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**A new day dawns, the day star rise,
For in our hearts, we possess the prize.**

**Tho' the markets dip, the dollars dive
A more sure word, and faith doth thrive.**

**The troubled heart is not kept in God,
But walks by sight an earthy trod.**

**The heart of the king is in HIS hand,
Fit to sovereign as God has planned.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
For in our hearts, the war is won.**

**So with thanks we give Thee praise,
Glory in the highest our voices raise.**

**'Til from the cradle, cross and Thy crown,
Upward, onward triumphant bound.**

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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU



Dear Friends in Christ,

The material for this 2008 end-of-the-year edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness* is being readied for press while I am preaching a pastor's conference in Venezuela. It has been an amazing and challenging year. Your prayers and partnership are deeply appreciated. May our sweet Lord richly bless all who have had such a vital part in this ministry. God Bless!

I do not know whether this will reach you before the election. Either way, America is in the need of prayer. We are told in Scripture to pray for our leaders (1 Peter 2:13-17). May God help us.

Please take the time to read the enclosed articles relating to The Voice in the Wilderness ministries as well as commentaries and News Bits about the state of our beloved America. This little publication has consistently sounded the alarm and exposed the deeply entrenched corruption of our federal government. From the original three-page legislation to the final thousand pages of confused, wasteful pork "bail-out," Congress has again proven they are disgustingly perverse. The enemy is within. America has been sold out. It would take a revolution to turn the juggernaut.

Now with that said, God is still on His throne. Let not your hearts be troubled. Be not weary in well doing, and let us all be found faithfully serving Him who alone is worthy.

What a day it will be when all the saints gather for that glad reunion. So many have passed on before. Heaven is indeed sweeter with the joyous thought of seeing our Saviour and all of our loved ones. This year is marked by the passing of several dear pastor friends and the homegoing of my

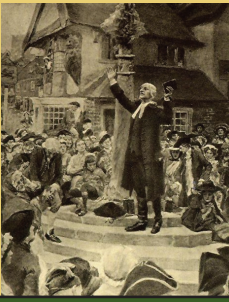


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wife's mother. I have written often of our family and the blessings they have been to this preacher and ministry. Terry's Mom and Dad are special and we appreciate them so very much. With Mrs. Little now gone and Mr. Little, Terry's Dad who is 81 years young, continuing this walk of life without his mate of 58 years, faith and trust in the Lord is so precious. Daily we must lean on His presence and strength to carry us through.

On behalf of The Voice in the Wilderness, thank you for the prayers and memorial gifts given in honor of

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WHY WE WEAR WHAT WE WEAR

Family, Fashion, Feel & Faith

Increasingly, the pathetic disrespect of our society is evident at church weddings and funerals. If ever it was ignorance or lack of teaching, the admission is to the contrary now. It's an "in your face" agenda driven, statement making event. There is no shortage of full length mirrors nor can ignorance be an excuse. Even preachers assertively flex their "liberal-rated" degrees and emphatically declare no Scriptural word on dress. So from the pew to the pulpit, its anything goes. Casual wear, come as you are is comfortably popular. Sleeveless, plunging, body clinging attire is common parade on display in the choir loft. Does God's Word have any instruction for the believer in this world of fashion? If so, is there a willing heart to be instructed?

Since it is so evident that the church readily takes it cues from the world, let us first look at a bit of history concerning dress and fashion. Then we will see the specifics of Scripture.

In this section, we will explore why people dress the way they do. There is some obvious overlap in these points, yet distinct in terms of understanding types and motives of dress.

I. Family (who you are)

Historically different people groups had distinctive dress. What nationality or nation are you from? Clothing spoke of who you were. Even within that division, there may be an obvious difference in the dress of the aristocrat, wealthy and the poor or servant class of people. Your family, class, bloodline - who you are - was demonstrated in dress. As a boy growing up in America, people identified with certain clothes. Even in play we boys understood this. We might pretend to be army men or even cowboys and Indians. We could identify a policeman or fireman by the uniform. Clothes have historically identified "who you are." Even the church has had to confront this aspect.

II. Fashion, Fad, Fluff & Fuzz

Fashion may speak of a certain period of dress. Often the term "style" is used for different kinds

of clothes.

After WW II when people in general, and young people in particular, had more money to spend, clothing entered a new era. Advertising promoted the fashion industry. With television and the media giving greater exposure to clothing styles and fashion, attitudes began to change. Even underwear was designed purposefully to accentuate the female body. Hollywood got in on the act. In the mid 1930s film producers began to present their female stars in a specially designed bra with certain intent. Money, morals and women in the work place as early as the 1920s effected dramatic change. The movement towards more independence for women was on the front-burner and skirts got shorter, skimpier and straighter. Miniskirts, bikinis, pants on women, along with shape-revealing, flesh-exposing designs are key components to the clothing revolution from the 1920s to the 1960s.

Pants had been traditionally worn by men and represented masculinity and authority in a male dominated world. Have you ever been asked the question "Who wears the pants in your family?" We all know what that means. Who is in charge, the husband or the wife? Greer Garson appeared on the *Tennessee Ernie Ford* show in pants. Now keep in mind, at that time pants worn by women on television was very

rare. Tennessee Ernie Ford was compelled to comment on his guest star's pants. He said, "They tried to make you look like a boy, but you defeated it before they got started," referring to her figure outlined by the pants.

The ancient Romans, Celts and Germanic tribes wore pants for protection against the elements. The same was true for the men of the middle ages.

North American Indians and Far Eastern women have worn a pant type garment and leggings for protection under their traditional outer garments.

In 1851, Amelia Bloomer made her trouser-like bloomers. Working women during wartime in the West began to wear pants, and by the end of WWII more and more women were seen in pants. By the 1960s the young women had made the pantsuit fashionable. Even though changes in dress were highly criticized, women in the work place along with twentieth-century sports were prime movers of the trend. Hollywood intensified the effort to change the distinctions in dress for men and women. Then the intense increase in the unisex look and styles. Jeans were originally designed as a working man's garment during the California gold rush. It was considered indecent to expose the flesh at the beginning of the twentieth century. Women could actually be arrested if dressed improperly in public.

Consider the advent of the bathing suit or swimsuit. Saltwater bathing was thought to be therapeutic. At the time, bathing suits or swimsuits did not exist, so men and women ventured the surf nude. Separate beaches were designated for males and for females. Even at that, *The Times* of London reported the scandal of the naked dippers. The French may be the innovators of the "Bathing Costumes."

The ladies wore woolen drawers covered by a black below-the-knee blouse gathered at the waist by a leather girdle. Men wore a rather curious sailor type outfit with stripes.

The solution to the scandalous skinny dippers was found in a relatively respectable swimsuit. Some even wore a large smock style garment constructed of canvas. In the world's estimation, the pastime of therapeutic bathing and swimming surf side remained relatively respectable until the Bikini exploded on the scene. Exploded is the word. So shocking it was that this skimpy design was named after an atomic explosion on Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

Feel, fit, fluff or fuzz - is there a rhyme or reason to all the fashion and fade? Sure there is. The brazen baring of Bikini beauties even though named after such an explosion needed no atomic scientist to analyze the effects.

There is intent in design. Fake buttons for example. Typically, the man's jacket buttons left over right. Was there a purpose in this design? Originally the left over right design kept the loose flap of material out of the way of a swift drawn sword. However, the female jacket had a right over left design to permit the right arm support of a nursing baby. Even those buttons on the cuff were to add protection from inclement weather. Still today the buttons remain on jackets as a fashion element. Some high-class top of the line jackets will have actual buttonholes sewn in for the buttons even though the original function is by-gone.

Various religions of the world have designs with a garments specific purpose and message in mind. Even the color may have significance.

Research shows that not only color but also shades or variations of certain colors effect people. Color, clothing design and music are powerful, manipulative elements used both subtly and blatantly by this age to achieve specific sensual, sexual responses.

The occult ceremony, Black Mass, is very deliberate in clothing and color usage. Not only is Satan worshipped instead of God, blasphemy replaces piety, sexuality rather than chastity, but in reverse of the classical Mass, black

vestments replace white along with backward prayers; An example of the intent for color and design.

III. Function, Fit and Feel

Geographically, climate and extreme elements had definite impact on dress. The Eskimos and Inuits of the cold regions obviously wore types of clothing that protected from bitter cold.

Hot, arid or tropical areas were reflected in the dress. Protections, comfort and the overall “feel” have been an important part of fashion and style.

Not only the feel of comfort in terms of protections from harsh environments but the feel of importance given by certain dress has expressed not only an outward message but an inward message as well. Clothing speaks loudly about how one feels about many issues. Clothing indeed is a

powerful advertisement.

IV. Faith

Take a look at the religious garb of various world religions. From the leadership to the laity many religions exhibit distinctive dress for very distinctive purposes.

Is dress for the child of God an element, an act of Faith? “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” These scantily clad liberators in the church that parade around exposing every twist and curve definitely are not wearing much substance.

The West Virginia mountain preacher got it right when he said, “These women don’t wear enough clothes to wad a shotgun!” Not much substance there. “Faith is the substance...” That substance is the support, groundwork and

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This Month In History

On November 12, 1620, the Pilgrims had their first full day in the New World. It took over two months for the one hundred and three Strangers and Separatist, cramped between the decks on the tiny *Mayflower*, to cross the freezing North Atlantic. They had intended to sail to Jamestown, but were blown off course by violent storms and landed at Plymouth Rock. Governor William Bradford wrote, “Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth.”

reality of essence to that which you possess. "Faith is the evidence of things not seen." Some would say "God looks on the heart, not on the clothes you wear on the outside." In reality, God knows your heart and the clothes you wear are the outward "evidence" (Gr. *elenchus*) proof of what you have on the inside. Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Hey, don't accuse me of "text tearing and bad exegesis." Without a doubt your dress, that which is seen is derived from that which is not seen, your heart.

In the context of women. I Tim. 2:9-10 says, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest (proper well-ordered, well-behaved, moderate) apparel, (dress, a robe type garment distinct from a man's garment) with shamefacedness (honor, regard and respect for others, self-restraint, not forward, reverence) and sobriety; (discretion, chastity and self-control) not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls or costly array; (extravagance, show) but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

You cannot profess something on the outside you do not possess on the inside. Yes, this "professing godliness" is definitely an act of faith.

Proper dress for all believers is right, is to be preached outwardly

as a message of an inward possession. This is indeed an act of faith - substance to the hope, evidence to the unseen. The believers clothing of the tabernacle is a daily spiritual exercise. Just as the athlete disciplines, conditions, and exercises the body to victory, so the believer has spiritual disciplines that exercise and demonstrate the inward victory. The gold medal athlete is physically superior to the average individual. The child of God is to be obviously, in attire and attitude operating at a different altitude than the world below. The eagle soars high upon the unseen currents of air lifting this noble, flying creature far above the terrestrial. The child of God is not adorned as this world, but hath been made Kings and Priests unto the heavenly Father. So rise and walk in faith not in the fashion and fads of the world.



Bit of Wit

A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. In this case, a bit of wit might make it more palatable. Erma Bombeck is certainly a master of wit especially when it comes to making a difficult subject a bit more palatable.

Mrs. Bombeck's agent granted me permission to reprint her article "If It Fits, Wear It."

“If It Fits, Wear It”

It's getting tougher and tougher to sort clothes these days and figure out what belongs to whom. First, it was women who started wearing men's shirts... just to paint in. Then men started to wear women's jackets with push-up sleeves. The turtleneck sweater became unisexual. So did the slacks with pleats and the zipper in the front. And of course, women runners couldn't wait to covet the boxer shorts.

It was only a matter of time before his-and-her briefs.

Jockey International Inc., who have come out with a line of Jockey shorts called “Her” claim 70% of the people who bought men's underwear were female anyway, so why not go for the market? Before men start throwing hats in the air and salivating over the ads at this flattering invasion, let me warn you, we corrupt every fashion we touch.

Women's fashions have nothing whatsoever to do with comfort or practicality. We put zippers in our clothes that take 72-inch arms to reach.

We add little touches that chafe and shape our bodies into unnatural forms.

We all inherently believe that if it doesn't kill you wearing it, it isn't worth wearing.

We took a simple pair of farmer's denims and demanded they fit so tight we had to take a water pill and lie on our backs before we could zip them up.

We designed a simple work shirt by dropping the shoulder to the elbow, then putting a button and a tab to roll them up. Then we stuck on epaulets on the shoulder and put a breath-sucking belt around them.

We're responsible for putting vents in your boxer shorts, busy little panda bears on your pajamas, piping on your T-shirts, making bikinis out of your swimsuits and turning your bathrobes into caftans.

So far, men have been able to hang on to the front zippers of their trousers, but I'm warning you, don't get too secure. According to what I've read, the underwear briefs are still in a period of transition. Already they've come out in three styles: briefs, hipsters and bikinis, in all colors or striped. Frankly, I don't like the idea of male and female styles crossing over. Next thing you know, women will start to sweat.

—Erma Bombeck

Amen, Erma! I don't have a date for her article, but it was probably ten or so years ago that I cut it from the local paper, *and*, Erma says, *women have started to sweat*. By the way, the whole clothing subject for men and women, not in the world but in the church, has begun

to stink.

Do you remember “The Dick Van Dyke Show”? When Laura Pettrie (Mary Tyler Moore) appeared on the show in her capri pants, women viewers wrote in saying they only wore dresses. From that point CBS would not let Mary Tyler Moore

wear pants on the show. Later CBS compromised and allowed her to wear pants in one scene per episode.

Once upon a time pastors and churches did not allow certain dress. Later they compromised and now anything goes.

Have you ever seen these signs posted anywhere?



We've got a crisis in America. Soon no one will know what restroom to use. Women don't wear dresses anymore. Men sure don't wear the pants. Children are not taught phonics so they cannot read signs. How is the world supposed to know which restroom to use? We desperately need a little wisdom here. The world understands so why doesn't the church? While in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, I saw a sign on a public transit bus that read, "More women are buying men's wear."

During the December '94 fashion exhibition in London, England, it was said, "Clothing is a way to say what you believe without even opening your mouth." Where do you get your dress standards: The Church-The Bible-The World?

Levi Strauss now has computer programs you can feed your measurements into so as to have the perfect shape-revealing fit.

Kids are murdering each other for articles of clothing. The fashion world makes billions of dollars. Inner city schools are moving to dress codes, but pastors say it's a secondary issue and not worth splitting their churches over.

The Word, not the world, should be our guide.

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 22:5).

Matthew Henry says in his Commentaries, Volume 1, page 814 and 815, concerning Deuteronomy 22:5: "... because God's providence extends itself to the smallest affairs, his precepts do so, that even in them we may be in the fear of the Lord, as we are under His eye and care. And yet the significance and tendency of these statutes, which seem little, are such that, notwithstanding their minuteness, being found among the things of God's law, which He has written to us, they are to be accounted great things. The distinction of sexes by the apparel is to be kept up, for the preservation of our own and our neighbors chastity, nature itself teaches that a difference be made between them in their hair (1 Cor. 11:14), and by the same rule in their clothes, which therefore ought not to be confounded, either in ordinary wear or occasionally.

". . . It forbids the confounding of

the dispositions and affairs of the sexes. . .”

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array” (1 Tim. 2:9).

Think about it:

A. Scripturally defined, the word ‘modest’ (Greek - *Kosmois*) means orderly, proper, becoming. The Christian lady is to adorn herself in a long lowered robe (Greek - *Katastole*) that is orderly, proper, and becoming to women professing godliness - not just covering the body.

God’s Word teaches us to wear that which is proper for the Godly.

B. The Greek word “Apparel” is translated “long robe” in Young’s Analytical Concordance. Stole -is for men and women; Katastole - for women only.

C. Who is commanded to wear breeches or pants in the Scriptures? Robes - okay for men; Pants – not

for women.

D. Is I Timothy 2:9 just custom and culture? Are the OT and NT simply archaic when it comes to any voice on dress today? The Word of God has some very specific teaching concerning the dress of men and women of any day or culture. Give the Holy Spirit opportunity to reveal these important truths. If Jesus specifically told you how to dress, would you do it? The fact of the matter is, He has! The fact of the matter is, The Word has instructed us, but the world’s fashions are in direct rebellion against what God’s Word teaches and the world understands that. Note the following article:



Will Ellen Still Wear Pants?

Newsweek’s April 14, 1997, edition entertained some questions regarding the homosexual/showbiz issue. Paul Rudnick writes, “If Ellen comes out will she remain

IS GOD’S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

“One of the most important documents a man ever signs is his will. I can tell better what a man had in his heart by reading his will than I can by reading his obituary. His obituary tells the world what his friends thought of him; his will reveals what he had in his heart.”

- A. M. Vollmer

For as (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he- Proverbs 23:7.

Out of (the heart) are the issues of life - Proverbs 4:23.

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Thank you!

loyal to the lesbian pants creed? Certain Sapphic celebs are clearly encouraged to femme up by their agents and managers, but getting Ellen or Melissa Etheridge or K.D. Lang into a dress is like coaxing Huck Finn into a camisole. I always picture the dressing room warfare, with the performer finally throwing up her hands and exclaiming: 'Fine! You can put trim on my blazer!'

resses vs. Pants

The following is from "What in the World Should I Wear?"

A friend of mine told me that her decision to restrict her wardrobe to dresses and skirts came as a result of a ladies' class. All the arguments and reasons that could be given were unheeded until the lady who was speaking said, "Let me just demonstrate something to you." She held up a large picture of a woman in an attractive, (modest) feminine skirt and blouse. She asked the ladies to open their eyes.

Then she inquired, "What is the primary focal point to this picture? Where did your eyes first fall naturally?" The audience agreed that their eyes were first drawn to the face of the woman in the picture.

She once again asked the ladies to close their eyes. When they opened their eyes they were looking at a large poster of a

woman in a sport shirt and blue jeans. She asked, "Now, be honest with yourselves, and tell me where your eyes first fell naturally when you looked at this picture?" Many of the ladies in the crowd were surprised to find that most people's eyes first focused upon the hips and crotch area that were so vividly emphasized before they ever noticed the woman's face.

If this happened in a crowd of ladies, how much more would it be true of men?

- Mrs. Cathy Corle

harles Spurgeon On Separation

If you feel we are too stern-too hard on sin, you might ask yourself if you are not the one off track. Consider the following, from a man whom Christendom has acknowledged as the greatest preacher since Paul. Read this and realize how clearly the compromising, contemporary church movement flies in the face of great men of God like this-men in whose shadows these spiritual pygmies are not worthy to stand.

"I believe that one reason why the church of God at the present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church. Nowadays we hear Nonconformists pleading that they may do this and they may do that- things which their Puritan forefathers would rather have died at the stake than have

tolerated. They plead that they may live like worldlings, and my sad answer to them, when they crave for this liberty is, Do it if you dare. It may not do you much hurt, for you are so bad already.

“Your cravings show how rotten your hearts are. You have a hungering after such dog’s meat, go, dogs, and eat the garbage. Worldly amusements are fit for mere pretenders and hypocrites. If you were God’s children you would loathe the very thought of the world’s evil joys, and your question would not be, ‘How far can we be like the world?’ but your one cry would be, ‘How far may we get away from the world? How much can we come out from it?’ Your temptation would be rather to become sternly severe, and ultra- puritanical in your separation from sin. The worse day the world ever saw was when the sons of God were joined with the daughters of men. Then came the flood; for the only barrier against a flood of vengeance on this world is the separation of the saint from the sinner.

“Your duty is to stand fast in your place and stand out for God, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh, resolving like one of old that, let others do as they will, as for you and your house, you will serve the Lord.

“Come, ye children of God, you must stand out with your Lord, outside the camp. Jesus calls to you today, and says, ‘Follow me.’ Was He found at the theater? Did He frequent the sports or the race course? Was Jesus seen, think

you, in any of the amusements of the Herodian court? Not He. He was ‘holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.’

“The first lesson which the church has to learn is this: Follow Jesus into the separated state, and he will make you fishers of men.” From Spurgeon’s sermon on Matthew 4:19.

Study what the Bible has to say about nakedness. You’ll find this interesting. The first confession of Adam after the fall was “I’m naked.” The first provision God made—clothing. Could God be interested in our clothing—our outward appearance today? The way you dress or don’t dress affects the way you carry yourself, think of yourself as well as how others view you. Does the Bible speak to this point?

Did God intend to keep a distinct differentiation between man and woman? When and why have clothing standards changed for Christians? Does culture, temperature and the world’s fashions determine how Christians should dress? What is your heart and attitude about dress? Why do you dress the way you do? If the next generation lowers your standard, what condition will the church be in?

When the Demoniac of Gadara met Jesus, the Bible records the change: He was found sitting, CLOTHED and in his right mind! The world today knows the difference. They need to see a church different on the inside and outside because of the touch of Jesus!





How to Reawaken

In 2007,
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Todd and members of his small, rural, northern California church, had a huge national impact, reversing aggressive and blatant historical revisionism at two major national landmarks: the Jamestown Settlement in Virginia and the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

In 2006 he was part of a church group taking an American heritage tour of the East Coast. They were visiting the Jamestown Settlement, which is a replica of the first English colony in America in 1607 (thirteen years before the Pilgrims reached Plymouth). As they were touring the settlement, a tour guide repeatedly told the group that the primary purpose of the English colonization was “to make money.” Pastor Todd told me the guide would ask them to repeat those three words several times like a mantra: “to make money.” A few from the group winced at that statement, because it didn’t coincide with the history they remembered. Another eyebrow-raising statement came when they toured a replica of the church built in the center of the settlement. They noticed three plaques hung behind the pulpit: the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles’ Creed. Pastor Todd asked the guide about them. She

replied that she was “not allowed” to identify the plaques as anything more than “religious.”

Being the inquisitive sort, Pastor Todd dug into the history of Jamestown. He discovered, among other things, that the colony’s charter, issued by King James in 1606, listed as the settlement’s primary purpose the “propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God.” To leave out the colony’s Christian purpose, to downplay the role of Christianity in the colony’s life, is to misrepresent history. Unfortunately, as we all know, these sorts of politically correct omissions are shockingly routine—not only at our nation’s historic landmarks but in our public schools.

... They began a letter-writing campaign of protest, including a letter to the governor of Virginia. Pastor Todd wrote articles about how history was being misrepresented at Jamestown. That led to his doing dozens of radio interviews on the subject. ...

Eight months after his visit, Pastor Todd received a phone call from an executive with the Jamestown Foundation. The executive was tart at first, but warmed after Pastor Todd assured him that his goal was not to create trouble or controversy, but to help the Foundation present

waken America

by Chuck Norris

the most accurate history of the Settlement.

Their conversation led to a meeting of the Jamestown Settlement historians, who confessed that Pastor Todd's research was correct. The eventual result was a memorandum sent to all of Jamestown's museum program assistants, asking them to present "a more comprehensive picture" of the Jamestown colony's mission. In particular, they should teach visitors on the guided tours that the "first motivation mentioned in the 1606 charter is to spread the Christian religion."

Coincidentally, in 2007 Pastor Todd was thrown into controversy again when he and a tour group visited the Washington Monument. On December 6, 1884, an aluminum capstone weighing 100 ounces (the largest in that day) was placed on the very top of the Washington Monument, completing its long-delayed construction. On the National Park Service website, it describes what is etched on the capstone: The west face read: "Corner Stone laid on bed of foundation, July 4, 1848. First stone at height of 152 feet laid August 7, 1880. Capstone set December 6, 1884"; and the east face read "LAUS DEO" [Praise be to God]. The north and south faces contained names of the commission and the key men in

the work of completion. Although weather-beaten, the inscription is still visible.

. . . . Because the capstone is not visible to the naked eye (at 555 feet up), the National Park Service created a replica some years back and placed it inside the monument, on the second floor from the top, as part of an elaborate display about the history of the capstone. But what Pastor Todd and his tour group couldn't see on the replica was the inscription "Laus Deo." They examined the three sides of the capstone replica (the fourth was pressed up against the wall), trying to read the small print. They read the larger wall display, and there was nothing mentioned about it there, either. Pastor Todd went back to the replica and pressed his head against the wall to see down the hidden side of the replica. There it was, barely visible to the naked eye. When he asked one of the National Park Service representatives why the replica was pushed up against the wall so tight that you couldn't see the inscription, her response was interesting. She said simply, "This isn't a conspiracy."

. . . . He discovered two photos of the replica, one from 2000 and the other from 2007. He noticed that not only was the replica away from the wall in 2000, so that all four sides (*Continued on page 28*)

Year End Needs

Thank you for your year-end gifts. Your vision and partnership with The Voice in the Wilderness is deeply appreciated. May our sweet Saviour richly bless you during this special time of the year!

1. Missionary support has drastically fallen behind. Pray that funds will be available to The Voice in the Wilderness for a generous gift during Thanksgiving and Christmas for our missionaries.
2. Currently, The Voice in the Wilderness would like to do one more printing for 2008. Pray for this need.
3. The Voice in the Wilderness is working on several projects. As this edition goes to press, Bro. Williamson is preaching in Venezuela. The Bible Institute needs a van to transport students and workers for training and ministry. They have found a van costing \$5,000. Pray that funds will soon be available to purchase this needed equipment. The Lillys have an invitation to return to Venezuela ASAP. Pray for the necessary funds.

Bro. Williamson Preaches Venezuelan Pastor's Conference



Six years ago my wife and I led a missions team to Venezuela. I had preached in the jungle, but on this trip we would minister in several cities and towns. Missionary Tim Carte was serving in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and his brother in law had started a work in Sabana de Para. (See *The Voice in the Wilderness*

September 2002) We had a very successful trip. At that time I began requesting prayer for the town San Filipe. The vision of Pastor Ramos was a new church plant in Yaritagua and San Filipe. Many of you have been praying for San Filipe. God has answered that prayer. Friday night, October 17, 2008, when I arrived in Venezuela we loaded up for a house service in San Filipe. Here on my right is Bro. Niger, the new pastor for San Filipe. On my left is Pastor Jose from Barquisemeto. Pray for these dear brothers. (More next issue.)

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GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

*In the Saturday Evening Post,
December 1992, Donald Culross
Peattie explained the significance of
the gifts presented to the Christ-child
by the Magi.*

Gold is one of the noble metals. No single acid can destroy it, nor will it rust away, like iron or tin. . . No one can successfully imitate or fake gold, so heavy and incorruptible it is. And it is a metal easily turned to the uses of beauty. It has been woven into fabrics at least since Biblical times (Exodus 39:2-3), for its ductility, as chemists say, is so great that a single grain of fine gold can be drawn out into a wire 1/1000 of an inch in diameter, extending for a length of about one mile. Pure, supple, almost indestructible, gold is indeed a royal metal. . . The expert hammer of the gold beater, whose ancient art is referred to by Homes, can beat an ounce of gold into a sheet two hundred feet square, a mere shimmering film. . . In the ancient world into which Christianity was born, gold was far rarer than now.

Incense was made from an expensive and elaborate formula, containing sixteen different ingredients, with only priests allowed to concoct it. And the chief element in this holy recipe was frankincense, the second gift of the wise men to the child. Frankincense is a resin, from a kind of tree held so sacred of old that in southern Arabia and Ethiopia, where it grew, only a few particularly pure persons were allowed even to approach it. . . To obtain the precious frankincense itself, an Arab cuts a slash in the trunk, as a Vermonter cuts a maple, and then strips off a narrow piece of bark, about five inches long, below the cut. The sap slowly oozes out and is allowed to harden for about three months. At last it is collected in lumps, to be shipped from such strange and faraway places as Berbera and Aden, near the mouth of the Red Sea, and Bombay. These lumps are yellow or colorless, dusty-looking, with a bitter taste. But they burn with a bright white flame, and then there arises to heaven that sweet, heavenly perfume of mystery the Wise Men thought pleasing to God.

Myrh [is] a shrub related to frankincense, of the genus *Commiphora*. The sap of myrrh is extracted in the same way as that of frankincense, and it comes in small lumps of reddish-brown resin. But its symbolism is more somber. The word myrrh comes from the Hebrew *mar*, meaning "bitter." The ancient Egyptians used this resin in embalming, and hence its connection with solemn occasion.

NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE



“White Flag” Waving- In her debate with Joe Biden, Sarah Palin stated the disqualification of Sen. Obama as “Commander-in-Chief” due to

his “white flag” waving over the war on terrorism. She was citing historic precedence as well as contemporary proof. Following the War for Independence, the United States quickly learned that neither diplomacy nor dollars secured peace with Muslim extremists. Forgetting history’s lesson and Biblical facts, Jimmy Carter betrayed the Shah of Iran and set up the Kholomaini and now the dangerous mess with Iran. Prophetic truth reads like the daily news reports. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Campaign Spending-With one month remaining until election day, I received a contribution request from the Republican National Committee stating the need for an additional \$22.5 million to pay for “on-the-ground” get-out-the-vote efforts. Between Senators Obama and McCain, over \$259,630,000 has been spent on their run for the White

House. www.cnn.com 9/30/08

Somali Pirates-Piracy is something that has been going on for centuries. But, in today’s world, pirates are something that we don’t think about. Recently, off the coast of Somalia, pirates have stopped and seized several ships that are carrying oil or military equipment. In September of 2008, pirates seized Ukrainian ships that were carrying Russian T-72 tanks and “a substantial quantity of ammunition” according to Defense Minister Yury Yekhanurov. The ships were bound for Kenya to be used “by the different branches of the Kenyan military,” said spokesman Alfred Mutua. The pirates have also attacked ships carrying oil to the United States. Peter Chalk, security analyst at RAND Corp., said that the attacks in the African shipping lanes costs more than \$1 billion per year. He went on to say, “Piracy does affect U. S. commerce. It is to the economic interest of the United States that the sea lanes are as stable as possible.” The United States 5th Fleet is presently patrolling the waters in the Middle East and Africa. www.usatoday.com 7/21/08 and www.bbc.co.uk 9/26/08

Fictitious Donors-The

Republican National Committee filed a grievance against the Obama campaign for fictitious donors that were found in their records. Apparently nearly 3,000 donations have been discovered "from more than a dozen people with apparently fictitious donor information." There was one contributor who used the name "Jgti Jfggjgfi" with the address of "thjtrj" in the city and state of "gjtjtjtjtjr, AP." Another donor in March of this year said that his name was "Good Will" and listed the employer as "Loving" and job as "You." One "contributor" is dated to November of 2007 with the name of "Doodad Pro" from Nunda, NY with the same occupation and employer as "Good Will." Newsmax reported "some obviously questionable contributions Mr. Obama had received that far exceeded the \$4,600 an individual can contribute." About 70% of contributions to the Obama campaign do not have to be reported to the Federal Election Commission because they are less than \$200. The RNC would like the Democratic candidate to disclose all donors so that all donors can be verified. Sean Cairncross, counsel for the RNC, said, "The Obama campaign has steadfastly refused to make that information [donor disclosure] public." www.irnnews.com 10/14/08

Your SSN and Medicare Card-

Arnold Werner was worried about using his Medicare Card because it contains his Social Security Number printed on it. The inspector general of the SSA Patrick O'Carroll agreed with Mr. Werner said, "Displaying [Social Security numbers] on Medicare cards unnecessarily places millions of individuals at risk for identity theft." But according to the chief operating officer of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Charlene Frizzera, "There have been no reports of identity theft traced back to Medicare cards. It would cost about \$500 million and take three years to start up and five years to implement a new



system." The 44 million Medicare beneficiaries would have to learn about the changes. Other government agencies like the Veterans Administration do not use SSN on cards issued. Charles Schumer, D-NY, is calling for bipartisan legislation that would change the system. "It is unthinkable that Medicare puts its beneficiaries at risk by continuing to print Social Security numbers on standard identification cards." AARP Bulletin September 2008 {Editor: Where is your Social Security number? Everywhere?}

RELIGIOUS NEWS AND COMMENTS

Field Trip Anyone?-A group of first graders took a field trip to their teacher's wedding. You may be thinking right now that this was a good gesture for the parents to allow their children to support the teacher on this holy day. But we need to look more into who this teacher is. Erin Carder is the first grade teacher at the Creative Arts Charter School in San Francisco, CA. She decided to marry her "partner" Kerri McCoy at a ceremony conducted by Gavin Newsom mayor of San Francisco. Supporters of Prop. 8 (which would restore the definition of traditional marriage in CA) were not appreciative of the field trip. Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, said, "This should be a wake up call to every parent in California. This underscores our warnings that, if we do not reverse the state Supreme Court's decision at the ballot box, the gay agenda will be pushed on young schoolchildren." By the way, some of the children at the "wedding" wore "No on 8" buttons. Others were given

rose petals and bubbles to throw and blow in celebration of the "union." The interim director, which allowed the children to attend the ceremony, defended her decision by calling the wedding a "teachable moment." www.pacificjustice.org 10/13/08 {Editor: It is time that we should stand up and make our voices heard about Biblical issues like this.}

Closing Prayer-At the end of the Republican National Convention aired on PBS, it was noticed that everything seemed to stop and a prayer was being said. Curious about what was being prayed and who was praying, The Voice in the Wilderness staff researched who was praying and what he was praying. The man is Dan Yeary who is the pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church and has been the McCain family pastor for



the past 15 years. Although Senator McCain is not a member, his wife Cindy is. Pastor Yearly prayed, “[W]e’re reminded of the words You gave to Solomon: ‘If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, You will hear from heaven and heal our land.’ So we pray, humble us Lord, humble us as a people to serve You. Help us to seek Your face, alone.” www.bpnews.net 9/8/08 {Editor: If you would like to read the rest of the prayer, go to www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org and click on the blog page.}

Disclosure-Pacific Justice Institute (2/19/08) also informs us about a bill that would cause non-profit organizations to disclose the race, gender and sexual orientations of board members and staff on their websites. Upon the discovery of the California state bill, PJI sent a letter to the bill’s author opposing it. The changes that were made dropped the sexual orientation disclosure and that the bill would only apply to in-state grants of large charities. {Editor: Watch out! A bill like this may be coming to a state near you!}

“Poor Phrasing”-Democratic candidate Barack Obama spoke

to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in June this year. During his speech, Sen. Obama said that Jerusalem should remain Israel’s undivided capital. Here is what was said at the AIPAC convention: *Now let me be clear: Israel’s security is sacrosanct. It is non-negotiable; the Palestinians need a state—the Palestinians need a state that is contiguous and cohesive*



and that allow them to prosper, but any agreement

with the Palestinian people must preserve Israel’s identity as a Jewish state with secure, recognized defensible borders. And Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel and it must remain undivided. Sen. Obama then recanted his statement when interviewed by Fareed Zakaria of CNN. When questioned, Obama said, “You know, the truth is that this was an example where we had some poor phrasing in the speech. And we immediately tried to correct the interpretation that was given. . . It is an example of us making sure that we are careful in terms of our syntax.” He went on further to say that the Israelis must “recognize that their long-term viability as a

Jewish state is going to depend on their ability to create peace with their neighbors." *Israel My Glory Sept./Oct. 2008*

Priests Fitted for Holy Garments- At the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, the tailors are hard at work measuring the men who are to be priests in the new temple. The Kohanim (the tribe designated to run Temple services) were being measured for the first time in 2,000 years in early July of this year. Rabbi Yisrael Ariel said of the importance of the event, "Just like the animal sacrifices atone for the nation of Israel, so do the clothes of the Kohen." The clothes are to be used not for the Temple service, but when the Temple is to be rededicated. *Israel My Glory September/October 2008* {Editor: Church—Look up! You're Redemption draweth nigh!}

Same-Sex Marriage Beyond the Election-As California goes, since June 15 same-sex marriage became legal at 5pm. But all of that could be overturned by California residents this November. The opportunity to amend the state Constitution to say that "only marriage between a man and woman is recognized in California." As already mentioned earlier, public schools promote

homosexuality. "Businesses have been severely impacted by new state laws. Homosexual couples already receive all the benefits and subsidies given to married couples. Should same-sex marriage remain legal over the long haul, that trend will only increase, and PJI will become extremely busy in the defense of pastors and churches throughout California." (*Brad Dacus- Pacific Justice Institute Summer 2008*)

Persecution of Christians Around the World-According to Compass Direct News, at least 30 serious instances of persecution have occurred during a one month period. Christians across the globe have suffered attacks, arrests, incarcerations, rapes, treason charges, destruction of church properties, blasphemy charges and fines. (*Israel My Glory September/October 2008*)

The Voice in the Wilderness is enlisting global prayer partners to daily pray for preachers and missionaries.

We presently have 108 prayer partners to pray for 41 countries and our Lord's faithful servants.

Will you enlist and pray for some of God's servants?



Nuggets of Gold

★ "It wasn't the apple on the tree which caused the problem; it was the pair on the ground."

★ To say little and perform much is a characteristic of a great mind.

★ A weakness many of us have is that we want others to be better than we are willing to be ourselves.

★ We can get too big for God, but we cannot get too little.

★ The men who have moved the world have been men that the world could not move.

★ The cost of failure is greater than the price of success.

★ "I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress." Ronald Reagan

★ If you think you haven't much to be thankful for, why not be thankful for some of the things you don't have?

★ "If freedom is right and tyranny is wrong, why should those who believe in freedom treat it as if it were a roll of bologna to be bartered a slice at a time?" Jesse Helms in a 1959 editorial. A U.S. Senator for NC who died on July 4 at the age of 86.

MISSIONS UPDATE



God is doing a mighty work in the country of Venezuela. Thank you for your continued prayers and interest.

Pastor Estelvio Garcia and church family were such gracious hosts. Many Voice in the Wilderness supporters contributed toward the beautiful automobile used as a gospel tool for the work at Pastor Estelvio's church. He sends his deep appreciation to all those who gave and prayed.

From Sunday, October 19 through October 23, 2008, it was an honor and highlight of my ministry to preach and teach some nine times to hundreds gathered for the Venezuela Pastors Conference. What a joy to encourage these dear brothers in the great work they are doing. In addition to the conference, it was my privilege to preach at Sabana de Para and San Pablo. Nine precious souls were saved in these two meetings. To God Be The Glory for this great week!

I must say thank you to **Pastor Estelvio Garcia**, **Pastor Carlos Ramos**, their families and all our brothers and sisters for the wonderful hospitality and opportunity of ministry. Their invitation to preach and participate in this great event was a special blessing to me. It has been a joy to know these men of God for many years now and to see the work grow under their leadership.



to spank or

"Time out, go sit in the corner. I warned you twice not to do that again!" "Spanking does not work. I've tried it and it just does not work with my child!"

"Oh no, I would never spank children. That teaches them it's O.K. to hit people. How can I tell my child it's wrong to hit, if I hit him? Spanking is child abuse. It will damage self-esteem. There are much better ways. Children are different and you see my child is unique."

I may not have heard them all, but I've certainly heard many of the arguments against spanking. Again, what does the Scripture say about the subject. Not, how you and I feel about it. Not what the modern psychologist and so-called child rearing experts have to say. **Does the Bible speak expressly?** Do we have a final authority we can go to in trust for direction? Deuteronomy 5:16 says, "Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

1. The Command

If Dad and Mom are walking contrary to the Lord's commands, that places the child in a precarious and vulnerable position. Ninety-nine percent of the problem is Dad

and Mom. Almost (please note I say ALMOST) without exception, if Dad and Mom would do right, little Johnnie and little Susie would come inline. When parents behave contrary to God's commands, what can we expect from the child? Could the parents' disobedience to their heavenly Father in like manner yield disobedience in their children (offspring)? Dad, Mom have you yielded your heart and life to the heavenly Father?

Deuteronomy 6:7 says, "And thou shalt teach them **diligently** unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

No, parents are not perfect. When a couple becomes Mr. and Mrs. First-Time parents, they are certainly the least experienced with very little on-the-job training unless their parents demonstrated Scriptural obedience to them throughout their childhood. What a blessing when, as a child, one is reared in a home of love, forgiveness, and discipline. A home where body, soul, and spirit are nurtured by parents who love the heavenly Father and keep His commandments - not an atmosphere of perfection, but a relationship where the child sees parents forgiven by the Lord when failure comes, growing in the Lord

Not to Spank?

Is there a question?

on a daily basis, and whose hope is in the Lord through times of weakness. The child's success does not so much hinge on the parents' perfect faith as it does on the parents' practicing faith step-by-step, day-by-day.

Parents, that tiny, precious bundle of joy is waiting for you. You are commanded to "Train up" your child "in the way he should go..." Your child's obedience to you must emerge from your relationship and obedience to your heavenly Father. I cannot at this time deal with the parents' walk with the Lord, but it is critical for each of us to immerse ourselves in The Word. You will have the answers as you study His Word and yield to the sweet leadership of His Holy Spirit. He has given us the instruction manual, and now we must choose to obey His commands. The question is, will you do it God's way? Here is what the Lord has to say about our subject.

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Proverbs 13:24

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Proverbs 22:15

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Proverbs 19:18

"Withhold not correction from the

child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Proverbs 23:13, 14

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: But a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." Proverbs 29:17

For brevity's sake, permit me to list for you the basics for spanking:

1. The parent is instructed to use the rod, not your hand. Susannah Wesley spanked John and Charles before they were a year old. My wife and I used a lightweight paint stir stick and progressed to a heavier instrument. A wooden dowel or a wooden correction paddle could be used.

2. The punishment must fit the disobedience.

3. Punish immediately. Do not warn repeatedly. Do not raise your voice, yell or scream at your child. Do not wait to punish when you are out of patience, angry or frustrated. Tell your child what is expected, and require immediate obedience. "I told you a thousand times, if you do that once more. . ." Do not confuse your child as to what is required and when. Obedience is required immediately and if not, immediate punishment

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will commence.

4. Before spanking, tell the child what was expected, how they disobeyed, and this is why they are being punished. Do not jerk your child up in a fit of temper. If this is your disposition, you need a spanking more than your child. You must be under control. By the way, have you explained to your child beforehand what your expectations are? Make clear the rules.

5. Do not allow excessive screaming/crying resulting from the spanking. This may very well be a display of temper and rebellion toward the spanking.

6. Following the spanking, sit down with your child. Allow him/her to regain composure. Explain why you spanked and then express your love verbally.

7. There is so much I would like to share at this point. However, you must not miss this. It is so critical that the parent develop a loving relationship with the child. If the parent/child relationship is where it should be, the worst part of spanking for the child will be broken fellowship with Dad and Mom. Yes, the spanking should be painful, and fit the crime. But the child should also feel the pain of disappointing Dad and Mom. This will be a deterrent if the love relationship of parent/child is strong. I cannot overemphasize the need for the child to know "Dad and Mom love me." Spanking, yes the whole of training your child, is not

a *power* thing. The purpose is not to get what you want. The purpose is not to have control over your child's life or get peace and quiet when you desire it. The Scriptures above clearly put forth the purpose of the rod. Always keep in mind Ephesians 6:4 ". . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Nurture carries with it the training, education, as well as correction and chastening. Admonition is obvious—warning and reproof are a must in each child's development. All is to be "of the Lord." Parents, you are God's representative to your child. Should we not therefore implement His instructions for training our children?

II. Consistency

This preaches to us all. Is it ever difficult for us mortals to be consistent? Prayer and preparation will go a long way. Ask the Lord to help you to be consistent. Then make the necessary preparations.

Does your child know the boundaries and what the rules are? There should be praise and reward for good behavior, character, etc. Explain the consequences for disobedience. Immediate obedience is expected. Now, here is where the parent confuses the child. Sometimes our patience is endless, and then again, we lose it over the least little thing. One time it's, "Go to your room" then it's, "No privileges for a week." We spank or maybe scold or even

yell and scream. When guests are present the child is cute, but at another time the behavior “gets on our nerves” and BAM! The parent may even allow the child to throw temper tantrums while the parent leaves the house to get some fresh air. “I’m warning you, if you do that one more time you are going to get it. . . What did I tell you?!” Have you ever heard that? Can you imagine taking away good things from the child as a means of punishment? We parents can be so inconsistent and confusing that we are a part of the problem, maybe even the problem. Be consistent:

1. Lay out the rules clearly—start early.
2. Explain the consequences for disobedience.
3. Develop a positive and powerful relationship with your child.
4. Obey immediately—disobedience will be punished immediately.

By the way, this *time out*—take away things, etc. prolongs the punishment and allows the child to develop and harbor bad feelings toward Dad and Mom. The Lord is right. Punish disobedience

immediately. Talk about the situation with your child, and restore the child to your fellowship.

III. Character

Start with day one. Then when your child is old enough to understand, set forth rules and expectations. Explain the consequences for disobedience.

Develop a strong relationship of love and assurance.

“Train up a child. . .”

Proverbs 22:6. Yes, that is the parents’ responsibility.

Hebrews 12:11 says, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” We

cannot go wrong by following the Lord’s instruction—and if the parent is disobedient, my, what consequences! But Dad and Mom, if we obey, my, what rewards!

{Taken from “Under Loving Command”, A Beka Book, Pensacola, FL. Editor: I am not endorsing all associated with the booklet, but it is well worth the read. RLW}



(How to Reawaken America - Continued from page 15)

could be seen, but that the display sign for the capstone said:

APEX OF THE MONUMENT

Reproduction

The builders searched for an appropriate metal for the apex that would not tarnish and would act as a lightning rod. They chose one of the rarest metals of time, aluminum. The casting was inscribe with the phrase, Laus Deo. (Praise be to God)

In 2007, the small sign had been changed to eliminate the last sentence:

CAP OF THE MONUMENT

Reproduction

The builders searched for appropriate metal for the cap that would not tarnish and would act as a lightning rod. They chose one of the rarest metals of time- aluminum.

. . . . Pastor Todd mounted another campaign to get the truth out: with letters, articles, and interviews, which led to the National Park Service correcting the display. Just five days after World Net Daily broke the news online, the National Park Service had received hundreds of thousands of emails about this monumental omission. At the same time Fox News had a live broadcast at the Washington Monument, during which time their reporter discovered the display sign for the capstone replica had already been mysteriously replaced-complete with the explanations of Laus Deo!

[Taken with permission from *Black Belt Patriotism: How to Reawaken America* (pp.25-30)]



Dear Voice in the Wilderness,
I am thankful my mother sent us kids to Sunday School. At that Baptist church in Northern Wisconsin, I came to trust in the Lord Jesus, my Saviour. Tracts and my special friend Barbara helped me back to the Lord when I was an older teenager.

Subscriber,
Alaska

Mail Bag

Dear Friends,

I love the conservative articles that you print. They encourage and build up, as I feel we are a minority already. We are conservatives too and wish that more people could be reached too, so please keep up your work for the Lord! God bless you all.

Subscriber,
Alberta, Canada

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Lessons from Aquila and Priscilla

Give Thanks

The Bible says in Psalm 79:13, "So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever."

We are coming upon two of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. During this time, we must remember the things for which we are thankful. Here are a few things for which I am thankful:

T ruth - Every word of God's Word is true.
 (John 17:17)

H eaven - God promises us a special eternal home if we trust in Him. (John 14:1-6)

A uthority - Your parents love you and want what is best for us. (I Timothy 2:1-2)

N eighbors - Jesus tells us who our neighbors are in Luke 10:30-37.

K ing of Kings - Our King is God and He rules over all. (Revelation 19:16)

S alvation - This is the perfect gift available for everyone (Romans 1:16 and John 3:16).

How about you? What are you thankful for? Write us and let us know what you are thankful for.

BITS AND PIECES

Boy's

Boy's Bits

Are you ready for a challenge. Invite your hardest working friends to try this challenge. Gather a 12 inch stick and an 18 inch length of yarn for each player. Tie one end of the yarn to the top of the stick. At the other end of the yarn, make a hoop about five inches around. Each player must try to catch the hoop with one end of the stick and one hand by swinging the stick around and pushing it up and into the hoop. It takes some practice, but the first player to catch the hoop will be the "Hoop Stick" champion.

Girl's

PRISCILLA'S PIECES

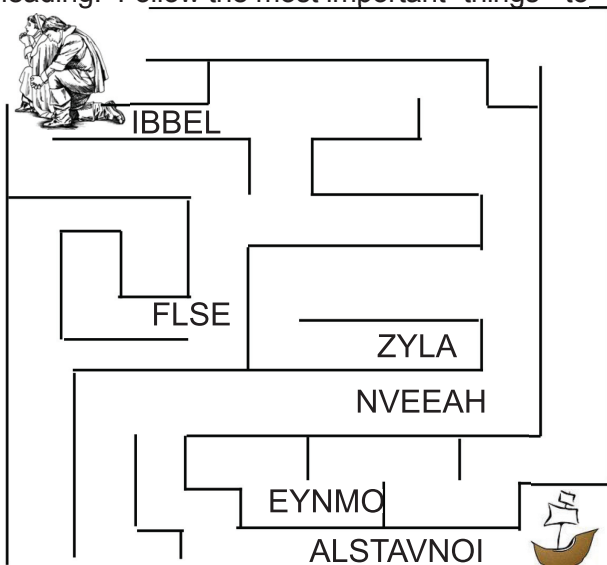
Try this game when getting together with special friends – Bubble Bowling. Cover a table with a cloth and put two objects at the end to represent a goal. Divide the group into two teams, giving each player a straw, and place a bowl of soapy water on the opposite end of the table from the goal. The teams play one at a time with one member dipping the straw into the sudsy water and blowing a bubble toward the goal, while the other tries to blow the bubble to the goal. If the bubble crosses the goal before it pops, it is a point scored. Alternate teams until the winning score is reached.

Take the Bible Scholar Challenge!

The Pilgrims remembered many of the things that you were reminded to be thankful for in the lesson from Aquila & Priscilla. Unscramble the words in the maze. Write the words under the best "A" or "B" heading. Follow the most important "things" to finish the maze.

A. This was very important to the Pilgrims.

B. This was not very important to the Pilgrims.



MIT member: Watch your mail for a special letter and gift coming soon from Aquila & Priscilla!

Cut here and give this page to a young person.

(My Personal Message - Continued from page 3)

Beatrice Little. She is missed, but joy cometh in the morning. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

For this year-end edition, we have enclosed an envelope for those who can help us with the printing and missionary work of The Voice in the Wilderness. You will note that several have given in memory of Beatrice Little. You may choose to honor a loved one with a living or memorial gift in their name. Also, the needs are great as The Voice in the Wilderness attempts to close the books on another year and position the work for 2009. Any contribution, large or small, will be deeply appreciated.

During this Thanksgiving/Christmas season, may I encourage you to be "soul conscious." Let your light shine as so many need a good word and message of hope in times like these. What a blessing it would be bringing a soul to Jesus before 2008 closes. We would love to hear your testimony of such, as well as special prayer requests on your heart. Write us and please pray for The Voice in the Wilderness.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas.

For Christ and Souls,
Bro. Ronnie - Isa. 40:31
Happy Trails



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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