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THOUGHTS ON CHILDREN

by
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Part III

Proverbs 7:20 – The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

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

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

Psalm 103:17 – But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

The Times in Which We Live

There is an attitude expressed in Psalm 2:3 (the first of the prophetic Psalms) that pretty well describes the lost world's desire to have God's yokes of restraint in all matters removed from their necks. "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." This, I believe, clearly illustrates the spirit of our age,

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the desire to do our own thing without the restrictions of Scripture or other restraints. I have watched this spirit of rebellion develop to its present influence over the past fifty plus years. This defiant attitude has been around since the Garden of Eden but never to the degree we observe it now. Psalm 2:4 – "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." The Lord quickly gives His response to this world's determination to rebel and gives us a clue to their success.

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ESCAPE or DELIVERANCE

Psalm 55

by
Ronald E. Bean

Real life is no bed of roses. Because of Adam's sin, all of mankind is guaranteed to encounter plenty of thorns and thistles in their day to day existence. Challenges, trials and difficulties are facts of life. Painful reminders of the effects of sin are on every hand. The Christian is not exempt from these difficulties but he may find comfort in some basic Scriptural truths. First, that God is sovereign. He is in control of all things and whatever happens is by His will or permission. Secondly, for those that love God and are His people, everything that happens is for their good and His glory. We will face trials and difficulties. The child of God may endure chastening and correction as well. How will we deal with those situations? We can learn some valuable lessons from David's experience in Psalm 55.

David's Situation

David's opening complaint (verses 1-5) is not against God but against the oppression of the wicked. The heart anguish we experience over worldly

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EDITOR'S DESK

THE GENERATION OF HIS WRATH

by

Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Jeremiah 7: 23, 24, 28, 29 – *But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward...But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places: for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.*

If history teaches us anything, it teaches us that man is a failure. From the beginning in the Garden of Eden he chose to go his own way, creating disaster there, and he has continued going his own way while rejecting God's way in every dispensation since. God gives man a new opportunity to succeed in each dispensation under a somewhat different set of circumstances; however, the end result has and will continue to be the same - Apostasy: a falling away from the Word of God given to man for his obedience. This always begins in man's heart and eventually leads to the corruption of every area of man's life. We read of this falling away so far as the Church is concerned in II Timothy 3:1-7: *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall*

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opposition to what is good and right as well as the knowledge of our own weakness and failure is just cause for crying out to God. David's favored son, Absalom, had turned against his father. That rebellion had been instigated and orchestrated by David's once trusted counselor, Ahithophel, and David is overwhelmed with grief. The words of his traitorous acquaintances (verses 9-15; 20-21) pierced his soul. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is a cute saying, but the voice of the enemy often inflicts pain. It was the voice of violence and strife that echoed through the city of peace, Jerusalem. It was the voice of wickedness, deceit and guile that maligned a godly man. It was the voice of treachery and broken promises from the mouth of once-trusted friends. And it was the sweet sounding and smooth words of the hypocrite that concealed their real purpose.

David's Response

In verses 6-8, David wishes for escape. In times of trouble, the desire for "wings like a dove" to carry us away from the situation is a natural one. John and Charles Wesley encountered many trials in their ministry. John expressed the different attitudes of the brothers in this quote. "My brother, Charles, **"If the Lord bid me fly, I should trust Him for the wings."** amid the difficulties of our early ministry, used to say, 'If the Lord would give me wings I would fly.' I used to answer him, 'If the Lord bid me fly, I should trust Him for the wings'." The desire for escape from trouble, while natural, is a vain desire. The wings of doves cannot take you away from the sorrows of your heart. When the Lord has called you to the battle it is cowardly to seek to flee. If the Lord is

dispensing Fatherly chastening and correction, it is rebellious to seek to escape what we deserve. It is better to ask for strength to endure than for wings to fly away. Verse 7 serves as a reminder that such escape leads to a wilderness existence. Our natures should yield to God's grace as we endure the "contradiction of sinners." The temptation to run from trials may be a sign

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CLEAN HANDS; PURE HEART

by

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Outward practical holiness is a very precious mark of grace. It is to be feared that many professors have perverted the doctrine of justification by faith in such a way as to treat good works with contempt. If so, they will receive everlasting contempt at the last great day. If

If our hands are not clean, let us wash them in Jesus' precious blood.

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precious blood, and so let us lift up pure hands unto God. But "clean hands" will not suffice, unless they are connected

with "a pure heart." True religion is heart-work. We may wash the outside of the cup and the platter as long as we please, but if the inward parts are filthy, we are filthy altogether in the sight of God. Our hearts are more truly ourselves than our hands are; the very life of our being lies in the inner nature, and hence the imperative need of purity within. The pure in heart shall see God, all others are but blind bats.

The man who is born for heaven "has not lifted up his soul unto vanity." All men have their joys, by which their souls are lifted up; the worldly man lifts up his soul in carnal delights, which are mere empty vanities; but the saint loves more substantial things. Like Jehoshaphat, he is lifted up in the

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ways of the Lord. He who is content with husks, will be reckoned with the swine. Does the world satisfy you? Then you have your reward and portion in this life; make much of it, for you shall know no other joy.

"Nor sworn deceitfully." The saints are men of honor still. The Christian man's word is his only oath; but that is as good as twenty oaths of other men. False speaking will shut any man out of heaven, for a liar shall not enter into God's house, whatever his profession or doings may be. Reader, does the text before us condemn you, or do you hope to ascend into the hill of the Lord?

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From *The Evangelist*
Spurgeon's Devotional

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come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This picture is expanded for us in

Christ's description of the Laodician Church (the last Church period of Church history and recognized for its democratic structure and control). Revelation 3:14-19 – And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I

counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

There are certain characteristics that are true of every period of apostasy. Christ put His finger on the origin of the problem, the sin that leads to all other sins. Revelation 2:4,5a – "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from

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The Effect Upon Our Children

One of the very important bonds that there has been an attempt to break is in the way we Christians, as well as others who understand the Bible way of discipline, follow the pattern of the Scriptures in the rearing of our children. We can still do it the Scriptural way; however, we must be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16b). The secret is starting early; I'm talking about at birth. Someone said, "For girls it is all right to wait until they are two weeks old, but for boys start right away." I'm not sure it is all right to wait two weeks with girls! I'm sure you are aware that there is a very strong effort in this country to do away with corporal punishment altogether, which is why I advocate having a child under "Voice Obedience" by the age of three or four at the latest. This is very possible; however, it requires real determination and dedication to the task.

All Things Work Together For Good

The pressure put upon Christians by government edicts and socially acceptable practices,

as well as the effect of law suit decisions, have required us to study the Word in order to find the biblical way things are to be done. In doing so, we have often discovered that the Bible way and our way were not necessarily in total agreement. This has often caused an adjustment in our child rearing procedures, including the use of the "rod." We become better disciplinarians as a result.

Case In Point

Prov. 29:15a - "The rod and reproof give wisdom..." This verse not only tells how wisdom can be attained for our children, but also gives us the proper order: first the rod and then reproof. Once a child understands what is expected of him/her and then disobeys, don't bother reproofing, use the *rod*. (There is a very important procedure concerning the proper use of the rod.) The rod is God's divine answer to the rearing of children if we would but listen. God says use the *rod*, not a paddle, a razor strap, a belt, a hair brush, and certainly not the hand. Switches, the Bible rod, come in all different sizes for use on

different ages or sizes of children, and they all accomplish the same result: they sting, and that sting lingers much longer than the swat of a paddle. The Bible rod, a "twig or shoot or fresh growth from a tree stump" (*New Standard Bible Dictionary*), is especially blessed of God when used properly and is the proper size for the child.

Think About This

1. There is a strong drift in our country concerning who really owns the child, the parents or the state.
2. The secret is to begin early and train your child/ren to Voice Obedience. This is the only obedience found in Scripture. You can do it! Work at it!
3. Outside pressure, government or otherwise, can be a blessing if it causes us to find the Bible way.
4. We can't change the way things are. Look for the answer within the framework of how things are, not what they used to be or what we wish they were! Wishing will not make it so.
5. The answer, then, is to break the will of your child (not the

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Letters to the Editor

In a world where a falling away is happening at lightning speed, it is encouraging to know your ministry & publication are staying on course. PA

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord. The Projector is truly a blessing in our home. May you continue to stand for truth. MI



We have and do appreciate your ministry, especially through The Projector. As the apostasy deepens papers like yours are becoming more and more important. We thank the Lord for you both, and pray He will give you many more years of service. FL

We appreciate the good work you are doing and the consistent, fundamental message of The Projector. GA

Thank you for the February 28 letter/ material regarding The Projector. I do appreciate your sending it to me; and I certainly appreciate your strong stand for the fundamentals of the Bible. May God continue to strengthen you for that particular ministry. SC

My wife and I enjoy your newsletter. Stay the course and preach the Word as God has commanded - but not as those which want their cars tickled. OH



FOCUS ON RELIGION



A VERY FROWARD GENERATION

By
Tod Brainard

"But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith."

(Deuteronomy 32:15-20).

From Trophy to Tragedy

There is a striking contrast presented in this passage. Israel had been "Jeshurun"- which can be translated "Jehovah's trophy of uprightness." This was a special name for His people Israel. Tragically, because of her wickedness, she had become a mere shadow of her former self and declared by Almighty God to be a "very froward generation, children in whom is no faith."

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament says this about the word froward (tahpuka'-

meaning "perversity"), "Of its nine uses eight are in Proverbs and the other in Deuteronomy 32:20. This substantive is always translated by the KJV as "froward" or "frowardness" except Proverbs 23:33 ...means "perverse, perverted, perverseness." The Scriptures indicate that frowardness can be of the heart (Proverbs 6:14); the mouth (Proverbs 2:12; 10:31-32; 16:30); the eyes (Proverbs 16:30); and the mind (Proverbs 23:33).

Noah Webster in his 1828 Dictionary of the English Language defines froward as "turned away backward, contrary, non-compliant." For my own benefit, I have come to define the froward

as "a person devoid of faith - habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition to what God says is right." Frowardness is a pervasive state of faithlessness and perversion.

How did Israel come to such a faithless state? It must be remembered that no nation or a people moves from trophy to tragedy in a moment, it is a process of wicked thinking.

From the "Rock" to another "rock"

With the use of the terms "Rock" and "rock" (Deut. 32:15,18,30-32, 37) this passage has an important and revealing play on words. "Rock" is another name for Jehovah, and "rock" is another name for what Israel trusted in apart from Jehovah. No individual, no ministry, no

work of God on earth can do right and stay right while lightly esteeming the Rock of salvation (v. 15). When an individual's life begins to decline spiritually (that is, when the Rock of salvation is lightly esteemed), then human relationships, human needs, and humanity in general become the harbinger of that individual's life instead of the Divine. Israel had become fat and faithless but ever so concerned about the latest fad from the great minds of humanity (Deut. 32: 16,17)!

In her lethargic state she had exchanged the "Rock" for another "rock." Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. often reminded his students that

No nation or a people moves from trophy to tragedy in a moment.

wrongdoing was always preceded by a process of wicked thinking. This sad process is given to us in this passage and serves as a warning to all. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

The Sinful Process that leads to Frowardness

God Forsaken - v. 15 "...then he forsook God which made him..."

God Lightly Esteemed - v. 15 "...and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation."

God Unheeded - v. 18 "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful..."

God Forgotten - v. 18 "...and has forgotten God that formed thee."

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of any one of a number of spiritual troubles. Such a desire primarily shows a lack of faith in our Heavenly Father. It may also signify rebellion against God and lead to worse trials. We may also miss useful experiences that would give us cause to glorify God after the trial and to allow such events to conform us more into the image of Christ.

David's wish for escape is overshadowed by David's prayer for deliverance (verses 1-2, 16-19). "Escape" is the act of fleeing from or avoiding danger. It is essentially an act of evasion. On the other hand, "deliverance" is the act of being saved, rescued, or delivered from a situation resulting in survival and safety. Those who have been delivered find rest and comfort. David seeks such deliverance as he prays. When a person reads the prayers of David, it is evident that he is not content with the simple act of "saying his prayers." He prays fervently and frequently as he seeks an effective audience with God and an answer to his prayer. Please note that in a time of political unrest and personal danger, David does not spend his time counter-plotting and forming human alliances. David goes to prayer before the throne of the Sovereign God and seeks Divine help. His prayer is not simply based on groundless optimism or vague hope. His prayer is grounded in the sure promises of God. True confidence in the place of prayer is assured when we can claim the specific promises of God

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for our situation. God's Word had assured David that the Lord would save him (v.16), the Lord would hear him (v. 17), and that the Lord would deal with the enemy (v.19).

The Result and Lesson

By faith, David expected deliverance (v. 18) and saw his prayer answered when Absalom and Ahithophel failed in their attempt to steal the throne. His enemies turned on each other and Ahithophel was hanged with a rope while Absalom was hanged without one. David also records the spiritual lessons that are gained from incidents like this. There is a difference between God's people and the wicked (v.19b). The Christian life is not a smooth one. There are rough places in life's road - "changes" that God allows reminding us that our citizenship is not in this world and that we are ever dependent on Him. The trials of this life, whether they take the form of opposition or chastening, always serve as opportunities to drive us closer to our Heavenly Father. The wicked experience no such changes. They travel their broad way to destruction seemingly without a care. God does not humble or chastise them because they are not His children. As stagnant water becomes foul, so their life without change breeds ungodliness. They do not actively oppose God; they only live their lives without a thought of Him. Their temporary prosperity and ease yields ingratitude and pride. They live in ignorance that unbroken

prosperity is often, for awhile, the portion of the accursed.

The Conclusion

Verse 22 provides us with a fitting summary of the lesson God would have us learn. First, that the believer will have a burden from God to try him. That burden may be a trial, a tragedy, a conflict or some other difficulty. It may also be the chastening hand of God as He seeks to conform us to the image of His Son. Secondly, the believer has a duty. That duty is not to escape our burden but to cast that burden on the Lord and trust Him to keep His Word. Thirdly, the believer has a promise to encourage him. The Lord has promised to sustain and keep us, and we may take comfort in that promise. How blessed it is to trust in the Lord in every situation.

A Final Word to Those Without Christ

It may be that the Lord, in His grace, has convicted you of your sin and of your need of salvation. The guilt that causes you so much discomfort is the result of the Holy Spirit's gracious working in your heart. Like a prisoner justly condemned to die for his crimes, you are in danger of eternal death and hell because of your sin. Like that prisoner, you may seek to escape from your prison cell. You may flee to places of pleasure where your guilt may be forgotten.

**You may have
escaped your
cell, but you
have not gotten
away from the
sin that
imprisoned you.**

You may hide in a refuge of religion and seek to cover your guilt with a new identity. Wherever you escape, you remain a guilty fugitive from the justice of God and,

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Proverb



Practicals

By Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 12:1 -- Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

II Timothy 4:2 reminds the preacher to "Preach the word; be instant in season; **reprove**, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Reproof

Reproof is blame expressed to the face. It is censure given for a fault. It is face-to-face confrontation! It is given for the purpose of moving that which deviates from a standard back to the standard.

Every time you apply the brake on your car, it is reproof of the car. You are correcting the speed of the car to a standard. You either reprove the car

yourself or the state trooper will reprove you! You are either self-disciplined or you will be disciplined by another.

Brutish is a strong word seldom used anymore, because it does not do much for our self-esteem, so greatly promoted these days. Brutish describes an animal destitute of reason. Now prepare for some harsh words as I do not wish to shock, but being brutish is being "insensible, stupid, unfeeling, savage, ferocious, brutal, gross, carnal, bestial, ignorant, uncivilized and untaught." Knowing that anyone

who hates reproof is characterized by all of the above terms should encourage change, for who wants to be an animal destitute of reason and defined by such words as these? That certainly does not depict the image of God in which we were created!

Love of Knowledge

According to our text verse, the truly wise person loves to receive instruction, because he has a heart that loves knowledge. God gives knowledge to those who are willing to receive instruction, while those who reject instruction will not be given knowledge.

The kind of instruction indicated here is reproof concerning a fault; instruction that requires censure; instruction which casts blame on the one being instructed. Solomon tells us that the truly wise person loves the knowledge that reproof brings. He may not love the reproof, but he loves the result. To the wise man, the knowledge outweighs whatever hurt the reproof may bring. He loves the knowledge, because it brings him closer to God, to God's Word, and to God's will.

Instruction

Let us consider the following

examples:

Reproof #1: The principal, **Mr. Edwards**, says to the teacher: "Mr. Smith, I have been observing your seventh grade class and find your discipline lacking. Your students are unruly, and your class has been out of control on every occasion I have observed. I have noticed that you are continually raising your voice above the noise level of your students and that your students do not respect your authority. I expect a change in your methods. I expect you to observe the rules of this school, and I expect to see improvement in the conduct of your students. Have I made myself clear?"

Reproof #2: The principal, **Mr. King**, says to the teacher: "Smith, I'm sick and tired of your rotten seventh grade class. Your students are a mess, and it's your fault. Your discipline stinks, and you'd better shape up or you're out on your ear! Do you hear me? Out on your ear!"

He may not love the reproof, but he loves the result.

Assume that Mr. Smith is a Christian and that his class is, indeed, out of control. What should his reaction be in each of these examples? Should he react differently considering the way the instruction was given?

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eventually, you will be discovered and condemned. You may have escaped your cell, but you have not gotten away from the sin that imprisoned you. Escape only offers temporary relief from the consequences of sin.

Your other hope is to be delivered from your sin and the only way to experience that deliverance is through the work of Another. The Lord Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sin and stands ready to save those who will call upon His Name. If you would ask Him to save you from your sin, He stands ready to pardon and redeem you and give you a new life in Christ. While the ungodly vainly seek to escape sin's consequences, the redeemed know the joy of deliverance from their sin through the perfect work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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However you say it, we appreciate your gifts, notes, and addresses for PROJECTOR Letter Month! May the Lord bless all who responded!

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God's Response to the Froward

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- God Moved to Anger – vv. 22, 35, 41-42
- God Moved to Judgment – v. 36

The application must not be missed. There is no question that by and large the present day church has grown fat and faithless. The average church is enamored with every new invention on the church scene today. There are homilies instead of old-fashioned preaching, forty days of purpose instead of purposing in the heart "not to defile" ourselves (Daniel 1:8); cell-

groups instead of gathering together corporately around the pastor and the preaching of the Word (I Tim. 4:6-16; II Tim. 4:1-5); praise teams instead of congregational singing of hymns; missionettes instead of missionaries; breakfast, lunch and dinner provided by a church dole instead of feasting on the living Bread; social and cultural sensitivity seminars instead of sensitivity to sin and the Holy Spirit's ministry; contemporary services instead of Christ-honoring services; et cetera, etc... ad nauseum.

From Forward to Froward!

Like the Laodicean church of Revelation 3:14-17, the average local church of today feels that it

is "rich, and increased with goods, and has need of nothing" (v. 17). However, the reality of the picture is that the church is "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (v. 17). The fatness of the church has led to a lethargy that is deadly. Instead of moving forward for Christ in these days of Apostasy, we are well into the process of becoming "a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith" (Deut. 32:20). "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me...He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 3:20,22).

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

"Ma'ammers"

Respect is a simple, two-syllable word and should have a tremendous impact on the lives of our students. Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary defined respect toward persons as, "That estimation or honor when men hold the distinguished worth or substantial good qualities of others. That deportment or course of action which proceeds from esteem; regard; due attention; as, to treat a person with respect." Teaching character traits is one of the distinct qualities of Christian education, and we must purposely make this training a daily ritual in our classrooms.

The environment we set up for our classroom should set the stage for this character training. Our room should be a place that makes every child feel safe, secure, and loved. With this backdrop, our students must be taught that we will require them to be respectful of their teacher, fellow students, and the very property God has given them to use in their classroom.

Respect of Authority

An effective approach to teaching students to exhibit respect is through your own example. Our students need to hear us speak properly to their parents and grandparents, as well as to other faculty and staff members. Students must learn to say "Yes, Ma'am" or "No, Ma'am," "Yes, Sir" or "No, Sir." This is one place where consistency is required. If you want your students to respect you, you will have to let them know it. When one of my students fails to say "Yes, ma'am," I simply ask, "Did you forget your 'Ma'ammers'?"

In this "too casual" world in which our children are growing up, this humble recognition of an authority figure is extremely important.

Young people who have learned to use their "ma'ammers" will have a distinct advantage over those who have never been taught to speak respectfully. This type of conversation is so unique in today's society that others will take notice. Professional business people always respond to people speaking in a mannerly fashion. In this *too casual* world in which our children are growing up, this humble recognition of an authority figure is extremely important.

Many young people fail to remember their "ma'ammers" without being prompted. Always be willing to stop what you are doing if one of your students answers you with a "Yeah," a nod, or worse yet, a shrug of their shoulders. We must stress the importance of good manners and respect at every opportunity. Our boys and girls need to learn to respect the authority figures in their lives. Using proper titles of respect to those in authority will help children learn submission to authority. This in turn will help them learn to fear God. Proverbs 15:33 states, "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."

Respect of Peers

Children can learn to be respectful toward their classmates, also. Teachers must set the example again by never allowing any student to make fun of or laugh at any other student's comments or ideas. Now this lesson must be practiced a great deal. Take time to teach your students how to agree and disagree with each other's ideas without disrespect or ridicule. This lesson is very important during recess. When someone or a group loses, they need to learn to congratulate the winning team. Teach them to say, "Good game." In like manner, they must learn never to say, "I wasn't playing hard today. You really aren't that good. I just let you win." Humility is just as difficult a lesson for the winner, who needs to act in a humble manner and refrain from bragging or rubbing a victory in the opponent's nose. Playing is a lot more fun when children learn to respect each other.

Respect of Property

Finally, students in a Christian school should learn to respect the property of others. Since we desire our students to have a sense of pride in their classroom, they need to learn to take care of the wonderful things God has provided. They need to understand that this is God's school; these are God's desks and God's textbooks.

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We should begin teaching stewardship and respect of school property as soon as a child enters school for the first time. Respect of property is another lesson best taught by example. Teachers should be

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specific about teaching children the correct way to handle their school property. A certain amount of time teaching students to put a book cover on properly, to empty the pencil sharpener without making a mess, and also, to keep scuffmarks off the floors, is time well spent.

Teaching children to show respect is a necessity in a

Christian school. When our students hear us speak to other teachers with proper "ma'ammers," watch us show respect to the school administration, and treat school property with care, this character trait will become real in the lives of our students.

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spirit, there is a distinct difference) to your will as early as possible and then ride herd (stay on top of things) until they are out from under your roof.

Pray - Watch -- Wait -
Act Decisively!

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Response

Some Mr. Smiths will react brutishly in both cases. Some may react more favorably to Mr. Edwards' more tactful approach but may buck up and blame Mr. King for being so unkind.

In the second example, Mr. Smith may be sidetracked by the method of instruction and burn toward the principal. He may say, "I can't believe he treated me that way. See if he gets any cooperation out of me!"

If he responds in that manner, he concentrates on the reproof, not on the instruction, and proves that he does not love knowledge. If he does not love knowledge, he will never grow as a teacher but only shrink.

The lesson is this: We must not concentrate on the rebuke or reproof; we must concentrate on the instruction received from the reproof. We cannot change Mr. Edwards or Mr. King, but by the grace of God, we can change ourselves, the person receiving the reproof.

It is rare to receive this kind of instruction in our day, because the common belief is that people must be positive and not censure or find blame with another. Supervisors avoid reproof,

because people who are not wise are brutish about receiving this kind of instruction, and what supervisor wants to face a brute? A brute is uncorrectable and hopeless, for he responds as an animal without reason.

Result

This would have been Jonah's fate, but after some hard lessons, he learned in Jonah 2:8 that "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." If you reject reproof, you forsake instruction, and therefore knowledge and growth.

The popular instruction of the day is designed to increase self-esteem. Most of the time it consists of flattery and praise without substance, which never results in growth. Instead it results in a more cultivated and refined hypocrisy, which breeds thinking more highly of yourself than you ought.

Self-esteem puffs up, and anything puffed up is easily deflated. On the other hand, reproof, if received in the love of knowledge, will truly build a person's character and a stronger testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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"Hey! I didn't say he wasn't sweet, but I'm telling you, your dog is ugly! How can he be 'sweet', when he is so ugly? He's not just ugly, he is ugh-guh-lee!"

Your dog is UGLY!

"No, he is not! You are the one who is ugh-guh-leeeee! And you better hold your tongue, ugly Jack

Flanders!"

Jamie gathered her pup in her arms, protecting him from her big brother's gibes, just as Mother stepped into the room.

"What is going on? I could hear your fussing from upstairs! This won't do! What's wrong?"

"Oh, nothing!" drawled Jack.

"Mother, Jack said my dog is ugly, and he's not ugly! He's a sweet dog!"

"Hush! I don't want to hear any more of it! Pray, tell me, Jack, what you told me at the dinner table about your Sunday School lesson this morning."

"I don't know."

"You don't know? Well, you certainly have a short memory! It seems to me you said that your memory verse was in Proverbs. What was it?"

"Well," Jack stalled, "It was Proverbs 3:30."

"Yes," Mother coaxed, "And what does Proverbs 3:30 say?"

"'Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.' But Jamie's not a man! She's my sister!"

"The fact that she is in our family is all the more reason not to fuss with her. Now let's get this straight, both of you. There will be no fussing in this house on Sunday. Sunday is the Lord's day, and we will honor the Lord with all our conversation. Do you understand?"

Both children replied, "Yes, Ma'am," and Jack went outside while Jamie cuddled and consoled her precious pup.

The next day school went fairly well, but on Tuesday, Jack came home disheveled and mussed up. When Mother asked him about his appearance, he sheepishly replied, "Well, Robert and Danny were arguing. I went over to see what the ruckus was about and ended up in the middle of it! Man, I wish I had never paid it any attention!"

"And I wish you had not got into it, too, Jack," Mother stressed. "When will you learn to keep your nose out of other people's business? God's Word

says, 'He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.' You get dangerously entangled. You can't calm and tame it, and you can't turn it loose! Do you remember our talk about fussing and strife on Sunday?"

"Yes, Ma'am, but that was Sunday."

"Well, my dear," said Mother, "What goes for Sunday goes for Monday and Tuesday, too."

Your can't calm and tame it, and you can't turn it loose!

Jamie watched as her brother petted her dog. She was pleased that he was gentle and didn't make fun of his looks. Still, she was wary. She wouldn't allow her pup to be mistreated!

Saturday was a beautiful day. Mother pointed to the rakes in the garage and gave each child a section of the yard to clean. With clear understanding, they went right to work. Smooth, strong strokes moved the leaves into piles and the yard began to look pretty until arms got tired, throats got dry, and work became labor. "You have slowed down!" Jack hollered at Jamie. "You needn't think I'm going to come help finish your side if I get done first, Pokey."

"Nobody asked you to," Jamie retorted. "Anyway my part looks better than yours. I wouldn't want anybody to think I did something as sloppy as that!"

"At least I'm getting done. You won't get done before sunset. We'll leave you out in the dark with the wild varmints and haunts. Too bad, sweet little sister!"

"Don't you 'little sister' me! I'm almost as big as you and probably a whole lot smarter!"

"Oh, no, ya' aren't! You don't even know how to pick out a pretty dog! You got an ugly one!"

Jamie lifted her rake and ran charging at Jack ready to do him in, until Mother stepped out on the porch. "Stop! Stop this minute! I have heard your boasting and bickering. Once it starts, it never stops. Now for such behavior, you may both do another section of the yard the same size as the first. There will be no fussing or arguing! Contention comes by pride, and neither of you has anything to be proud about. Paul told the Philippians to 'Do all things without murmurings and disputings.' That means no fussing - plain and simple - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, every day of the week through Saturday!"

"What goes for Sunday goes for Monday and Tuesday, too."

"But, Mother," Jamie whined, "That's impossible with Jack for a brother."

"Well, he is your brother, so

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 you will have to figure a way to get
 along with him, and he will have to
 figure a way to get along with you.
 No fussing! If there's a problem,
 come to me, and we'll settle it, but I
 don't think there will be many
 problems if you will read Philippians
 2:3 and ask God to help you obey it!
 Do you remember the chorus we
 often sing? I don't know who wrote
 it, but it is a good reminder:
 'On Sunday I am happy,
 On Monday full of joy,
 On Tuesday I have peace within
 that nothing can destroy;
 On Wednesday and on Thursday
 I'm walking in the light,
 O, Friday is a heav'n below,
 And Saturday's always bright.'
 We cannot sing that song
 truthfully if there is strife, fussing,
 and bickering in our hearts."

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"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith"
(1 Cor. 13a).

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whence thou art fallen, and repent..." This was said of the Church at the end of the Apostolic age, the first Church referred to in Revelation Chapter 2. The seed sin of all apostasy is a sin that is born in the heart of God's own, the only place where this seed is planted. Love for God, the first and the greatest commandment, is our point of greatest failure, our failure to love God with all our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our strength. We are the ones guilty of incubating and propagating this detestable and

horrible sin. We are the ones in need of repentance, for "judgment must begin at the house of God." Seth's generation, Noah's generation, Lot's generation, Moses' generation, and the generation of the Church all end in apostasy and judgment, and the beginning of each generation's fall lies in the hearts of God's own in that generation.

Jesus told the otherwise perfect church at Ephesus that they had left their “first love” and exhorted them to “Remember...from whence thou art fallen.” Consider some characteristics of “first

love.”

1. Love for Christ gives Him first place in everything (decisions, home, etc.)
2. Love for Christ gives Him all that we have.
3. Love for Christ puts us at His disposal.
4. Love for Christ gives Him the benefit of the doubt.
5. Love for Christ puts all His armor on so that we might fight His battles.

Is it not time for us in our generation to "remember" and consider?