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For The Good Of Your Child

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

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Training For Self-Control Past Issues

In past issues we have attempted to lay some foundational principles for parents in regard to the rearing of children. We have touched upon such things as: Authority; Training Servants; Teaching Listening Skills; and the Development of Voice Obedience as the only valid Biblical method for the control of children.

In this issue, I'd like to lay down some Biblical principles for the development of self-control in our children. I'm sure it is obvious to every parent who is serious about the proper training of their children that we undertake a task that will last at least 18 to 20 years, and will require a great deal of our time (quality or otherwise) throughout those years. The importance of the task, along with the difficulties to be encountered over a long period of time, requires a degree of dedication

and commitment to which few are willing to consign themselves; however, I undertake the task of writing these articles in the hope that at some point in time some young mother (for the primary task falls to her), who is in dead earnest about the task of rearing her boy or girl to be a dedicated and prepared servant for the Lord Jesus Christ, will come upon them and will dedicate herself to this royal and glorious task.

Scriptural Self-Government

Contrary to the world's admonition to "let yourself go", or its encouragement to "do whatever feels good to you", comes the scriptural injunction, which says, "...whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:7,8). The fact that we were created in the image and likeness of God carries with it

the truth that we are not only accountable for the immediate effect of our words and deeds, but we are also responsible for their long term results. It is very important, therefore, that we teach our young ones this principle in the routine affairs of their daily life.

Teaching Self-Control

As adults we probably have learned by now, at least to some degree, that we cannot say whatever comes to our mind or that we cannot let ourselves go and do whatever we would like at the moment. We must control ourselves and, generally speaking, not give in to our emotions. Self-control can be taught; it can be developed in our children. It will not happen overnight, but it will be worth all our effort in the life of our child in the long run.

David's Testimony

"Surely, I have behaved (myself) and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother." Psalm 131:2a. The N.A.S. translation says, "I have composed and quieted my soul" whereas the Amplified Bible

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Charismatic A.C.E.

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

In his recent book, World Awakening, published in 1988, Dr. Don Howard, of A.C.E. fame, settled all doubts for any who may have had a question that his thinking is that of a Charismatic. His hodgepodge of confusing and seemingly contradictory interpretations of both Scripture and world events gives this reader the distinct impression that he is far removed from any fundamentalist position that I am aware of, and I could find nothing in its pages that would be objectionable to a Charismatic. On the other hand he says a great deal that the Charismatic community could endorse.

The people and/or movements he cites as proof of this world awakening he sees as having begun in 1970 (which, by the way, happens to be the year that A.C.E. began) includes David Wilkerson and Teen Challenge, Campus Crusade for Christ, Hal Lindsey, Youth for Christ, Jack Hyles, Tom Skinner, James Kennedy, Jack Van Impe, Billy Graham, James Dobson, Tim LaHaye, Bill Gothard and Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts, Jimmy Swaggart, Francis Schaeffer, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Charles Colson, to name a few.

On page 28, Dr. Howard says, "Curiously, the same mass media that brought some of these evils into our living rooms were also being used to

bring God's Word to the world: Christian television, radio, magazines, and books exploded in the 1970's. The 700 Club, PTL Club, Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, Charles Stanley's daily In Touch, Robert Schuler's Hour of Power, Oral Roberts, Rex Humbard, Jerry Falwell's Old-Time Gospel Hours, Richard DeHaan's Day of Discovery were just a few of the scores of programs that touched millions of hearts and lives."

I would hardly say that this list is a roster of outstanding Fundamentalists. To my knowledge the vast majority of these men and/or movements come under the heading of Charismatic or New

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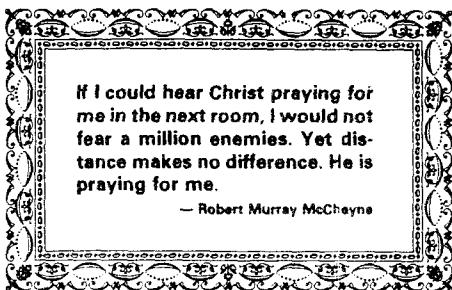
Editor's Desk

One of the responsibilities of leadership, as I see it, is to make the tough decisions, if they are right, regardless of the cost. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to put it this way to his "preacher boys": "Take your stand and take your losses, and then build from there". He would say, "Don't ask, 'How much is this going to cost us?' Just ask, 'Is it the right thing to do?' And if it is, go ahead and do it."

Those, who find themselves in leadership positions of fundamentalism and are afraid to take certain positions or to speak out on certain issues, should step down from those positions lest their weakness and indecision cause the younger preachers to feel that taking a stand on areas of sin and compromise is not important.

The work of the Holy Spirit involves resisting lawlessness, according to II Thes. 2:6,7, and that work obviously is done through those whom He inhabits. Certainly those who are in positions of leadership should be the first to speak up when the lawlessness of our age is rampant in the professed Church. Obviously, we should have the facts and be as kind as possible, but we should never let our "fact" silence our "attack". Again, Dr. Bob, Sr. used to say, "You can't have too much conviction; however, don't call your prejudices conviction".

The young men who occupy the pulpits of sound churches need and, I believe, deserve leadership that is sane and sound and also aggressive in its sounding of the trumpet. □



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LETTERS, LETTERS

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Your newsletter, "The PROJECTOR", appears to be one of few periodicals written by fundamentalists that does not have an ax to grind. We are exhorted to earnestly contend for the faith and are told not to be contentious. I am writing in regard to your comments about the young fundamentalist. I am a graduate of a fundamentalist Bible college (Northland Baptist Bible College) and my MDiv. was earned at Maranatha Baptist Graduate School of Theology under Dr. Weniger and Dr. Cedarholm. My father was a missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions and FBHM with strong ties to the GARBC until I was able to show him that this group has left the last point of a fundamentalist: separation.

I have no problem with the title fundamentalist and am proud to be one. Yet I have questions as to the direction which the movement is going. When the movement began it was made up of Bible Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists. Today we would be considered a new-evangelical if we maintained the same level of separation which the founders of fundamentalism held. Thus I feel that the definition of a fundamentalist should be "one who practices and preaches the 10 cardinal doctrines as recorded in 'the Fundamentals'". Thus I consider myself an historic fundamentalist and a historic Baptist.

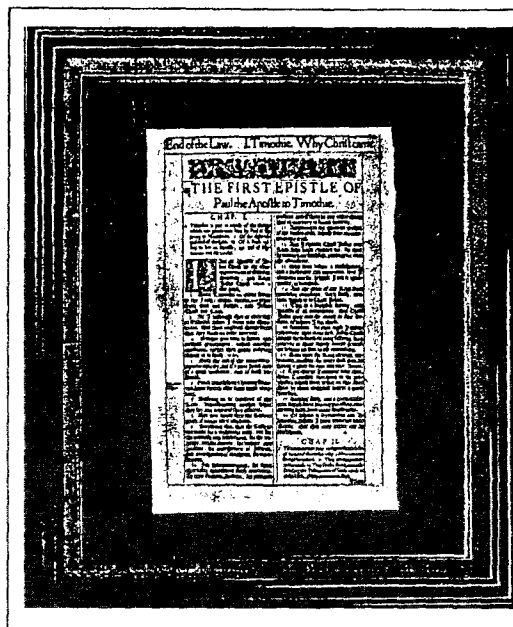
You state that a fundamentalist needs to separate. Separation is a doctrine which is taught throughout

the Bible. In every case what we are to separate from is false teaching and false teachers. Yet I have noticed that today it is not false teaching or teachers that fundamentalists separate from but differing opinions and viewpoints. The Bible is clear about the exhortation to be unified with other believers. Where I am confused is where the separation begins and the unity ends. Is it over the type of music you prefer? Is it over the style of clothes that you permit? While working at the Bill Rice Ranch pants on girls were not permitted; and as a result I unintentionally saw many a thigh. I was a wrangler, and culottes or gauchos provide a lot of open room when the leg is thrown over the horse. So much for modesty! Yet if I state that it is permissible for a woman to wear slacks then I am dropping the standards. The list could go on about other areas that are open for application.

The reason that we young fundamentalists are questioning the older leaders and position is that we have been told to study the Bible and to react to it as the sole source of authority. In many of the strict areas of separation we see them to be acceptable and logical applications but not enforceable doctrine. The inspiration of Scripture is doctrine, not whether you have an invitation at every service or wearing slacks on women.

Could it possibly be that the older leaders in fundamentalism have permitted the pendulum to swing from separation to segregation and the younger members desire to bring it back to Biblical separation? When I graduated from Northland I attended Grace Seminary in Indiana, as I

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

The Indomitable Sunflower



The sun and heat of summer remind us of God's bright sunflowers. The following is reprinted from *The PROJECTOR*, October, 1980.

The prairie bred singing people - people who sang of open skies, of waves of golden grain, and of cowboys' dreams and laments. From the innocence of the cradle to the responsibility of mature years, hearts eased and tensions relaxed in response to the simple melody and beautiful harmony of "Home On The Range". Songs of melancholy, romance, courage, spirit, and faith all expressed the heart and life of the prairie, but no matter how wide the range of his musical experience, sooner or later every Kansas youngster learned and sang with fervor:

*I was born in Kansas,
I was bred in Kansas,
And when I get married
I'll be wed in Kansas.
She's a true blue gal
Who promised me she'd wait,
She's my sunflower
From The Sunflower State.*

The hearty sunflowers in their brilliant golden color speak volumes for the stamina, courage, and depth of character of prairie people. Their sturdy stalks support the rich green leaves and the lovely flowers. Beautiful in their simplicity, the plain black centers are surrounded by a single row of slender yellow petals radiating outward like rays from the sun. The cultivated varieties may grow to twelve feet in height and have giant size flowers a foot or two across. From these come the good seeds so rich in fat and protein. Roasted and salted, children like them for snacks. Raw, they are delicious for the birds. Crushed, they make valuable oil for food and other products. The sunflower stalks and leaves become fiber and fodder for animal feed.

These cultivated sunflowers certainly have earned a place of respect and usefulness, but the

delightful ones to see are those that grow wild and run free; those that ramble along roadsides, revel along fence rows, and crowd around low places in the fields; those that tilt their bright smiling faces to cheer a passing stranger or tease a playful child skipping by. These smaller sunflowers wave forward and back with the hot dry wind of summer but always keep their precious faces toward the sun.

Ah, there is the secret of the sunflower's brightness and beauty. From morning to evening, as the sun moves from east to west, the faithful sunflower gently turns to follow the sun. When the sun rises in the morning, the sunflower lifts its head to seek its source of light and strength. All day long, even through the grueling heat of the afternoon, it keeps its face to the sun, and at last in the evening when the sun sinks beneath the horizon, the sunflower bows its head to rest, awaiting dawn and the fresh appearance of the source of life whose name it bears.

What an example the sunflower sets for Christians. We should be hearty, faithful, enduring soldiers even through the heat of opposition or temptation - not because we are strong or capable ourselves, but because we keep our faces humbly turned to the source of our light and strength, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our first thought and attention in the dawn of the morning should be upon Him. Our constant meditation should be of Him as we follow His voice and leadership through the day. If we let the horizon of any matter - sin, pleasure, pride, selfishness, lack of devotions, being too busy to do God's work, or any other thing - hide His face from view, our heads will be low. We will be dejected, defeated, and ineffective Christians. Our joy, our testimony, our brightness depend on how we face the Son and how we follow Him. Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, is our light and life. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). The promise of Scripture is, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

The sunflower faces and follows the sun, its source of light and whose name it bears. What a privilege for believers to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, our life and whose name, as Christians, we bear.

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Evangelicals. The inclusion of your name in this "Rogue's Gallery" would make one suspect I would think.

"Mysterious Worldwide Influence"

Theological confusion is typical of the Charismatic movement. Their acceptance of experience above revelation leads to all kinds of perversion and corruption. Their mixing together things that are obviously different adds further chaos to their message. Perhaps a few quotes will better illustrate my point.

"The international pendulum is obviously swinging back to the right in a majority of countries, even in Communist and terrorist- or dictator-run countries. Eighty percent of the total global population are responding to some mysterious worldwide influence (emphasis mine) and are now open to the Gospel." (Page 82)

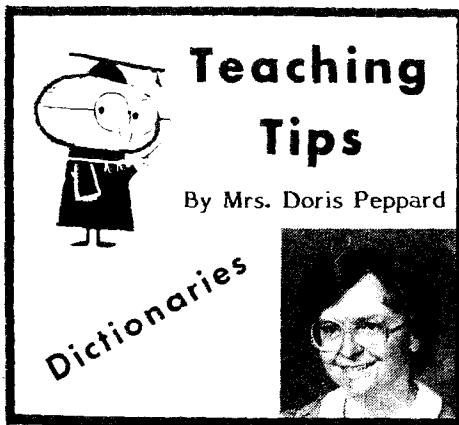
"We are living in the GREATEST PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD: the most amazing period of the outpouring of God's Spirit that has ever been witnessed. Yet, most believers do not have any idea that it is happening!

This great outpouring exceeds anything that has happened in the history of the world. Not only that—it is the first time in all of history that such a phenomenon is all but universal." (Page 134)

"The final push by Christian agencies to fulfill the Great Commission, and the related signs (in the Mideast) all point to an imminent chronology. When the Jews returned to Palestine in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, Israel was formed as a nation. As mentioned earlier, this event occurred on May 14, 1948. Israel will celebrate her forty-ninth anniversary on May 14, 1997, which will inaugurate a Jubilee Sabbatical—a full year of celebration and observance that will climax in 1998.

However, to add to what has already been said would be to strain Scriptural credibility. Jesus said, 'No man knows the DAY nor the HOUR.' Yet He gave us these many 'signs' and then admonished us to watch for them so that when we see 'these things coming to pass,' we will know He is just offstage ready to enter." (Page 177)

"Christians in awakening countries want Christian education. They want English education. They want computerized education. To provide this, Western Christianity



The Word of God is precious and very important in the daily lives of God's children. From this source we learn of God's love, our sin, God's plan of salvation, and all fundamental doctrines. In order for us to fully appreciate God's Word, we must develop our understanding of the meanings of words and their uses in our language. Dictionaries are an excellent source for young children to begin to develop a love for words and an appreciation of the development of our English alphabet.

Picture alphabet books are probably the first "dictionary" children will enjoy. The beautifully bright and bold colors of the big letters attract attention and small "fat" fingers will like to trace their shapes. Two-year-olds also like to have the pictures "read" to them. On the "A" page, those apples look good enough to eat. "Here, you take a bite and I'll take one too! Yum, yum!"

Pictionary are excellent for teaching pre-school children to develop a love of words. The bright pictures are arranged in alphabetical order and there is usually a sentence written to show usage. These books are a valuable "toy" and can provide entertainment while traveling or on a rainy day.

Elementary students will need a dictionary as soon as they can read. There are excellent dictionaries available for Christian schools and they are well balanced with pictures and words to keep the children's attention.

Learning how to use words properly is crucial to children in the elementary grades. These young students' whole education is dependent upon it. A good dictionary will supply a reference source your students will need to improve their reading and writing skills. Here is a list of items a dictionary should provide:

- instruction in how to spell and pronounce a word
- show the various parts of speech of the words
- give singular and plurals

-list concise meanings; also list the variety of meanings of certain words

-a sentence; showing how the word could be used

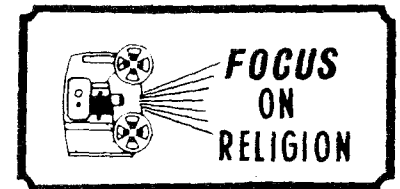
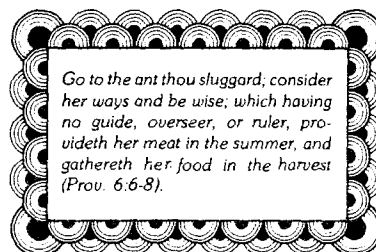
Not only are dictionaries a resource for your students, but they can also be used as a teaching tool by teachers. A few lessons dictionaries can provide are:

- Alphabetical order
- Usage of guide words
- Guidance for dividing words into syllables
- Pronunciation
- Keys and symbols for pronunciation (this is practical phonics for the upper elementary student)
- Parts of speech
- Synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms
- Idioms
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Use of dictionary

Junior and senior high schoolers will be able to continue their dictionary knowledge by the use of a large collegiate dictionary. The dictionary should now be a tool these young people are familiar with and use with regularity. These students should be taught the use of specialized word books: concordance, thesaurus, and other reference materials.

The study of dictionaries cannot be complete without mentioning the first major dictionary printed in America. Noah Webster's American Dictionary of the English Language, printed in 1828, is priceless! It gives original meanings of words and also helps clarify the Biblical meanings of many words. A study of early American documents is incomplete without having a copy of the facsimile edition or the original dictionary available.

This study is an enjoyable experience your students will take with them throughout their lives. There are many people who are limited by a lack of knowledge of words and do not possess the ability to use words. Language is a gift of God. We must cherish it and pass these skills down to the next generation. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11



By Rev. Tod Brainard

FIVE DANGERS TO FUNDAMENTAL YOUTH MINISTRIES

God has chosen and ordained the local church to be the institution by which the people of God worship, receive instruction in the Word of the Lord, are edified and admonished by the Word of God. Sadly enough, as the apostasy has grown darker, the Devil has seen fit to increase his attacks upon our youth. Many have acted in fundamental church youth works by exposing sin and preaching the Blessed Word with added vigor. Others have taken the soft, less militant attitude and have found their young people wallowing in the filth of the world. This is not to say that the prayerful, preaching of the Word produces 100% success rates among our youth, yet the Lord never blesses weakness in spiritual matters and never operates outside the bounds of His Word. This principle is self-evident throughout the pages of Scripture. (Ex: I Kings 13:1-32).

This very point brings me to the first danger facing our ministry with young people and that is:

1) Dilution of the Word of God. Youth pastors, don't soften the Word! Let God speak! We need Holy Spirit led and empowered preaching to our youth. Don't be afraid of their faces. Don't let age detour you from being faithful to God's precious Word. My heart is sickened by the "soft-sell" messages delivered to young people. Far too many "devotionals" and "challenges" are given in youth rallies and services. Paul told Timothy to "Preach the Word", not just to adults but to the entire church attendance.

The Word of God has been diluted by various new "youth" translations. An example is the new NIV Student Bible. It comes highly recommended by the "Christian" rock group Degarmo & Key. Sales have nearly reached the one million mark. What have we come to? Youth Pastor, educate your young people about the Bible they hold in their hands. If it is a diluted translation, let them know and buy them a good one. You are accountable, Youth Pastor!

2) The Desecration of the Name of God. Naming the name of God today is faddish. "Christian"

News of Interest to Fundamentalists

(The use of quotations or information from various magazines or periodicals does not mean that the Editor endorses these publications.)

BILL GOTHARD'S NEW EVANGELICALISM - We see from Bill Gothard's 1990 schedule listed in his new Life Purpose Journal that his Basic Youth Seminar is coming to a large local Southern Baptist church May 21 - 26. This is most disappointing, inasmuch as we had been told that he was "cleaning up his act/ministry" making it palatable to fundamentalists. Dr. E. Robert Jordan, Chancellor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary (1380 Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446) in 1974 gave 15 reasons "Why Fundamental Baptists Should Not Cooperate With Bill Gothard's Institute In Basic Youth Conflicts" in a 22-page comprehensive analysis. Problem areas included his secrecy, salvation views, chain of command teaching, use of Freudian psychology, interdenominationalism, new evangelical jargon, and many doctrinal aberrations. FBF Research Secretary, Dr. Don Jasmin, in the FBF 1987 "Cutting Edge"

listed Gothard as a new evangelical and said his seminars are "a mixture of human psychology and Scripture with emphasis upon 'problem' solving, correcting poor 'self' image and developing wholesome 'self' concepts....Ministry does not draw clearcut lines of demarcation regarding ecclesiastical separation despite pleadings for nearly 15 years from fundamentalist friends; (audiences) are mainly new evangelicals, the unconverted, charismatics,...and naive uninformed fundamentalists; seminars are a duplicate in the teaching field of what Billy Graham does ecumenically in the evangelistic field..." No doubt, Gothard has sincerely tried to correct some of the problems, but due to his extreme secrecy it is hard to determine to what extent. Therefore, the burden of proof to show that his ministry is indeed worthy of fundamentalists' support is of necessity on him and his promoters. Regrettably, to date, this has not and cannot be done.

-Calvary Contender

BILL HYBELS' "FAST FOOD" RELIGION

In the April 13 - 15, 1990 edition of USA Weekend appeared a front page billing of Bill Hybels and his "New-Time Religion". The by-line continued by stating "Pastor Bill

Hybels markets God to the MTV generation. Critics call it pop gospel, but on Easter 25,000 are expected at his high-tech service."

Many rave that the Willow Creek Community Church which Hybels "pastors" is the model church for the 90's.

Hybels' marketing methodology is based on four principles.

1. Pop Gospel - Non-committal; non-confrontational.
2. Pop Rock Music - No hymns, no hymn book, no organ, no choir - just a diet of "Christian Rock Music served up on a stage washed in pink and blue spotlights".
3. Pop Entertainment Atmosphere - Theater seating with overhead big screen TV screens.
4. "Soft-sell" sermons - No preaching of the Word of God; "What Do You Want?" teaching.

Let II Timothy 4:3,4 remind us of the times. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Tod Brainard

THE AGONY OF DECEIT

Moody Bible Institute has published an anthology of alleged heresies promoted by leading televangelists. In The Agony of Deceit twelve contributors show their findings from a study of books and sermon tapes:

Robert Schuller states that "the core of sin is lack of self-esteem." Robert Tilton writes, "Man was designed by God to be the god of this world." Paul Crouch of the Trinity Broadcasting Network says, "I am a little god." Kenneth Copeland says, "You don't have a god in you. You are one!" Kenneth Hagin proclaims, "You are as much as incarnation (of God) as is Jesus of Nazareth"

-What In The World, Vol. 7, #7

Worth Repeating

ON PREACHING: Don't be afraid to say things that will make people mad. That may be the only way to bring them to a conviction of sin. When a baby has to be waked up, it often wakes up cross. Don't be discouraged if people wake up mad. If they are unforgiven sinners, it is better to give them the truth and wake them up mad than to let them sleep on.

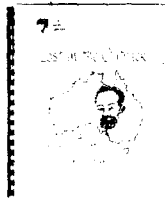
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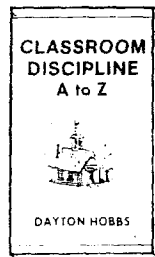
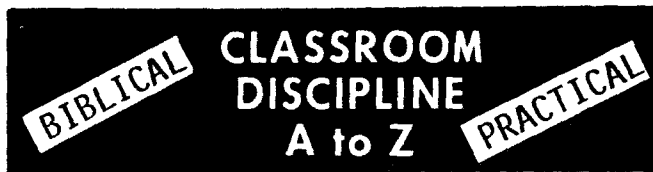
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has it, "Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul". David states his own personal responsibility to behave, compose, or calm himself, as well as his success in doing so, obviously by the grace and help of God.

In every area of child training the ability to be successful is attributed to constant dependence upon the grace of God, and only the very foolish could hope for any real success in bringing a child up to love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ without the grace and power that God alone can supply through His Word and His Holy Spirit.

Personal Responsibility

Christians do not need psychologists or psychiatrists to counsel them in matters of the mind and the spirit. They must realize the responsibility they have in these areas to quiet themselves. God has given us this ability as His children, and He will not fail to give us victory in these areas when we by faith are determined to have the peace of mind and heart He has promised us and purchased for us on Calvary's Cross.

A vital part of the training of our children involves training them in matters of self-government or self-control. Children must learn that they are accountable for the control of their feelings. They must be schooled in the art of calming themselves; that is, in taking charge of their responses to unfavorable situations for the sake of personal testimony for Christ as well as their own mental health.

Daniel Purposed

Daniel had been trained in the art of self-government, as indicated by his ability to reject the king's fare, which was an obvious temptation to unbridle the appetite, a tremendous temptation to a young man hundreds of miles from the supervision of his Jewish teachers. The Scripture states his resolve in a most forceful way: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...". That kind of resolve was the result of very serious training in self-government from his earliest days.

Joseph Ran

The young man Joseph was strongly tempted by Potiphar's wife to commit a sin that has been the ruin of many a youth who found himself a long way from home and tempted by "the strange woman" as described in Proverbs 7.

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wanted to find out what was so wrong with the new evangelicals. Needless to say, I felt like a cat in the dog pound and left after one semester. I also canceled my subscription to "Christianity Today" when they stated that Lutherans are Christians and teach salvation by grace through faith. After ministering in Wisconsin for over 5 years and living in the state for almost 20, I can assure you that Lutherans do not teach Biblical salvation. I also do not consider the Roman Catholic Church my brothers. This type of separation is what makes the difference between a fundamentalist and a new evangelical. I would consider both Jack Hyles and Jerry Falwell to be Fundamentalists. Yet I will not send anyone to their schools as they and I differ greatly on policy.

I do not know if I have made my position clear. Please do not rule out the young Fundamentalist. We are there and standing firm upon the faith that was once for all delivered unto us. We will give you the right to apply Biblical principles as you see fit and not condemn you for it. We will separate when it is a clear doctrinal issue; such as those mentioned at the beginning of this page.

P.H. - Wisconsin

(In response to this letter the following was written)

Dear Brother:

I appreciate your fine letter in response to my article in the last issue of THE PROJECTOR concerning "What's Wrong With Fundamentalism?" First let me say that you are absolutely right: "We have no ax to grind," and our burden and concern is for the cause of Christ.

I was saved at the age of 26, and after my first year at Bob Jones University in 1951, I left the Methodist Church and started an independent Bible Church here in my home town. For three years, I kept the work going by driving down one weekend a month to preach. This August I will have completed 39 years pastoring here. As an older student sitting under the ministry of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. for four years, I devoured everything I could that came from his many years of wisdom and experience. I suppose you could say that I learned everything that I know about standing for the Faith from that giant of Fundamentalism of the past. I certainly do not profess to have even an inkling of his wisdom and discern-

ment, but I do believe I picked up a great deal of his approach to looking at and dealing with issues that arise.

First, let me say that I appreciate the spirit of your inquiry and the concern you express over the condition of Fundamentalism today. I think you have hit several of the issues right on the head. I want you to know that my interest and concern for Fundamentalism is genuine; however, I find, for the most part, that Fundamentalists, both young and old, do not really want to discuss the real issues with the intention of solving them. Most of these men seem to be afraid of controversy. Being in harmony, to me, does not mean being in unison. Controversy does not mean that we are mad with each other or that we refuse to fellowship with someone with whom we have a disagreement.

It simply means there are questions that need to be resolved that we need to discuss and talk about and search the Scriptures to find answers for. For a man to be a true Fundamentalist, he must be completely dependent upon God and willing to do whatever the Scriptures say regardless of who likes it or does not like it. I find there is more peer pressure among preachers than there is among young people. Most preachers are so afraid of crossing the so-called "great preachers" (most of them are the ones who have declared themselves "great") that they try to copy everything they do. I guess what I am saying is that most preachers do not think for themselves; they let others do their thinking for them.

It is true that the Fundamentalist movement in its beginning was largely made up of Bible Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists; however, you were not correct to state that we would be considered new-evangelical today if we "maintained the same level of separation which the founders of Fundamentalism held". Just because most of the men who go under the name "Fundamentalist" today are of the Baptist persuasion does not mean that they have a patent on the name. Those men, the Methodists, Bible Presbyterians, and Baptists, were separatists and the denominations they represented were generally sound in those days. There are still many good men who are fundamentalists and separatists who are not Baptists.

You state that separation is a doctrine taught throughout the Bible, and "in every case what we are to separate from is false teaching and

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false teachers." You fail to point out that the Bible is very clear that we are also to separate from disobedient brethren, and this separation is at the heart of most of the problems in Fundamentalism today. It is not secondary separation, it is Bible separation and should be faithfully practiced by a true Fundamentalist. I suppose every man can make up his own definition of what he considers a Fundamentalist to be; however, my definition would include all aspects of separation.

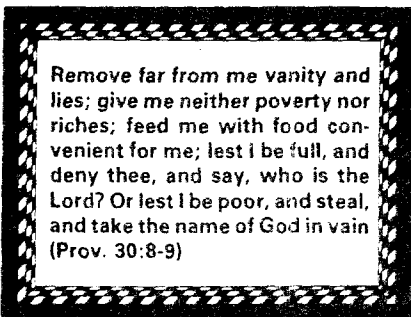
You mentioned the differences of opinion that preachers hold concerning things like ladies wearing slacks, end of service invitations, type of music, etc. Within limits, these are certainly matters that have to do with Christian liberty, and a sin in my opinion much worse than these would be a preacher who claims to be called of God, letting some other man dictate what he is going to do in these areas. I think we must remember that we only answer to the Lord, not to man. I know in my own personal ministry, I did not begin to have liberty until I had settled that question.

I am certainly not ruling you out as a Fundamentalist. I think there are many good young men in the coming generation of preachers who are taking a good stand. My concern is the effort on the part of some good men to try to convince younger men, who have their heart set on compromise, that they should become "one of us". Fundamentalism is a spirit that insists upon truth and purity and will not be a companion with any man or movement that does not uphold that same spirit.

Thanks again for taking the time to write. I hope to hear from you again sometime.

In His Service,

Dayton Hobbs
Editor



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tee-shirts are the number one sellers among "Christian" young people. They plaster the name of Christ in blasphemous ways upon a tee-shirt, and it sells. The precious name of Jesus Christ is taken in vain! It is desecrated!

The message of Matthew 7:22 is pertinent: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?" These are the workers of iniquity. This, I believe, is a tremendous danger to Fundamental youth works. Let us teach our youth that to name the name of Christ is to depart from iniquity. (II Timothy 2:19).

3) The Destructive Path of Contemporary Christian Music. Not enough can be said about the dangers of contemporary christian music. Some are completely oblivious to the predictable ruin of our youth who have a steady diet of this music. Dr. O.T. Spence stated recently in an article entitled "What Our Enemies Say", "We are in great danger of the contemporary song and beat. Music, down through history, has been tending more to dissonance; and we are only a few steps away (by our modern harmonies and rhythms) from actual discord. The revival in Wales deteriorated into a problem of music and its sweet, human, sensual implementation of emotion in the Gospel. Often we get giddy when we lose the classical character and the godly character of our music. I do not believe many Fundamentalists are facing this danger in the 1990's. Even the world acknowledges our integration of worldly music in the church". (Straitway, March 1990) Need I say more?

4) Dilemma of the Parachurch Youth Phenomena. We are literally being bombarded by the parachurch youth organizations popping up all across America. These organizations promise new direction for young people by providing clean activities and "the alternative" (Gospel message consisting of positive things that Christ will do when one "unites" with Him). There are three problems that these organizations pose.

1. Non-confrontational Gospel - a lop-sided, all positive message. Fails to give a clear picture of what salvation really is.
2. Ecumenical Appeal - invitation to all churches and faiths to participate.
3. Pretend to accomplish what N.T. Bible-believing churches may have not accomplished. These youth movements declare that they do what churches have failed to do with young people. They have

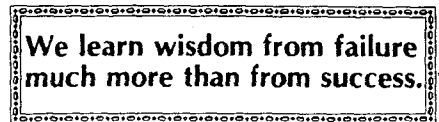
given us a false alternative. If the fundamental church has failed to lead our youth and teach them the Word, let us fall before a Holy God, ask forgiveness, and set about to correct the problem and once again shepherd our youth for our Lord's honor and glory. We do not need to sharpen our swords with Philistine flints. May God help us to use discernment when dealing with "God's heritage", our young people.

5. Finally, The Deception of Youth "Realism". Realism is a term that has become popular in recent times and basically calls on churches and Christian retailers to meet the emotional needs of young people by delving into topics that are "awkward" in the average church.

A Christian Retailing magazine writer remarked, "The need for aggressive, progressive Christian youth products and support has never been more urgent." He goes on to list "valuable" resources for our youth, such as the NIV Student Bible, various "Christian" rock videos, and a smattering of youth oriented "devotional" books.

The only realism that young people need to know is that sin will damn a soul to hell and that through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ a lost sinner can be saved. Youth "realism" sidesteps sin, and nothing is scriptural about that.

These five dangers are not exhaustive by any means. They do sum up what I believe to be dangerous to the cause of Christ when it comes to our young people. Let us "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil". (I Thes. 5:21,22).



PAST GIANTS OF THE FAITH
DID SO

Martin Luther- "If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the Devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is merely flight and disgrace if he flinches at the point."

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The testimony of Potiphar's wife was that "he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out" (Gen. 39:15), which was about the only truth to her statement to Potiphar.

You Can Succeed

Children can be taught to "flee youthful lusts", to "resist the devil", to behave themselves, to calm themselves; however, it will take much perseverance over many years. There will be times when you think all is lost and that nothing has been accomplished of a permanent nature. Take heart, keep on keeping on, and you will succeed in the end. Child training is not a sprint race. It is a marathon, and the fastest starter is usually the first to fall out of the race. Prepare for the long haul, and success is much more attainable.

Emotional Flare-ups

Crying, except for reasons of grief (and possibly some injuries), pouting, temper tantrums, and other forms of emotional display must be dealt with in the same fashion as other overt acts of disobedience or misbehavior. We are all beings of emotion, and I believe that aspect of our nature is a part of our "image of God" qualities; however, our emotional nature was corrupted by Adam's fall the same as our minds, hearts, bodies, etc.

It is dangerous to every aspect of our life to have uncontrolled emotions. We may be capable and talented individuals, but unrestrained emotions can make us ineffective and not capable of being used. Uncontrolled emotions can lead to all sorts of other disorders, both in children and adults.

Train For Self-Control

Children are prone to wiggle, some more than others, but they can and should, for short periods of time, be required to sit or stand perfectly still. This may be for only very short periods of time (seconds) to begin with, but expanded to longer periods with time. As with other aspects of training, patience and self-control on the part of the trainer is of vital importance.

Here are a few other training exercises that I hope will be helpful!

1. When you are speaking directly to a child have him or her stand perfectly still and look at you while you talk to them. You may not get the "ears" to begin with, but the requirement to stand still and look into your eyes will eventu-

ally bring along the ears, which, by the way, is necessary before true learning takes place. (Refer to my pamphlet on the ears in education). If you don't require the child to stand perfectly still and look into your eyes you likely will never be able to get the "ears", that is, the total attention of the child.

2. At an early age have them sit by you in church and learn to sit still. Do not bring toys, books, Sunday School papers or other items designed to occupy a child during services. I may sound like an ogre to you for suggesting such an unthinkable thing; however, the importance of learning to show reverence for the Word of God as well as developing the habit of listening to its preaching cannot be overemphasized.

3. There never is a proper time or place for a temper tantrum. If it happens in places where you are limited in your response, quietly and without emotion, remind him or her that it will be taken care of as soon as you get home. Always handle any discipline problem in a quiet and business like way. Removing emotion as a factor in yourself or the child will go a long way in resolving matters both immediately and for the future. By that I mean that that particular discipline problem has less chance of occurring again in the future.

4. Hold children responsible for any damage done while they are out of control. In some manner (not necessarily money) they must learn that emotional outbreaks can be costly. Older children obviously can be held liable to a larger degree than younger children; however, children at any age must be made to feel that the improper display of emotions is not profitable.

5. Require that all responsibilities be carried out with a pleasant attitude. This is important and must be insisted upon at all times. Treat disobedience in this area just as you would any other disregard for your word. Don't put up with pouting. I personally feel that pouting that is allowed to go unchecked is the worst of poisons to a young person's personality. God doesn't give in to our poutings or "pity parties" as we sometimes call them, and neither should we allow the awful fungus to grow upon a child's personality.

Next time: Making Work Pleasant.

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simply needs the tools and A CAUSE—the same cause which D.L. Moody stressed in the Church in the late 1800's: 'The Spirit of missions has reawakened....Could believers of every name, forgetting all things in which they differ, meet sending forth laborers into every part of the world-field.'

People want education. They want to study Christianity. They want to learn English. They want to be computer literate. Ironically, today even Communist countries who once exported their communism through education are wanting these same cultural assets. This can all be provided by the Church through the power of EDUCATION - 'CHRISTIAN' EDUCATION. Now the CAUSE—to change the world through education—is in the hands of the Church." (Page 201)

Israel And The Church

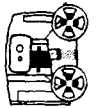
Probably the thing that reveals Dr. Howard's confusion more than any other one thing is his interpreting Scripture that pertains to Israel as pertaining to the Church. His outlook is obviously post-millennial in spite of the fact that he uses the word "rapture" on a few occasions. In the next issue, I plan to comment on the dispensational and theological confusion. □

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