

The PROJECTOR

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"Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day"

HANDLING FACE-TO-FACE CONFRONTATIONS

OR EYEBALL-TO-EYEBALL

PART I

by Dr. Dayton Hobbs

"He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich" (Prov. 10:4).

"Open rebuke is better than secret love [love that is concealed]" (Prov. 27:5).

"He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flattereth with the tongue" (Prov. 28:23).

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound [disciplined] mind" (II Tim. 1:7).

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

I AM SPEAKING IN THIS ARTICLE to those who find themselves in some position of delegated authority, which probably includes most of us. Our authority, whether it be as a parent over our children, an administrator over faculty and staff, a teacher over a classroom of children, a pastor over a ministry, an employer over his employees, or the President as Commander-In-Chief over the Armed Forces of America, is delegated from God. We must not think of delegated authority as a lesser or lower authority than God's absolute authority. This is not the case. Delegated authority is simply limited; it is restricted to specified and authorized areas. The authority that the Man Christ Jesus holds is delegated authority; therefore, we must not think of any authority as lesser or greater. It is simply limited in scope, not in power. "And Jesus came and spake unto them [His disciples], saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). We dare not say that the authority delegated to the Man Christ Jesus is limited in any way except as He stated "in heaven and in earth."

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A Father's Greatest Priority

by Tod Brainard

"Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? The just man [father] walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him" (Prov. 20:6-7).

AS A YOUNG FATHER OF THREE BOYS, I have made it my task to look in the Scriptures for those diamonds of truth relative to my mission as a father. God primarily works through the father, and in turn, the father works with and through the mother in the home to communicate truth to the next generation. As a father, I set the tone in my home. That tone is to come from the Scriptures, and it is to resonate throughout my family consistently.

Bill McCartney, when founding the *Promise Keepers*, took the slogan, "Men of Integrity." However, upon the revelation of Bill McCartney's extramarital affair, it was quite evident that *integrity* was a word that had little meaning at the top of that organization.

Integrity is a Scriptural term and is essential to successful fatherhood and Biblical child-rearing.

What is Integrity?

THE WORD *INTEGRITY* is used 16 times in the Old Testament Scriptures. It is a term of quality. *Integrity* means "wholeness, entireness, uprightness, simplicity, uncomplicated, genuineness." In essence it is being what you advertise yourself to be.

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In the plural, *integrity* is translated *Tummiym* (toom-meem), or *Thummim*. The *Urim* and the *Thummim* were objects placed inside the High Priest's breastplate directly over the heart when he went in before the Lord (Exodus 28:15-30). No High Priest entered into the presence of God without the *Urim* and *Thummim* inside the breastplate near the heart. Integrity is a matter of the heart, not the head. It is a matter of truth, not talk. When Aaron went into the presence of God with the *Urim* and *Thummim* it was serious business. It was a defining moment of truth.

Integrity is not Sincerity

SINCERITY IS A DESIRE that may or may not come to pass for reasons due to laziness, carelessness, inattention, apathy, or some other reason. For instance, we may conclude a letter with "Sincerely yours," yet we may in reality mean we want them to take a long walk off a short pier. Integrity, however, is a guarantee of truthfulness.

Webster's *New World Thesaurus* gives eight synonyms for *integrity*. The mention of these synonyms should show us the weight of this word *integrity* and its meaning. Ruminant on these words for a while. Father, let them settle into your thinking.

EARNESTNESS

TRUSTWORTHINESS

GUILELESSNESS

TRUTHFULNESS

IMPARTIALITY

FRANKNESS

GENUINENESS

HONESTY

Integrity is a giant among words. It describes the heart of a genuine individual.

Integrity is an easy word to talk about, but a monumental challenge to maintain. The Scriptures tell us of a few individuals that failed in that challenge. Jehu took no heed to walk in the way of the Lord, yet still he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord" (II Kings 10:16, 19-31). Absalom, while seeking his father's throne, stole the hearts of the people by his loud pretensions of goodness (II Sam. 15:1-6). The people of Judah

while given over to idol worship and all manner of wicked living, boasted of their integrity (Jeremiah 2:23, 35). The Pharisees proclaimed their goodness at the corner of the streets, and even in the presence of God; yet they were declared to be whited sepulchers (Mt. 6:1, 2, 5, 16; 23:5 and Luke 18:11-12).

At What Price Integrity?

ATTEMPTS TO SPEAK what is agreeable with others often are made at the expense of integrity. As a Christian father, I have a sacred responsibility to be truthful and honest. My role is not to be agreeable all the time. The nodding of the head in agreement, when in my heart I am not agreeing, is dishonest. I am to be truthful all the time. That is integrity.

When it comes to fatherhood and the rearing of godly children, consistency of life and the holding to of integrity is a must. Child-rearing God's way begins right here—in the heart. A father must be a genuine person. No fake or hypocrite ever produced a truly godly seed on purpose.

Charles Bridges wrote in the 1840's the following:

Christian parents—let integrity, as before God, be the broad stamp of your family religion. Walk not according to the maxims of the world yourselves, nor allow them in your children. Let us make God's Word—His whole Word—our universal rule; His ways, however despised, our daily portion... Thus walking in our integrity, we may look for the honored blessing of being the parents of a godly race.

The book of Proverbs gives to us three basic lessons concerning integrity to which every child of God needs to cling, especially fathers.

► Lesson #1 for Fathers: Integrity is a purposeful guide to keep you out of error and on target with God's truth.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them (Proverbs 11:3).

Every table saw has a guide which wood is put against in the cutting process. When you put the guide in the designated measured groove you can make straight cuts all day long. You will duplicate successfully cut after cut after cut. It is a

faithful guide, as long as it is in the groove. Why is it that some people who lay claim to godliness cannot cut a straight line with God and man? They lack that quality within them that keeps them straight. They have little integrity.

A saw guide not only helps you to make straight cuts, but a guide will keep you from making wrong cuts as well. Integrity is that measure of character that won't let you fall into wrong-doing or making the same mistakes over and over again. Integrity is that measure of character that takes rebuke to heart and does something about it. Integrity is the measure of character that learns something when it sees the simple punished. Integrity is the quality of character that sets people in good stead; it is a faithful guide along the pathway of life. When there is a breakdown in integrity—when you're not what you advertise yourself to be, you will produce the results that a lack of integrity produces. Your guide will be faulty.

Perverseness by definition means to turn aside from the way that is right. A perverse man will look at a faulty cut and say it is straight. That is our problem today. We have men in pulpits and pews today who are calling that which is bad, good. They are calling crooked ways, straight. That lack of integrity is the destroying element of the next generation of children. ► Lesson #2 for Fathers: Integrity is a precious commodity; don't give it away. Money can't buy integrity.

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool [hypocrite] (Proverbs 19:1).

Many people today are like Esau in so many ways. They will trade their integrity for a mess of pottage any day of the week. There are some things you just don't sell. Integrity is one of those commodities. Job stands to all fathers as an example of a man who would not sell his integrity (Job 2:3, 9-10; 27:1-6; 31:1-6). Though stricken with grief and loss, suffering the disdain of his wife, surrounded by comfortless friends, and covered with boils, Job never lost his integrity. He met the challenge.

► Lesson #3 for Fathers: Integrity is a preserving quality of home and life.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee (Psalm 25:21).


A father is preserved by integrity and uprightness. These are the qualities that give endurance and stability to any man's

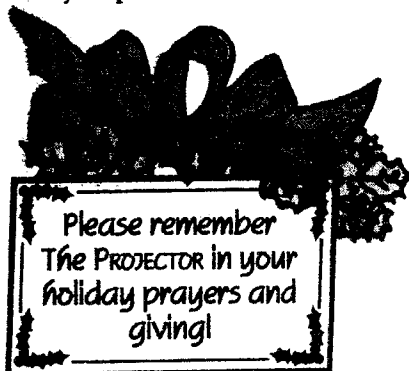


ministry and work. David lifted up this prayer at a time that seemed as if his kingship was coming to a close. His enemies were giving him cause to wonder whether he would continue to endure as king. David had done no wrong; he was guilty of no sin. He writes in Psalm 26:1, "Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide." Can we speak with such confidence?

A man who claims to wait upon God must carry his credentials with him at all times. Integrity and uprightness are the credentials that must be displayed before a Holy and All-knowing God. High security areas of the Pentagon require certain security credentials that must be in place before one can pass into secure areas. If you do not have your credentials that say you are allowed in a secure place, you cannot enter. Integrity and uprightness are those credentials that secure a safe and slide-free track for the man of God, his wife, and his children.

What About Jt Dad?

EVERY FATHER DESIRES that his children be blessed after him. This, however, does not happen by accident. It is the just man walking in his integrity that produces such children. This puts incredible pressure upon fathers to live consistently before God and walk in integrity. Rather than seeking to remove the pressure and potential guilt from failure as some are prone to do, let us ask God for broader shoulders to carry the weight and responsibility God has given to us as fathers that we may reap eternal rewards. 



Please remember
The PROTECTOR in your
holiday prayers and
giving!

Give Us God's Word

by L. W. Munhall, D. D. (1843-1934)
editor, Eastern Methodist

The secret of the success of the Reformation was not, as nearly all are inclined to believe, in the ringing war cry—"Justification by faith!" Back [of] this glorious and most gracious truth lay the true reason, viz: Giving the Word of God to the people. Rome held, as now, that only the priests educated in her schools were competent to read and expound the Scriptures.

Luther broke the chain that bound the sacred volume, and henceforth it was to be just as free to the common people as to the ecclesiastics. A knowledge of the doctrine of justification by faith was only incidental to this fact.

There are many, high in authority in Protestant churches, who today believe that the Word of God can be rightly understood and expounded only by those who have been educated in theological seminaries. The Word of the living God is in conflict with such a belief.

A man may be familiar with all the dead languages, may be thoroughly instructed in the physical sciences and may have a complete knowledge of literature; but, if this is all, he can no more understand the Holy Scriptures than the King of the Cannibal Islands, not one whit! See Job 12:17; Psa. 92:5; Isa. 40:28; 55:9; Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 1:18-21; 2:9, 14.

By the aid of the Holy Spirit, the truth of God's Word, which the natural man, at his best, can neither know or expound, is revealed unto the unlearned as well as the educated, if only they will be taught by Him. See Mt. 11:25; Jn. 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10, 12. And men unlearned in the lore of the schools may know how to expound the Word. See Mt. 21:16; Acts 4:13; 1 Cor. 1:26-29.

I know more than one man unable to parse a simple sentence in an English grammar, at whose feet theological professors and doctors of divinity can sit every day in the year and be taught in the things of the kingdom, if only they are humble enough to learn from any one competent to teach them.

Of course I am not inveighing against education. I understand the advantages of a secular and theological education as fully as any man possibly can. I am simply trying to show that the Scriptures are for the ignorant as well as the learned.

I want, also, to say that, the Word of God, whether read or expounded, is quite as safe in the keeping of the common people as the clergy. I was once in a convention of Christian workers, and a minister, who evidently believed that the oracles of God had been especially delivered into his keeping, with awful presence, arose and said—"I greatly fear the result of these unordained men going out and attempting to preach. They may promulgate errors that will injure the church." When he took his seat, the chairman of the meeting asked me if I did not have a word to say. I responded by saying—"I do not sympathize with the fears of the last speaker. I have known, first and last, a great many unordained men to preach, but never heard of an error falling from their lips." But the air today is full of false teachings by ordained ministers. The fact is, nearly all if not quite all heresies have had their birth in the minds of ordained ministers, and by them have been given to the people. The minister has temptations in this direction that other people have not. See Jer. 23:16-22; II Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 1:9-11.

The safeguard against false teachings is for the people to have the Word and study it for themselves under the guidance of the Spirit. I believe there is a larger number doing this than ever before. I also believe there is a larger number of faithful ministers who are preaching the Word than in any age of the Church. This is seen in the forcing of issues. The lines are more clearly drawn. The false prophets must show their colors. The more the people study the Word, the more this will be so. Give them more Bibles to study and expound according to their gifts, and let the fight go on. "It is not Luther's Reformation, but God's."



Teaching Tips

by Doris Deppard

THESAURUS

A MISSING LINK!

REALLY, the thesaurus is not a dinosaur. All children need to learn to use one. These books are valuable for training our children in reading, writing, and vocabulary. They are just as important as dictionaries and are a valuable resource in teaching specific skills such as alphabetizing, using guide words, and spelling.

Phonics, of course, is the best method for teaching children to read. Once phonics has been mastered, our work from that point on is to help our students understand what they read. Reading comprehension is easily measured—give a quiz; however, helping a child improve his comprehension is another matter. The thesaurus can help! By looking up synonyms, the children will develop a better mental picture. The teacher is the key! As you lead classroom discussions of key words, students can grasp the mental picture of what is being read.

One good way to learn writing and composition is to mirror-image a story or selection. Aesop's Fables and entries in children's non-fiction, eyewitness-type books are usually short enough for even young children to use. Benjamin Franklin wrote that his own writing was improved upon by writing in a pattern of accomplished authors. To use this method, children will be given a selection to write a key-word outline (2-3 words from each sentence). They then make up their own sentence using those words in their outline. This gives

them something to start with (besides a blank piece of paper). After sentences are written, the child uses a thesaurus to "dress-up" his sentences.

Example: "Flowers are fun to grow."
Key words: flowers fun grow

Use the thesaurus to find synonyms:

flowers:	fun:	grow:
blossoms	enjoy	cultivate
bud	delight	plant
bloom	relish	produce
		sprout

Re-written sentence:
"Cultivating flowers is a delight."

The greatest help of a thesaurus is in vocabulary. Assigning children a list of "vocab" words every week insures that the children will learn the new words for the quiz, but retention is a problem. A practical vocabulary is a working vocabulary.

Consider: storm (a word first and second graders use often)

The thesaurus gives these synonyms for storm: tempest, blizzard, downpour, hurricane, tornado, snowstorm. These new vocabulary words are now workable for children to use in a sentence. This is practical work for your students, which will be remembered long after a weekly quiz.

So, dust off those old books and make use of a wonderful resource. These "old dinosaurs" will enrich your students' reading, writing, and vocabulary.

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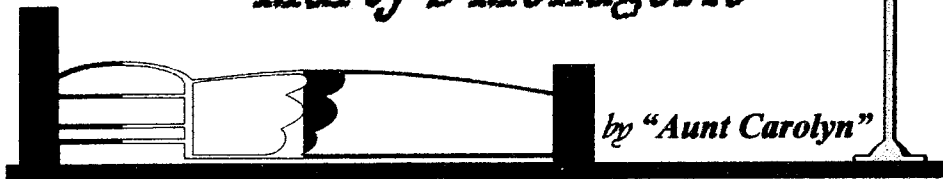
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Stars of the Morning

Marty's Menagerie



by "Aunt Carolyn"

Marty LAY BONE-STIFF IN HIS BED, his knuckles white from his tight grip on the quilt, and his eyes wide open in stark fear. There it was again! That eerie shadow crept slowly across his room again, and Marty's eyes bulged until they nearly popped out. The little boy's heart by now was pounding so hard he could feel every beat against the covers. The shadow stayed still for a few seconds. Maybe it would go away. Maybe it was nothing. Maybe... Then it moved again. It did! Marty saw it move and heard a weird scree-e-e-ch as the shadow moved. Marty could not stand it any longer! He yanked the covers up over his head, shut his eyes tighter than a clam shell, laid as still as a frozen flounder, and hoped against hope that whatever it was somehow would not GET him!

How long he lay there waiting for the horrible thing to go away, he did not know. The next he knew, it was morning with the warm sun bathing his room, making it feel like a friendly, familiar place again. Marty's day went pretty well, but he dreaded to see night come. Sooner or later he knew his parents would insist that he go up to bed, but they didn't know what was up there! They had no idea the strangers that lurked up there—the monsters or wild things or whatever they were. They didn't know, and Marty couldn't tell them. It was too awful to describe. No one would ever believe what was going on in his house!

The day did pass just as Marty knew it would. Suppertime was mighty quiet. Marty could not eat. His throat was dry in dread of bedtime. All his excuses for not eating were so puny that they were not at all convincing. At last, Dad laid his fork down and folded his napkin beside his plate.

"Okay, Sonny Boy, enough is enough. Something is wrong. It's written all over you. Let's spill it. Come clean. What's wrong?"

Marty's mumbling and bumbling finally came to a halt, and he just blurted it out. "I—I can't go to bed tonight!"

"You what? You can't go to bed tonight! Is that what you said?"

"Yes, Sir. I can't."

Dad showed no disbelief in his voice, but this was surely a most unbelievable statement from his boy!

"You say you can't go to bed tonight. Would you like to tell us why?"

"No, Sir." Marty hesitated. "I can't. I just can't!"

"Well, why can't you? Have you done something very wrong and you are afraid to tell?"

"No! Oh, no, Sir!"

Then with a sixth sense that the Lord sometimes seems to give fathers, Dad asked cautiously, "Well, I just wonder if—no, probably not—I know you are a very big boy now and hardly afraid of anything anymore, but could there possibly be something up there beside yourself—something rather... scary?"

Silence settled over the table. Marty didn't move to respond, and Dad waited for an answer. It was as if the boy's tongue was stuck to the top of his mouth.

"Martin," Dad continued, "did you notice anything? Anything strange? Hear a strange noise, perhaps?"

"Did I? Did I?" Marty almost exploded. "Dad, you won't believe it! I don't know what it is, but it's there every night going across the room and sometimes there are noises, and..."

"And what? What happens, Son?"

"Well, nothing happens. It's just that big, giant, awful shadows creep across the room! They go back and forth, and sometimes make noises, and..."

"Now, Son, you know shadows don't make noises. I never heard a shadow make a noise in my life!"

"Maybe you haven't, but these shadows make noises, 'cause I've heard them!" Marty's voice shook and his heart beat double-time just thinking about his ordeal!

"Marty, shadows do not make noises. If you are hearing noises, there is something making those noises."

"Yeah! Yeah! I mean, yes, Sir! And there's something up there all right! There's something up there making those noises, and making those shadows, and probably coming in my room! I'm scared to watch! I just cover up my head and lie still and hope whatever it is will go away!"

"And has it?" Dad asked.

"Yes, Sir, so far. But you never know when it will come. It might come tonight, and I just can't go up there, Dad. I just can't!"

"With all this fear and trouble, why haven't you come down and told your Mother and me?"

"Well," came the slow, weak answer, "I'm supposed to be a big boy now, and big boys don't sleep with their folks. They sleep in their own bed."

"Yes, that's true, but I think it would be just great for a seven-year-old boy, who had a fear or problem to come talk it over and let us know. You know, we just might be able to help a fellow out sometimes."

"Yes, Sir." Marty ducked his head.

"Now, I'll tell you what," Dad clapped a strong but gentle hand down on Marty's hand on the table. "After supper, why don't we go up to your room and search this thing out? If there is something there, we surely want to find it, don't we?"

With his fears somewhat relieved, Marty's appetite recovered a little. He ate some meatloaf and potatoes and one of Mom's good biscuits, and that was about it for that night.

After a while, Dad said, "All right. Come on now. Let's check out those monsters." There was a pause. "Come on, Marty. I'm with you. There's nothing to be afraid of."

Hesitatingly, Marty followed his Dad up the stairs. He dreaded going to his room. What if those monsters or ghosts or whatever they were were up there again? He wished Dad would just lock his bedroom door and let him stay downstairs.

When they reached his room, Dad went in, flipped on the lightswitch, and began to carefully look around—under the bed, in the closet, and behind to door. Marty had not entered the room when Dad finished his search and turned to the boy. "See, Son, I've looked over and under and behind and inside everything and everywhere. There is nothing in this room to harm you. There is nothing for you to be afraid of! You can see for yourself!"

Marty didn't move, but blurted, "Yes, but you have the light on! They come after the lights are all out!"

"Lights out. Hmmm!" The wheels in Dad's head were spinning now. "I'll tell you what we will do. Let's turn the lights out now and see what happens."

"Oh, Dad!" came the anxious reply.

"Come on in, Marty. Sit on the bed. I'll be here with you. Now, let's turn out the lights."

Dad pressed the switch down and for a moment the room was black. Marty scarcely opened his eyes until Dad said, "All right. Let's watch now and see what happens."

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AUTHORITY IS TO BE USED

God delegates authority for it to be used in the orderly execution of His will on earth, giving a uniform and regulated order to His universe. As we are well aware, authority is often misused by His creatures to whom it has been delegated; however, even this corruption of authority is not allowed to go on unchallenged as God causes even the wrath of man to praise Him, although man ends up getting the permissive will of God rather than His direct will. God expects the authority He delegates to be used by those to whom it is given. Parents are to wisely and prayerfully use the authority given them over their children; school administrators are to prayerfully use the authority delegated to them over their faculty and staff; the teacher is delegated authority by the parents while their children are at school, and those teachers are to prayerfully use that authority in the classroom. Authority is not delegated to sit on the shelf. God gives it to be exercised. The exercise of authority requires faith as Jesus indicated in His dealing with the Roman Centurion (Matt. 8:5-13). I believe that it is safe to say that having authority delegated to you and not using it would be at least as great a sin as being under authority and refusing to be obedient to that authority.

ARE YOU NORMAL?

If you are a normal human being, I do not believe you enjoy having to deal "eyeball-to-eyeball" with anyone, not even a child. I am afraid less training goes into this aspect of leadership than to any other part. Most are given leadership positions and expected to solve all the problems involved, including those face-to-face confrontations that are sometimes required, and yet are given very little, if any, instruction in this extremely important and yet most exacting aspect of supervision.

SUPERVISION

In this article, I am going to deal primarily with face-to-face confrontations that must be dealt with from time to time in the environment of the Christian School—that is, a teacher or an administrator with a student's parent or parents, or perhaps an administrator with a teacher or staff member. The principles I will attempt to give you will very

THE EDITOR



THE LAST EDITION of *The PROJECTOR* (Summer, 1999), Ronald "The Inspiration of the Scriptures" as quoted in Dr. Ian Paisley's book by C. H. Spurgeon and his brethren when they withdrew from the

"We the undersigned, banded together in fraternal union, observe the truths of Revelation, are constrained to avow our firmest belief in the Word of God, but it is not the Bible that contains the Word of God, but it is the Word of God that is in the Bible."

The second was expressed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America in 1893 concerning the doctrine of the inerrancy and infallibility of the Scriptures.

"The Bible as we now have it, in its various translations and versions, is THE VERY WORD OF GOD and consequently it is to be received as such."

As editor, I added the following quotes taken from Dr. Paisley's recent book, *My Bible*:

"I believe the Authorized Version [KJV] preserves the Word of God. The texts upon which the modern English perversions of the Bible are based are not mistakes of the translators."

LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Editor,

I just received my first *Projector* and found it very interesting. I enjoyed some of the articles and found them informative. However, I found one article to be quite disturbing. On page 6 of your Summer 1999 issue you listed the position of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America in 1893 concerning the doctrine of the inerrancy and infallibility of the Scriptures. If this were true then we don't have a Bible at all that can depend on. Going along this train of thought, we would have to ask the question, *what if the verses are not mistakes of the translators?*

In order to have an infallible Bible, we have to have a reliable translation, that we can hold up and say this is the Word of God, without error. I believe the change in Ian Paisley's position is the biblical position. The Lord says in Matthew 5:18 that not one jot or tittle [sic] will pass until all be fulfilled. If this means what I believe it means then God will preserve His Word until the end of time.

I do not believe in dual inspiration, but I do believe that God has miraculously preserved His Word for us today, in the English language, through the King James Version of the Bible. All of these other translations have omissions, and changes. If these omissions are God's Word then why weren't they translated? If they are not God's Word, then why are they in the K.J.V.? Only one can be right in this.

I trust that you are not going down the line of using these other translations. The K.J.V. stood for 300 years as the Bible used by our forefathers. Through it, many revivals came, and countless thousands were saved. These other translations were entirely unnecessary, and came about as a satanic [sic] to spread doubt as to the authority of scriptures.

If you are going after other translations then you can save some money by removing me from your mailing list. In saying this, please do not count me as an enemy, but as a concerned friend.

In Christ,

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DOCTOR'S DESK

ld Bean wrote in this column concerning the "Historic Protestant Belief Regarding the
on doctrine, *Christian Foundations*, written some years ago. The first affirmation was
ne apostate Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland:

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n the verbal inspiration of all Holy Scripture AS ORIGINALLY GIVEN.
s the Word of God" [emphasis added].

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Plea for the Old Sword.

God for me in the English tongue and that it contains no errors" (p. 9).
Holy Scriptures are founded are neither reliable nor accurate" (p. 13).

EDITOR'S REPLY

Dear Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter to the editor dated September 9, 1999, and I appreciate your writing. I do not count you as an enemy even if we may disagree in some areas. The quote you refer to concerning the position of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America in 1893 was quoted from Dr. Paisley's book, *CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS*. The work of textual criticism has been to identify those errors and mistakes of translators, copyists, and printers, and remove them from the texts. God said He would preserve His Word and I believe He has through every valid translation and revision. With me it's a matter of faith. God has kept His promise and preserved His Word. How? I don't understand it all, but the Lord Jesus Christ promised in John 14:26, "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Christ Jesus is the Word made flesh; therefore, the "whatsoever I have said unto you" includes all of the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, but it does not include whatever errors man may put into the translation. My confidence and protection against getting and accepting error is the Holy Spirit of God, whom I trust implicitly to protect my mind and heart from error. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 John 2:27).

You accept that Dr. Paisley has changed his position, and I have no problem with his changing; however, I believe he should have stated in his most recent book, *MY PLEA FOR THE OLD SWORD*, that he no longer held to his previous position. This failure or omission brings confusion instead of clarity. It seems clear to me that he cannot hold to both positions.

You say you do not believe in dual inspiration, but knowing Peter Ruckman's present position as I do and observing the evolution of that position from one in which he simply favored the KJV to his present position of the inspiration and infallibility of the English KJV, I can tell you that you and thousands of others will likely eventually have to accept Peter's position, for that is the logical conclusion of the road you have taken.

In His Service,

D.H.
Editor

likely work in any area of face-to-face confrontation required to maintain peace and the continued smooth operation of a ministry.

A PERSONAL NOTE

I have been the pastor of Grace Bible Church in Milton, Florida, for over 48 years, and for 45 of those 48 years I have been a teacher and an administrator. For the first eight years after graduating from Bob Jones University, "Aunt Carolyn" and I were in the public school system here in Santa Rosa County (where I was born and reared, by the way). The last three of those eight years I was the principal of the same elementary school that I attended as a boy. My principal for those years was Mr. A. D. McCall, and at the time I became principal there in 1959, Mr. McCall was the County Supervisor of Principals and my boss. As I was entering into this new field of administration, Mr. A. D., as we called him, took me into his office and said something like this: "Now, Dayton, as a school principal you will be called upon to do all kinds of things, and you will be kept very busy trying to keep up with everything that is expected of you; however, there is one thing you must not neglect, and that is supervision. You must see to it that you know everything that is going on in your school. Be everywhere; see everything. Supervision is the key to being a successful administrator." As a young principal, I attempted to give heed to his wise advice. I spent only three years there, as Carolyn and I began Santa Rosa Christian School in the fall of 1962; however, Mr. A. D.'s advice is still remembered and exercised 41 years later.

Good supervision will from time to time require a face-to-face confrontation. I would not suggest such a confrontation when a note or a spoken word will suffice; however, we must not avoid a face-to-face confrontation just because we don't want to do it, or because we are afraid we will not handle it well. There are principles that can help you do it successfully, and there is nothing as rewarding for a supervisor as to have had a worthwhile and successful face-to-face encounter.

In future articles, we will look at some of the Biblical confrontations and the principles involved, and finally, we will attempt to go step by step through a confrontation with an irate parent.

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(To Be Continued)



ALMOST A CHRISTIAN

ACTS 26:28

by Ronald Bean

THE SEARCH for an adequate definition of the term "Christian" is liable to produce more confusion than clarity. To those outside of North America, the United States may be seen as a Christian nation and, therefore, all of its citizens must be Christians. In the U.S., we hear of conflicts in foreign lands between "Christians" and Muslims; and while we know there are some "fighting fundamentalists" we were not aware that they had taken up missile launchers in their zeal. The definition is sometimes simplified to someone who is kind and tolerant, who simply attends church regularly, or who has made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. In the search for a definition, the appeal is made to historical sources who claim it was a label of derision hung upon early believers or that it means "little Christs."

To find an accurate definition, let us turn to our only authoritative source, the Word of God. There we find the term used three times, and each use gives us a clear understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

A Christian is a disciple of Christ (Acts 11:26). This is the first mention of the word *Christian* in the Bible, and we find that the term was assigned to the *disciples* of Christ. As we study the use of the term *disciple* as the Lord Jesus Christ used it during His earthly ministry, we find that He had certain qualifications for those who would be called His disciples. Along with the common use of describing one who followed a disciplined lifestyle and willingly obeyed the instructions of his master, we find that the disciple was one who was willing to deny himself, to identify with Christ, and follow Him (Luke 9:23), because he loved Christ more than anyone or anything else (Luke 14:26, 33). Such discipline, devotion, obedience, and self-denial would surely set one apart from the crowd and distinctively mark them as a "Christian."

A Christian is someone who has met Christ and has been transformed by the meeting (Acts 26). The second mention of the word *Christian* was used by King Agrippa after Paul had shared his personal testimony with the king and the court. Paul's three-minute speech is a model for any believer to follow when asked for his personal testimony. It left no doubt in Agrippa's mind as to what made a person a Christian. He had one before him. He listened to what he said and understood two things. One: that he wasn't a Christian. Two: that Paul was a Christian. In listening to Paul's testimony, we find more to clarify our definition.

A Christian is someone with a *past*. Paul describes his life as a strict and zealous Pharisee who persecuted followers of Christ because he thought it was the right thing to do. Like every sinner, he was opposed to the things of God, and his opposition manifested itself in the persecution of the followers of Christ until he met Christ and his life was transformed.

A Christian is someone who has been *converted by Christ*. Paul said that his conversion was a pattern for those who believe (1 Timothy 1:15-16). The pattern is not the bright light, heavenly voice, or temporary blindness. The pattern is the fact that, when people are saved, they become new creatures, transformed by the miracle of the new birth. He had known *conviction* (the hardness of the pricks) and now he knew *conversion*. He understood the Gospel message and obediently went forth to proclaim to others its simple but life-changing truths (Acts 26:15-23). He proclaimed the need for genuine repentance, that the crucified and risen Christ delivers sinners from darkness and the power of Satan to light and the family of God. He declared that forgiveness of sins, spiritual blessings, and sanctification (holy living) are given by God's grace through faith in the Risen Christ. His bold and clear declaration of the Gospel that makes men Christians and his appeal to the Word of God as the proof of his message (v. 22) provoked some interesting responses. Festus thought Paul was crazy; Agrippa was "almost persuaded"; and Bernice was a passive spectator. All three would agree that a Christian had a clear profession supported by the open practice of his beliefs.

A Christian will be treated as Christ was treated (1 Peter 4:12-16). The mocking that Paul willingly endured from Festus was not a strange thing. The Lord Himself had promised His disciples that they would be scorned by the world if they identified with Him. The final mention of the word *Christian* is found in 1 Peter 4:16, and the context of its use supports Christ's promise. The trials that Christians experience in this life are part of the cost of resembling the Savior. The world hated Him, and it will hate those who follow Him as well. But be of good cheer: "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus." The reproach that the world heaps upon the followers of Christ is a light affliction compared with the weight of glory that is to come. Count it as a privilege that others can see so much of Christ in you.

With this biblical definition before us, it would do us well to measure ourselves by the standard of God's Word. There are "almost Christians" like Agrippa, who have all the facts but none of the fruit. There's a "head interest" in Christ but no "heart love" for Him. Perhaps it is a love of the world's pleasure or acceptance that places one in an "almost" condition unwilling to forsake all for Christ. To be "almost a Christian" is to be lost and without hope. But to be a Christian is to be saved from sin by the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God in one's heart manifests itself in a vibrant love for the Savior, and their words and actions clearly mark them as followers of Christ.

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Proverb Practical

by Ludwig Opager

PROVERBS 20:30:

*"The blueness of a wound
cleanseth away evil: so do stripes
the inward parts of the belly."*

MAN'S cleansing agents work on the outside, but God's cleansing agents work on the inside. His agents provide remedies for America's haunting problems and, if used, will bring order and tranquillity to its streets and neighborhoods.

Many, however, do not like God's cleansing agents. God's ways have been examined and found wanting by experts; the self-enlightened or the "each-other" enlightened. But praise the Lord, the Word of God is for God's people. We are not to expect the world to hold to God's ways, but we are to expect God's people to believe and hold to God's ways in spite of the contrary voices they may hear.

By this proverb, God provides a corrective prescription for error in direction. Try driving a car without continual correction! Consistent correction in driving will be small, comfortable adjustments. Slight adjustments in direction will keep the car headed rightly without drastic corrective measures. But try inattention, laxness, or sleeping. What kind of correction will then be needed? Drastic, quick, short kind of choices will be necessary that cause the car to rebel against change. Choices will be required where pain may be in every option regardless of the choice.

Jeremiah knew this when he prayed in Jer. 10:23, 24: *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.*

Jeremiah asked the Lord for correction. How unusual; how meek! Knowing that the way of man is not in himself, his heart could give no answer. Jeremiah had a knowledge of the Holy One which brought understanding. By this understanding, he asked the Lord to correct him, but he also asked the correction be with judgment, without anger.

In this case, judgment means justice: correction that is properly measured—not over-correction, but the exact correction needed to go in the right direction. Try over-correcting your car as you follow the speed limit on the interstate. You may cause the car to go out of control, even to tip over if you do not correct with judgment, with justice.

So it is with the correction that we or our children need. The Lord knows me, and He knows exactly what correction will get the job done. As parents, we are given the proper tools to use when correcting, whether it be our word alone or with the rod.

Correction may at times require gentle strokes of the rod, but, at other times, it may require severe strokes. God gives us authority to cause pain to the flesh of our children for the subjugation of the spirit. Sin and the results of sin are far greater than the affliction of blueness and stripes which last but a little while. Is not the spirit eternal and the flesh temporal? Should not the temporal suffer for the benefit of the eternal? If pain to the flesh brings benefit to the spirit, then so be it, even to the blueness of the wound, even to the temporary tattoo of the stripes.


God equips us with judgment. We are to be discerning in what correction is needed to aright the child who is fallen. Who is better equipped to do this than parents? We know the child's age; we know if we have been providing corrective adjustments in a consistent manner. If we know God, we know the way our child should go, and when we see him going in a contrary direction, correction is mandatory.

If God has given you children, the case is closed as to whether you are to correct that child. The child has a fallen nature that cries out for correction, and you are the one to apply the correction and to decide how severe that correction should be, but only according to what God allows in His Word.

We know if we have been neglectful in our correction. We know if severe adjustment or correction will be necessary to aright the child to go the right way. Many times, the need for drastic correction is our fault, because we have not applied correction in a timely manner. But God knows our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. He gives us the instruction that blueness of the wound is at times necessary for cleansing. He authorizes us to cause stripes on the outside of our children in order to cause a change on the inside. This great parental responsibility requires discernment, judgment, love, soberness, temperance, and patience with an absence of anger.

Remember what Jeremiah prayed: *O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.*

Would you not honor this prayer if it came from your children? We must assume that it does, because God speaks in behalf of your children. Should we not be as mindful of our children's needs and cries as the Heavenly Father is of His? Q



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Thank you so much for sending The PROJECTOR to me so faithfully. Each issue has been such a blessing. SC

You're taking a great stand in this day of spinelessness. Keep it up.

I'm sorry I can't see you more often. It looks like heaven will be the best place for "time" to visit.

Keep leading the pack. Your fellow servant. FL

Thank you for The PROJECTOR. My wife and I were saved in the spring of 1949. We remember the battles to separate from the modernism, waged by Dr. Ketchum and others. Keep on track. Keep looking up for redemption draweth nigh. May God bless your ministry.

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