

The PROJECTOR

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

A POISONED PERSONALITY

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Proverbs 29:15,17 - The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Proverbs 23:24 - The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

The Pleasing Personality

Obviously, the primary reason for bringing your child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is that they may early come to know Christ as their Savior and become His servant as they grow older. There is, however, another very important reason for the proper training of a child, which has to do with the development of a pleasing personality. What a blessing a child becomes not only to the Lord, but also to family and friends, and to all those who throughout the years come in contact with him or her in the business of life. When you have dealings with a person who is agreeable, friendly, helpful, cooperative, polite, and grateful, you have been signally blessed. You can be sure that some diligent parent or parents have spent years rooting out the bad traits of character, which grow so easily in the depraved soil of the human heart, and in like manner, those same parents have patiently and diligently planted and watered those positive traits that are necessary to develop that pleasing personality that we all admire and enjoy so much.

Attitudes and Temperaments That Poison The Personality If Allowed To Take Root In Your Child

A. **Pouting:** To thrust out the lips, as in sullenness, contempt, or displeasure. Moody, grumpy, a moper.

Pouting occurs when a child is crossed and does not get its way. The child's determined goal then is to make as many other people around it as unhappy as he or she is; and that, in order to bring about a change of behavior on the part of the parents. Behavior Modification did not originate with B.F. Skinner or other psychologists. Children have been at work modifying the

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A MISSIONARY'S RECOLLECTIONS OF DR. BOB JONES, SR., FOUNDER OF BOB JONES UNIVERSITY by Dr. Gerald Johnson, Missionary

I was a hospital corpsman in the Navy during World War Two. When stationed at a Marine base in Parris Island, SC, I met an unusual navy man by the name of Alvin Ratzlaff. I was unsaved at the time, but I saw in Alvin Ratzlaff something different from any other sailor and also myself. He witnessed about Christ to everyone he met and consequently was regarded as a "religious fanatic." I tried to avoid him as much as possible. However, his bunk was right across from my bunk in our barracks, so every day I saw him read his Bible, get down on his knees and pray, etc., and it profoundly affected me. There were times when sailors ridiculed and made fun of him, but he would take no offense or become angry. The Lord began to convict me of my sins. One night I got down on my knees and accepted Jesus as my Savior. The result was that my life was changed 180 degrees.

I began to read my Bible, pray and witness to others of my new-found faith in Christ. I felt the Lord was calling me into the ministry and decided that when I got out of the navy I would attend a Christian college. However, I had no idea where to go. As I was praying about a Christian college where I might prepare to serve the Lord, I came across a Christian magazine which contained an article about the evangelist, Dr. Bob

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Editor's Desk

IS AMERICA A PART OF PROPHECY?

Longsuffering seems to be the outstanding quality of God's mercy in these days of apostasy and spiritual decay in our beloved America. God has reserved the present heavens and the earth for judgment by fire, and it is God's longsuffering that keeps the door of salvation open, awaiting that great day of judgment (II Pet. 3:7-9).

What about America? Will she survive as a nation and be included in the end time events of Scripture, or will God judge her prior to the day of His wrath? Most Bible scholars of the past did not find America referred to in the Scriptures. There have been some men who have gone to great lengths in an attempt to find America referred to in some of the obscure prophetic passages in the Old Testament. If America has no part in the prophesies of Old Testament Scriptures, then she could disappear from the scene on earth just as quietly and quickly as she began. My point is that we have no guarantee that America will be a viable nation even at the time of the Rapture of the Church.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

I fear for America. Having rejected more light than any nation in history and the opportunity to continue to be a great blessing to the world, and having become a nation of sexual perversion, adultery, fornication, and sensual lusts and desires, how can God allow us to continue as a nation? To date, we have been the recipient of the longsuffering of a merciful God; how much longer do we have?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the faithful work you do in getting out The PROJECTOR. It is always good to hear from our friends in Milton, Florida...

Count us in on The PROJECTOR. A small gift is included to help with expenses. We would like to keep the paper coming to our mailbox. I look forward to getting it. It always make me think.

SC

As we continue to live through these prophetic yet difficult times, it is great to receive The PROJECTOR to help keep a steady hand on the helm, as we keep the watch during the storm.

AZ

When we get our age, Dr. Hobbs, we look forward to that BLESSED HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

"My Time" is in God's hands, and I really do not want to go as long as HE has something for me to do for HIS GLORY.

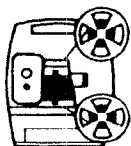
I love The PROJECTOR paper and look forward to the various articles in it.

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Here is a little help for the publication of The PROJECTOR. It is well received by the people in our Fellowship and I know it is a blessing for many.

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Christian Greetings. May God abundantly bless your labors is our prayer and may this small contribution be of help to continue in your ministry. Please pray for me. I have health problems and a lot of discomfort.

PA

Many thanks for your consistent stand thru the years. Your paper has so many fine articles that it's hard to single out any one especially. Keep up the good work for the Lord. Yours is a paper I can safely and gladly pass on.

SC



Jones, Sr. and the college he had founded which at that time was located in Cleveland, Tennessee. The article told how Dr. Jones took great interest in the men who were studying for the ministry at his school and he called them his "preacher boys." I applied to Bob Jones College and was accepted as a student. After getting out of the navy I attended Bob Jones College.

Dr. Jones was a very powerful preacher and he didn't mince words about living for the Lord. I had never heard anyone preach like he preached. The rules and regulations at the college were strict and he saw to it that the rules were enforced. He meant business. I recall Dr. Jones saying from the platform, "If you don't like our rules you can pack your dirty duds and go home!" I had no problem with the rules. I had just come out of the navy and had learned what it meant to obey rules and regulations. I was glad the school had strict rules and they were enforced.

After my first year at Bob Jones College in Tennessee the school moved to Greenville, SC, and I went with the school to its new location. Bob Jones College became Bob Jones University. In my last year at Bob Jones University a missionary statesman, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of a large church in Toronto, Canada, preached a series of missionary messages. He especially emphasized the great need for missionaries in Japan. As a defeated nation, Japan was now for the first time open to the gospel. Dr. Smith said, "I am visiting Bible colleges and seminaries throughout the U.S. with the prayer that God may call 100 missionaries to go to Japan." About the same time, General Douglas MacArthur was calling for 1,000 missionaries to come to Japan. The Lord spoke to my heart, and after Dr. Smith returned home I wrote to him saying that I believed the Lord was calling me to be a missionary to Japan. In 1949, I married a young lady, Miriam Sweeney, who also felt called to Japan, and together we sailed to Japan as missionaries to the Japanese people.

Dr. Jones visited Japan several times and each time I arranged the meetings and traveled with him. I was like a sponge, eagerly soaking up all the advice the Dr. Jones would give me. He was a tremendous inspiration. Although up in years he had the energy of two or three ordinary men put together. He had a tremendous zeal to win lost souls. His convictions were Bible-based and he would never compromise his convictions. His first loyalty was to Jesus Christ. He often said, "If I have one drop of blood in me not loyal to Christ I want a physician to open my veins and have it removed."

Dr. Jones was a man of great influence and yet he was an humble man who was always easily approachable. There was nothing "put on" in his personality. He loved everyone. The thing that stands out most vividly in my mind was his warm friendship for his "preacher boys"—missionaries, pastors, Christian workers who were fighting hard and lonely battles for the faith.

There came a time as a young missionary when a crisis occurred in my life. The seeds of new evangelicalism

had started to sprout in the foreign mission board of which I was a member. I wrote to Dr. Jones for advice. Like a spiritual father he wrote back, "I know what is going on over there in Japan. I have the contacts that make me know what is going on. But remember this, Gerry, stand true. Don't compromise. Fight for the truth, but be sweet and keep your head. I have been preaching for sixty-one years, and I have never in my life been trapped by anything I have ever said. I have always been able to face what I have said, because I have always had an element of caution in it."

At the close of this letter Dr. Jones wrote, "When we finish this letter, we are going to bow our heads and have a special prayer that God will help you. We are going to pray first that you may have a warm, spiritual heart, and second that you may have a clear head, and third that you may have the courage to do right if the stars fall out of the sky on all the tents you have." By way of explanation, at that time I was president of a Bible Institute in Japan that trained Japanese to be evangelists. We had a number of tents that we used in evangelistic campaigns and five Japanese evangelists for each tent team.

STAY SWEET BUT DON'T COMPROMISE

In another letter Dr. Jones again exhorted me to keep my head and stay amiable in the heat of the battle. "I have been under fire so long that I know how to get along, but it is mighty hard for a young fellow to keep his head. An old preacher told me one time years ago, 'fight like the d_____ but stay sweet.' Now, you stay sweet, but keep fighting, and do not compromise, and as long as you go ahead that way, we will stand by you."

Dr. Jones was always ready to defend the faith but he was also a kind Christian gentleman. He exhorted me, "My work will soon be done, Gerry; but keep this letter and remember what I have written you. Now, keep fighting. You are on the right track. Don't pussyfoot, or trim or compromise....My work will soon be done, and I know it, but I am going to go down carrying the flag that God put into my hands fifty-five years ago."

DISCERNMENT

Dr. Jones had a keen spiritual insight. He was always able to quickly size up a situation. He made a brief trip to Korea and immediately put his finger on the sore spot. In a letter to one of my missionary friends he wrote, "Your problem in Korea is the same problem we have in America. It is a *churchianity* problem. That does not mean we are against churches. We are for churches when they sell Jesus Christ instead of themselves to the people. There is a churchianity in Korea that is as bad as we have in America. Even some of these mission boards have this churchianity approach, and some of them almost deify their own boards instead of exalting the purpose for which the board came into existence. Now, I say this in a kind, Christian way. I do not mean to be critical."

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Stars of the Morning Jelly Beans!

Part II

by "Aunt Carolyn"



The story so far: Nell's pretty appearance hardly covered her self-centered outbursts of temper and disobedience. She was in for quite a surprise when Mother cut the first big piece of chocolate cake for her brother and then put the cake away!

"But Mama," she whined! "Where's mine? I don't have any yet! You didn't cut me a piece!"

"Oh, so I didn't. Well, it seems strange that you ignored my calls this afternoon or pretended not to hear when you didn't want to come, but when it was something you wanted, such as the cake, you were quick to hear. Perhaps this will make you understand the seriousness of hearing and obeying Mother's voice. You must hear every time and obey every time, not just when you choose.

Nell's head drooped and a tear rolled down her cheek. She wanted to get mad, but something inside told her that wasn't right either. She sat quiet and limp at the table. It would have been easier if Bubba had taunted and "Goody, goodied" her, but he didn't. He seemed to be listening to Mother, too.

Mother sat down at the table with them. "Let's just look at a short Bible verse together. All right?"

"Okay", they agreed.

She opened her well-worn Bible to James 1:19b. "See here?" she said. "James said, '*Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.*' I think that about covers our problems this afternoon. Nell has a real 'hearing' problem, not with her physical ears but with the ears of her heart, mind, and will. You know the doctor checked her ears and found no problem. He quite knowingly diagnosed her trouble as what he calls *Selective Hearing Disease*. Nell seems to hear just what she wants to hear when she wants to hear it. Do you think that kind of hearing pleases the Lord?"

"No. No, Ma'am," they spoke. "'Be swift to hear,' James said."

"Right. And I'm afraid Bubba showed that he needs to control his tongue. Teasing, mocking, and harsh words may begin in fun, but they end in hurting someone else and hurting your own good name and testimony. You both must be thoughtful of what you say, where it might lead, or who it might hurt. Remember James said to be '*Slow to*

slow to speak.'"

"Now, the last part is just as important. '*Slow to wrath.*' You both profess to be saved, to have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, but when you let your hot temper flare up, you know you are not letting the Lord control your life. You say and do things that bring hurt to others and shame to yourself and to the Lord. Quick wrath is proud, selfish, and does not please God. The Apostle Peter had to learn this lesson the hard way, too. He made quick boasts with his tongue and then failed the Lord miserably. He also let his temper loose and swung his sword with vengeance and chopped off a soldier's ear! When at last he humbled himself and yielded to the Lord's way instead of his own, he became a great servant for the Lord Jesus Christ."

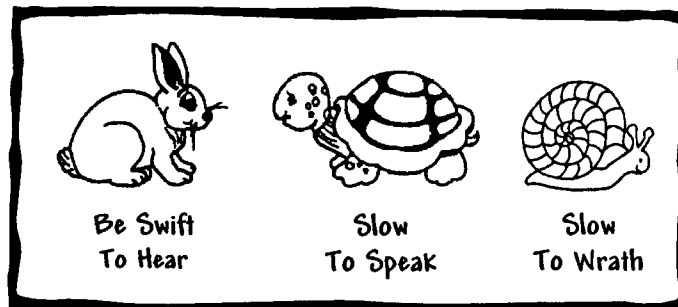
"David, the great king of Israel, had to learn self-control, too. He wrote, *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.* (Ps. 101:2a), and *Surely I have behaved and quieted myself* (Ps. 131:2a). If important men of the Bible had to learn to do right, I think it's time for us to get to work at it, too, don't you?"

The children agreed, of course, but Mother reminded them that it would be a day-to-day task and that they must daily ask the Lord to help them "Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."

"Now, scoot!" she said with a smile. "And there will be cake for tomorrow's snack IF we *remember* and *do* as James said!"

The next afternoon, there was, indeed, delicious, chocolate cake for snack, plus good, cold milk and pleasant smiles.

"Look, Mom! See what we did?" Nell and Bubba laid a big sheet of drawing paper on the table. Much to Mother's surprise and delight, the children had drawn a fine poster! Mother was so pleased, she taped it up on the



refrigerator for everyone to see! "Ah," she said, "That will be a reminder to all of us every day!"

Note to young readers: Perhaps *you* would like to draw a poster like Nell and Bubba's for your room or refrigerator. Ω



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BIG ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

Dr. Jones always saw the danger of religious organizations or movements exalting themselves above Jesus Christ. Speaking of committees, Dr. Bob used to say that in his entire lifetime he never saw God use committees to win souls but always utilized *individuals* to evangelize and save the lost. "The more I think about it, the more I have a feeling that God is using *individuals*, not big organizations and machinery" is the way Dr. Bob expressed his view.

Dr. Jones wrote me, "Watch out for organizations. They are dangerous. They never have succeeded. The story of Christianity is the story of the work of individuals. This has been true ever since Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He could not organize a church without having trouble; and this ecclesiastical machinery and bigness and all that sort of thing is not of God, however honest the people may be who are in it." God gave Dr. Jones a great deal of practical down-to-earth wisdom, and he was always eager to pass on these truths to his "preacher boys."

PERSECUTION

Dr. Bob wanted all his "preacher boys" to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and he taught them that if they stayed true to Christ they would face persecution in one form or other. He wrote me, "No child of God who is faithful to his trust can escape persecution. A Christian may become a rich man. He may be educated. He may have good health. He may have many other wonderful things; but God says definitely that if we live godly, we shall suffer persecution. A man who is not persecuted is not a born-again, faithful child of God. There is no escape in this world from persecution in some form when we are true to Jesus Christ. It took me a long time to learn that. We folks who love the Lord love everybody. We forget what God says about persecution. You can't stand for the Lord Jesus Christ and live an

uncompromising life and fight a winning battle for God without going up against satanic opposition."

PROPHETIC INSIGHT

Dr. Jones had the gift of discerning spirits, especially in regard to pseudo-religious movements. In 1953 he wrote a letter to caution all his "preacher boys" serving as missionaries in Japan during the time of a spurious "revival." Dr. Jones wrote, "There are a great many manifestations that are counterfeit, and there are going to be more and more of these 'counterfeit manifestations.' *So I want to warn all of you to be very careful that you do not get swept off your feet by movements that appear good but are in some cases diverting attention from the main business of getting out the Gospel to the people and getting them saved.* It is my opinion that as we go into the close of this age, we are going to have more and more demon religious manifestations... we are living in a day of religious peril, and the peril is going to keep on getting worse and worse as the darkness of the close of this age settles."

EXALT JESUS CHRIST!

At one time Dr. Jones wrote a letter of exhortation to all his "preacher boys" serving as missionaries in Japan, "I am calling you to the colors. You get on your feet, pray without ceasing, get the Gospel to as many people as possible in the shortest time possible, exalt Jesus Christ wherever you can, and you won't backslide. You begin to backslide when you begin to put emphasis somewhere else except on Jesus, the Gospel, and winning souls. The danger of over-emphasis in the Christian program is as bad as under-emphasis. You cannot overemphasize Jesus and His blessed vicarious, substitutional, blood atonement and His bodily resurrection from the dead. You cannot overemphasize the fact that He died to save sinners. But it is possible to overemphasize the gifts of the Holy Spirit to such an extent that you will draw attention away

from Him.

"Get out and tell them about Jesus. God will take care of the Gospel. You can count on the Holy Spirit applying it. Your job is to give the Gospel to the people. Remember that above all the gifts of the Holy Spirit set forth in the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians, the writer, under the power of the Holy Spirit, says there is a more excellent way, and that is in the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. No man anywhere in the world who keeps on preaching this Gospel day in and day out under all circumstances and under all conditions and who sees this Gospel work will need to roll in the sawdust aisle and pray in agony for some gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit won't leave a man who in his heart loves Jesus and who is out after sinners, trying to get them saved.

"I am pleading for the Lord Jesus Christ to have His proper place because there is salvation in no other name but His Name. You need not worry about the Holy Spirit doing His job. *You do your job.* He will give you whatever gift you need to exalt Jesus Christ, but the devil will give you a counterfeit gift and brand it Christian to pull attention away from the Lord Jesus Christ."

DO RIGHT!

Dr. Jones' great principle was "Do Right." His ethics were based on doing right and he would never compromise this principle. Years ago Dr. Jones felt that several of the missionaries in Japan were not doing right, and was deeply concerned about their compromise. He wrote them, "You can do as you please. You are your own men. You can do wrong if you want to. You can have the wrong ethics if you want to; but at my age in life, I am not going to say a thing is right when I know it is not right."

Dr. Jones sought to know the truth, whatever quarter it might come from, and then act and make judgments according to the facts as he came to understand them. He

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FOCUS ON RELIGION

Liberty in Christ and the Translation Debate

by Tod Brainard

Very few young men and women within the churches of Fundamentalism have been untouched by the translations debate. Young minds are impressionable and can be led down the wrong track of thinking. There is now a whole new generation of young people who have been taught to attack all translations of the Bible save the King James Version. This is unfortunate and cause for great concern.

As a young man in the ministry, one of the most valuable lessons learned from my pastor in this whole debate is that of the necessity of holding to the precious personal liberty that I enjoy in Christ Jesus. This liberty, as Christ indicated in John 10:9, allows me *"to go in and out and find pasture."* Freedom to go in and out and find pasture is the **liberty** of the sons of God in Christ Jesus. This means there is more in Christ than salvation of the soul, though glorious this salvation is. There is also **liberty** and **food** for the soul as well. The Good Shepherd provides the liberty and the food for His own, for He is also the Door of the sheep that goes in and out. The pasture is the Word of God, which is Jesus Christ (John 1:1-2, 14; Revelation 19:13). Therefore, I have liberty to search the Word of God, not just one translation of the Word of God which some men would impose. This, indeed, is a blessing and food abundant for the child of God.

It is true that we have been bombarded with a maze of translations and paraphrases in the past 20 years and some may not be trustworthy or reliable. The problem has always been sinful man. The translators and editors, men at best, put their own humanness, interpretation and philosophy into the translation work. This is true of all translation work, including that of the King James Version.

As a Christian, I am dependent upon the Holy

Spirit of God to keep me from error and to guide me into the truth of His Word which He has preserved in various translations. He did not tell us how He would preserve His Word, He just told us that He would do so. This knowledge prompted our forefathers to advocate the personal study of languages and various sound translations of Scripture. With liberty they prayerfully sought the Holy Spirit's direction and illumination to understand truth rightly.

The Issue Is Liberty

In the summer of 1998, I wrote the following in the fly-leaf of my Bible:

"I desire to have the same liberty as the King James translators to interpret and translate the Scriptures under the direction and illumination of the Holy Spirit. Using what manuscripts are available it is the Holy Spirit of Truth who will keep me from interpreting erroneously. By faith I believe God has preserved His Word throughout the centuries for His people. Remember, every translation is an interpretation!!! That is man has brought some level of his opinion, background and training into his translating. However, God has preserved His Word in spite of man's affected nature and mind."

I am neither a Hebrew nor Greek scholar. However, I desire to have *the same liberty* as the King James translators to do my own study of the languages and texts available. No man should take that away from me. My purpose in writing this statement of faith and liberty was to keep my mind straight in this matter of the versions debate. Biblically, Christ has given this liberty to me as His child. He has told me to *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of*

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bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

Man does not dictate the confines of this liberty, Christ does in His Word. It is my responsibility to stand in this liberty that Christ has given because there are those who would entice me to give up or restrict in some way this liberty. It is my opinion that the Devil has used the King James Controversy to restrict the liberty of God's people to study the Word of God in more than one translation.

Protestant Popery?

I recently heard of a pastor who announced to his people that they should discard all Reference King James Bibles that had marginal notes, cross references, and alternate word translations. Is this not the clergy dictating to the laity what Scriptures they may or may not use? Is this not Protestant Popery? Did Christ ever tell His disciples to discard the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament and only use the Hebrew manuscripts? He did not restrict their liberty at all in this regard. Let's go further. Which manuscripts or translations did the Bereans use to examine Paul's doctrine? There is no record in Scripture of any restrictions being applied to them concerning the available manuscripts or translations of their day. The disciples and the Bereans by faith prayed and trusted, as should we, that the blessed Holy Spirit of God would lead them into truth and away from all error whether in the copied manuscripts or translations they may have used.

For young men and women caught in the middle of this messy debate let this message be clear. **Do not let any man restrict or try to take away your liberty given by Christ "to go in and out and find pasture."** Ω

WITH THE LORD

Dr. O. Talmadge Spence, Founder and President of Foundations Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina, was called home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2000. Known as a warrior for the cause of Christ and fundamentalism, Dr. Spence took a militant stand against apostasy and for Biblical separation. He was a gifted preacher, conference speaker, and writer. He founded the publication, *Straightway*, in which many of his articles appeared. He was also recognized as an accomplished composer and poet.

Dr. Spence will be greatly missed by his family, his many preacher friends and others, but his testimony and the impact of his life lives on through the ministry of his son, Dr. Hubert T. Spence, who is continuing to carry the torch of Truth, through his printed messages, and through the lives of his associates, students, and others whose lives he greatly influenced.

PEOPLE DO NOT DRIFT TOWARD HOLINESS

Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.

D. A. Carson, *For the Love of God*
Christianity Today, June 2000

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Teaching Tips

Doris Peppard

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL BOOKS - QUITE A PAIR!

Did you "love" history as a child? Be truthful now. Did you "love" history or, as many children do, just "abide" it, because it was one of the hurdles of school? Did you memorize dates, places, people, battles, etc., just to pass the tests, or did you learn to sense and appreciate the living, the conflicts, the disparities and distinctions, and the rights and wrongs of leaders and periods in history?

However history was presented to you is already done, but how you present it to your students is all important! The challenge is before you. You can "kill" the subject by how you teach it, or you can bring it to life and create a love of history in your students that will keep growing throughout their school and adult lives. Remember the saying, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." If your students don't learn from history the practical lessons concerning cause and effect, decision making, right judgment, personal responsibility, Biblical principles, and moral courage, they may repeat mistakes in judgment and character and reproduce calamity in their own lives, careers, or ministries.

I have found that one of the best methods of teaching History is the Notebook Approach. In elementary school, the children keep a notebook containing all their history question and answer sets and research reports. As they become adept at answering questions in complete sentences, they develop organizational skills, improve penmanship, and learn to single out important information from a textbook. This notebook becomes a cumulative record for future reference as well as immediate study. To help keep the notebook alive and interesting, it is good to incorporate much outside reading into the subject.

Many biographies, autobiographies, and historical fiction books have been written on a wide range of reading levels. The Dewey Decimal Books of the library are a great aid to elementary teachers in searching for information to supplement your teaching. Publishers' catalogs are also of benefit as long as you use great discretion as to the philosophy, accuracy, and perspective of the authors.

These supplemental books greatly broaden and enrich students' background and perspective of history and offer them an opportunity to "visit" the time period being studied. Students also learn much more of the character training that shaped the lives of our heroes and heroines. They learn of difficulties overcome, struggles of survival, and rewards of success of historical figures and, hopefully are challenged to high aspirations for their own lives.

Suggestions to help teachers begin their students' historical voyage:

1. Choose the books to be read. This allows the teacher to control the reading level, encouraging student reading. If the book is too difficult, students lose interest quickly.
2. Use one book at a time in the early grades. Keep the whole class focused upon the time period or person chosen for study.
3. Choose two or three students to read a different book for each historical period being studied in the upper elementary grades. Each student can give a report of their chosen book to the whole class. This provides students an opportunity to produce and deliver book reports, oral or written, throughout the year, constantly improving speaking or writing skills.
4. Junior and Senior High School students will benefit from the life experiences of men and women who helped make a difference in the world in both secular or Christian history. The horizons of students are broadened by studying a time period or person in their history book from a different perspective. These characters of history, after all, were real people with real needs and real responsibilities.

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PROVERB PRACTICALS

BY LUDWIG OPAGER

THE VALUE OF INTEGRITY

Proverbs 11:3 — *The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.*

The word "dichotomy" describes what takes place in this proverb. Our Lord uses this method of teaching throughout the proverbs. He takes two parts and compares them, one part enlightening the other. A dichotomy is a dividing into two mutually exclusive or contradictory groups. Thus the Lord places the word "integrity" in the same sentence as he places the word "perverseness." Two ideas but opposing ideas.

Integrity is from the word integer. An integer describes things as basic as your finger. Each one of your fingers is an integer standing alone and unique from your other fingers.

In arithmetic an integer is a whole number, as distinct from a fraction. The number one is an integer as is two, three, four, and so on. Each number is whole in itself. In all cases it acts as itself and never tries to be anything but itself. It never covets the part of another integer but always, whether in addition, subtraction, division, or multiplication, functions or acts as itself. It is complete in itself and has no need of anything else to perform its function.

Since integrity is from the word integer it means wholeness or entireness. It is the unimpaired state of anything, and in relation to a person it is the unimpaired state of the mind. It is moral soundness or purity; uprightness and honesty.

Integrity presupposes a completeness in the moral character. Like an integer there is nothing lacking or anything to be added in that which has integrity. Integrity therefore is *wholeness* in the moral character.

Jesus Christ is, and has always been, in the business of making whole. He is not in the parts business. We see this in Mark 6:56: *And whithersoever he entered, . . . they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many touched him were made whole.*

What about the woman with the issue of blood who touched his garment? Matthew reports in Chapter 9:22: *But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.* He involved Himself in no partial fixes or fractions of solutions but in everything He did, He did the whole of it. There were no half healings. The woman had an issue of blood, but she may also have had a bent back. You can be sure that Jesus not only made her whole by taking away the issue of blood, but He also straightened her back if that was the need.

What about Bartimaeus who was blind before Jesus came to town? Old Bartimaeus began to cry out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." We see as a result of that cry Jesus extending mercy because of his faith.

...Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. (Mark 10:56).

Bartimaeus now had integrity of sight and could follow Jesus in the way.

The upright are equipped with all they need to know what direction

to go. The upright are made whole by the Word of God. Nothing lacks in the provision of God to the upright.

The integrity that guides the upright is like a track that guides a train. Track is the boundary in which the train functions. As long as the train stays within that boundary all is safe. All the train needs is to follow the track, and the train will arrive at its predetermined destination.

And so it is with the integrity of the upright. As a train is equipped to follow the track, so are the upright equipped by God with a wholeness to know and to follow the way.

But transgressors do not know that way because of perverseness. Perverse literally means turned aside. Perverse is distorted from the right and obstinate in the wrong. Perverse is disposed to be contrary, to be intractable which means not being willing to be put on a track. Integrity is being on the track, while perverseness is going crosswise to the track. Perverseness will not yield to guidance but instead wishes to go crosswise to guidance. Perverseness is acting in opposition to what is proper or what is desired by others. As one like a train that does not follow the track, is there any wonder that the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them? There is no other conclusion for such an unguided train.

Without the wholeness that Jesus Christ provides, transgressors are totally out of control and doomed to destruction. There can be no other result to those who are in darkness and undone by the Word of God!



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behavior of their parents ever since the Garden of Eden. Cain made every effort to modify both Adam and his brother Abel's manner of worship. Be sure you win this one big! Don't think about it, don't even pray about it once it is happening. Pouting must be stamped out and not allowed to take root. Don't let your children regulate the joy of the Lord in your life. The silent treatment is another mode of pouting. This particular stratagem is usually the design of the teenager. In later years this device, the silent treatment, is more often used by the "weaker" sex to get what she wants. I suppose it may be used by the male sex to some degree.

B. Temper Tantrums: A fit of bad temper.

Children learn very early that there are ways to get what they want through unacceptable methods if the normal route of asking politely is not immediately effective. As a matter of fact, I believe many children enjoy the confrontation, tears, and screams that are required to get what they want rather than a simple request. Many of us grow up only to embarrass ourselves with adult temper tantrums. We then change their names to "road rage", "spouse abuse", "domestic violence", "reading officials off" at children's sports events, etc. Learning self-control is a very high priority on the child training agenda. Children must be held responsible for any damage done while out of control. When a child decides to go on a temper tantrum, he or she must not be allowed to win! I use "win" or "lose" in relation to the confrontation, because that is how the child perceives it. They are determined to win and have their way, which, by the way, will not make the child happier or more satisfied.

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PRAYER IS THE KEY



During the Kilysth Revival of 1839-40, Andrew Bonar wrote in a letter: "Pray for Collace. We have no more than a few drops as yet, and I believe I am to blame. I WORK more than I PRAY...I see that prayerlessness is one of my sins of omission. I am too short, ask too little, ask without much forethought."



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Do not allow the child to believe that he or she has surprised you or terribly upset you. Keep calm and unemotional yourself, and do not appeal to the child in any emotional manner, appealing thereby to the child's "better-self" to improve its behavior. Words something like these may be appropriate: "Okay, go ahead and show yourself. Let me know when you are quite finished, and I will show you what a real tantrum is like." While saying this, go to the place where your peach tree switches are kept. (I have dealt with the proper use of the switch (rod) in other articles.) Lay the switch on a table or ledge in the child's eyesight. When the child's display has subsided, ask if it is your turn now. With a very calm and unemotional manner, but with determination, set about with your work with the switch. Two or three light strokes are sufficient in most cases. Don't ever strike a child in anger but in love. The switch's authority is in its sting, which can linger as long as several minutes. Apply the strokes directly to the skin on the child's bottom -- NO PLACE ELSE. Switches come in all sizes for every age child. The ones about six to eight inches long, weighing only an ounce or so, are ideal for children up to three years old. Add an inch or so for additional years of the child's age. Hands, brushes, straps, or paddles will likely leave bruises and do not fall under what God refers to as the rod: a shoot, a twig, slender and flexible (Old Testament Word Studies by Wilson). God has promised to bless the rod. I believe there are very definite reasons for that: The very "swish" sound that a rod makes creates fear in the mind before any work has been done with it. A switch of the right size, length, and weight will not bruise. Children need to be brought to voice obedience by the time they are three or four years old

(many earlier). The harmless appearing, small, but limber, switch that is designed to sting will leave no mark of any size or abusive appearance.

C. Whining: to complain; to murmur by a plaintive cry; to beg in a childish, undignified way; to snivel, sob, or whimper.

Whining, like other poisons to the personality, left unconquered in a child, will produce in the adult a dissatisfaction with his position, place, or lot in life. A disagreeable grumbling adult will likely be the fruit of a child who was never broken from its whining.

D. Stubbornness: Obstinate, unyielding, headstrong, rebellious, self-willed. Not to be moved or persuaded by reasons; not flexible.

This sin is considered by God to be especially heinous. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity (lawlessness) and idolatry" (1 Sam. 15:23a). This one is probably the toughest of all to conquer, especially if the child is older and stubbornness has been allowed to continue to grow. Go after this weed of the heart and personality with a vengeance.

Determination and perseverance are the traits of character required in parents who desire and intend to do something about these rebellious, poisonous qualities when they reveal themselves in their children. Be strong, develop a plan of attack, and stick with it. We all desire that our children be appreciated by others and that their company is enjoyed by others. It doesn't happen by accident! It takes much prayer, constant vigilance, and a ready response on our part. Ω



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DEAD ORTHODOXY

Dr. Jones was a militant fundamentalist, but if there was one thing he despised it was dead orthodoxy. In a letter to a fellow missionary in Japan he wrote, "Don't tie up with the cold, dead, technical orthodox crowd. Unless a man knows how to call mourners, he is no good to the type work you are doing. A *fundamentalist is more of a hindrance to evangelism than a modernist unless that fundamentalist has a passion for souls*. You can't have evangelistic unction with cold, dead, anti-evangelistic fundamentalism; or you can't have it with fundamentalism that goes along with the National Council of Churches." Dr. Jones said many times, "It takes evangelistic unction to make orthodoxy function."

"DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME"

The thing that caused the greatest pain and sadness to Dr. Jones was seeing any of his "preacher boys" fall by the way side and compromise. In one of the last letters I received from Dr. Jones, he wrote: "Paul was called of God to do a job; and very few people could stand the test; and one of the saddest statements he ever made

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 was, 'Demas hath forsaken me, and only Luke is with me.' I have had to be very lonely in the drives I have made all my life. I will be seventy three years old next month. As I look back over the years, I see mistakes I have made because I had nobody to help me; and I want to help you boys. If the Lord tarries and I go to heaven, I want you fellows to do in Japan the job that God has called you to do and enter the doors opened to you...don't surrender; don't compromise; don't trim; don't try to stand in with anybody except the Lord Jesus Christ."

These last words aptly summarize Dr. Bob Jones Sr.'s philosophy. "Don't surrender; don't compromise; don't trim; don't try to stand in with anybody except the Lord Jesus Christ."

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