were in 1988. We have an evangelical/Judeo-Christian

critical juncture, and the choices we make will produce long-lasting results. We will live in a different climate in another fifteen years; the delicate cultural balance we now find ourselves in will not exist. The America of 2018 will be much better or much worse than it is now.

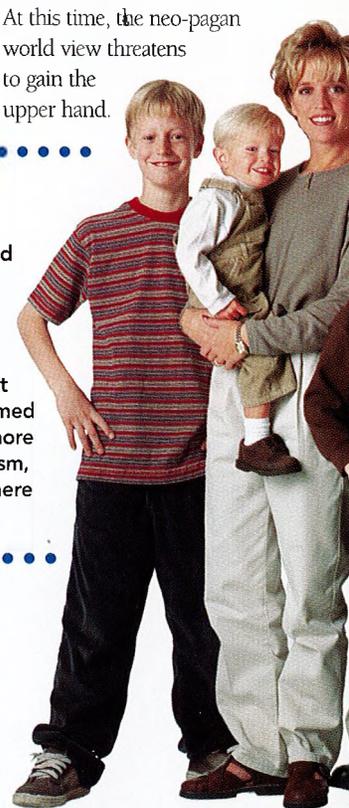
We will live in a society that has much more aggressively affirmed Judeo-Christian values or much more aggressively affirmed neo-paganism, where the only absolute is that there are no absolutes. At this time, the neo-pagan world view threatens to gain the upper hand.

JEOPARDIZING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

We stand at a critical juncture, and the choices we make today will produce long-lasting results. The delicate cultural balance we now find ourselves in will not exist in 2018. We will live in a society that has much more aggressively affirmed Judeo-Christian values or much more aggressively affirmed neo-paganism, where the only absolute is that there are no absolutes.

base that is stronger theologically and larger. We are more mature in the way we operate in the public policy arena and therefore more effective.

We will need these skills and the grace of God to wage the fierce cultural conflict that confronts us. We stand at a



October 2003 brought my fifteenth anniversary of service as president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. While there have been dramatic changes in the ERLC (formerly the Christian Life Commission) and the Southern Baptist Convention, the cultural shifts in America and around the world have sometimes been breathtaking in scope. In many ways, we have witnessed God at work mightily.

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I believe the immediate battle in this conflict will be over the nature of marriage. Promoters of same-sex marriage are seeking to dynamite the foundation of society. If homosexual marriage is legalized, it is hard to see how we will recover from losing this institution as it has been defined for fifteen hundred years. That could be the first slip down the slope to a moral abyss.

A neo-paganist triumph would produce in fifteen years, I believe, a widespread decline on the issues that matter most:

Human life would become much more commodified. Clone plantations would produce Frankensteinian tragedies. Women would sell their eggs in the name of producing engineered children. There would be abundant harvests of fetal tissue to prolong the lives of narcissistic people.

Children would be vulnerable to the sexual appetites of adults. The pedophile movement would be where the homosexual movement is now. The age of consent would be lowered. The sexual abuse and molestation of children would have multiplied.

Pornography would be at epidemic proportions. Hardcore porn would be regular fare on television.

Religious freedom would be stifled. Neo-pagan orthodoxy would be extremely intolerant of any opponent. Those who hold to a Judeo-Christian world view would find themselves vilified at best and legally restricted at worst for opposing neo-pagan ideology.

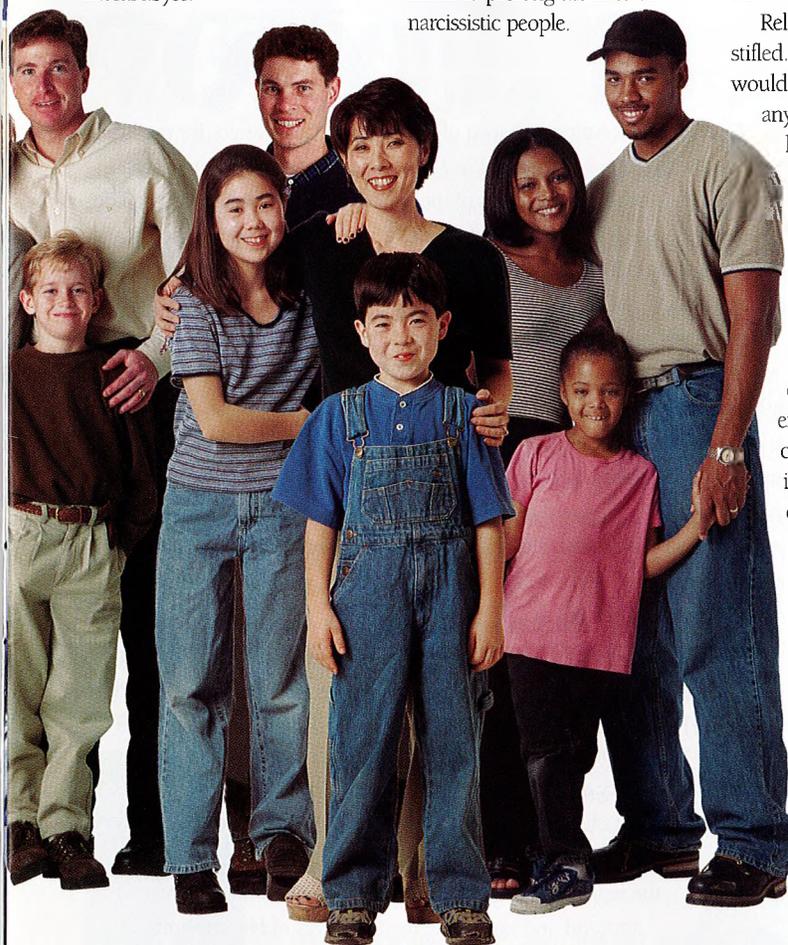
The good news is I believe we can win this conflict if we are willing to endure the stinging criticism guaranteed with our involvement. As evangelicals, we are probably in much better shape to fight this war than we were fifteen years ago.

Because I ascribe to the understanding that the seven churches in Revelation represent the successive church ages, I'm often asked if we are still in Philadelphia, the church of great missionary

expansion, or Laodicea, the lukewarm church that Jesus spits out of His mouth. I tell people I don't know.

In fifteen years, however, we will know. If it is still Philadelphia, what we are seeing now is the start of a great evangelical awakening and a better society marked by Judeo-Christian values. If it is Laodicea, we will live in a much worse society marked by neo-pagan values. As described in Revelation 3, Christ literally will be locked out of His own church.

I can think of no better moment to pray as if it depended upon God and work as if it depended upon us. ☩



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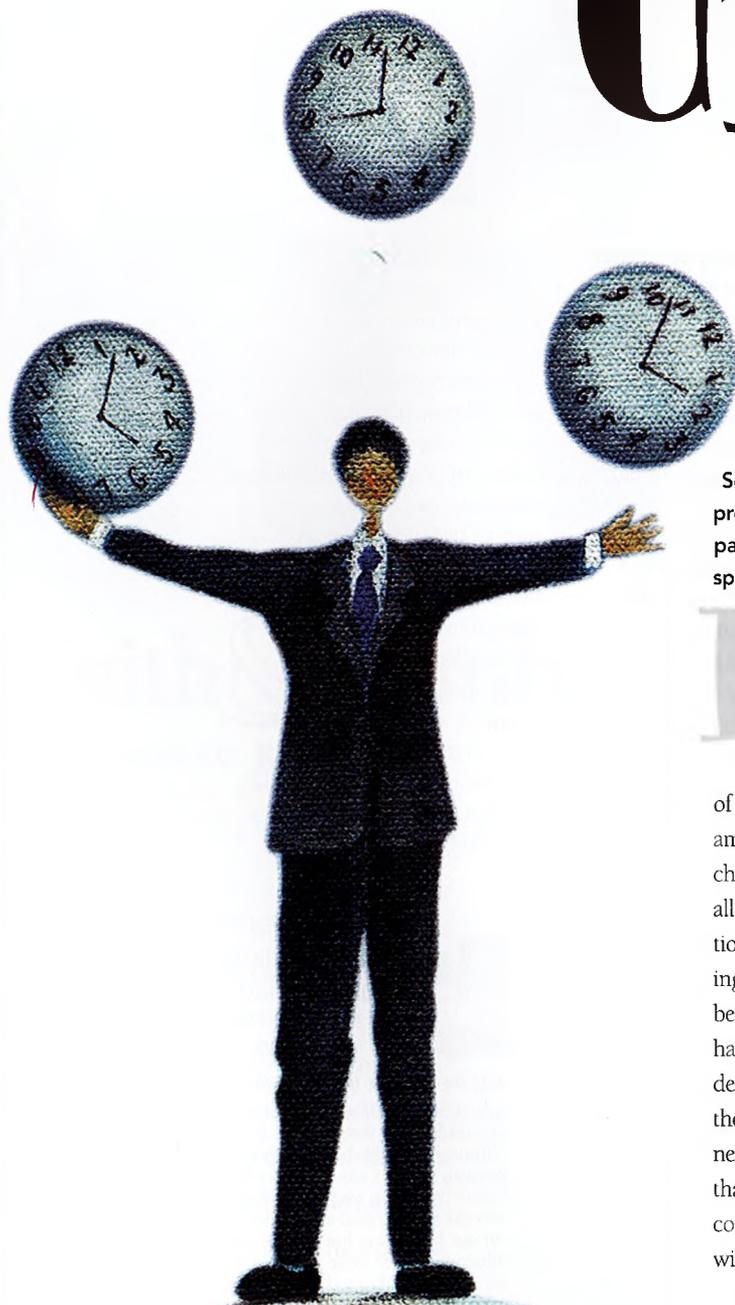
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Tyranny of the Urgent



There is just not enough time in the day for a pastor to do all he knows he should be doing—like making sure his congregation understands God does have something to say about the pressing moral and ethical issues in the culture. For many pastors it is less about the lack of time available to research these important issues than it is about his fear that the congregation will be up in arms over any discussion from the pulpit of so-called controversial issues.

Some have said if God's children began acting like His children, Christians would prevail on many of these very important social and moral issues. David Shelley, a pastor in Athens, Ga., believes it's past time for his fellow church leaders to start speaking out on the critical cultural issues of the day.

Dear Fellow

I want you to consider becoming a beacon of light in your community for the lives of the unborn. I know that all of us are too busy to add another thing to our plates. I am a busy pastor, a Ph.D. student, president of the Athens (Georgia) Area Right to Life chapter, a husband, and the father of three small children. I understand that you work all day, most evenings, and have very little free time. We pastors are like general practitioners (without the pay!). We must prepare for and deliver two or three original, riveting, exciting, appealing sermons a week! I understand the pressure you face to do your best in the pulpit. Unfortunately, we are often "graded" on our pulpit skills when we have very little time to invest in preparation. On top of that, we are all continually devoting our time to counseling and comforting the hurting, the down and out, and the disenfranchised. We have budgets to coordinate, committees to meet with, personnel to supervise, and the ever-present critics who just stop by to tell us all the things that "people" are saying about our faults and weaknesses. If you are like me, you often come home from the church, after another fourteen-hour day, with your mind filled with the things that you did not get done!

With all of that said, I want to ask you to rise above the fray and consider something eternal. Every life is filled with the mundane and the "have-to-dos." Someone called it the Tyranny of the Urgent. But life is too short to not make a significant difference in the world. In every generation, there is a work of God that is eternal. In every era, there is something that God does, through His servants, that changes the face of the earth for generations to come. I believe that we are living in such an era today, and I believe that the work God is doing in America today is ending legalized abortion and saving the precious lives of His creations!

Moses was busy tending to his flock, too; but God had something greater for him to do: leading His children out



"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Pastor,

of slavery. Joshua was busy managing the nation of Israel in the desert, but God had bigger plans: He needed to use Joshua to lead His nation into the promised land. God is looking for servants today, like Moses and Joshua, who will rise above the mass of mediocrity and lead His people out of bondage and into the promised land. This time, God's people are in bondage to a culture of death through a practice known as abortion.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." I believe that too many Christians in America have no vision for the sanctity of human life. As a result, millions and millions of innocent babies have perished. We are a nation of people who believe in the right to life, but we are too quiet. America's pulpits need preachers who have a vision from God and are willing to share it boldly. Tell your people the truth. Tell them that God hates the shedding of innocent blood! Tell them that they must use their electoral power to stop this madness! Tell them that God will judge this country for our indifference and apathy unless we repent! They need to hear it from you, pastor! You are God's prophet. Preach the truth!

It has been thousands of years since Moses and Joshua lived. I cannot tell you anything about the hours they worked in a day, the sermons they wrote, the committees they led, or the buildings they built. All I know about those men is that they answered the call of God and led their people out of bondage and into life. Thousands of years from now, no one will remember the hours you worked in a day, the sermons you wrote, the committees that you led, or the buildings you built. What will you be remembered for? I hope that preachers across America will be remembered for ending abortion in the land of the free and the home of the brave. My God is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us!" (Ephesians 3:20).



DAVID L. SHELLEY

David L. Shelley, Pastor, East Athens Baptist Church

Adoption a Viable Option

Twelve years ago, at the age of 19, I made a horrible decision. My boyfriend (now my husband) and I chose to terminate my pregnancy. We were "inconvenienced" by this pregnancy and thought that we could take care of "it" and no one would have to know. We could move on with our lives as normal. We have now been married for eight years. We have a two-year-old little boy. Up until four weeks ago, everything was great. I found out at eighteen weeks that we were expecting twin boys. I was upset. How was I going to handle three children under the age of three? I asked God, "Why me?" This wasn't in my plans! Well, at twenty-three weeks I delivered these twins, and they both died.

My world has changed forever. I was so selfish and ungrateful. Life is a beautiful gift, no matter what the circumstances are! I now deeply mourn the loss of my three children. Sometimes God's plans are different than our own. He knows best!

I know that I'll see my other three children in heaven. Jesus now lives in my heart. I can't "undo" what was done. However, I hope that maybe I can help someone else from making the same mistake.

We should not judge people for the mistakes that they make; we should lovingly help them make the right decisions. Jesus would always choose life. So should we.

Please share this with any woman who may be making a decision on pregnancy.

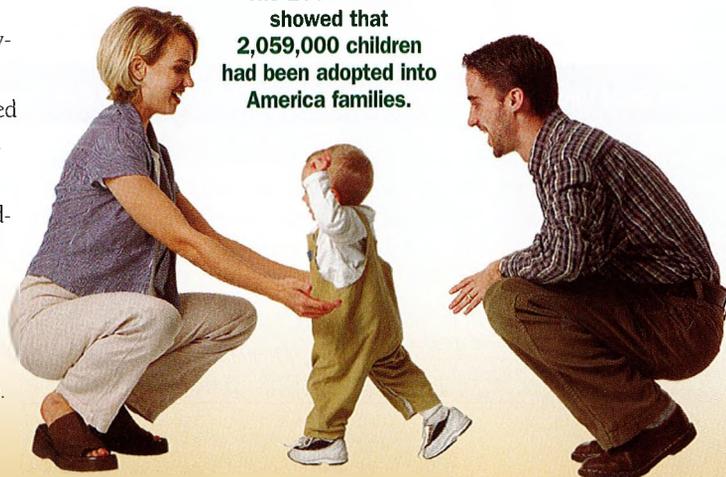
Also, I think that a woman who gives her child up for adoption is making the most unselfish decision that a person could make.

Anonymous letter received by the ERLC

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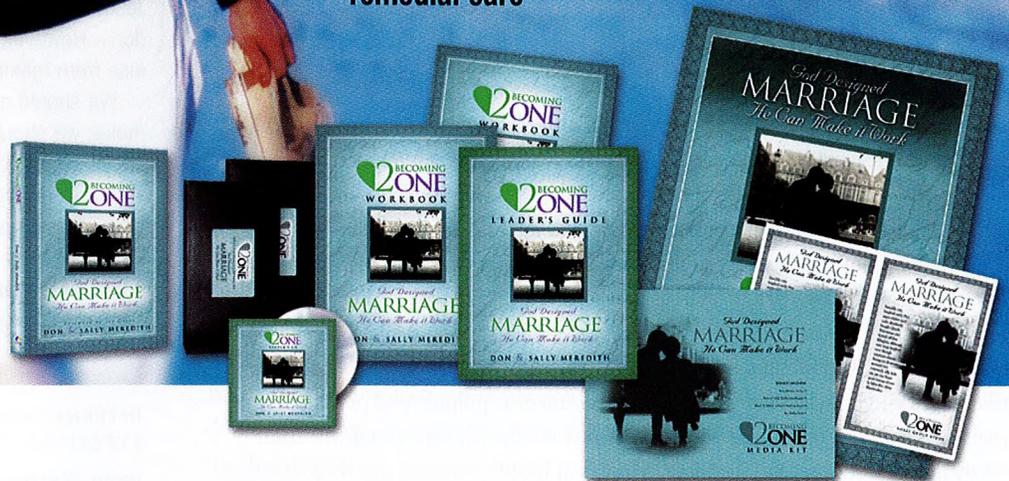
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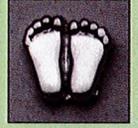
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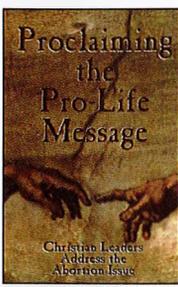
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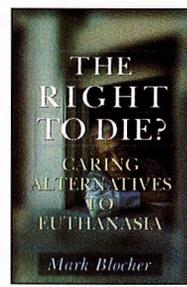
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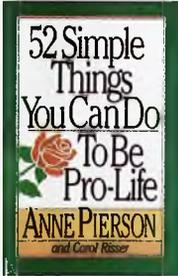
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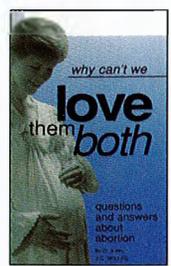
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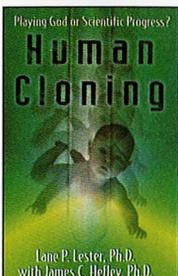
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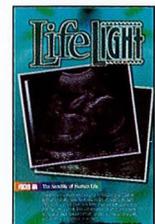
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"I'll Hold You"

By Debbie Heydrick

Awaiting the birth of a child can be one of life's most exciting moments as parents pray for a healthy child and look forward to holding him or her for the first time. But when the baby dies, couples experience a loss of hopes and dreams and are left with a painful emptiness.

If you've lost a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or early infant death, Debbie Heydrick offers you words of comfort, peace, and healing on your journey through grief.

in Heaven”

*He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

(Psalm 147:3)

It is devastating to lose the treasured life of a baby. In the midst of your loss, it can be difficult to believe that you will ever experience real joy again. To laugh or to smile may seem impossible. But your joy is still there, even though it is masked by your present pain.

Losing a life so new does not seem right. It is not the natural order of things. It is not the way we always dreamed life would be. Why did we have to say good-bye to our children before we had the opportunity to hold them, love them and watch them grow up?

You may feel the way I did when I looked out my window and saw life continuing unabated—people driving cars, people laughing, children playing—I wanted to scream, “Stop, world! My baby is gone. How can I go on?” Feelings such as these are normal as we cry out in pain for answers that don’t seem to be within our grasp. I like the way Mary Jane Worden put it when she wrote, “Sometimes when we ask God our ‘Why Questions,’ instead of answers He gives us comfort.” Her words are so true.

We need to try to accept the mystery of our loss. We don’t have to understand it, nor do we have to be able to explain it, we just need to trust that God is in it. God is the only source of true comfort that exists. He knows that your heart is broken and He wants to comfort you.

He has left His Word for each of us. In it we can find verses that specifically address walking through difficult times. His Word can give us strength and encouragement when we feel utterly alone and hopeless. Although at times it can be difficult to see past the pain and loss, you will be amazed at the healing power you can find in His Word.

He gives you peace as you trust in Him:

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You (Isa. 26:3, NKJV).

The peace He gives surpasses our understanding:

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:7).

He will comfort you during this time so that you will later be able to comfort others with the comfort you have received:

He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us (2 Cor. 1:3-4, NLT).

He will be with you always:

He will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6).

Allow your heart to be comforted. The peace that He gives goes beyond our understanding. His peace brings rest to our souls when the storms are raging. He will give you a calm that will enable you to continue, despite the circumstances you are walking through. Pray that your eyes will be opened to see Him loving you through the gift of comfort and peace that only He can give. Look for it. It’s there.

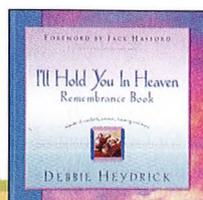
He might send comfort in the thoughtful gift of a friend or a kind word from a coworker. Perhaps comfort can be found through a friend who provides a few meals for you. Support groups and church groups are a source of comfort for those who experience losses. Books and special songs can speak words of comfort to your heart. The Internet provides access to information that can bring comfort and healing. There are many websites specifically designed for those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death.

Comfort can be found through time spent with family members. They love you and can give you comfort just by their presence. They will want to know how they can help. Although they may not feel your loss as intensely as you do, they care about you and your pain. Remember that they may be grieving too.

Another great source of comfort comes in knowing someone else who has walked your road or a similar road. I remember that on the day I found out that my baby had died, I wanted to find someone who had been there, too. I longed for someone who could give me even a clue as to what to expect—physically, emotionally and spiritually—in the midst of my storm. I felt as if I were the only one who had ever sailed these waters. I knew that surely this was not the case, but I didn’t know where to turn.

I wondered, *Where is God now?* Since He never leaves or forsakes us, where was He during what felt like my darkest moments? It was at that time, as I cried out to God, that I began to truly experience the comfort and peace only He can give. Where was God during my loss? I’ll tell you where He was: Looking back now, I see so clearly that He had not forsaken me; He was right there carrying me through the devastation.

God has comforted me, and He will comfort you—day by day. He understands pain and loss in a personal way and He cares about you. You will be amazed as you walk through one day and then the next and on and on with a peace that surpasses your understanding. You might feel a moment of complete despair and then the next moment you find yourself resting and coping in a peaceful way. Know that God is giving you the comfort and peace you need to sustain you during this time. He will not leave you. He wants to shower you with love and comfort. May you truly experience the hope, comfort and peace that God is waiting to give you every day, moment by moment. ☉



"I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

A SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE BIBLE STUDY

BY BARRETT DUKE

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

Context

Psalm 139 is one of David's great psalms of praise to God. Here David is awed by his realization of God's great attributes. He declares that God knows everything (vv. 1-4), that God is everywhere (vv. 7-10), and that God can do anything (vv. 5, 11-12). He then provides the example of his own conception as an illustration of these magnificent attributes (vv. 13-18). In light of God's greatness, it is inconceivable to David that anyone would reject Him.

Introduction

We often look to Genesis 1:27 to defend the sacredness of human life. In that passage, Moses wrote that human beings are created in God's image. While we do not know all that it means to be created in God's image, we do understand that nothing else in creation has been endowed with this relation to God.

There are other reasons to defend the sacredness of life as well. Three of those reasons can be found in David's great psalm about God's attributes. In the midst of expressing his amazement at who God is, David reflects on the meaning of this for his own life. In verses 13-18 he looks at the beginning of his life and shares three great truths about God's care for him that give us more reason to appreciate the sacredness of human life.

I. God cares about our beginning (vv. 13-14)

God was personally involved in shaping David in the womb. David expressed the comprehensive nature of God's involvement in his formation by saying that God "created" his inmost being. The basic meaning of the word translated "created" is "get" or "acquire." Franz Delitzsch (*Biblical Commentary on the Psalms*, p. 350) notes that the word does not mean "to acquire" in the sense of "purchase" but rather "to put together." God brought together all the necessary components for David's life.

God's involvement in David's development reached to the most remote parts of his life. The word translated "inmost being" is often translated as "kidney" or "heart" in the Old Testament. David used the word here to refer to that which is the most inaccessible in the body. God didn't just shape the outside. He also took interest in the inside. W. VanGemeren (*Psalms, EBC*, p. 838) suggests that this phrase refers to David's spirit. David credits God with both his physical and spiritual development.

David also stated that God's involvement was purposeful. God wasn't simply throwing together a jumble of flesh and spirit. He was carefully crafting a unified whole. David brought out this purposeful activity with his use of the word "knit." Each fiber, each sinew, each organ was woven together with the others to make David a complete human being. C. H. Spurgeon (*The Treasury of David*, vol. 3, p. 277) says that God had "put his parts together, as one who weaves cloth, or who makes a basket."

As David considered the wonder of God's care for his beginning, he broke out in praise (v. 14). He used two words to describe his awe at his creation. He said he was "fearfully" and "wonderfully" made. The word "fearfully" is used often to refer to people's response in God's presence. They are awestruck with reverence for God's magnificence. David looked at his body and was overwhelmed with a similar awe. Delitzsch (*Biblical Commentary on the Psalms*, p. 350) says the

word "wonderfully" signifies "to be picked out or separated, to be made in a select, altogether singular, i.e., a marvelously enigmatic, manner." David was amazed at how intricately God had worked to make his body so versatile and unique among all of God's creation.

II. God cares about our present (vv. 15-16)

In vv. 15-16, David repeated his acknowledgement of God's presence at his earliest moments of life. But the focus is much different in these verses. In v. 13 he said "you created" and "you knit," but in v. 15 he said, "I was made" and "I was woven." Instead of saying that God performed the work, he said, "Your eyes saw my unformed body" (v. 16). God is pictured here as one who observes the work rather than as one who actually performs the work. Here David considered God as the one who watched over his development, like a foreman watching over a job's progress, making sure everything goes according to plan.

God's observation didn't just end in the womb. David envisioned God looking far into David's future, where He observed every event in David's life before it occurred. God saw all of this and wrote it down in His book (v. 16). God cared so much about David that He recorded the events of every day of his life even before they took place.

III. God cares about our future (vv. 17-18)

What was even more amazing to David was that God had a plan for his life. The word translated "thoughts" probably means "plans." David used the word in v. 2 when he acknowledged God's knowledge of the ideas he entertained in his mind. Here David stated that God entertained ideas about him. In other words, God had a plan for David's life, and this excited him. In fact, David recognized that God's plans for his life exceeded his ability to understand. He said that if he could count them they would "outnumber the grains of sand" (v. 18).

When we consider that God had a plan for David's life even before David was born, God's role in David's development takes on an even greater significance. God was busy shaping David while he was in his mother's womb to equip him for the task that He had planned for him. God had plans for David, and He was making sure that David would be equipped to fulfill them.

Conclusion

God's intimate involvement with David was not unique. It is typical of His involvement with every human being. E. M. Blaiklock (*Commentary on the Psalms*, p. 130) comments that "God is interested in the unborn child, a point which necessarily determines the Christian attitude towards abortion. The embryo is His work, and the subject of love and interest of One who sees future potential and value in the first beginnings of life." When one considers that God is this involved with humanity, it is impossible not to respond with profound respect for human life. 



Seeing is Believing

*For you created
my inmost being;
you knit me
together in my
mother's womb . . .
your eyes saw my
unformed body.*

PSALM 139:13-16

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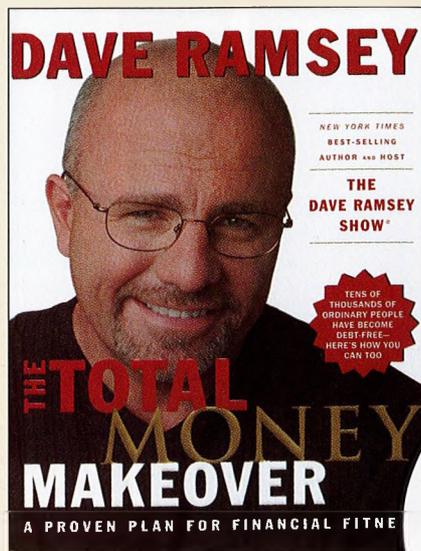
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STEPPING OFF THE FINANCIAL MERRY-GO-ROUND

BY DWAYNE HASTINGS



The success stories speak for themselves in *The Total Money Makeover*, the latest book from money maestro Dave Ramsey. Instead of promising the normal dose of quick fixes, Ramsey offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting plan for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health.

Ramsey debunks the many myths of money (exposing the dangers of cash advance, rent-to-own, debt consolidation) and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages overspending and massive debt. "Don't even consider keeping up with the Joneses," Ramsey declares in his typically candid style. "They're broke!" (Thomas Nelson)

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Dave Ramsey is an astute businessman who lost a \$4 million real estate portfolio and nearly everything else he owned because he fell too far in debt to get out. At age thirty he declared personal bankruptcy (a step he doesn't recommend) and began climbing back up to financial stability. Recently he shared his personal story and philosophy of money management with Dr. Richard Land on *For Faith & Family Radio*.

Now the host of a daily radio program, "The Money Game," and the author of several best sellers, Ramsey learned an important life lesson he is committed to teaching everyone who will listen, including his own children. He says he and his

wife started slowly instilling the biblical value of money management in their children when they were in the three-to-five-year-old range.

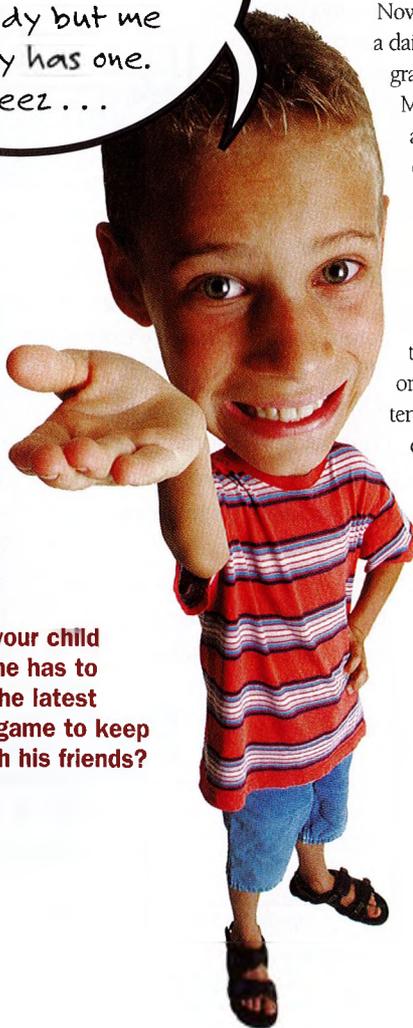
"Our children have grown up as we have slowly rebuilt our lives financially. They grew up wearing consignment sale clothes and watching Mom and Dad in their giving patterns," Ramsey said. "They have grown up watching my wife and I really make a budget every month before the month begins.

"It is vital they learn at an early age how to work and that money is caused by work," Ramsey explained. He says he and his wife want their children to have an "emotional connection between work and money," so they have instituted a "commission-based" variation of a traditional allowance for their children.

"There are adults who still don't have that emotional connection," he added, noting that is reflected in the personal financial crisis across the U.S., where 1.5 million Americans file for bankruptcy every year and 70 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck.

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"I want it. I want it now."



Dave Ramsey says that when you find yourself with too much month at the end of the money, take these steps:

- **Sell something to help reduce debt.** Get radical. Sell so much stuff the kids are afraid they are next on the auction block.
- **Cut back on your spending.**
- **Look for extra work.**

What should you do when you suddenly realize you are in deep financial trouble?

"Grab your spouse and hang on with all your might," Ramsey responded, noting that money-related issues are the number one cause of divorce in America. "Remember you married your spouse not for the stuff or for their income," he said, emphasizing the importance of being in a "good church," particularly when your financial house comes crashing down around you.

"You have to make the money you have behave. Start with your household first." That is biblical, he said, noting the Bible refers to addressing needs such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and utilities before anything else.

It is absolutely necessary to have a written plan that both spouses agree on, Ramsey said. "Write it down. A budget tells your money what to do," he said. "It is just telling your dollars to behave, because if they don't behave they will leave."

Ramsey said youngsters must learn the same basic things about money that adults must learn to be financially prosperous:

- Work creates money.
- You need to save.
- You need to spend wisely.
- You need to give.

"Little kids aren't in debt, so let's teach them never to go there," Ramsey said. "Let's teach them you can't buy something unless you save up and pay for it. We must counter the message of our microwave culture that says, 'I want it. I want it now.'"

Most kids don't hear anything about sex or money from their parents, he said. "We have to teach our kids about this stuff. It is our job. We are their first line of ministry." Ramsey hasn't found anything more fun to do with money than to give to someone in need. He wants his children to learn how to manage their money so they can experience the same joy.

God's truth is attractive, not only to the believer but the unbeliever, Ramsey said, noting his program airs on mainstream, not Christian, talk radio stations and he "blatantly" quotes Scripture. "People are not attracted to me; they are attracted to what works," Ramsey observed, noting his theme of Scripture-based money management is against what the culture says.

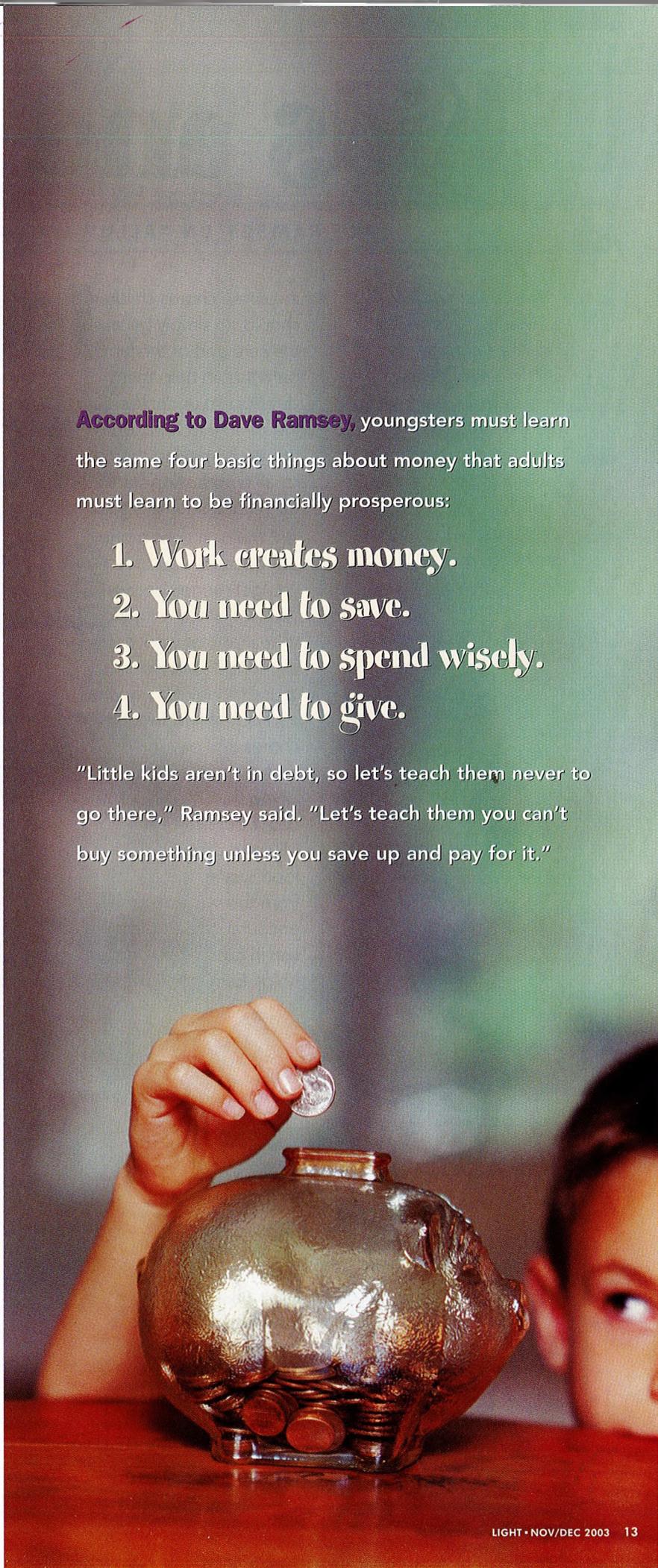
"What we teach resonates," he said. "God's way of handling money works, and that is attractive." God doesn't use debt to bless His people, Ramsey said, noting there is no positive reference to debt in the Bible. He said real wealth cannot be built on schemes or by leveraging your financial future but by hard work and investing. "My grandmother used to say there is a great place to go when you are broke—to work. It is a surefire money-making scheme," he chuckled.

"There is only one way to financial peace, and that is to walk daily with the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus," Ramsey said, repeating a statement he makes at the close of every day's radio program.†

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Kids and Money

DAVE RAMSEY ON "ALLOWANCES" FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Ramsey's modified allowance system—he calls it a "commission" children earn because they only get paid when the work is done—provides parents teachable moments about saving, spending, and giving because children are handling money they "earned." While there

are some chores children should do simply because they are part of the family, parents can help them develop an understanding of how to handle money by paying them a small commission for certain chores, Ramsey said.

"You don't get money just because you breathe; you get money because you work. I want my kids to realize that work causes money; Dad doesn't cause money. So my wife and I identified five chores and pay the children a dollar a week for doing that chore. We count out five one-dollar bills and use the envelope system [modified from the system Ramsey encourages parents to use in running the household]. Each has three

envelopes—one for giving, one for saving, and one for spending. I tell them, 'Put one dollar in the giving envelope, two

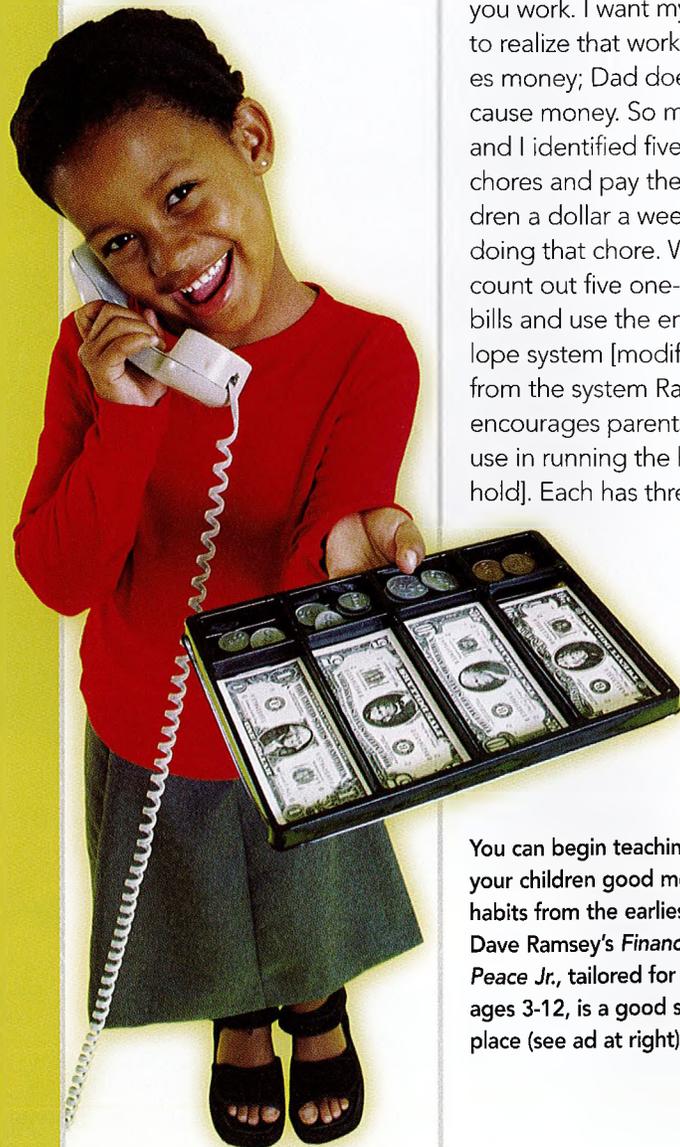
into worship. You're not a giver then; you're a courier for Dad. You are the giver if you earned it and gave it. You get the spiri-

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— Dave Ramsey

dollars in the saving envelope, and two in the spending envelope. When you go to church, you give what is in the giving envelope. You don't give because Daddy handed you a five-dollar bill as you walked

tual benefit.' I understand they really didn't earn it. It is more about creating a system that models reality where they can get a sense of how things work in the real world. I want my kids to know that work creates money."



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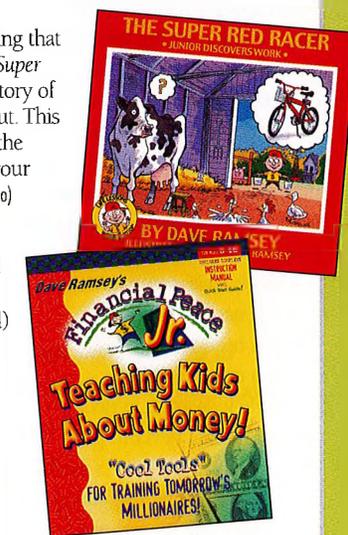
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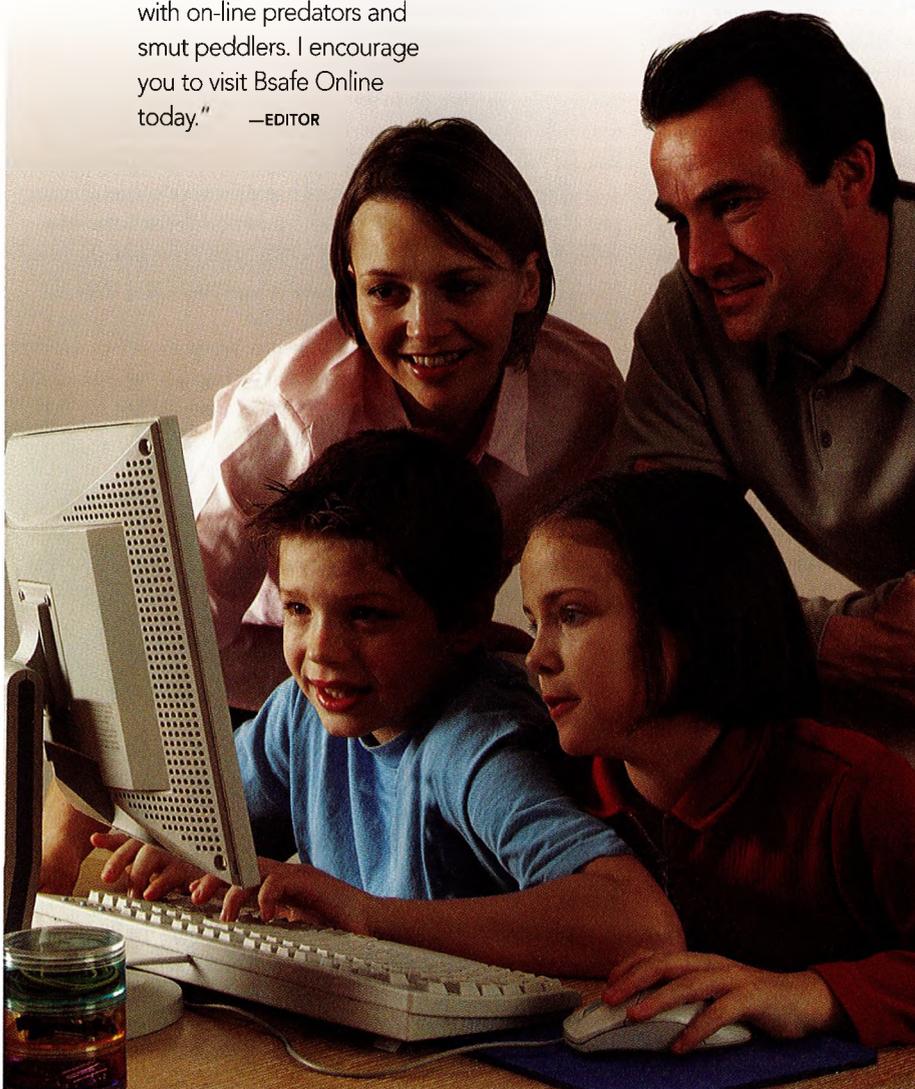
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Chinese, Japanese—Is there a difference?

People of other races might assume they're one in the same. But to Chinese-American student Jim Lo, the differences between him and Scott, a Japanese-American student living in the same college dorm, were insurmountable. In fact, Jim considered Scott his mortal enemy—and he had never even met him.

Appreciating Diversity

BY JIM LO

I believe most Christians want to share the message of God's grace, love, and salvation with others. I often hear believers say, "We want to reach people with the good news about Christ." Not only is this commendable, it is our mandate. Many outside the "fold" desperately need to hear the salvation message.

We must acknowledge, however, that many of the unreached in North America are culturally or ethnically different from the white, middle-class folk who populate most churches. If Christians in North America are to reach people of different ethnic backgrounds, it is imperative that we become cross-culturally sensitive.

"Jun, I hear what you are saying," one believer told me, "but I just do not know where to start. What do I say? What do I do? How can I reach people who are so different from me—different in how they think, how they talk, how they live?"

These are good questions. In fact, I've asked them myself. There was a time when I had to overcome my own prejudices in order to appreciate racial and cultural diversity.

Over Coconut Cream Pie

When I entered Knox College as a freshman, I was assigned to live on the same floor with Scott, a Japanese-American student. You may be thinking that this should have posed no problem for me. Aren't the Chinese and the Japanese pretty much the same? They look the same, right? They all have the same small eyes. (At least, that's what I heard all the time growing up.)

But I saw the Japanese as enemies of the Chinese. During World War II, the Japanese reportedly did horrendous things to their Chinese prisoners. My mom remembers Japanese soldiers entering the village where she lived and mistreating people. All through my childhood I was told that the Japanese were rude, cruel, uneducated, and crude. (Interestingly enough, I later learned that Japanese prisoners reported cruel treatment by their Chinese captors.) As you might guess, I did not want to associate with the Japanese. They were my enemies.

When I found out that a Japanese student was going to be one of my suite mates, I quickly went to the student development office to try to change my room assignment. However, the college administrators did not understand my feelings. Their comments downplayed my very real concern. "If any two people should be able to get along with one another," they said, "it should be you two. You both come from the same part of the world, and you both look the same!"

Steaming with anger, I headed back to the dorm. I was stuck.

For weeks I avoided any contact with Scott. When he was sitting in the lounge, I would stay in my room. During those times when I

could not avoid him, I grunted a quick "Hi" and went on my way. I perceived Scott as my enemy. Others may have thought we were alike, but he was Japanese and I was Chinese. As far as I was concerned, we were as different as sushi and sweet and sour pork!

During that first year of college, I attended a community church. The pastor often preached that we should love others, even if they were our enemies. One of his statements really caught my attention. He said, "The Christian's only method of destroying his enemies is to love them into being his friends."

At first I rebelled against the idea of loving my enemies—especially Scott. I continued to avoid him. But one Friday night he and I were the only ones left in the dorm. Everyone else had either gone out or gone home for the weekend. Scott came to my room and shyly asked, "Do you want to do something together? I'm going to the restaurant up the street to get some coconut cream pie. I'll pay for yours if you want to come."

You must understand that I have a weakness for coconut cream pie! There was no way I was going to turn down Scott's offer. We walked to the restaurant in silence. Once there, Scott gave the waitress our order: "Two big slices of coconut cream pie and two large glasses of milk, please."

As we waited for the waitress to return, we sat in awkward silence. However, once the food was served and we began to eat, something wonderful took place. We began to communicate. At first our conversation focused mainly on the pie.

"Wow! Is this ever good! I could eat a whole pie all by myself."

"I love coconut cream pie, especially when it is covered with thick, rich whipped cream."

But soon our conversation began to go in all different directions.

"What are you majoring in?"

"Who is your favorite teacher?"

"Which teacher bores you the most?"

"Where are you from?"

"Tell me about your family."

"Do you have a girlfriend?"

By the end of the night, I found myself enjoying Scott's company. He was not rude, uneducated, or cruel. He was not my enemy. In fact, Scott and I had quite a few things in common—the most important was that we were both brand-new Christians. In time, our friendship grew until we became the best of friends.

Through that experience I discovered something the Bible has said all along—God made all people and loves them equally, different though they may be. Cultural and racial diversity are not to be feared; they are good things. ☺

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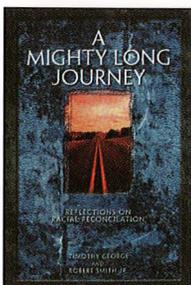
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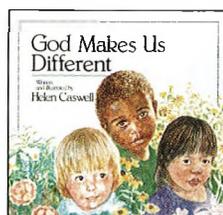
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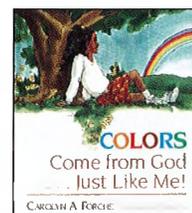


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Beyond

BY TOM ATWOOD
Growing up in a Christian home in the rural south in the 1950s and 60s,

I was taught that all people are created in God's image and thus should be treated with respect and dignity. I found, however, that the concept did not work in real life. My first experience with this contradiction came as a small child when my mother would not let me drink from a nearby water fountain at our county's courthouse. If I could have read the sign, I would have known it was the "colored" fountain and the one around the corner was the "white" fountain. As I grew older, I found that those signs were other places as well. I began to wonder about the difference in what we were taught and how we lived in the world of "separate but equal."

How Far Have We Come?

Our county's high schools were integrated in 1963, and I discovered that I had many things in common with teenagers whom I had not known before. Then I attended a regional southern college on a football scholarship. Black and white athletes lived together, studied together, traveled together, competed together, and sometimes formed lasting friendships. My parents were glad to have all my friends—black and white—in our home. The race issue had been settled for me; after nearly thirty years of ministry, I hoped the issue had been settled for other Christians as well.

Then, not many years ago, our church's leadership and I felt we should have joint services with a neighboring black church. Imagine my surprise

when, after the announcement, a man confronted me with, "Preacher, you're making a serious mistake. The Bible clearly teaches that the races are to stay separate!"

Really?

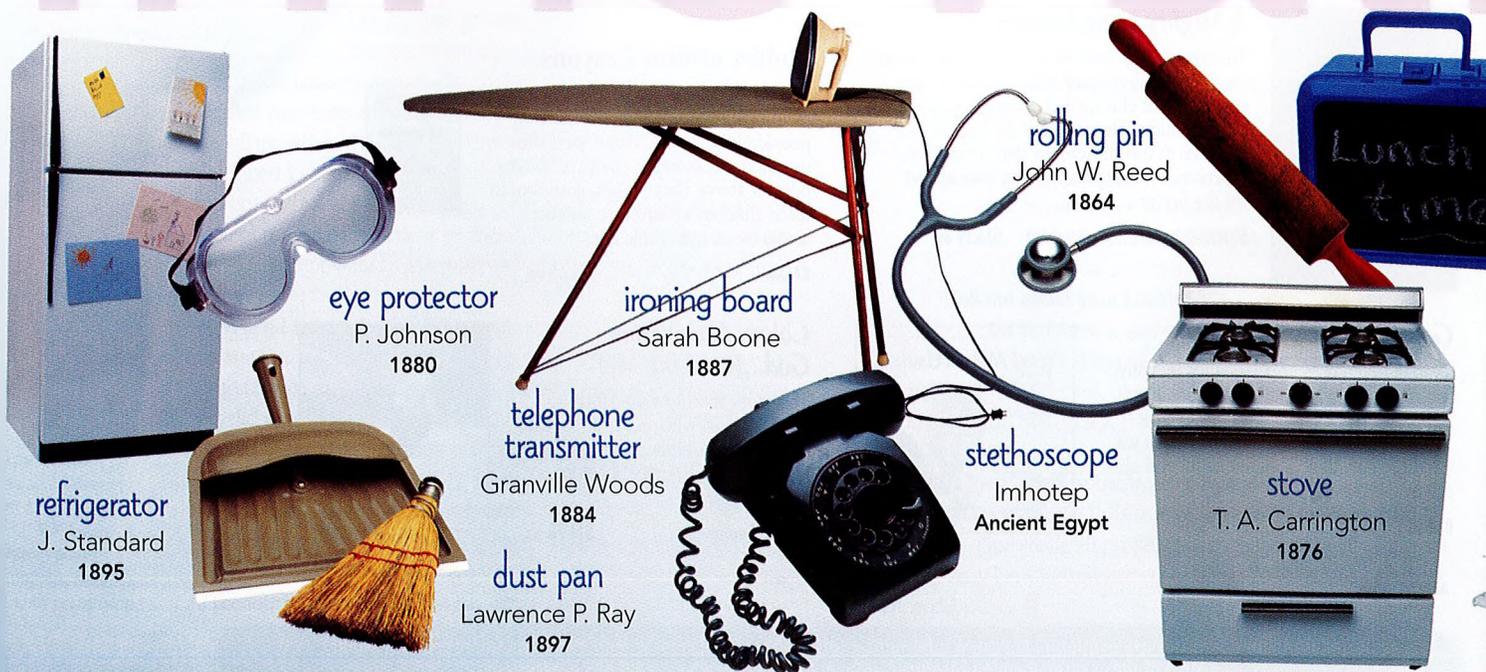
What Does God's Word Say?

Three areas of the Old Testament are used to justify the views of the racial separatist. In Noah's curse of his son Ham, he declared that Ham would be "the lowest of slaves . . . to his brothers" (Gen. 9:25). Since the name *Ham* means "dark skin," some presume that dark-skinned peoples are to be slaves to the rest of the world. This interpretation cannot be justified. God did not curse Ham; a human, Noah, did. Also, dark skin is a physical characteristic of many people groups around the world.

A second appeal is made to God's insistence that the chosen Hebrew people live strictly separated from the godless pagans who were around them (Lev. 20:26; Deut. 7:1-4; et.al.). Obviously this is religious segregation rather than racial segregation.

God's destruction of the tower of Babel is seen as a further indication of God's pleasure in separating the races from each other (Gen. 11:1-9). Even a casual reading reveals that God was judging human pride, self-sufficiency, and rebellion. The people chose to build a city, live together, and erect a tower as a monument to their urban success, when God's purpose was for humans to inhabit the whole earth (Gen. 1:28; 11:4). God's judgment was confusion of language, not racial segregation.

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Propping Up Presumptions

The Bible is abused when we search it seeking to confirm what we already believe. (This happens far too often.) Using God's revelation of Himself and His will to justify racial pride and prejudice is evil—a subtle evil but, nonetheless, evil.

Going Further

Racial reconciliation is not enough! As believers we must go further. If there really is "neither Jew nor Greek" in Christ (Gal. 3:28), then anything less than loving appreciation is beneath the standard of Christ. Acceptance of one another is only a start; we must fully appreciate the contributions of all races and come to know each other in the richness of personhood. To experience the reciprocal blessing of knowing each other as neighbors,

colleagues, friends, and brothers and sisters in God's great grace is a positive step.

Take Positive and Practical Steps

Develop Appreciation. Major obstacles are overcome by learning about other cultures and the significant contributions of people of other races. Many black Americans have profoundly impacted our lives: Jackie Robinson; Mahalia Jackson; James Weldon Johnson; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Grandma Moses; Colin Powell; and Clarence Thomas. The list could go on.

Cultivate Personal Relationships. Stereotypes get lost when we really get to know one another. Dolphus Weary of Mission Mississippi encourages us to move beyond our tentativeness with one another by sharing a meal, joining a

prayer group, or worshipping with those of another race.

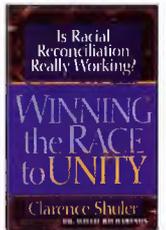
Create Ministry Partnerships. A profound experience is possible! Several years ago a black church in Benton Harbor, Michigan, needed to expand its facilities and bought a building that previously had housed a nightclub. I went with a group of men from Tennessee to work with them in converting it from a nightclub to a church building. As we worked alongside these brothers and sisters, something transformational happened. As we packed our gear to return home, their tears and ours indicated that the varied shades of our skin were truly insignificant.

The Common Denominator

What Can Unite Us? Dolphus Weary, in his untiring work in Mississippi, convincingly says that the common denominator can never be politics, economics, music, or worship style, for we will never agree on these. Only one common denominator can unite us: Jesus Christ.

Be Intentional. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace... [there is] one God and Father of all who is overall and in all..." (Eph. 4:3, 6). God commands it. We can do no less. †

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Winning the Race to Unity

Speaking to both black and white Christians, Clarence Shuler lays out the problems of prejudice and suggests practical and biblical ways to solve them.

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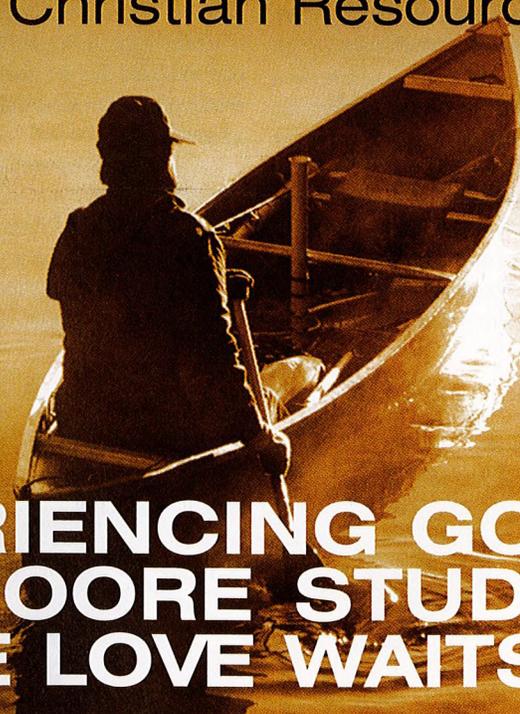
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PUTTING SANTA IN HIS PLACE

Jesus is the reason

BY DWAYNE HASTINGS

Pressures on families seem almost unbearable during this time of the year: parents are stressed, children are anxious, and checkbooks take a beating—allegedly all in the name of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Arnie Ytreeide is holding up his arms and saying, "Stop!" The author of three unique books designed for family reading during the Christmas season is convinced that most families completely miss the true meaning of Christmas.

"Like most families, we find it easy to get caught up, especially at Christmas, in ourselves," said Ytreeide, who wrote *Jotham's Journey*, *Bartholomew's Passage*, and *Tabitha's Travels* to help his own family refocus on the Christmas message. "We really wanted our children to understand that Christmas is not about me, not about gifts, not about Frosty or Santa; it is about Jesus and His selfless love for all mankind."

The three books, which are faithful to the period and to Scripture, center on three children—Jotham, Bartholomew, and Tabitha—who live during

the time of Christ's birth and who separately end up in Bethlehem after exciting and sometimes difficult journeys through Palestine. The books are composed of very short chapters and questions that encourage reflection on God's truths so parents can easily use the books as family devotions during the Christmas season.

Ytreeide has given nearly every chapter a cliffhanger ending that leaves children begging for mom or dad to keep reading. He wants children to look forward to this family time and knew he had to introduce enough adventure, conflict, and danger into the story to keep teenagers interested. "Jesus was not born into an amusement park world. He was born into a very sinful, self-serving, and dangerous world," he noted.

"We try to de-emphasize the secular aspects of the holiday, not totally eliminate them, in our house," he explained, saying secular decorations and elements of Christmas are not evil but can be a distraction.

Ytreeide recommends families set aside fifteen to twenty minutes in the evening to read Scripture, pray together, sing



Parents can help their children understand that the real meaning of Christmas has nothing to do with gaily wrapped packages, Frosty, or Santa; instead, it is about celebrating the birth of Jesus and focusing on His selfless love for all mankind.

carols, and perhaps read from one of his books. "This concentrated focus each evening during Advent sends children a powerful message about what their parents believe Christmas is really about," he said.

Ytreeide said many families have seen their seasonal attempt to focus on Christmas turn into a tradition of nightly

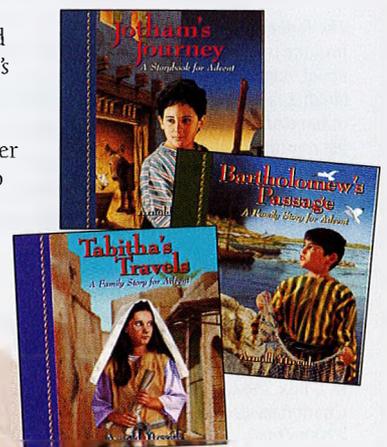
family devotions and Bible reading. "Reading together provides a good opportunity to strengthen the bonds within a family," added Ytreeide. "We talk about so many meaningless things in a day—picking up the laundry or taking out the trash—but reading allows a special time for parents and children to connect." ❧

Reading aloud

- ❖ teaches language skills, expands vocabulary, and allows parents to introduce moral concepts at an age-appropriate level;
- ❖ stretches a child's imagination and allows him to learn about the world he has not seen;
- ❖ shows a child her parents value reading and encourages early readers;
- ❖ provides families an opportunity to withdraw from the busyness of the day and focus on each other.

In the page-turning tradition of *Jotham's Journey* and *Bartholomew's Passage*, the captivating story of *Tabitha's Travels* will take your family through Advent to Christmas as you follow her adventures. Curious, competent, and courageous Tabitha is the daughter of Eliakim, a shepherd who is taking his family to his birthplace by caravan. Along the way Tabitha meets Jotham and Bartholomew, watches as Romans take her father prisoner, spends time with Zechariah and Elizabeth, rescues her father, helps Mary and Joseph, and ends her travels in the stable at Bethlehem.

Arnold Ytreeide's books
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you've been asking

Are there restrictions on how Christmas may be celebrated in public places such as schools and parks?

Christmas is the time of year when nervous Christians anxiously search for the lines they fear crossing in the public acknowledgment of the birth of their Savior and Lord. Despite the misguided efforts of some who want to keep any mention or symbol of the Christian faith locked up in church buildings, you have a constitutional right to celebrate your faith in the public square . . . literally! In order to clear up the confusion, the Rutherford Institute offers:

The Twelve Rules of Christmas

1 Public school students' written or spoken personal expressions concerning the religious significance of Christmas (e.g., T-shirts with the slogan, "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season") may not be censored by school officials absent evidence that the speech would cause a substantial disruption.

2 If teachers are generally permitted to wear clothing or jewelry or have personal items expressing their views about the holidays, Christian teachers may not be prohibited from similarly expressing their views by wearing Christmas-related clothing or jewelry or carrying Christmas-related personal items.

3 Public schools may teach students about the Christmas holiday, including its religious significance, so long as it is taught objectively for secular purposes such as its historical or cultural importance, and not for the purpose of promoting Christianity.

4 Public school teachers may send Christmas cards to the families of their students so long as they do so on their own time, outside of school hours.

5 Public schools may include Christmas music with religious themes in their choral programs if the songs are included for a secular purpose such as musical quality or cultural value or if the songs are part of an overall performance including other holiday songs relating to Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or similar holidays.

6 Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students' own religious or nonreligious beliefs.

7 Public school students may not be prohibited from distributing literature to fellow students about the Christmas holiday or invitations to church Christmas events on the same terms that they would be allowed to distribute other literature unrelated to schoolwork.

8 Private citizens or groups may display creches or other Christmas symbols in public parks subject to the same reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that would apply to other similar displays.

9 Government entities may maintain Christmas trees and light displays, and may include crèches in their displays so long as the purpose for including the crèche is not to promote its religious content and it is placed in context with other symbols of the holiday season as part of an effort to celebrate the public Christmas holiday through its traditional symbols.

10 Neither public nor private employers may prevent employees from decorating their offices for Christmas, playing Christmas music, or wearing clothing related to Christmas because of

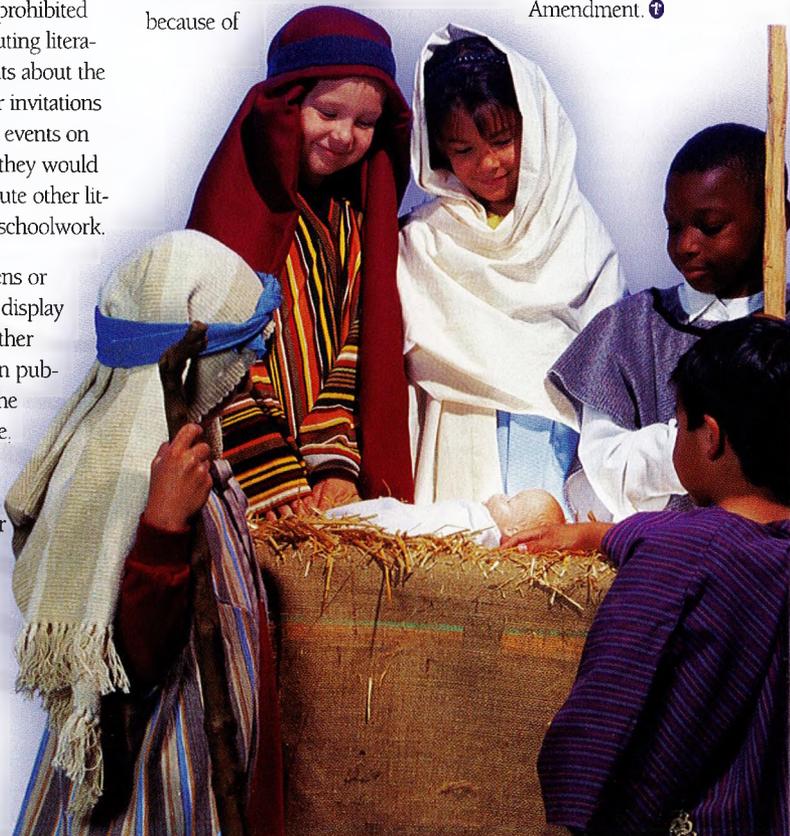
their religious content so long as these activities are not used to harass or intimidate others.

11 Employees whose sincere religious beliefs require that they not work on Christmas must be reasonably accommodated by their employers unless granting the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer.

12 Government recognition of Christmas as a public holiday and granting government employees a paid holiday for Christmas does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. [†]

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While the story of Jesus' humble beginnings can no longer be included in Christmas programs in public schools, Christians have a constitutional right to celebrate their faith in the public arena.



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Building a Foundation for Life

When "Number 1" Becomes One of Many



BY DWAYNE HASTINGS

Being the oldest child in your family gives you special privileges and brings important responsibilities. I should I know—I am the oldest in my family with two younger brothers and one younger sister.

Being the oldest means you usually don't have to wear hand-me-downs. Being the oldest brother means your parents can never say to you, "Your older brother never would have done that."

Being the oldest child means you have younger brothers or sisters watching everything you do and listening to every word you say. It's kind of like playing "Simon Says" every day, but instead it's "Big brother did it, so I will, too." Parents tell big brothers and big sisters they have to be extra careful to set a good example.

Some children might not have any brothers and sisters and sometimes wish they did, but there is nothing wrong with a family having just one child or lots of children. That's all in God's plans.

Older brothers and sisters sometimes worry when they learn their mom is going to have another baby. They worry they will no longer have the special privileges an older (and sometimes first) child has. God wants us to be good helpers and set a good example—whether your mom gives birth to a baby or your parents adopt a baby who needs a loving family.

Older brothers and sisters might think at first their parents won't love them as much because now they have more children to love. But no matter how many children parents have, God makes sure they have enough love to go around. ►

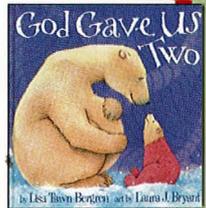
* An heir is someone who has all the rights and privileges of a family member whether they were born into the family or not.

The Bible tells us when we ask Jesus to come into our life, God adopts us as one of His many children. What a big and wonderful family! We become heirs* to God's Kingdom, right alongside His Son Jesus. While Jesus is the firstborn in God's big family, each of us has the same special privileges and responsibilities even though we are not the oldest in His family.

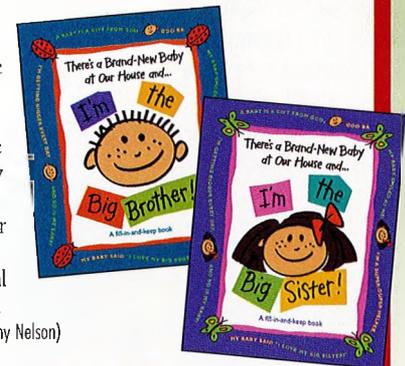
All of us stand to inherit His blessings!

RECOMMENDED READING

"Why do we need a new baby?" Little Cub asks. In *God Gave Us Two* by Lisa Tawn Bergren, Mama and Papa polar bear playfully affirm each child's place in the family and help little ones accept, appreciate, and love their new siblings. (WaterBrook)



I'm the Big Brother and *I'm the Big Sister* by Susan Russell Ligon are interactive books that help an older brother or sister feel that they have an important role in welcoming the new baby into the family. Older siblings can learn to share their favorite Bible stories and songs, favorite foods, special toys, photos, drawings, and other fun information. (Tommy Nelson)



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