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## McInteer Sermon Outlines - Proverbs

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# YEARNINGS FOR YOUTH

Proverbs 1:1-5

I. Maybe I haven't got the right audience?  
(Tell story of 2 churches, saints and sanctified). So some questions.

A. How many are young?

B. How many want to know more than they now know?

C. How many believe they can acquire beneficial instructions?

D. How many want to be smarter today than you were yesterday?

II. Let's go to the source that will do something about it.

A. Visit Solomon.

1. 1000 years before Christ.

2. Wisest of men wrote to make you wise--did not keep back part of George Adams' formula.

3. Could have written about wine, women, song, but wrote to make you wise.

4. Thus the very best of instructions is ours.

B. He did it with Proverbs.

1. "Rule" "comparison".

2. To make like.

3. To assimilate.

III. What did he really want for me?

A. "To know wisdom & instruction"

1. He has a wonderful aim--everyone's is not so lofty.

2. Words to absorb.

3. Personal relationship, very intimate with God.

4. One translation, "To teach his people how to live--how to act in every circumstance." (Bro. Baker wanted to know which fork to use--Savannah, TN)
5. He desires our soul culture.

#### B. To Know Wisdom

1. Power of judgement. *Larry Bird clip*
2. Impart the practical.
3. To discover the best end & pursue it by proper means.
4. It's truth for living.
5. What I need to know to get on in life.
6. Not abstract but it is something you do--like a recipe.
7. To know the right is not necessarily to do it. *Night watchman story*
8. Wedding of knowing and doing.
9. No real wisdom until one acknowledges God.

#### C. To Know Instruction

1. Insight into upright dealings that please God.
2. Righteousness among men.  
Fear of God--chief aim.
3. Right way to follow and a wrong way to shun.
4. Piety toward God.
5. Training of the will.
6. Discover all the parts.
7. Character growth.
8. Discipline, keep self under control.

## 9. Translations

- a) "Correction"
- b) Correction of prudence.
- c) What discipline is.

## IV. He further wishes us to:

## A. Receive the Instruction of--

1. It's the learner that receives.
2. Suggestive teaching is the richest, pupil teaches himself.
3. Receive = "to weigh the points"  
"to lay hold on."

## B. The "Points" are:

1. Wisdom

- a) Moral training, moral discipline in the highest sense.
- b) Practical, based on revealed principles of right and wrong, to be lived out daily.
- c) Firmness
- d) Solidity
- e) Having an opinion based on reason.
- f) Opposite of.

Eph. 4:14

2. Justice

- a) Duty
- b) Righteousness

3. Judgement

- a) Goodness
- b) Propriety
- c) Honesty

4. Equity

- a) Fairness
- b) Probity.

*Money can buy a fine dog, only kindness can make him wag his tail*

*Put downs*

- c) Agreeable to law of God.
- d) Honorable action.
- e) Continual regard for claims of your fellowman, do not encroach on his rights.
- f) Rectitude--he excels in all he receives.
- g) Fair--straightforward. (Boy leaving house after misbehaving--you all pray for me)
- h) God's throne.

Ps. 89:14

97:2

- i) What is straight, true, honest.
- V. Looks like that's enough but he has a wider dream.

A. Give subtlety to the simple.

1. Capacity to escape wiles of others. Smoothness to glide out like snake at Maude Hunter's door.
2. Shrewd--guard against being led astray.

Matt. 10:16

3. Simple

- a) Open-hearted -- those susceptible to external impression.
- b) Those easily led.
- c) Inexperienced. *it.*
- d) Open ones--strongly governed by opinion & examples of stronger minds.
- e) Without fold, unmixed, innocent, harmless.
- f) Sophomore--wise fool, thick brain.

B. Young Men Knowledge & Discretion

1. Young--birth to 20. *Hit ok it's st.*
  2. Discretion = thoughtfulness. →
  3. Plato on door of his academy.  
"Let no man unskilled in Geometry  
come hither."
  4. Solomon the very opposite.
  5. Will to win coupled with will to  
prepare.
  6. Insight--attain. *Hester clip*
  7. Power to purpose.
- C. Wise men hear and increase learning.
1. Speaks to all classes of men--now  
very wise ones.
  2. Wise keeps on--don't level off.
  3. Always a learner.
  4. Thus both milk and meat.
  5. Hear = obey.
  6. Wise & get wiser.
- D. Attain Wise Counsels
1. Rope used for steering ancient  
wooden ships.
  2. Ropes handle the sails.
  3. Art of seamanship through waves of  
this troublesome world.
  4. Counsels--plural.

## VI. Then what will this do for you?

- A. "That we may pursue the noblest ends  
by the most effectual means, may learn  
to walk with God and amongst men in  
justice, judgement, equity." (Scott)

B. Practice Justice

Regulate by discretion

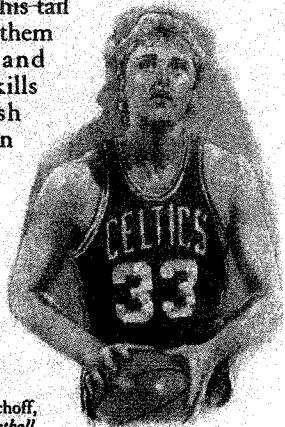
Tempered by moderation & mercy. (Lawson)

- C. "The End of Learning is to know God,  
and out of that knowledge to love Him,  
and to imitate Him, as we may the  
nearest by possessing our souls of  
true virtue." (Melton)

Youth Rally, Calvert City, KY - 6/30/92

I "TO ME," says basketball star Larry  
of Bird, "a winner is someone who recog-  
;" nizes his God-given  
if talents, works his tail  
he off to develop them  
am into skills, and  
me uses those skills  
die's to accomplish  
his goals. Even  
when I lost, I  
learned what  
my weakness-  
es were, and I  
went out the  
next day to  
turn those  
weaknesses  
into strengths."

—With John Bischoff,  
*Bird on Basketball*  
(Addison-Wesley)





## Can You Figure It Out?

THE OWNER OF A LARGE COMPANY, about to take a trip overseas, dropped into his office early in the morning to make some arrangements. He was leaving for the airport when he met the night watchman who had been on duty that very evening. The latter stopped the owner and told him that he had dreamed that night of his employer's plane exploding after takeoff. Superstitious, the owner postponed his trip.

As things turned out, the night watchman's dream was correct. The plane crashed just after leaving the ground. The owner sent for the night watchman and gave him \$5000 as a reward. Then he fired him. Why did he make such a bizarre decision?

—Vu Dong

*Answer:* The night watchman's duty was to stay awake the whole night.

# Worst put-downs

Kids say they're hurt most when criticized about:

Physical handicaps

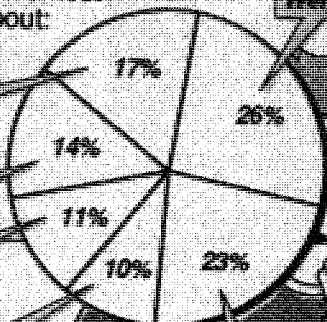
Social Life

Clothes

Skin color

Weight

Other



Source: YankeeGroup Youth Monitor 1991

Neil Mackinnon

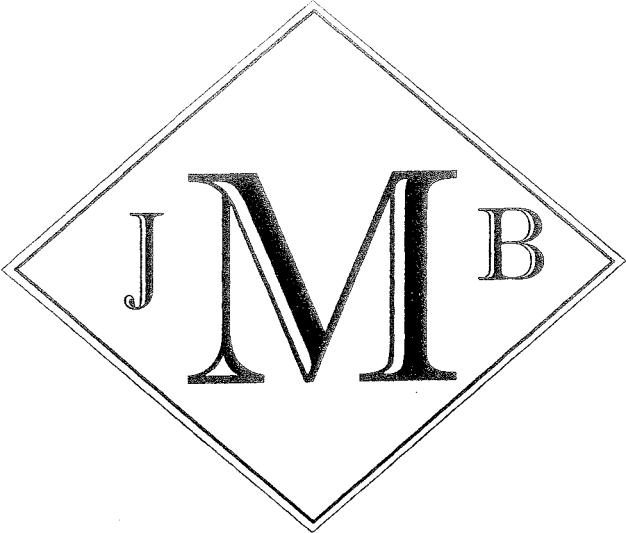
MY MOTHER was knocked down by a car and had to be hospitalized. The following day the driver came by with a beautiful bouquet of roses. My mother was weak and could barely speak, so I went in and whispered to her, "Mother, the young man who knocked you down is outside. May he come in?"

"Yes," she whispered back. "If he is on foot."

—Contributed by Maria Eugénia Neves de Almeida

CHARLTON HESTON may have won accolades galore, but he is not a man to rest on his laurels. He is ever the perfectionist.

"One of the things about acting or painting or writing or composing music is you never get it right," he states. "You can spend a lifetime, and, if you're honest with yourself, never once was your work perfect. People say to me, 'You've got the awards and the parts and the money. What are your goals now?' I say, 'To get it right *one* time.'" —Jay Mathews in *Washington Post*



# Special By Products of Achieved Wisdom

Proverbs 2:10-22

I. As this chapter continues the value of pursued wisdom and truth, one finds some most interesting by products.

A. One is positive - pleasure and preservation comes.

v.10-11

B. Secondly one avoids the snares of evil men.

v. 12-15

C. Thirdly the wise man is delivered from evil women.

v. 16-19

D. Fourthly security granted and destruction avoided.

v. 20-22

E. We now study these matters.

II. To know God's truth is to know joy.

v.10-11

A. Wisdom offers advantage.

1. It comes in and rests there.

2. Heart is will, intellect and emotion.

3. Knowledge is a joy to keep - certainly not a burden.

4. Guard it well.

5. It's a pleasure to welcome truth into your heart.

- B. Note the promises:  
 Discretion will preserve you.  
 Understanding will keep you.

III. You will avoid the snares of evil men.

v.12-15

- A. Know that temptation can come anytime.
- B. Jesus used the Scriptures.
- C. Be aware evil is alive and tries to take us.
- D. Some very descriptive things are said.
1. Speaks perverse things.
    - a) Evil has a definite "way" thus a certain conduct.
    - b) Speaks forward things.
    - c) Let the man who speaks things turned upside down.
    - d) Lies.
  2. Leaves paths of righteousness to walk in ways of darkness.
    - a) Straightness contrasts with crookedness.
    - b) You can suddenly be tempted to stray.
    - c) Tempted to forget what our parents taught us.

3. Rejoice is doing evil.  
Not only does evil, but praises others who do it.
4. Ways are crooked and paths devious.
  - a) Crooked - tortuous, not straight forward.
  - b) Forward - to bend aside as turn to right or left.
  - c) Crooked talk, evil insinuations.
  - d) Twists good to wronged.
  - e) Loves teh worst things.

#### IV. Warned about immoral woman (v.16-19).

- A. Immoral one, seduces and flatters you.
  1. Strange woman--God never intended this.
  2. Flatters with words-sweet falsehood.
  3. First of several warnings against adultery.
- B. Forsakes companion of yours, marriage a covenant.
  1. Not faithful to vows.
  2. Marriage a bond between two people.
  3. God authors and witnesses it made in God's name.
  4. Word "guide" is really "friend" (v.17).

5. Shows Bible has high regard for marriage.
  6. Monogamy the evil.
  7. Marriage a bond involving three-man, wife, God.
- C. Leads to death - no return as total failure comes.
1. She and her guests on way to total destruction.
  2. Fate is irrevocable.
  3. Chrysostom - "It is as difficult to bring back a libidinous person to chastity as a dead man to life."

## V. But victory can be yours.

v.20-22

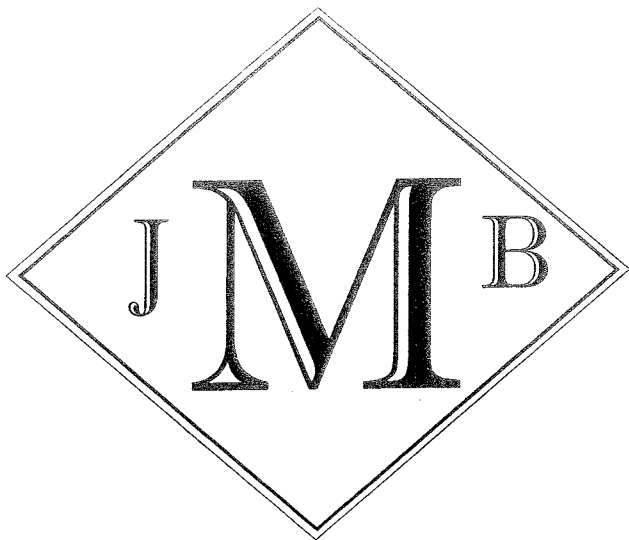
- A. Walk in the way of goodness (Jeremiah 6:16).
- B. Keep to the path of righteousness. Keep means to obey.
- C. Upright dwell in the land and blameless remains in it. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."
  1. Wisdom and righteousness immeasurably remunerative.
  2. Folly and sin utterly destructive.



D. Wicked will be cut off and unfaithful uprooted.

1. Root out as trees plucked up by roots.
2. Conveys idea of extermination.
3. Destruction will be complete.
4. Those who persist in saying "no" to God have an everlasting "no" to them.

Neely's Bend (BC) - 12/16/01



# A PLEA FOR CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Prov. 3:5-6

I. In the last 10 years we've all seen a change!  
For the better?

A. These facts

1. Crime up 176%

(a) One out of 36 the victim of some type of vicious crime, *destined to be.*

(b) 29% arrested are under 18, and they represent only 16% of the population

2. In 1960's 300,000 more marriages a year than in previous decade - half were remarriages.

3. 1971 Gallup Poll to youth: "Is organized religion a part of your life at the present time?"

42% - yes

58% - no

62% of future leaders said No

4. Morals - Rachael Welsh on sending stars to Viet Nam: "I think it best if stars like me stayed home and the Government sent troupes of prostitutes instead!"

5. 4 to 10 million homosexuals - 100 weddings performed.

B. This attitude

1. We once said cheating was wrong even when we did it.

2. Today it's "who says it's wrong? I like it - it gets a good grade. Why isn't what I like as good as what someone else likes?"
3. There are no absolutes, no recognizable standards
4. It is the mastery of relativism.
5. Robert Burns "The Song of the Jolly Beggars"  
 A fig for those by law protected;  
 Liberty's a glorious feast.  
 Courts for cowards were erected  
 Churches built to please the priests.

C. So what about your ethics?

1. This has to do with your thinking about what is right or wrong.
2. Has to do with how you solve problems.
3. Is there a standard to follow?

II. Men have used varying standards :

A. Pleasure

1. Jacob Burckhardt "When men lose their sense of established standards, they invariably fall victim to the urge for pleasures and power".
2. Hedonism - the goodness of any act is determined by the quality of pleasure that it yields

(a) This begets a basic selfishness. ~~known as~~

(b) Aristippus (435-356 BC) "Eat drink, be merry"

1 Tim 5:2 Keep thyself pure

1 Thess 4:3-4 "for this is the will of God...  
 abstain from fornication"

3. Stange paradox - to seek pleasure is to find it to elude you

4. Playboy - self seek and total irresponsible

- (a) Liberty is license
- (b) Glorifies sexual indulgences as sophistication and freedom
- (c) No place for the supernatural

Gen. 1:22 "And God blessed them, saying be fruitful and multiply"

- (d) No God
- (e) No Soul *Gen 1:1*
- (f) No standard *Joh 1:1*

(g) All relative *The eyes of the Lord are over*

(h) "Where there is no God there is no man" - values are lost when man is taken out of relation with God.

Without God man is a mass of protoplasm interacting in various ways with other protoplasmic masses and exhibiting a variety of needs."

5. Contrast with idea true love risks involvement: "Better or worse, richer or poorer"

B. Christian Ethics

1. Standard found in the word of God.

- a) Pleasure - selfish?
- b) or set of rules?
- c) or Jesus is lord

*1 Cor 6:13 'But the body is not for fornication.'*

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11/2/78  
F O P*

2. It is not derived from any element within human nature, scientific study, human experience but rather revealed by the Creator.

Matt. 11:27 "All things are delivered unto me of my Father"  
John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

3. It is the character of God that determines moral demands

Lev. 19:2 "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, The Lord our God is one."  
*Respect be holy, I think*

Matt. 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

John 14:6 "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:9 "Jesus said unto him, have I been so long with you, and thou hast not known me, O thou that art acquainted with me, and hast seen me face to face?"

4. It admits the supernatural.

(a) Moral laws do not have their root in society  
else why was Jesus killed if they invented morality?

(b) Better virtues are imposed not by the will of the community!

5. Jesus' life becomes the norm

Mark 12:30 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind."

I Cor. 10:24 "Let no man seek his own, but every man his neighbor's wealth."  
*another's wealth*

6. Jesus drew no contrast between law and love

*In 14/15* "If you love me, you will keep my commandments"

(a) Situation does not determine it

(b) J. P. Sanders said if a person hasn't decided what he will do before he gets into a situation there is not much likelihood he'll do the right things. "If you love me - go all the way - premarital pregnancy!"

(c) Situation ethics usually trend to rationalization.

(b) This leads to doing what we like rather than what we should.

7. C. S. Lewis "The human mind has no more power of inventing a new value than of planting a new sun in the sky or a new primary color in the spectrum"

8. Millard Erickson "Following God's will results in the maximum happiness and satisfaction for the doer because what God wills is actually the greatest good for man, altho it may not appear so in advance."

9. MacGregor poem-----MacGregor in his "Introduction to Religious Philosophy" quotes a stanza that is applicable:

Within my earthly temple there's a crowd:  
There's one of us who's humble, one who's proud;

There's one who's brokenhearted for his sins,  
And one who, unrepentant, sits and grins;  
There's one who loves his neighbor as himself,  
And one who cares for naught but fame and pelf.  
From much corroding care I should be free,  
If once I could determine which is me.

10. who controls your life?  
Col 3:23-24 "Ye serve the Lord Christ"  
1 In 5:3 "For this is the love of God that we give as  
whatsoever ye do, do it heartily"

6.

Rom. 7:24-25 "O wretched man that I am! who shall

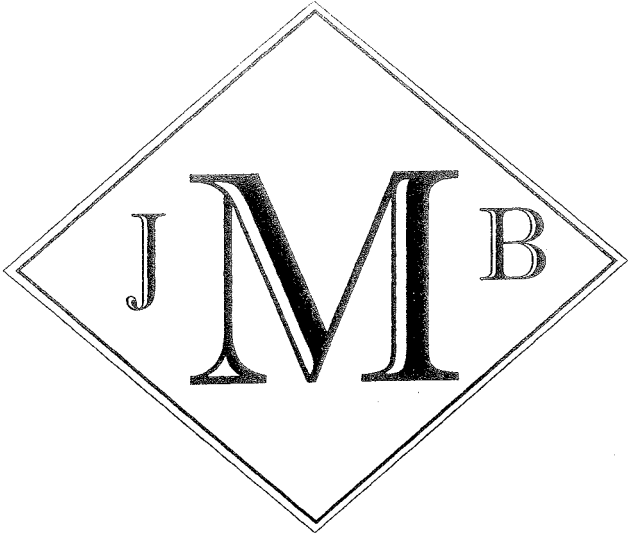
Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart

10. Pleasure ← Love →

CHRIST

21st End 11-4-79





GRATEFUL FOR SPEECH OPPORTUNITY

- 1. Ed Beck-Kovar - Flowers these flowers will die but you will smell forever
- 2. Where Born Daddy? Columbus - Ps wondered we Memphis Me all 3 got together
- 3. Die-Hobby where Be? Right best - I just wonder when you'd be

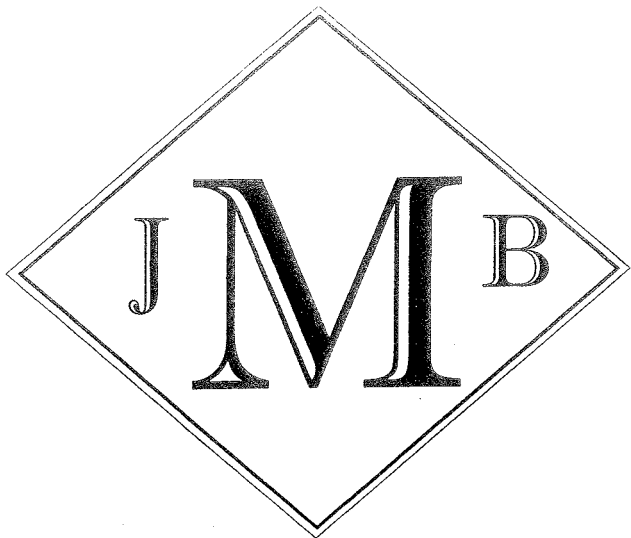
SERIOUS TIMES

Play Ball to Center  
 What he's out there for  
 Every time I breathe soul passes into <sup>eternity</sup>  
 Have you ever tried elavos?

- 1. MARK TWAIN -
  - 2. TWAIN - Missionary - ready to give \$400 - talked so long took 109 out of plate
  - 3. PRIME RATE DOWN - stocks up - both occur w/ 10 days of you lost loan or reduced portfolio
  - 4. WHEN CHILD - wong c Country Run by Ford's & Rock's Rollers.
  - 5. CLAUDE PASSEAU - do you have TV? we haven't had radio too long
  - 6. BOY WANT ADVENTURE ETC Don't ~~stop~~ stop ride wait & I'll go c you.
  - 7. GENERAL HOOKER - "Headquarters in the Saddle" at his "where headquarters ought to be. hicalh"
  - 8. WILBERAW - At. firmly planted in mid AIR
- CONSERVATIVE - doesn't believe anything should be done for the 1st time

TRUST - essential to all works - use it daily  
 Learn - Jer 10:23 - I heart beat from death - don't ferner <sup>Big</sup> refuse Providence - King lit. learn on ministers

ACK. in All - To divided heart (destroys) All way (not even is) If man to God, God obligates himself to Man



# INGREDIENTS FOR A GREAT YEAR

Prov. 3:5-12

1. If you want your life to be what it should be, there are three principles you must adopt:

A. "Trust in the Lord c all thine Heart"

1. Trust is essential in all walks of life.

2. Think how I use it:

(a) Doctor

(b) Mechanic

(c) Restaurant

(d) Bank

(e) Government

3. What is trust? "Rest in the confidence that people are what they say they are."

4. I need something for hereafter--that's God!

Ps. 37:3-5 "Trust in the Lord & do good

B. Lean Not On Thine Own Understanding.

1. Is this the enemy of self-reliance?

Jer. 10:23 "O Lord I know that the way

2. Man, one heartbeat from death, is not self sufficient

(a) Poor farmer had oil struck on his land, previously not successful now becomes economics "expert."

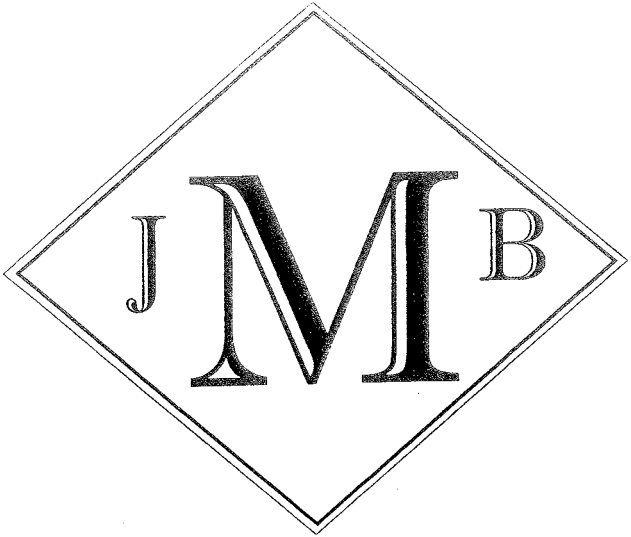
(b) Swedish proverb, "It's always the dumbest farmer that raises the biggest potatoes." He thinks he does it!

3. Things occur not due to our cleverness but God's providence.

4. Be unashamed to lean on God-oriental Kings would appear in public leaning on ministers to demonstrate confidence in them.
- C. In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him.
1. I must wholeheartedly turn to God.
  2. How do I know whether God or Devil moves me?  
As "am I God's wholeheartedly."
  3. God doesn't work from a divided heart.
  4. Self will destroys us.
  5. Divided allegiance brings nervous breakdowns.
  6. Remember (a) 1st it's man's business to do the will of God & (b) God takes to Himself the special care of the one who trusts Him.
  7. In all ways - not just in crisis.
  8. God will remove all obstacles - God binds Himself in a covenant to you.

West End - 1-5-75

Westside Church, Searcy, Ark., Young People's class 1-27-75



# 3 POSITIONS WITH THE WORD

Prov. 4:10-14

I. What's the most marvelous thing you ever held in your hands?

- A. A Jewel?
- B. Your baby?
- C. A daughter being baptized?

II. All's great - but what about the word - anything greater, longer lasting, more beneficial? There are 3 positions I can have cit:

- A. Take fast hold of it.
- B. Hold forth the word.
- C. Holding fast the faithful word.
- D. We want to examine all 3.

III. I can take fast hold of it.

Prov. 4:13 "Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go"

A. Here is a great plea for the acceptation of wisdom

1. "I have taught - I have led in the right path.

a.) Combined force of past & future.

b.) Lit. path of rectitude, straightness, uprightness.

c.) Used two prongs - instruction & direction; word & example.

d.) Moral conduct marvelous as taught in word.

e.) G. Washington, "The propitious smile of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order & right which Heaven itself has ordained."

f.) Johnson quote.

2. No obstruction in the way.

a.) Thy steps shall not be **straitened**.

- (1) Has in mind daily walks of necessity.
- (2) Straited = narrowed or confined.
- (3) Cause to have ample room.

b.) Runner won't stumble.

- (1) This is route of emergency.
- (2) Lit. sink down, totter.
- (3) Ignorance is bondage.
- (4) Way is like a path.

c.) Many difficulties beset us.

- (1) Conceit - Rollo May Clip.
- (2) Worldliness - Hughes & Vantage Point.
- (3) Novelty.
- (4) Subjectism.

B. Take fast hold of Instruction.

1. Grasp as a shipwreck sailor takes of a plank.

- a.) Concerned c the strength, heartiness & reality of our hold.
- b.) Seize it strongly.
- c.) 11 great men  
Electric outlet for elec. blanket.

2. Let her not go.

- a.) Obey her.
- b.) If religion is true, give whole self to it.
- c.) Need to exercise a self discipline to be educated.
- d.) Do we desire progress?

3. Keep her - for she is thy life.

- a.) Life depends on observing her precepts.  
(Nietzsche Card)

Matt. 19:17 "If then will enter into life keep the com



- b.) Keep her at whatever costs.
- c.) It's your best friend.
- d.) Tell story of whale that rammed an old sailing ship. Wrecked it, sailors fled. Suddenly saw two, at great peril, swimming back to ship! Why? To retrieve compass - lost w/o it.

*Wheat Field, 1-21-79*

*Woodland Church, Bartonsville, Pa. 1-23-79*

*{ It Has Been Said . . . }*

IF YOU will just go back to the Good Book and practice some of the teachings of the Lord, if we will just follow the golden rule and do unto others what we would have them do unto us, if we just engage in a little introspection and look where we were and where we are, we won't be unhappy very long.

—Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973).

Dr Rollo May aptly calls this need for perfection the Messiah Complex. Dr. May explains: ". . . When the individual works with never relaxing tension, we become suspicious that the motive is his ego-striving rather than the unselfish desire to contribute to humanity . . . It is the person's conviction of the indispensability of his own person, and the consequent feeling that his particular work is indispensable to humanity and the universe. Thus he is given a mask for his pride." ~~He concludes this paragraph by reminding that the "religious worker serves Christ; he is not Christ."~~

The disfigurement of the divine image in its moral aspect is particularly obvious in these days when, to the accompaniment of the raucous clamor for total freedom of sexual expression, every conceivable type of immorality is praised and portrayed in books, on the stage and in films (with or without the pretext that it is presented as honest art or serious literature); pornographic displays attract a numerous patronage; promiscuities and perversions of all kinds are claimed as normal for and by those who wish to practice them; indecent and blasphemous language is on the lips of many and in the ears of most; and addiction to devitalizing drugs is destroying the lives of great numbers of young people. The wave of wantonness which is sweeping through society is undoubtedly satanic in origin and dehumanizing in its effects, but, as we noticed in the preceding chapter, it should also be seen as a judgment which our civilization is bringing on itself by departure from the moral standards prescribed for the welfare of mankind by the Creator who himself is absolutely holy. The denial of morality is at the same time an attempt to deny the answerability of man to his holy Creator. This is the terrible defilement of the divine image. There is an urgent need for godly persons not only to cultivate holiness, "without which no one will see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14), but also to call on society to honor and to return the observance of those laws and standards which God has given for the regulation of human conduct. This, however, is

not solely a matter of human relations, though personal and public morality is essential to the health of society; it is a matter also of honoring God, who in the perfection of his holiness demands the response of holiness from us his creatures.

Hope for a Despairing World, by Philip E. Hughes, pp 60-61.

# Over THE Vantage Point

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New York *News* syndicated columnist Jimmy Breslin reported in August that national lesbian leaders gathered at Illinois State University and called for 500,000 test-tube babies to be delivered to lesbian "mothers" over the next four years. The stated intent is to control politics in cities and districts by raising children with pro-homosexual teachings (this is already happening in San Francisco where one-sixth of the population are avowed homosexuals).



Students in the ninth grade were asked to select the 11 greatest Americans. All promptly complied except for one boy who failed to complete the assignment.

"What happened?" the teacher asked.

"I got hung up," he replied, "on who should be at right tackle."

17, 1978 \_\_\_\_\_

*Quote*

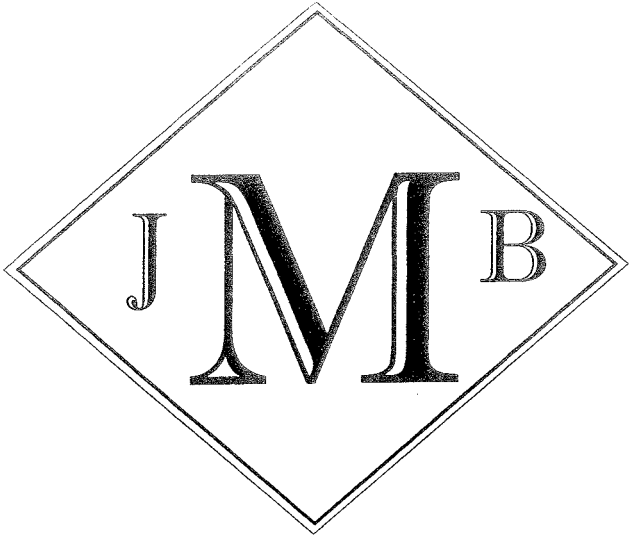
*Old-time* football men may say that the players of today are not as rugged as they used to be. But neither are the spectators. One football stadium in Texas has electric outlets for the fans' electric blankets.

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Did not Nietzsche teach us a hundred years ago that God is dead and that "man is a rope fastened between animal and Superman-- a rope over an abyss," that "that this is the great noontide . . . when man stands at the middle of the course between animal and Superman and celebrates his journey to the evening as his highest hope, for it is the journey of a new morning"?

Hope for a Despairing World, by Philip E. Hughes, p. 24.





# WHAT'S YOUR FT. KNOX?

Prov. 4:23-27

- I. All of us have seen Ft. Knox or its pictures.
  - A. Here we bury our gold.
  - B. Here is protection extraordinary.
  - C. Gold is such a high commodity we make it, Pilate like, as sure as we can.

## II. But what's your Ft. Knox?

### A. You've got treasures.

1. Drinking water
  2. Property
  3. Riches
  4. Health--Parents & bath #1
  5. Body
  6. Children--Teenage quotes #2
- 7. Our country - Kennedy article #0*
- who understand their values?*

### B. Treasures in 3 brackets

1. That which belongs to us but is without us--money, house, valuables.
2. That which is closely associated or related to us--body, frame, physical health.
3. Our very selves--the spiritual nature

### C. You have a supreme treasure--your Heart

1. Will

Prov. 11:20 "They that are of a faint"

2. Mind

Prov. 3:3 "Write on the table of the heart"

3. Emotions

Prov. 15:15 "He that is of a merry heart"

4. Entire Person

Prov. 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine"

5. Heart used 90X in Proverbs.

6. "The Kernel of the nut" (Wood)

## D. Keep with all Diligence.

1. Lit. above all keeping, keep the heart.
2. Guard everything in which you have a legitimate interest, or which is advantageous; but before and above all else, guard the heart.
3. Courtship--save \$2,000. #3

## E. How?

1. Requires great assiduity.
2. Diligence reminds one of Neh. who shut all the gates. Neb. 13:19
3. In most desires of the will require scrutiny for they govern one's aims, and influence one's behavior.  
(Expositor) Hornsby clip #4
4. Danger comes when we think we know all about morality & stop studying.
5. Closely garrisoned.
6. Protect via:
  - a) Introspection
  - b) Self regulation
  - c) Power of God
7. Remember you can keep it!
8. Opposition help--kites rise against--not with the wind.

H.P.  
"Holiness to God"

## F. And you must because:

"Out of it are the issues of life."

1. "For" introduces the reason.
2. Moral conduct, actions, are determined by the heart.
3. It's like a fountain.
4. As bodily actions depend on a healthy heart, so do spiritual ones.

### III. But There Are Other Organs:

#### A. Put away a Froward Mouth

1. 1st of several organs: mouth, eyes, feet.
2. Lit. perverseness of mouth.
3. Means fraudulent, deceitful speech which twists, distorts, perverts, misrepresents the truth.
4. Mouth can express many things: firm, lax, tender, scorn, love, hate.
5. Hired hand asked W. H. Williams how he and Margaret got along so well since he and his wife always in trouble. Answer: "She does everything she knows to do to please me; and I do everything I know to please her."
6. Clip on fatter in mink. #5
7. Movies have gone from silent to unspeakable.

#### B. "Perverse lips put far from thee."

1. Lit. waywardness of lips.
2. Speech that turns aside what is true and right.
3. "To bend aside."
4. Don't exercise such speech yourself; have no dealings with those who are guilty of it.
5. Demand pure language.
6. Speech is man's, not animal's, priceless gift. (Thomas)

Matt. 12:34-35

7. Clip on stolen towels. #6

- C. Let thine eyes look Right On
1. The eyes look at right thing.
  2. Right on--straight before.
  3. Fix eyes unswervingly on object before them. *Keep mind fixed*
  4. Denotes what rises before us; object that stands out conspicuously.
  5. Look at the right things--aim at justice and equity.
  6. Right on--what is straight in front of me.
  7. Boy--preacher at Graduate School told me he'd planned adultrous evening till he heard my sermon on adultery--withstood the temptation.
  8. If we wander indolently, lasciviously, aimlessly, it imperils the purity of soul.
  9. Need upward gaze.
  10. Avoid leer of lust.
  11. Life must have a straightforward purpose.
  12. Coolidge & presidency. #7
- D. Eyelids look straight before thee.
1. One translates it eyelashes, another gaze.
  2. Do nothing rashly but everything with premeditation.
  3. Eyelids so called from fluttering.
  4. Have singleness of motives.
  5. Moral gaze--steadily fixed.
  6. Even in moments of relaxation have an object for a walk.
  7. Catholics and youth minister. #8

## E. Ponder the Path of thy Feet

1. Ponder *Ponder By you do it - does it agree*  
  - a) Weigh carefully *& the rules!*

Ecc. 5:2 "Be not rash--let not h. be hasty"

- b) Weigh your conduct as in a balance before acting.

(A pharmacist can weigh a dot.)

## 2. Path

- a) Make straight & level.
  - b) Remove all that makes it otherwise. Carefull attention to preparation of the way.
  - c) Remove all that impedes or renders insecure, hinders progress.

## 3. This necessitates:

- a) Avoid low self interest or anything encouraging this.
  - b) Have a well defined purpose in life.
  - c) Practice habitual thoughtfulness.
  - d) Go by thoughts, not by customs.
  - e) Unswerving pursuit toward goal.

4. Feet must go.

## 5. Go straight.

## 6. Avoid extremes.

## 7. Teenager--dress--mother--return. #19

## F. Let ways be established.

## 1. Ways stable &amp; consistent.

2. To add to God's precepts is a reflection on the wisdom of the law-giver--to violate them is an insult to his authority. (Wood)

Prayer  
Meditation  
Fest



G. Turn Not--Right, left, remove ft. from evil.

1. Do not allow your aim to wander.
2. If we intend to cheat we watch to see if anyone looking.
3. Let there be no falsehood of speech or action.
4. Don't turn aside from the way.
5. Let nothing draw you off from the right way; be it:
  - a) Adversity
  - b) Prosperity
  - c) Anything that possesses the power of temptation.
6. Need unswerving rectitude.
7. Road that runs off from the highway of holiness be it ever so small an angle, is on the way to City of Destruction.
8. Many attractive things call us away.

IV. God seeks control of heart, eyes, eyelids, mouth, lips, feet--every organ, every impulse.

*E. Burke "The only thing needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing"*

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# Moral Challenges

*“The question is: Whose morality is going to be legislated? It’s going to be either God’s or man’s.”*



Peter Gross

By D. JAMES KENNEDY

One of the greatest challenges the church faces in the 1990's will be reversing the decline of morality. As a society, we have turned our backs on God's laws.

Consider the following statistics:

- Two million unmarried couples are living together.



Challenges for the 1990's

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- X 2 million unmarried couples living together
- X □ America has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the industrialized world.
- X □ Fourteen cities in the United States register more abortions per year than births.
- X □ Thirty-three percent of the 18- to 29-year-olds questioned believe that "stealing is sometimes justified." Twenty-two percent admit to lying "often or once in a while."
- X □ A generation ago, four venereal diseases were common. Today, more than 20 sexually-transmitted diseases, including AIDS, are known.
- X □ Evil is in every corner of society: corruption in government, classroom violence, rampant alcoholism, drug-induced crime, terrorism. . . . The list is endless.

Against this shocking background, it's difficult to understand the Supreme Court's reasoning when it disallowed the Ten Commandments being posted on school walls in Kentucky. Its official judgment: "Lest the students looking upon these from day to day should be moved to obey them"!

A great many Americans are also saddened by the Court's reshaping of the First Amendment to suit the demands of pornographers, atheists, exhibitionists, homosexuals, witches, Satan-worshippers, and almost anybody with an off-the-wall cause to promote. At the same time, the amorality have been proclaiming to Christians: "You can't legislate morality!"

Whose Morals?

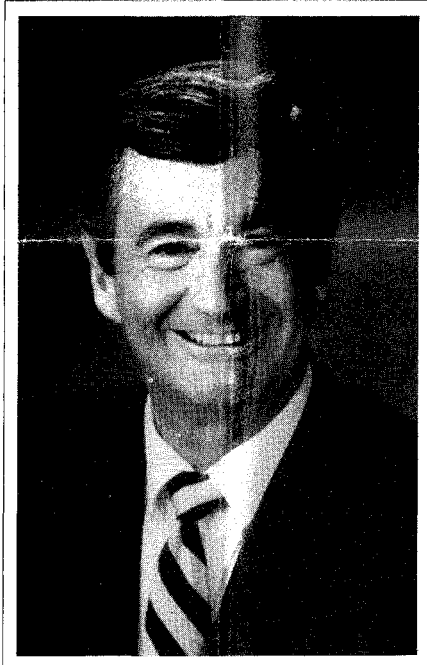
The truth is, you cannot legislate anything *but* morality. We have laws against rape, incest, bestiality and adultery because these things are immoral. We have laws against murder and larceny because they are immoral. The question is: Whose morality is going to be legislated? It's going to be either God's or man's.

The hypocrisy confronting the

church today compounds the problem. Claiming concern over the general breakdown in morals—which is beginning to alarm even the amorality—the ethics experts have created courses for the right response in every imaginable situation, including applied ethics, legal ethics and bio-medical ethics.

Are ethics studies the answer to immorality? One analyst said it's actually exacerbating the problem because virtually all the new breed of teachers don't believe in absolutes, moral or otherwise.

This nation was founded by those who believed in morality, and in the liberty to worship and serve Christ.



D. James Kennedy

Our forefathers gave us liberty under law—the liberty of men and women who had been set free in Christ.

Daily the amorality mounts his platform to cry out for license rather than liberty. He doesn't want freedom under law; he wants freedom from law—unless he can remake the

rules into ones that legalize license. Every form of immorality is already tolerated. If the secularists have their way, any evil desired will be sanctioned by the government. As one court decision follows another, we see the moral situation becoming progressively worse. Man's natural inclination is downward, not upward.

"Rights" or Wrong?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn describes one of the great problems of our western world this way: "We hear a constant clamor for rights, rights, always rights, but so very little about responsibility. And we have forgotten God. The need now is for selflessness, for a spirit of sacrifice, for a willingness to put aside personal gains for the salvation of the whole western world."

But few are willing to sacrifice for the salvation of others. We are letting our whole civilization slide over the precipice in our concern for our "rights," pleasure and gain.

How do we stop this slide?

First, those in the pew have to make sure they have confessed their own sin before Christ. Then, individually and as a church, we need to make our voices heard. Make a call, write a letter, stand up and express your mind. By the grace of God we can stem the flow of immorality and return this society to what it was in the beginning.

God grant us to see this victory in Christ. ■

*James Kennedy*

*In the family "domestic partnerships"? So homos get same benefits as heterosexual families. Chas Manson "family" OK who will establish values for our children? Winds called "Holiness to God"*

## AS TEENAGERS SEE IT

#2

In a recent nationwide Gallup survey, teenager respondents were handed a card listing six shortcomings and were asked, "Which of these would you say is the main fault of parents in raising children nowadays?" Here are the nation's findings:

No discipline; parents too lenient; children have it too easy	37%
Children neglected, unattended	24%
Parents set poor example for children	8%
Children not treated as persons, given too little responsibility	7%
Lack of understanding, sympathy	6%
Children have too much money	2%
All others	2%
Don't know	14%
Total	100%

Courtship #3

DURING THE summer vacation, two young people met and fell in love, and the young man proposed. The young lady said she would marry him, but not, under any circumstances, until after he had saved \$2,000. They never discussed money again until the beginning of the Christmas season, when she said to him, "How much have you saved toward our marriage?"

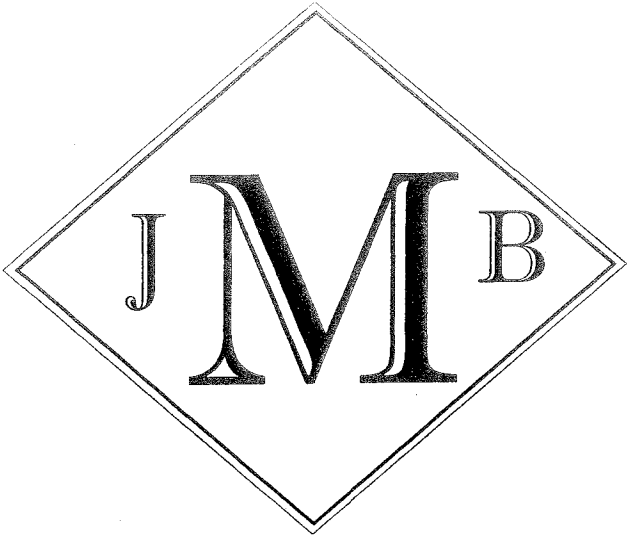
"Times have been a little difficult lately," he said, "and all I have managed to save so far has been \$65."

"Well," she said, "things being like they are, I'd say that was close enough."

Roger Hornsby was #4  
batting. A rookie  
was pitching. He  
broke 3 straight  
leads - then yelled  
at umpire.

"I think that  
lead out was a  
strut"

Umpire: "Mr.  
young man when  
you've got  
a strike Mr.  
Hornsby will  
let you know."



# A WISE SON MAKES A GLAD FATHER

Prov. 10:1-5

## I. Conversation c lady from Gincy.

A. Young bearded man at meeting came up to her.

1. Hugged her.
2. Said daddy an alcoholic.
3. "My world fell apart when mother died."
4. "He was hippy type - wish I could have taken him home c me - but I was afraid he'd been taking STP." Shades of Andy Granatelli!

B. But aren't there plenty of youth who need us?

*Prov. 10:1* A wise son maketh a glad father: but a <sup>ness to m.</sup> SCORNER <sup>NOT A BUKE</sup> A wise son heareth his father's instruction.

*15:20* A wise son maketh... foolish man desp <sup>mother</sup>

*17:2* A wise servant shall have rule over a sc <sup>that causeth shame & shall have part of inheritance</sup>

*19:26* He that wasteth his father, & chaseth

*away his mother is a son that causeth shame & bringeth reproach.*

1. Child can make or break parents happiness.
2. Secret in moral behavior of child, not money or tone
3. Should live righteously & make parents happy.
4. As parents have us taught them right
5. Someone is always watching - example is strong.
6. We learn by hearing.
7. Wayward child's an expensive item!

## II. You can help today by:

A. Showing the need for loving discipline of direction.

1. You work c a capable group.

(a) U.S. News clipping.

2. They need direction.

(a) Bisagno card.

3. Give them the hard words of the Savior - take up cross, repent.

4. Fenelon, "The crosses we choose do not the work of God."

5. Coffman clip.

Acts 18:26 "Expound unto them the way of God more

B. They want a director who loves them.

1. ~~Enroth card~~ *Merwin Meyer*

2. U.S. News clipping.

3. Enroth card.

C. They want a moral purity, give it "steam."

1. Let older folk be an example.

2. Yet it needs your wise words.

(a) Tom Brown sermon.

D. They ask for action, *let's work for the hard.*

- 1. Develop whole man, not just emotional part.
- 2. Do kids sit in back because nothing happens up front.

E. Let's see the need & meet it.

- 1. Bisagno conclusion.

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Years ago the late Spanish philosopher José Ortega y Gasset wrote of the human condition in modern times as "the gigantic spectacle of innumerable human lives wandering about lost in their own labyrinths, through not having anything to which to give themselves."

At its most basic, the Jesus movement emerges as a faith that seems to satisfy a feeling of need for purpose and authority, beyond human complexities and errors. They also appear to be searching, in many cases, for an acceptance that many feel has been denied them in their childhood. As Mr. Sparks puts it:

"Kids are looking for someone who ultimately cares for them. When they become converted, they get a sense of coming into a 'forever family' under a forgiving Father."

*social critics such young people are a judgment*  
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One picture of the "Jesus movement" emerges from a southern California sampling, published recently in the magazine "Society." Among its findings are these:

- Seventy-two per cent of those listing their fathers' occupations indicated a white-collar background, mostly upper middle class.

- A majority were still in high school. Slightly more than one fourth had some college experience.

- Sixty-two per cent of those over 18, and 44 per cent of those under that age, reported drug usage prior to conversion—nearly always more than incidental.

- In contrast, only about one third said they had taken part in "New Left" politics, and 76 per cent reported shifting to a more conservative view in solving world problems.

- While 62 per cent said they had engaged in premarital sex before conversion, fewer than 5 per cent continued to do so afterward.

Close study of the Jesus movement suggests that somewhat different answers probably would turn up elsewhere. *Sparks*  
But what about the "Jesus people" for instance, might be more in



Unless the church can latch on to the Jesus Movement and keep it doctrinally straight, we are going to miss the greatest opportunity that we've ever had.

We had better accept these kids and get hold of them and indoctrinate them.. If we do not, we'll not only miss a great chance for real revival but we will also by our negligence contribute to the spawning of a lot of new heresies and cults out of this as these kids make up their own rules.

The Jesus Revolution

Bisagno

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Th world out here is not persecuting us. Would to God that they were. They are ignoring us, paying no attention to us.

The Jesus Revolution

Bisagno

P. 22

## Marks of the Apostolic Age in the Jesus Revolution.

1. Emphasis on love. The movement stresses brotherly love and selflessness as did First Century Christians.
2. Emphasis on Jesus. The movement is centered in the person of Jesus.
3. Very fundamental doctrinally. Bible-based.
4. Miraculous happenings. The movement reports such miracles as instant drug withdrawals.
5. Demands of purity.
6. Enthusiasm
7. Bold witnessing
8. Hope
9. Joy
10. Tolerant of failings of new converts.

11. Suspected by the Establishment.
12. Eschatological
13. Dogmatic
14. Changed lives (for the better, naturally!)
15. Divisiveness over "tongues".

The Jesus Revolution

Bisagno

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"JESUS AGAIN!"

Burton Coffman is one of the smartest and best prepared men in our brotherhood. I read what he writes and listen to what he says. He recently penned a short essay concerning Christ as a revolutionary.

(1) Jesus had the Holy Spirit without measure (John 3:24) yet there never was manifest any extremism. He never rolled in the straw nor cast dirt in the air.

(2) Jesus never dressed like John the Baptist in an extreme way. Judas was paid to identify him--consequently there was nothing bizarre in his physical appearance to identify him.

(3) Jesus never advocated civil disobedience--in fact any kind of disobedience! He came to fulfill, not destroy. He was not a nudist, an exhibitionist, an extrovert or introvert. He never sanctioned rebellion, revolt, or violence.

(4) Jesus never was an advocate for victims of social injustice. In Luke 12 he refused to take sides with abuse in inheritance. Jesus did not come to alter society but to change men. Jesus paid his taxes although legally exempt, kept the Sabbath Day, read the scriptures, attended the synagogue, and worked as a carpenter. He even rebuked Simon the Pharisee for not keeping social amenities!

Well said, Burton.

C.B.H.

Although Marvin Meyers in the September 1971 "Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation" primarily is concerned with the attraction that charismatic groups have for some members of traditional churches, his explanation is also valid for new converts from the hip subculture: "The established church seems to be traditional in its ways, impersonal in its approach to outsiders and even towards its own members. It appears to be like a machine that is interested more in keeping moving and keeping its gears oiled than in developing spiritual insight and experience in the lives of its members. Especially young people want to be thought of not as a part of a machine, but as unique persons. They thus become disgruntled with the church and its practices. At this point they seek out more personal organizations, leaders, who relate to them more individually and personally, who treat them as valid persons, and who communicate personalness to

them. . . . Too often, in the impersonal established church the individual feels unwanted, rejected, alienated. Holy Spirit movements reverse this process. The key is involvement, participation, the bringing of the individual into the total experience" (p. 92).

"The Jesus People" - By Ronald M. Enroth, Edward E. Ericson,  
C. Breckinridge Peters - Pages 227-228

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**JESUS PEOPLE :** It is claimed that the "Jesus People" are getting young people off of drugs and are accomplishing other desirable things among those who otherwise would be a liability upon society. Such rehabilitation is good, but discerning Christians have another concern, and this is the effect of the movement upon Christian young people who do not need rehabilitation. The manners, the modes of dress, the theology, the Pentecostal influence, and other aspects of the "Jesus movement" are having their effect upon the young people who do not need what the movement claims to be offering.

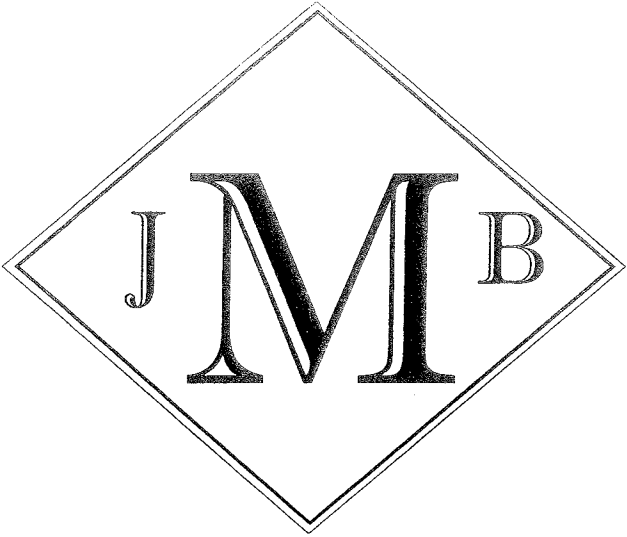
This movement dangerously perverts many spiritual truths by teaching an "experience" with no doctrinal foundation (2 Tim. 3:16); by teaching salvation with no realization of sin or true repentance; by failing to teach the necessity of a break from the attitudes and rebellious life style of the Hippie culture (I Pet. 1:14-16); by teaching young people "situation ethics;" and by being largely Pentecostal in its worship.

Some of the positive traits of the hip generation that May identifies have been transferred to the Jesus subculture, where they take on new meaning: "They seek an honesty, openness, a genuineness of personal relationship; they are out to find a genuine feeling, a touch, a look in the eyes, a sharing of fantasy. The criterion becomes the intrinsic meaning and is to be judged by one's authenticity, doing one's own thing, and giving in the sense of making one's self available for the other" (p. 306).

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Conclusion





# STOP THAT WINKING

Prov. 10:10, 16, 24

I. We pick 3 statements from this chapter.

A. Winking at Sin

Prov. 10:10

1. Do we embrace this attitude?
2. Avoid confrontation?
3. Silence leads to sorrow.
4. Are we silent about:
  - (a) Movies
  - (b) Pornography
5. Silence is seldom neutrality.
6. Are we brutally frank, or just brutal.
7. Troubled people c pious excuse for inflicting anger?
8. Wink a sign of craft, malice & complicity.
9. Sept. "He who reproveth c boldness maketh peace"

B. How do you use your money?

Prov. 10:16

1. Define squander.
  - (a) Las Vegas?
  - (b) Booze?
  - (c) Women?
2. Could it be selfishness?
3. Do we believe in economic salvation - I'm blue, I'll go out & buy something.
4. What's a good cause?
  - (a) What do we do about problems around us?

C. Hopes & Fears.

Prov. 10:24

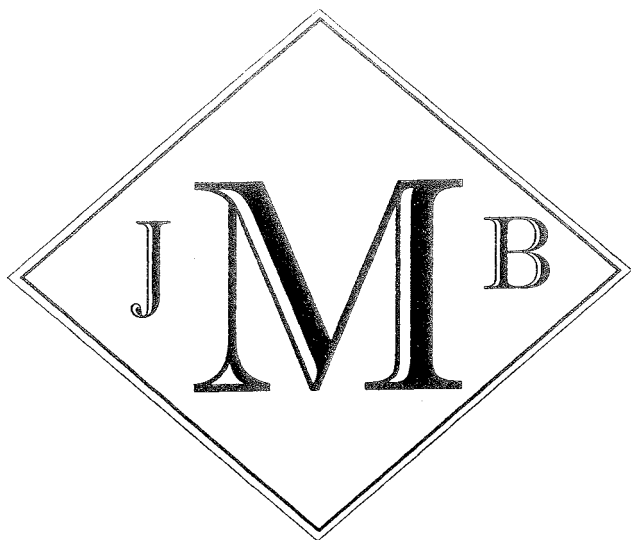
- 1. We know sin should be punished.
- 2. Retribution awaits
- 3. Desire of righteous is only to do will of God

D. Work

Prov. 10:3-4

- 1. Wealth depends on work - God could have fed c Ravens but gave hands.
- 2. Work is for own good.
- 3. Two hand cited in V. 4
  - (a) 1st one open, ineffective
  - (b) 2nd tense - braced.
- 4. One group satisfied - another not
- 5. Laziness is immoral.
- 6. Worker constantly ascending

*West End 1-8-75*



# A PRACTICAL LESSON

Prov. 12:1-

I. These have to do with many matters. Let's gain lessons.

## II. Opening Verses.

### A. V. 1.

1. Joy in a search for knowledge.

a.) Reading.

b.) Teaching.

c.) Observation.

d.) Reproof.

e.) Cry of soul - more light!

2. Deny it - like a brute, beast.

a.) Can't discipline.

b.) Won't listen.

c.) Angry when reprov'd.

d.) Knowledge reproves as we learn more.

### B. V. 2.

1. Good gets favor.

a.) Jesus went about doing good.

b.) Action demanded.

c.) Remember such c gratitude.

d.) Favor of God life's highest honor.

2. Wickedness condemns.

a.) Devices - notices - tries to fool.

b.) Try to ruin the best of men.

### C. V. 3.

1. May appear to be established.

a.) Has no standing.

b.) Fd. is sand.

2. Rt. tree has leaves that wither but root there to withstand.

Ps. 46

D. V. 4.

1. Virtuous woman.

a.) Fears God.

b.) Reverences husband.

c.) Manages house.

d.) Kind to all.

e.) Gets husband honor, inspires him.

f.) Good wife is from the Lord.

g.) Crown shows control via power of her life.

2. Ashamed - rottenness.

a.) Behavior.

b.) Extravagance.

c.) Speech.

d.) Scandal.

e.) She has power in tears & in her looks.

E. V. 5.

1. Thots of righteous are right.

a.) Good meditation.

b.) Contemplates God.

c.) Thots control us - "as he thinks so".

2. Counsel of wicked are deceit.

F. V. 6.

1. Passion of wicked men are murder in sight of God.

2. Deeds checked, else result in such.

3. Cked by fear of punishment, conscience, opportunity.

4. Wise ans. perserve.

5. Speech conveys thots.

G. V. 7.

1. Rt. established & seed c them.

Ps. 37:35-36 "I have seen the wicked in great power,

Rev. 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar i

H. V. 8.

1. Commendations come - why?

a.) Glory in name of God.

b.) Good gets commendation of society.

I. V. 9.

1. Despised & has servant.

a.) Some live above their means.

b.) Translate "is a servant to himself."

c.) Trying to keep up c Jones kills us.

d.) Live where you can afford.

e.) Jesus fed on barley bread & fish.

f.) Vanity & display despicable.

2. We sacrifice for appearance sake.

a.) Fox tails of Pine Bluff.

J. V. 10.

1. Life of beast.

a.) Regard inferiors.

b.) Kill humanly.

Deut. 25:4 - muzzle      Exo. 9:19

2. Tender mercies are cruel.

a.) No regard for others.

K. V. 11.

1. Useful profession valuable.

a.) Follow c diligence.

b.) What is enuf?

c.) Does mere bread satisfy?

d.) Bread via industry.

L. V. 12.

1. Wicked or slothful.

a.) Lust gratified at expense of conscience.

b.) Want to ensnare.

c.) No inward principle of integrity.

2. Craftiness no security.

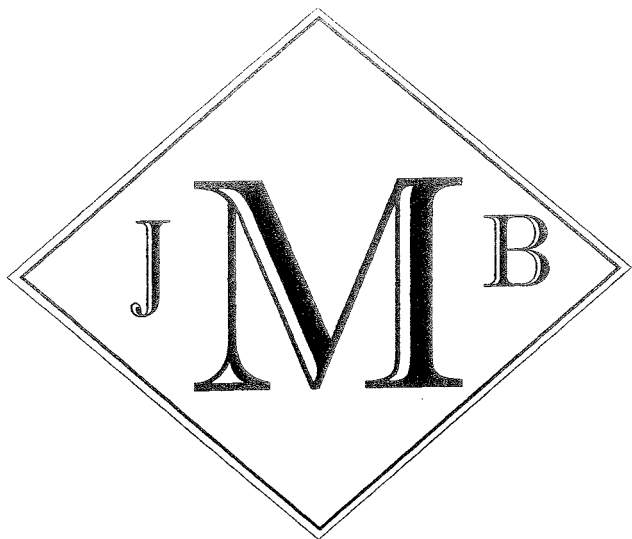
3. Honesty best policy.

M. V. 13.

1. Words get us in trouble.

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## 4 HEARTS OF MAN

Prov. 15:13-15

- I. If there is anything we talk about today it's the condition of our physical hearts.
  - A. Its stoppage is #1 killer.
  - B. It's a mighty power.
    1. While the average human heart weighs just a bit more than 1/2 lb. it beats 70 times a minute---4,200 times an hour--100,800 times a day--36,792,000 times every year--about 2,575,000,000 times in a 70-year lifetime. It's the most efficient pump ever created.
    2. An amount of blood equal to the whole quantity in the body passes through the heart once every minute.
    3. The heart at rest pumps blood at a rate of six quarts per minute. The body contains 60,000 miles of vessels through which the heart pumps blood.
    4. The Human Heart - clip #4
- II. In one passage 4 hearts are cited.
  - A. Merry
  - B. Sorrowful
  - C. Understanding
  - D. Cheerful or Glad
  - E. Map of your face declares it.
- III. Some obvious facts.
  - A. Moods affect us; happy heart vs. heartache.
  - B. Bible keenly interested in your heart--out of it issues of life--Chapter 4:23.

C. Preeminently interested in the heart.

D. Again what kind do I have?

IV. "A Merry Heart Maketh a Cheerful Countenance."

A. Merry

1. Radiance to the face.
2. Mirrors the soul.
3. World tempted to think there is little joy in Christianity.
4. Yet the Kingdom is "joy in the Spirit."

B. Heart

1. Religion of the Bible is not Stoicism.
2. God looks inside a man.

C. Making a Cheerful Countenance.

1. A peaceful conscience.
2. A joyful hope.
3. A contented mind.
4. These contribute to it, regardless of outside circumstances.

5. Countenance

- a) Face is the index of the condition of the mind.
- b) Emotions chisel their features on the brow.
- c) Facial beauty is expression, not complexion.
- d) Face betrays our feelings.
- e) Cheerful expression is a winning invitation to others.
- f) Beats 10 billion coupons - #5.

## V. Sorrowful Heart

"But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken."

A. Happy looking vs stricken, broken, downcast.

B. Spiritual functions are paralyzed.

## VI. Understanding Heart

"The heart of him that hath understanding"

A. Wise men always seek to know more.

B. Wise man is not satisfied with his wisdom but seeks to increase it.

C. Mouth of fools feed on foolishness.

1. Souls have different tastes.

2. This feeds on foolishness.

3. What do I feed on?

## VII. Glad Heart

"Merry heart hath a continual feast"

A. We all face tough outside conditions.

1. Yet they are not to determine our lot.

Hab. 3:17

2. Mourning can steal the elasticity of the soul.

3. Wealth does not bring happiness; wealth only makes misery more comfortable.

Job 17:12

B. Glad heart makes a continual banquet.

1. Longest feast ever recorded was 6 months (Esther 1).

2. We can be endlessly joyful.

3. Religion is of great value.

Heb. 10:34

Job 15:1

4. God grants us a perpetual banquet.

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VIII Are these ours?

HARD MK 16:14 upbraided unbel.

slow heart 25 To believe 21

Impenitent Rom 2:5 Treasure 21

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Insects destroy \$170 million  
worth wood annually

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my send out 10 billion  
coupons

for you  
to get new  
customers

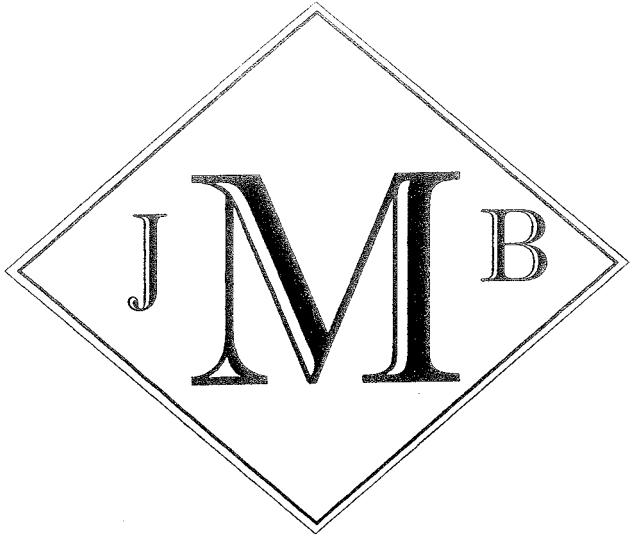


The Odds Have It

### THE HUMAN HEART

#4

**D**ID YOU KNOW that your heart, if normal, beats approximately 100,000 times every day, a million times every ten days, and between 36 and 38 million times every year? Every hour, your heart expends enough energy to carry a 150-pound man from the street level to the roof of a three-story building. Every day, it pushes from five to ten tons of blood (depending upon the size of your body) through your blood vessels. If you attain your allotted threescore and ten years, your heart, in the course of those 70 years, will have exerted enough force to lift the world's largest battleship fourteen feet out of the water!



GIFTS A DADDY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ON  
FATHER'S DAY | Prov. 15:19-20

I. When one obviously leaves out part of his audience he needs to apologize - & I do!

A. I want to talk about great gifts that children can give their daddys.

1. Father's Day compared to Mothers.

2. What kind of animal?

B. The rest appreciate families - so perhaps you'll not begrudge dad as we even give every dog his day.

II. The Wise Man in Proverbs teaches us of gifts so valuable. I want my children - and yours - to give you these: (I expect they'd please Mom too!)

A. I want them to respect the wisdom age & experience brings. *& despise not thy mother when she is old*

Prov. 23:22 "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee

1. Wisdom comes from life.

2. No book can impart it - you live it.

3. Wish we'd always listen to older folk. *Children obey*

Eph. 6:4 "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath

B. I want the gift of purity.

Prov. 23:26-27 "My son, give me thine heart, and let

Prov. 1:10 "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent not

Prov. 1:15 "My son, walk not thou in the way with the

1. I don't want a law breaker - God's or man's.

Prov. 17:2 "A wise servant shall have rule over a son

C. I want receptivity.

Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go

Prov. 17:10 "A reproof entereth more into a wise man

*than 200 stripes into a fool.*



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Heb. 12:11 "All discipline seems at the time not enjoyable but painful; later on however it affords those schooled in it the peaceful fruitage of an upright life" (Berkley)

Prov. 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but

D. I want the gift of work.

Prov. 10:5 "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son

Prov. 23:20 "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous

E. I'd like the gift of well ordered words.

Prov. 17:27-28 "He that hath knowledge spareth his words

Prov. 18:2 "A fool takes no pleasure in understanding but only in expressing his opinion" (RSV).

Prov. 17:21 "He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his shame"

### III. Conclusion

A. Wisdom

B. Purity

C. Receptivity

D. Work

E. Ordered words

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# The good word

## When God Created Fathers

by Marvin J. Nafus, pastor  
Cedar Grove Baptist Church

While reading a weekly paper, I came across the following that I would like to share with you. The article was entitled "Here's How God Created Fathers"...and this is the way it went:

When the good Lord was creating fathers, he started with a tall frame.

And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child into bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-

size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails, or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a boy empties from his pockets at the end of the day, yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week all right," she chuckled. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer.

"That's not fair," she said. "Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to 'ride a horse to Banbury Cross', or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added-tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel shuteth up!

### Family Zoo

"Funny, ain't it, Dad, that everyone in a family is some kind of animal?"

"What do you mean?"

"Well, Mom's a deer, the baby's a little lamb, and I am a kid. But I can't think what you are."

"I'm the goat, my son; I'm the goat."

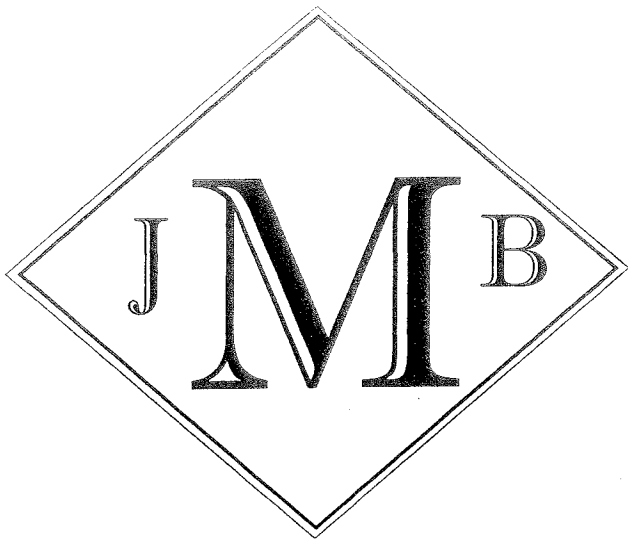
*Mrs. Floyd Hurst.*

### What Children Are Saying

A small boy's definition of Father's Day: It's just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend as much on the present.

*Juanita Cox, Georgia.*

*Father*  
Judy was describing to one of her 10-year-old friends the extent of her domain. "I've got my dog, my cat, my goldfish and my four dolls," she boasted. "But the only one who will do everything I say is my father."



# HATS OFF TO THE AGED!

Prov. 16:31

I. I want to salute somebody & I'll tell you why!

Isa. 46:4 "Even to your old age, I am he  
Even to your hoar hairs will I carry you  
I have made & I will bear  
Even I will carry & will deliver you".

Job 12:12 "With the ancient is wisdom  
And in length of days understanding."

(90 year birthday gift - kiss - dust)

Prov. 16:31 "The hoary head is a crown of glory,  
if it be found in the way of righteousness."  
(Live another 100, stronger than started)  
(Hair white before mustache)

II. But do we qualify - are we "old".

A. Two tests

B. Approach retirement?

C. Speaker's Beware

III. I'll take my remarks from the 1st National Conf.  
on Aging 1950. (When you designed Martin-Boyd  
you must have read this!)

A. They made 8 points of spiritual concerns for  
those growing older.

1. Assurance of God's continuing love.

a) Ida Ezell wrote me "I believe I am in the  
vestibule of the home of the future &  
love each day & evening of it".

- b) Henry Van Dyke "I shall grow old, but never lose life's best, because the road's last turn will be the best".
  - c) Lavetta Hummel "Wrinkles are only the bypaths of many smiles & some tears; gray hair is the silver dust of the stars and growing gracefully slower of step is only walking nearer to God".
2. The certainty that life is protected, that human life is sacred, lived under the providence of God.
- a) Sports - parents won't let me - Mother nature & Father Time.
  - b) Knew all states - only 13.
3. Relief from heightened emotions (guilt, hostility, anxiety, grief, fear - of illness, of the process of dying rather than death itself.)
- a) Carlyle "I have often thought what a melancholy world this would be without children; & what an inhuman world, without the aged.
  - b) Alexandre Dumas - see you are growing older.
4. Relief from the pangs of loneliness.
- a) Godly associations.
  - b) Programs from the churches.
5. A perspective (for life) that embraces time & eternity.

- a) Dr. Linden card.
  - b) "You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you are confronted with a new idea". John Nuveen
6. Continuing spiritual growth through new experiences.
- a) Let it match physical - see Malz card.
  - b) George Burns clip.
7. Satisfying status in life & continued acceptance by one's peers & by younger persons.
- a) Get smarter clip.
  - b) How old are you? Hesitant answer.  
"Longer you wait older you are".
8. The feeling of continued usefulness "in the economy of God there are no useless persons".
- a) Poem on age.
  - b) MacArthur quote.

Martin-Boyd Christian Home Dinner, Chattanooga, TN  
honoring Bro. Leslie Thomas, 7/15/85

*Age*  
**YOU KNOW YOU'RE  
GETTING OLDER WHEN . . .**

#3  
X **The Perfect Present**  
A 90-year-old woman was celebrating her birthday with an annual party.

X "What would you like for a gift?" asked a devoted friend.

"Just give me a big kiss," replied the woman. "Then I won't have to dust it."

A reporter was interviewing a man who was believed to be the oldest resident in town.

X "May I ask how old you are?" the newsman inquired.

X "I just turned 100 this week," the oldster replied proudly.

X "Great! Do you suppose you'll see another 100?" the reporter asked playfully.

X "Well," said the man, after some thought, "I'm stronger now than when I began the first 100!"

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+ Teacher: "Can any bright pupil tell me why a man's hair turns gray before his mustache?"

Pupil: "Cause his hair has a twenty-year start on his mustache."

*Quote*

*Age*  
December 16,

X . . . you remember the only actress who didn't wear clothes was Lassie.

. . . you receive your copy of Playboy and turn to the editorial first.

X . . . you remember the only reason you wore jeans was that you couldn't afford better.

X . . . you remember Dr Pepper when he was an intern.

. . . you remember when real men did eat quiche.

X . . . you remember when they gave you a 12-month warranty on your car and you didn't need it.

. . . you remember when "the pill" was nothing more than an aspirin.

X . . . you remember when Jello had only 6 delicious flavors.

X . . . you remember when people on diets drank Metracal instead of Tab.

X . . . you remember when men had "5 o'clock shadow" and women had "dishpan hands."

X . . . you remember when the type on menus was a good deal larger.

X . . . someone says that youth is wasted on the young — and you agree.

*Ed Cooper, Scan*

# YOU KNOW YOU' RE GETTING OLD WHEN..

- EVERYTHING HURTS AND WHAT DOESN'T HURT, DOESN'T WORK. X
- YOUR KNEES BUCKLE, AND YOUR BELT WON'T. X
- YOU SIT DOWN IN A ROCKING CHAIR AND CAN'T GET IT STARTED. X
- YOU REGRET ALL THOSE TIMES YOU RESISTED TEMPTATION. X
- YOU ORDER GERITOL-ON-THE-ROCKS AT THE BAR. X
- YOU THINK "GAY" MEANS "HAPPY, LIVELY AND VIVACIOUS". X
- YOU LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING A QUIET EVENING AT HOME. X
- YOUR BACK GOES OUT MORE OFTEN THAN YOU DO. X
- YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT NOBODY ASKS YOU THE QUESTIONS. X
- THE LAST PRESIDENT YOU ENJOYED VOTING FOR WAS TEDDY ROOSEVELT. X
- YOU TURNED 39 BEFORE JACK BENNY. X
- YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK HAS ONLY NAMES ENDING IN M.D. X
- YOU NEED OXYGEN AFTER BLOWING OUT YOUR BIRTHDAY CANDLES. X
- YOUR MIND MAKES AGREEMENTS YOUR BODY CAN'T MEET. X
- YOU FINALLY GET IT ALL TOGETHER AND CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE YOU PUT IT. X
- YOU START EATING BRAN FLAKES AND PRUNE JUICE FOR BREAKFAST. X
- YOU REMEMBER TODAY THAT YESTERDAY WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY. X
- YOU GET WORN OUT DIALING LONG DISTANCE. X
- YOU BUY A HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND DON'T GO. X
- YOU HAVE MORE HAIR ON YOUR CHEST THAN ON YOUR HEAD. X
- YOU JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET AROUND TO PROCRASTINATING. X
- YOUR FAVORITE NEWSPAPER COLUMN IS "25 YEARS AGO TODAY" X
- YOU DON'T NEED AN ALARM CLOCK TO GET UP AT 6 A.M. X
- YOU NEED A FIRE PERMIT TO LIGHT ALL THE CANDLES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY CAKE. X
- A FORTUNE TELLER WANTS TO READ YOUR FACE. X
- IT TAKES YOU AN HOUR TO UNDRESS AND ANOTHER HOUR TO REMEMBER WHY. X
- AFTER PAINTING THE TOWN RED, YOU HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME BEFORE APPLYING A 2nd COAT. X
- YOU BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL BY 9 P.M. X
- YOU GET YOUR EXERCISE BEING A PALLBEARER FOR YOUR FRIENDS WHO EXERCISED. X
- YOU FEEL LIKE THE MORNING AFTER AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE. X
- ANYTHING UNDER A QUARTER ISN'T WORTH BENDING OVER TO PICK UP. X
- YOUR PACEMAKER OPENS THE GARAGE DOOR WHENEVER YOU SEE A SEXY GIRL GO BY. X
- THE LITTLE OLD LADY YOU HELP ACROSS THE STREET IS YOUR WIFE. X
- YOU GET WINDED PLAYING CHECKERS. X
- YOU SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A THICK, JUICY STEAK AND THEY STAY THERE. X
- THE ONLY WHISTLES YOU GET ARE FROM THE TEAKETTLE. X
- YOUR FAVORITE TV PERSONALITIES ARE SID CAESAR, MILTON BERLE AND LUCILLE BALL. X
- YOU NEED A SMALLER HOUSE WITH A BIGGER MEDICINE CABINET. X
- WORK BECOMES MORE FUN AND FUN BECOMES MORE WORK. X
- THE BEST PART OF YOUR DAY IS OVER WHEN YOUR ALARM CLOCK GOES OFF. X
- YOUR CHILDREN BEGIN TO LOOK MIDDLE-AGED. X
- YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN COMPLIMENTED WHEN YOU'RE CALLED "SQUARE". X
- THE GLEAM IN YOUR EYES IS THE SUN REFLECTING OFF YOUR BIFOCALS. X
- YOU STOP TO THINK AND SOMETIMES FORGET TO START AGAIN. X
- A DRIPPING FAUCET CAUSES AN UNCONTROLLABLE BLADDER URGE. X
- YOU FINALLY GET TO THE TOP OF THE LADDER, BUT IT'S LEANING AGAINST THE WRONG WALL. X



## **YOU CAN USE**

Trying to determine why production had declined in a plant, an efficiency expert asked the company's personnel director, "How many of your employees are approaching retirement age?"

"Well," replied the personnel director, "we haven't got any going the other way."

## VI. BITS AND PIECES

Dress alone cannot put a boob in the boardroom, but incorrect dress can definitely keep an intelligent, able man out. That is the philosophy of John Molloy, management consultant and author of "Dress for Success"—Wyden, \$9.95. Mr. Molloy, who firmly believes that most men unwittingly dress for failure instead of success, admits, "It's not fair, or just or moral, for a man's success or failure to depend to a large extent on how he dresses." But, he maintains, "There's a club. If you don't dress and act like everyone else who already belongs, they won't let you join. It's that simple."

—Advertising Age.

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A majority of business men transact business over breakfast from time to time, with some claiming it's more effective than the business luncheon. The Dartnell Institute of Business Research Target Survey says some 34 percent of the execs surveyed said that breakfast transactions were as effective as lunch. A majority had one to five monthly lunches which usually featured a single drink in 70 percent of the cases. If the person being entertained didn't drink about 57 percent of the execs didn't either. The average tip was about 15 percent with the percentage dropping as the bill went up.

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**SPEAKERS BEWARE!**

96% do not remember the start of federal income tax.

—Continued on next page.

94% have no recollection of WWI.

92% are too young to remember when women couldn't vote.

86% do not remember the stock market crash.

74% are unable to remember the Great Depression.

68% cannot recollect WWII.

65% cannot remember life before the start of the TV era.

59% do not remember the Korean War.

53% are not old enough to remember Russia's launching the first Sputnik.

44% do not remember the assassination of President Kennedy.

32% are too young to remember when man first landed on the moon.

So when you are preparing a speech and refer to someone as being a GI, just remember that 149,600,000 people won't know what you are talking about.

—**Speakout National Speakers Association.**

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Onagers, the wild asses mentioned in the Bible, are once again loping across the Negev Desert. Eight onagers were released by the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, culminating a 20-year plan to revive the Middle Eastern wild ass. This is the first time a species of Bible-era animals, carefully bred in captivity, has been returned to the wild.

—**Christianity Today.**

*Age*  
**THE STORY TELL**

**Parents Disapprove**

A young lady was taking a survey in a housing project for senior citizens. She asked one elderly man if he participated in sports.

"No, my parents won't let me," he answered.

"Your parents?"

"Yes — Mother Nature and Father Time."

Platte City, Mo. Wilda

**Just Right**

First pelican: "That's a mighty big fish you have

Called upon by his teacher to recite the names of the states, a young boy did so, hardly stumbling at all. The teacher praised him and said that she didn't think she could have done that well at his age.

"Oh yes, you could," the boy replied. "There were only 13 states back then."

— *Retirees Prayer Fellowship newsletter*

**Why Forgive?**

**Inevitable**

Alexandre Dumas met a lady he hadn't seen in a number of years. She looked him over and sighed: "Ah, my friend, I see that you, too, are growing old."

"And why not?" the novelist replied. "I devote all my time to it."  
Forest City, Iowa Margaret

A Jewish psychiatrist, Dr. M. E. Linden, believes that there is a definite relationship between social attitudes toward ageing and the delinquencies of youth. He said, "Elders must be reinstated in their time honored position as brokers in experience and consultants in living." On the other hand, he said, "Cultural rejection leading to self rejection may usher in senility."

(This was quoted by Clyde Austin in a speech he made at the Abilene Lectureship in 1963)

It is true that scientific and medical discoveries and modern conveniences have helped to extend the average life span. In 1900, the average life span in the United States was 47 years. Today, it is 73 years. By the year 2100, according to the American Family Physician, Americans will live to be 82.4 years old. So it's quite likely that, even in this century, you will live longer than you think you will. What will you do with those extra years?

- Carl Malz

(If You're Over the Hill, You Oughta' Be Goin' Faster",  
pg. 26)



### Then You've Got It Made

When I talk about thinking young, I'm talking about enthusiasm, keeping active, having plans, projects for tomorrow, meeting people, doing things. I look to the future, because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life. A lot of people are too quick to decide that their life is over. And if you really think your life is over, and you have no place to go, I advise you to take very short steps. It'll take you longer to get there.

The point is, with a good positive attitude and a little bit of luck, there's no reason you can't live to be 100. Once you've done that you've really got it made, because very few people die over 100.—George Burns

### AGE/AGING

The bad news is you're getting older. The good news is you may be getting smarter. Scientists report in a recent *New York Times* article that specific forms of human intelligence increase, rather than decrease, during the middle and later years. The ability to use an accumulated body of knowledge—known as crystallized intelligence—for decision making and problem solving rises over a lifetime, studies of psychologist and gerontologists reveal in the report. These findings have implications for employers since they dispel the myth that older employees cannot learn new job skills or continue productively in a present job.

—Horizons

which cost



An eminent judge was questioning the female witness. "How old are you, Madam?" he asked. There was a long pause.

"Don't hesitate, my dear," urged the old gentleman. "The longer you wait, the older you become."



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## HUMOR FOR THE DAY

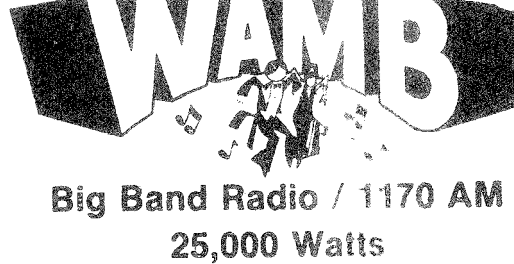
Just a line to say I'm living  
That I'm not among the dead,  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And more mixed up in the head.  
Sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand at the foot of the stair  
If I must go up for something  
Or if I've just come from there.  
And before the fridge' — so often,  
My poor mind is filled with doubt,  
Have I just put some food away  
Or have I come to take some out.  
And when it's dark outside, sometimes,  
With my cap upon my head,  
I don't know if I'm retiring  
Or just getting out of bed.  
So if its my turn to write to you  
There's no need in getting sore  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.  
So remember, I do love you  
And I wish that you were here  
But its nearly mail time  
So I'll say goodbye, my dear.  
Then I stood beside the mail box  
With a face so very red  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I have opened it instead.



GENERAL DOUGLAS MCARTHUR: "People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

*Age*

# Here's the EARL NIGHTINGALE script you heard on



... an adventure in listening

## THE EARL NIGHTINGALE PROGRAM OUR CHANGING WORLD

### #4730—WE'RE AGING

The United States is growing older and so are its people. With the reduced size of the family and an older population, the generation that will be old in the year 2000 was born in 1930, got in at the beginning of the sexual revolution in the fifties, may have been involved in the freedom rides of the sixties and the values they grew up with will probably be retained ... according to Herbert Gerjouy, senior staff scientist of the Futures Group in Washington, D. C.

Therefore, Gerjouy predicts a continuation of the sexual revolution, with greater acceptance of non-traditional practices, including homosexuality, and an increase in intergenerational mating, young women with older men and young men with older women. The average number of marriages in a lifetime will rise to about 3.5 according to the futurist. Surprisingly, the figure for today's world is only slightly over one ... and he sees an accompanying increase in divorce, of course.

"Divorce, not death, will be the terminating factor in most cases," Gerjouy explains, "but marriage will remain the ideal and the norm."

There'll be many four-generation families, a situation that will test greatly the loyalties of the two middle-age groups, but the role of the elderly relative to the nuclear family is cloudy.

Children, as they become more rare, will take on greater importance. With increased individual life-expectancy, says the researcher, comes greater individual impact for good and bad on society. Ironically, then, we may find ourselves an "old" society placing heavy emphasis on the education, care and upbringing of the young.

I found that interesting item while flying to St. Louis in the TWA Ambassador magazine. I read it in there—I wasn't flying in there ... one of the best of the airline books.

It is estimated that twenty-four to thirty three percent of suicides are committed by people over sixty-five. Does that mean we can expect more acts of self-destruction, perhaps even prepare for and condone self-killing, in the not-so-distant future of the year 2000?

An emphatic no is the answer from psychiatrist and gerontologist Eric Pfeiffer. "If you make life lousy enough, people will commit suicide," says Doctor Pfeiffer, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "But healthy people enjoying life will not commit suicide."

The typical elderly suicide victim, says the psychiatrist, is a male who is no longer married, no longer employed, lives alone, and has declining but not necessarily failing health. The antidote is activity—vocational and avocational—and meaningful social interaction. According to Doctor Pfeiffer, we're already seeing self-correcting forces at work in our society, and these forces probably will continue into the future.

Best of all is the more demanding attitude of the elderly, who are assuming the motto of the anti-Vietnam era: "Hell no, we won't go."

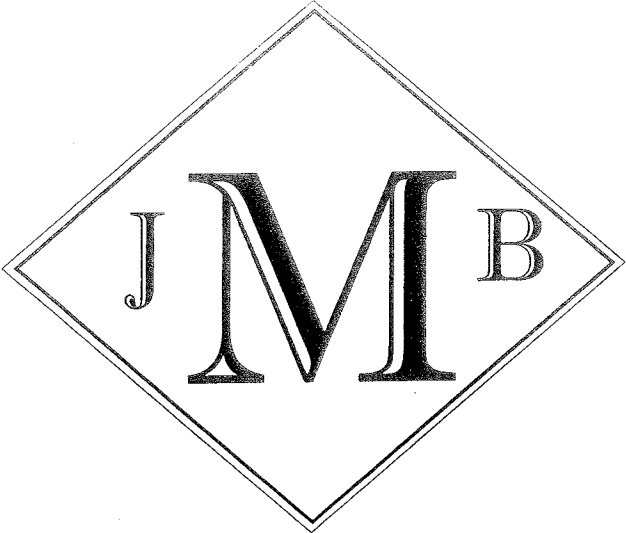
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The older man or woman is much better off today than he or she was fifty years ago. It is likely then, as our population grows older, along with the rest of the world, that life will get better.

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# A Salute to Grandparents

Prov. 17:6

I. When you think of grandparents what comes to mind?

A. Romantically log fires, long johns and leather leggings.

1. Some never saw a log fire except at church camp - no idea what backlog means.
2. Long johns - they are for comedy, not comfort.
3. Leather leggings - never saw grandpa slosh through snow and mud to feed the cattle and get hay for the horses.

B. But there remains some "L" words that let grandparents make a living legacy to this generation.

C. Solomon gave the idea  
Proverbs 17:6 "Children's children are the crown of old men and the glory of children are their fathers."

II. Let me use some "L" words that are current even if log fires, long johns and leather leggings are not. As grandparents you can:

A. Labor and Lubricate

1. Lawson said "children preserve our name so surround them with pleasant kinfolk."

2. David's crown went for 17 generations - no other like it.
  3. Do you remember God's compliment to Abraham? Read Gen. 18:19 first part.
  4. Bruce "vigor and vitality of children's children are the continuance of the old man's life."
  5. You may not be the first word - Mark Twain story.
  6. Page on being a grandma.
  7. Benchley on travel.
- B. But as you lead be sure you lateral-don't usurp the grandparent's responsibilities.
1. Forward passes belong in football - not your children's home.
  2. That does not take away your pride in them.
    - a) Clip on "how old?" - Dr. is 4 and lawyer is 2.
    - b) "Who was that?"
    - c) So simple a child can operate.
  3. If children are a heritage from the Lord, instruct them in His way.
  4. Family members need each other for support.

Mary COBANNY

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- C. You can laugh and log the events that come.
1. Have I told you about my grandchildren? No, and I appreciate it.
  2. Just delight in each other's company.
  3. Call that baby grandma.
  4. Cake "too bad."
  5. Matthew at Hobbs Street water fountain.
- D. 6. CARD- DISCOVERIES!  
You can love and lift.
1. Your extended experiences are a resource in their development.
  2. Letters to ministers.
  3. Appreciation takes awhile.
  4. Lillian Sanders letter.
  5. Deut. 4:7-9 "Thy son's sons."

David Lipscomb Grandparents' Day - 11/15/00

For I know him, that  
he will command his  
children & his household  
after him and they shall keep  
the way of the Lord, to do  
justice & judgement

Gen 18:19

*Grandparents*

# The words sound familiar!

After attending a service conducted by Dr. Doane, later bishop of Albany, Mark Twain congratulated him on an enjoyable service.

X "I welcomed it as an old friend," he went on. "I have a book at home containing every word of it." Dr. Doane bristled. "I am sure you have not," he replied huffily. "Indeed, I have," Twain persisted. "Well, I'd like to have a look at it then. Could you send it over to me?" The following day Twain sent him an unabridged dictionary.

Jim Hall

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# Ward's Words

By WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

If letters promise you instant great wealth, trash them at once . . . for your financial health.

Winners learn from the past and let go of it. Losers yearn for the past and get stuck with it.

The greatest gift we can give is our love; the most valuable treasure we can share is our friendship.

If we believe exactly what we believed ten years ago, we are a decade older but no wiser.

Encouragement promotes growth; praise enhances morale; commendations increase cooperation.

If we express our sincere gratitude, it just may change another's attitude.

If your world is filled with problems and fears, then turn to prayer to God who always hears.

If you feel that life is dreary and dark, then light a candle with your special spark.

If you have a negative attitude, replace it with some thoughts of gratitude.

You can plant a wonderful seed . . . by helping those who are in need.

The United Way is an organization that puts all its begs in one ask it.

Frank Tyger

## Neighbors

We all live in some neighborhood,  
But some neighbors we don't know  
Enough to show our brotherhood  
And our kindness to bestow.

How can we share their joy and pain  
Unless we know that it's there?  
We need to make it very plain  
We are neighbors fair and square.

If a good neighbor we'd entice,  
It's not enough to see one;  
Somebody had to break the ice.  
To have good neighbors, *Be one!*

Dave Wadley

## Take My Kids - Please

Humorist Robert Benchley said there are two kinds of travel "first class, or with children." But that distinction is fast disappearing. With more money, more energy and more leisure time than ever, growing numbers of grandparents are traveling with their grandchildren, says Tom Frenkel of the National Tour Association, and many join escorted trips. The idea is "definitely catching on—for several good reasons," says Dorothy Jordon, publisher of the newsletter Family Travel Times. "Many children get 12 to 18 weeks of vacation a year. Their parents generally don't get that much." What's more, grandparents often live in distant cities and rarely get time with their grandchildren.

Melinda Beck

With Jeanne Gordon and Russ Dallen;  
"Travels with Grandpa;" Newsweek

Grandparents  
and  
Family

## ON BEING A GRANDMOTHER

BY NELL ABBOTT

**B** EING A GRANDMOTHER means looking high and low for the insides to your coffee pot and finding them in the hall closet.

It means grabbing a purse you haven't used in days and finding it heavy—with rocks.

It means a frantic search for a certain pair of shoes, and finally—wearing others as you dash out fifteen minutes late for your appointment—spotting the lost shoes in the edge of the shrubbery.

Being a grandmother means baking cookies again and buying chewing gum, which you haven't in years.

It means blowing balloons (they're tougher these days), flying kites and reading Raggedy Ann and Peter Rabbit all over again.

Being a grandmother means moving vases to high shelves and hiding lipstick.

It means watching your step—blocks are treacherous and crayons mash.

It means naps (for you both) and tea-parties (oh, well, we can diet tomorrow) and singing all the silly old songs: Patta-cake, patta-cake . . . Rockabye baby . . . Here we go 'round the mulberry bush . . .

AND a loud chorus of: Oh, boy, here come Mama and Daddy! Oh, boy, oh, boy!!!

TWO GRANDMOTHERS were bragging about their grandchildren and one, quite impressed, asked, "How old are your grandsons?"

"Well," replied the other, "the doctor's two and the lawyer's four."

*Grandparents*  
A YOUNG mother put her two children to bed, then changed into an oversized sweatshirt and an old pair of blue jeans and proceeded to wash her hair. All during the shampoo she could hear the youngsters growing wilder and noisier.

She finished as quickly as she could, wrapped a large towel around

her head, stormed into the children's room, and put them back to bed with a stern warning to stay there.

As she left, she heard her two-year-old say to his brother in a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

*Reception*

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SUZY SUTTON: "The only thing so simple that a child can operate is a grandparent." 2-Q

HERB TRUE: "If God had meant women to be bosses, She wouldn't have made swivel chairs with big seats and secretarial chairs with itty-bitty bottoms." Q-3

We've been blessed with our children and 8 grandchildren. I keep thinking my grandchildren will blossom out with enough bright gems that I could fill up a book with just stories about them.

I love the story about someone else's young son, about 4 years old, who announced to his dad that when he got older, he was going to marry his Granny.

The daddy said, "But you can't do that."

"Why not?"

"Because you would be married to my mother."

"Well," he said, "you married mine."

Jack Wilhelm  
Smile, Seriously!

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*Grandparents*

The three year old asked his mother what the neighbors were going to name their brand new baby girl. The mother replied that she thought they were going to name the infant after her grandmother.

The youngster looked puzzled, then asked incredulously, "You mean they are going to call that little bitty baby 'Grandma'?"

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MY NEIGHBOR'S four-year-old granddaughter was watching her in anticipation one afternoon as she was finishing up frosting a cake. The child's face fell, however, when she found her grandmother was not going to decorate or write on the cake. The grandmother explained that the cake was for a neighbor who had a death in the family, and it was not the correct thing to do to write on a cake for such an occasion. The little girl thought a moment, then solemnly offered this compromise: "Couldn't you even write on it 'Too Bad?'"

— Contributed by Patricia E. Hood

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INSTEAD of getting rid of his prejudices, the average person whitewashes them and tries to pass them off as principles. — *American Farm & Home Almanac*

*Grandparents*

*Quoted*

Children have an uncanny way of describing things, like the little girl describing her appendectomy: "They told me it wouldn't hurt. Then they stuck a needle in my arm and I disappeared."

Some of the other discoveries of little children:

° No matter how hard you try, there's no way to baptize a cat.

° Never let your Mom brush your hair if she's mad at your Dad.

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° If your brother or sister hits you, don't hit them back. Your parents always catch the second person, not the first one.

--Jack Wilhelm  
Smile, Seriously!

Dear Minister

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My sister & I are selling cookies to  
make money for the Scouts  
So far we have sold 3 cookies Iris D 11  
vs. my grandma bot 2 of them

Grandparents

Dear Minister,

My sister and I are selling cookies to make money  
for the church.

So far we have sold 3 cookies.

Sincerely,

Iris D.

age 11

Savannah

P. S. My grandma bought 2 of them.

December 27, 1996

To her friends and acquaintances, she was known as Lillian Sanders, but to her family she was Nanny. That very name brings a smile. She loved to laugh and she loved a good cry. Her name evokes memories of family get togethers and the smells of homemade yeast rolls, coconut cakes and chicken and dumplings. If you had the treat of spending the night at Nanny's you were almost always guaranteed a trip to Krystal followed by a trip to Centennial Park to feed the ducks. If she kept you for more than a day there was no telling what she might let you do. Once she let me stroll the streets of downtown Franklin at the tender age of ten in self applied make-up and a borrowed girdle and pantyhose. Another time she purchased an Easter chick with the assurance to my distressed mother "don't worry he won't live long....." he grew to be a young rooster.

She gave everyone a run for their money. She was not your run of the mill kind of grandmother. She would talk to you about anything, and frequently did if you dropped by for lunch at 325 Greenway for a tuna fish or pimento cheese sandwich. She certainly knew how to "cut to the chase" with a blunt question that was designed to get an honest answer. You were so astounded that she had the nerve to ask the question that you immediately told her what she wanted to know. She was Oprah long before Oprah was cool.

In many ways she was not predictable and that quality was endearing most of the time. One of our favorite stories was about her moving the household and leaving a note on the door for John, her husband, informing him of his new address. Even in her last years she

kept her caregivers guessing about what she might say or do next. She was fun.

Her life was not easy. She was orphaned at twelve and raised by a great aunt and grandmother. At seventeen she made the best decision of her life and eloped and married John, known to his family as Pap. For 64 years they labored and loved children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. Finally they faced illness and Pap's death.

The light went out of Nanny's eyes. Every now and then some of the playfulness was there. She loved to let her great-grandchildren hide a teddy bear she kept and sent them into fits of glee when she would pretend to cry because she could not find it.

She would hide candy in the pocket of her walker caddy for them to find.

But she was lonely and tired and at eighty-six was ready to die.

As we face this loss it is so hard not to want things the "way they used to be" with two strong, loving, supportive grandparents that gathered around the kitchen table at 325

Greenway. That is now a beautiful memory tucked away in our hearts. We were truly blessed to have called Nanny our grandmother and Pap our grandfather. As we lay her to rest she is where she wanted to be....at his side once again. I feel certain that Pap has just come in from a round of golf in the heavens and that they seated around a new kitchen table sharing lunch.



