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Editor's Notes

Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings Brethren,

The human side of all of us has a tendency to highlight what we are doing while (very tactfully) downplaying what others, with the same type of ministry are doing. But may it never be said of VBP that we are in competition with or critical of any other ministry. In fact, every printing ministry I am aware of, whether it be tract printing, discipleship material, or Scripture printing, is worthy of our prayers and financial support.

When God wanted to reveal Himself and His attributes to the entire world, He gave us the Bible. Therefore we should follow that principle and work toward getting the glorious Gospel of Christ to every creature on planet Earth in the form of the printed page, regardless of who prints it. It's the only possible way to fulfill the Great Commission. However, when VBP (or any other printing ministry) ships this Scripture (or other types of literature), my concern is, What happens to it after it reaches its destination? Does the literature always get into the hands of those who need it most? There are actually proven reports of one crooked missionary burning the gospel tracts that were shipped to him without charge, all because he disagreed with the biblical doctrine of repentance and a sample prayer for salvation that was included in the tracts.

In the past, before we learned to be more careful, some Scriptures were shipped or delivered to seemingly well-meaning missionaries and pastors. Then years later those same Scriptures were found stacked up in a storage room with no indication that any of them had been used.

Another problem some ministries have had is that entire containers of literature were lost at the ports of entry in some foreign countries because the missionaries had not done the proper paperwork or prepared themselves for duty fees that customs may charge. Victory Baptist Press has been fortunate to have never lost a container, probably because Brother Berg always fills out a very honest and accurate bill of lading. Also, VBP pays all of the shipping costs and custom fees, and we use the same shipping advisor and company every time we ship to a foreign country.

These problems, and many others, stem from irresponsible missionaries that have a welfare mentality and obviously have no sense of accountability. Mission work to them is an easy way to make money without working an honest job, and they will take anything that is free, even if they don't need it and may never use what they do get.

It's not unusual for me to get a call from someone asking for Bibles or John/Romans for their ministry. If they are not aware of how VBP operates, the conversation will go something like this,

Caller: "I have seen a John/Romans booklet with a patriotic cover printed by Victory Baptist Press. I would like to pur-

chase some. How much do you charge for them?"

Answer: "How many do you need?"

Caller: "How much do they cost?"

Answer: "How many do you need?"

Caller: "That depends on how much they cost."

Answer: "I am not asking how many you can afford; I only need to know how many you need."

Caller: "I need about five hundred John/Romans."

Answer: "Okay, send me a shipping address, and we will get them to you."

Caller: "How much will they cost?"

Answer: "We don't charge for them. They won't cost you anything! They're free!"

Caller: "Could I get a thousand?"

Answer: "No. We will only send the five hundred you need."

The moral of this story is that people, at home or abroad, request materials they don't really need. They just want it because it's free, and they then withhold that gospel message from the unsaved by storing that literature in a good, dry place (maybe in a baptistry they never use). They are fraudulent and have committed a crime the late Dr. L. E. Maxwell called "murder by neglect" that will be dealt with at the Judgment Seat of Christ when each of us will be called to give an account of our stewardship.

I am aware that when I write like this, some will misunderstand, and others will misrepresent and put a spin on my words, and even criticize VBP to others, but that might be a good thing because it helps flush out the cold-hearted, dishonest, rogue missionaries who are helping contaminate the mission programs of some good, mission-minded churches.

If some dead-beat, that is getting free literature that never gets used, happens to be reading this, you need to understand that VBP has honest, dedicated field reps with a burden and a passion to fulfill the Great Commission who travel all across America raising funds that help support your slothfulness. Also, the churches that support VBP financially, usually get their money from common, everyday working people, and the VBP staff that works faithfully, every day of the week putting all this together, does so with the hope that many souls will come to know Christ and many who already know Him will come to know Him better.

The biographies and autobiographies we enjoy are mostly those of great missionaries of the past, one exception being *My Stories from Papua New Guinea* by Lyn Mullins, listed on page 6 (Lyn and her husband Ted are still living). We believe the missionaries we ship Scriptures to are the best of the best today, and we do not expect any reports back telling us every piece of literature was distributed immediately; we just believe the seed should not be left in the barn, and sometime down the road—maybe six months, a year, two years, who knows—the missionary should exhaust his supply, and need some more seed.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
The past few months have been rewarding here at VBP. We had a shipment of just over 25,000 Spanish Bibles delivered to Bro. Don Rich in Peru, South America, and the printing, shipping, and customs were all paid for. Thanks be to God and to you, our faithful donors. In spite of this being our fourth container to South America, the demand is still great. Bro. Rich is already requesting another load, hopefully delivered

in time for their Bible Conference next April. If that is to happen, printing must start very soon; if not, he will have to ration this load to have some left for that conference. It is difficult to tell starving people they cannot have bread when you have some in store. Please pray for wisdom for Bro. Rich in this regard. On top of this, we also have another request from the Philippines for Cebuano Bibles.

We have some paper left over from the last project, and we keep getting requests for more Spanish Bibles, so we are currently printing over 12,000 of those right now. About three thousand will go to Brother Brent Logan for a crusade in Guadalajara, Mexico, and the rest to various points around the globe.

You may have seen in our emails that we have gotten a new/refurbished piece of equipment in the shop. It is a CTP (Computer-

to-plate). This finally makes our prepress department up-to-date. When I first started here way back in 1985, we were making film with a camera. The originals were pages taken from another Bible. We eventually upgraded to a laser printer to make film negatives, and then to a film maker (Computer-to-film), which made a much better negative, and now to the CTP. We have already used it to print some of the Spanish Bibles we are working on now, and the alignment of the pages has never been better. On top of that, I am still learning things about the web press we have and getting even better at that as time goes on. I remember telling Bro. Tom Woodward I would step in as printer and do the best I could until they found someone who knew what they were doing. That was sometime around 1987!

One other praise I should mention before I close my notes. Several months ago I had some pretty serious back pain. I was thinking about that recently and realized my back did not hurt any more. It happened gradually, so I guess I did not notice. I want to publicly thank the Lord for that mercy. I know I am getting older and more aches and pains are on the way, but I will stay at it as long as I am able or until the Lord comes back. If they ever do find someone who knows what they are doing, I hope they let me stay on as a helper. My desire is to get at least a portion of the Word of God to as many people as possible as long as I am able.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

In our last *Newsletter* there were photos of 25,000 Bibles leaving the VBP print shop. In this edition the pictures show the Bibles arriving in Cajamarca, Peru and being unloaded. Missionaries Don & Carla Rich have already begun distributing the Scriptures to many missionaries and national pastors.



Memorials

Each contributor listed below, through their individual contribution, has helped provide 272 Bibles for the mission field.

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We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does.

Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine.

—Dwight L. Moody

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Evangelist Jason Kendrick and his wife, Jody, have been traveling in evangelism for more than twenty years. They now also represent VBP as they travel throughout the US holding revival meetings.

The Kendrick Family sings gospel music and has four gospel music CDs available in the VBP Bookstore.



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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the summer they traveled to recruit young men and ladies for college. Now they are traveling full-time for VBP as field representatives.

Benefits & Blessings

Mrs. Pam Leake**Can You Hear Him?**

The early July morning was pleasantly cool as my husband and I sat on our deck for a rare occasion of enjoying a cup of coffee together and a time of devotions. The trees are quite tall around our house, so it takes the sun a while to rise over their tops and make it too hot to be comfortable on the deck. While the shade was still available, we took advantage of the beauty outside that we usually miss because of the hustle and bustle of the day.

The rays of sunlight filtered through the leaves on a little, moss-covered path my husband had made leading into the woods. The scene was so peaceful and pleasant that in spite of the constant repetitive sound of the traffic passing in front of our house, it seemed I heard the Lord saying to me, “I’m glad you’ve come to fellowship with Me. Come and enjoy My creation and My presence, for I am here.” What an amazing thought that He desires to commune with us—Spirit to spirit. Those precious, intimate moments of communication together are beyond special!

In 1 Kings 19, it wasn’t in the wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the still small voice that the Lord spoke to Elijah. Sometimes my life becomes so busy and so filled with the “noise” of my daily existence that it seems impossible to hear God

speak to me. Yet, I find that if I will but be still and listen for that quiet voice of God, I can hear Him. I can hear Him as He speaks through His written Word. I can hear Him as He speaks to me through a special song or the testimony of praise from a brother or sister in Christ. I can hear Him as His Spirit communes with my spirit in prayer. In the midst of the busyness, I must “be still and know” that He is God. His calming voice isn’t found in the noise but in the quietness.

God speaks to us in different ways at different times, but whether or not we hear Him depends on us. Those peaceful few moments with the Lord in the early morning were precious. I wanted to be still and sense His presence; I desired to hear Him speak to me as I read His Word. But I also knew that if that was going to happen, it would take a deliberate decision on my part to retreat to a quiet place that would be conducive to hearing Him. If I do not purposefully still my spirit and come apart from the busyness, how can the Holy Spirit speak to my spirit?

There is no doubt that the Lord is speaking to His children. The question is, are we tuned in to listen and hear Him? Determine to step away from the figurative “wind, earthquake, and fire” of the world to be able to hear the whisper of the voice of your heavenly Father; it’s vital to your spiritual well-being.

Note: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, Pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and Director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia.

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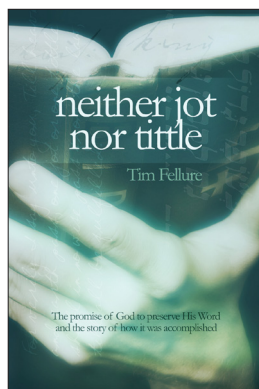


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by Lynn Mullins

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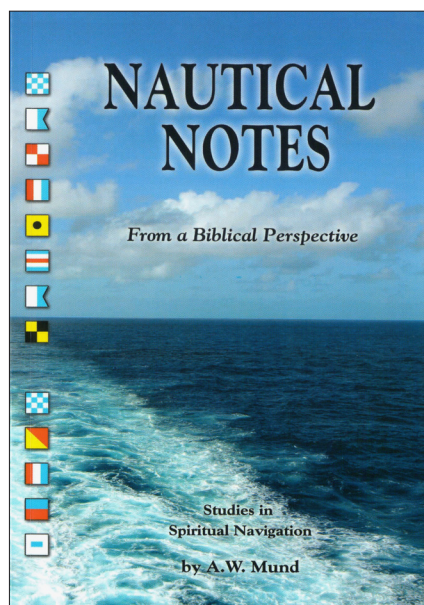
Neither Jot nor Tittle

by Tim Fellure

Now more than ever there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages on. *Neither Jot Nor Tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.

Nautical Notes

by A. W. Mund



265 pages
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A. W. Mund is a fifth generation commercial fisherman who was converted to Christ in 1966. He pastored for over 40 years and is the founder and director of Fishers of Men Ministries International. He loves to write about the sea, having spent the first part of his life in the fishing industry. You will enjoy these devotional type sea stories, especially as you find they have an anchor in the Bible. Below is a sample from his book *Nautical Notes*.

Under the Weather

(One of 96 devotionals)

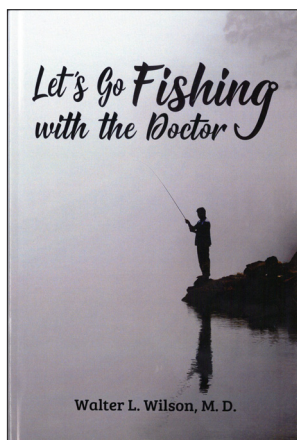
When we think of the weather, it includes all the daily changes in temperature, wind, humidity, and air pressure. The weather affects everyone. It could make you hot; it could make you cold. It could cause you to be cheerful or gloomy. In the winter many find themselves what we call "under the weather." In other words, the weather has done something to them health-wise. The weather affects farming, fishing, travel, sales, communications—every area and facet of life. We most assuredly cannot change the weather, but we can adjust ourselves to it somewhat, like putting on warm clothing when it is cold, rainwear when it is raining, etc.

Have you ever wondered just why people get sick (under the weather)? Sure, we live on a diseased planet, and it is inevitable that sicknesses come our way; but why? I suppose God is the only One who knows, since He controls it all, so let's look at His book. First, we could say it comes to get our attention. "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word" (Psalm 119:67). We are busy today. Unless we find ourselves on our back

looking up, it's hard to remember to think about God. When we are under the weather it's, OH! GOD! PLEASE HELP! SOON!

Another reason would be for discipline. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth . . ." (Hebrews 12:6a). God knows how to best get our attention. Pain—whoa! LORD, WHAT HAVE I DONE? I'M SORRY; TAKE IT AWAY!

What about testing? Yes, that is a reason also. Many times the Lord shakes us a little to see what's inside. It is all for our benefit though. Remember Job? Even though he lost everything—even his health—God was just seeing if he would love Him no matter what. Sure enough, Job 42 was written, and we see God giving back to Job more than he had at the start. Are you a bit UNDER THE WEATHER? It is sure to pass, just as the changes in the weather. UNDER the weather? I hope this finds you getting OVER it.

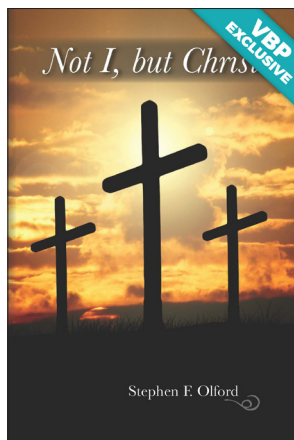


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by Stephen E. Olford

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The Pastor's Page



*Guest Editorial by
Jacob Fellure*

Christian Liberty
I Corinthians 10:23–31

One of the most misunderstood and often abused subjects by Christians is Christian liberty. As with many other biblical subjects, if the balanced truth is taken too far to one side or the other, you can fall into an unbiblical position.

There is the extreme of legalism. Legalism can manifest itself in different ways—by combining works with faith as necessary for salvation or by elevating non-biblical human

traditions to the same level as biblical commands and reducing Christianity to a set of rules and regulations. This is an unbiblical extreme, and it is the reason for Paul's epistle of rebuke to the church at Galatia. *"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"* (Galatians 3:3).

The second extreme is that of license. Some would argue since the penalty of sin has been paid for, we can live however we please. To those who have fallen into this ditch, moral restrictions are eliminated and a God of love would never dare judge men and women who defy biblical precepts. In Romans 6, Paul addresses this as succinctly as possible *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid"* (Romans 6:1–2). To subscribe to this view is to misunderstand salvation. God not only saved you from the penalty of sin, He delivered you from the power of sin. He saved us that *"the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us"* (Romans 8:4).

In I Corinthians 10, Paul is addressing Christian liberty. *"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not"* (I Corinthians 10:23). At first glance, this appears to be a puzzling verse because all things are not lawful. We don't have to look far to know Scripture doesn't condone adultery, murder, thievery, etc. So, when Paul says, *"All things are lawful,"* he cannot be contradicting what is clearly stated in other portions of Scripture.

In the context, Paul is addressing eating meat that has been formerly offered to idols. Paul first condemns participating in the ceremonies of idol worship, but then he addresses meat that is not associated with evil presently but was in the past. The question is, Can we eat this meat? *"All things are lawful."*

This is an unclear issue in Scripture. It's what we might call a "gray area." So, while the specific issue may not be relevant to us, there are many "gray areas" we might struggle with. We can take the Holy Spirit's instruction regarding this unclear matter and apply it to the relevant unclear matters of today.

In this passage, there are two guiding principles in the matter of Christian liberty.

Your liberty should be regulated by your responsibility to edify others.

"Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth" (I Corinthians 10:24).

In verse 23, Paul has stated that while all things are lawful, not all things edify. Our decision-making should not be guided by what satisfies the flesh, but by what builds us up spiritually.

Paul takes this principle even further in verse 24. Our choices should be guided by what builds up other believers. In fact, the benefit of others is more important than the benefit of self.

Paul then illustrates his point with the meat that has been offered previously by idols. *"Whatsoever is sold in the shambles [meat market], that eat, asking no questions for conscience sake"* (I Corinthians 10:25).

Apparently eating meat previously offered to idols is fine. But Paul then lays out a scenario where the meat should not be eaten. *"But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake . . . Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other:"* (I Corinthians 10:28–29).

This is a radical concept in 21st century Christianity: to give up things that are reasonable for the sake of another brother's conscience who doesn't think it's reasonable.

Your Christian liberty is not a club to be used to force any who disagrees with your action into a guilty conscience, but rather your liberty is to be set aside that you might show your love for the brethren. If we can't lay aside "meat" for our brethren how weak are we? Are we so enslaved to the comforts and pleasures of our flesh that we cannot lay aside anything our brethren object to?

Your liberty should be regulated by your responsibility to glorify God.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31).

This is the primary principle that should guide your life. Whatever you do, glorify God.

Many believers ask the question "What's wrong with it?" When determining the virtue of an action, the proper question to ask is, "Does this help me glorify God?"

How much would be cut out from our lives if we filtered everything through, "Does this help me glorify God?"

How does this affect our liberty? There are not many things you can do that will glorify God more than sacrificing something that you deem perfectly fine for a brother or sister in Christ. The love manifested in such an act follows the footsteps of our Savior, Who left glory, took on human flesh, and submitted Himself to the cross in our stead, bearing the full weight of God's wrath upon sin.

Should you participate in the "gray areas" of the Christian life? It depends on whether or not you want to help the brethren and glorify God.