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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).

A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by God
And sent from Heaven above.*

— Author Unknown

*"He maketh the barren woman to
keep house, and to be a joyful
mother of children.
Praise ye the LORD"
(Psalm 113:9).*

You do not understand my boy!

When Thomas Edison was just a young lad, his teacher sent him home with a note, which said, "Your child is dumb. We can't do anything for him." Mrs. Edison wrote back, "You do not understand my boy. I will teach him myself." And she did, and Thomas went on to hold over 1,000 U.S. patents in his name. Among his many famous inventions are the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. Who was greater: Thomas or his mother?

Editor's Notes

*Jim & Mary Fellure*

Greetings in Christ's name,

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers reading these notes. Hopefully, this newsletter will reach all of our readers before May 11, which is Mother's Day this year. I think I have heard almost every argument that could be made for and against observing certain days of the year — Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, Groundhog Day, St. Patrick's Day, Martin Luther King Day, etc., but I have never heard one

argument against observing Mother's Day. It seems we all agree our mothers deserve our respect and appreciation. And that's the way it should be! In this *Newsletter*, we have dedicated all of the front page and page 5 to mothers. If your mother is living, why not make this Mother's Day her day with something special just for her.

Occasionally, the pastor will write an article that is appropriate for putting into pamphlet form. One such article is, *A Pastor's Appeal for Godly Modesty*. Because of a crisis of immodest dress among many Christian ladies, even in our best, fundamental Baptist churches, pastors have ordered several thousands of these for their congregations. Another article in pamphlet form is *TITHING: Lawful or Legalistic? Burden or Blessing?* (see page 6). Many times good churches struggle financially because a certain faction in the church refuses to give back to God what is rightfully His. This pamphlet on tithing could very well be the tool the Lord would use to show His people the necessity of tithing their income. I believe the article on character (see page 8), should also be in pamphlet form. The famous evangelist, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., built his entire ministry around the philosophy that Christians should "Do right; even if the stars fall – do right." One pastor of the past said we are running maintenance ministries more than hotbeds of worldwide evangelism. Once a barber in Tennessee, while cutting my hair, told me how he'd resigned his church, cancelled all of his preaching appointments, and started a barber business because he couldn't cope with all the hypocrisy in the church. The great old preacher of the past, Dr. B.R. Lakin, once said many churches resemble goat pens more than they do sheepfolds. Wordliness, compromise, contention, dishonesty, immorality, etc., will always creep into the church. Even when a sinner gets saved, he will usually have some worldly baggage attached to his life, but it doesn't have to be condoned. By the grace of God, it can be corrected. Dr. Charles Keen is reported to have said, "The church only has two responsibilities. First, to preach the Gospel to every creature, and second, to clear up all the problems you encounter while you are doing it."

The report by Brother Berg on the next page is enough to make us all want to fight the good fight of faith. Hate the dirty, lowdown devil, fight sin, love God and people, and get the Gospel to as many people as possible before Jesus comes again. I like the attitude of one preacher who said, "I haven't quit, I've just turned loose long enough to get a better hold."

Gratefully,
Jim Fellure

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Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Spring has finally arrived (for most of us at least), and it is one of my favorite times of the year here in northwest Florida. Right now our windows are open and the morning birds are singing their songs. The garden is planted, and we are looking forward to the fruits of that in the next few weeks and months.

The Cebuano Bible project is finally out the door and on the way to the Philippines! It took about nine months to complete that project, and then it took at least another month to make the final arrangements for shipping. There were a little over 15,500 Bibles in the container. Thank you to all those who prayed, worked, and gave to make this possible. Hopefully, by the time the next *News-letter* comes around, we will be able to report they arrived safely and their distribution begun.

Our next project is already well under way. We are well over

halfway done printing a truckload of Luganda John/Romans for missionary Keith Stensaas in the country of Uganda, Africa.

There will be somewhere around 380,000 of these booklets for that container. Please pray that all will go well in the completion and shipping of this project. Money is still needed for the shipping, and while we do not have a hard figure on that yet, last time the cost was around \$7,000.

Our next project will be another truckload of Spanish Bibles to go to Bro. Don Rich in Peru. I am sure many of you have already seen the video of the distribution of the last container and the need for more Bibles.

Last, but not least, I am happy to report we have finally gotten a good product off of the four-color press that Bro. Bill Richburg and I brought from Oklahoma a few years ago. It has taken a long time getting it all set up in working order, but by the grace of God, here is a picture of our daughter Sarah with one of the first good John/Romans covers to come off the press. To be fair, we have not been working on it constantly since we got it. We

have worked it in between other projects as we could. We really have put some concentrated efforts into it the last few weeks because we will really need it to print the 380,000 covers for the Luganda project mentioned above. There are still a few minor repairs and adjustments for it to work exactly as it should, but for now we have been able to work around them. Please pray that we can get everything to work as it should, since that will make the operation of the press more efficient.

God has certainly been good to allow us to work in His ministry here and to meet all the needs along the way. I trust that you are doing what God wants you to do in His work so you can also see His wonderful way of providing.

God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg



*For God so loved the world, not just a few,
The wise and great, the noble and the true,
Or those of favored class or rank or hue.
God loved the world. Do you?*

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—Copied

Equipped For The Job

A friend recently passed along an article to me that not only brought a chuckle, but also resonated within my own heart. It aptly portrays the deprecation that mothers/housewives often endure when asked what they do. The article is included on this page for your enjoyment, and hopefully it will challenge any who might entertain the idea that the position of “Mom” is not worthy to be compared with other occupations.

Motherhood is a God-given position and, as such, deserves honor and appreciation. In His infinite wisdom, God created woman, equipped her to bear children, and filled her

heart with the love necessary to nurture and raise her children. As suggested by the mother's response in the article, her “job” has many requirements, not the least of which are stamina, creativity, patience, self-control, diplomacy, sensitivity and a sense of humor. However, for the most part, it is not a position one can prepare for by taking college classes or pre-employment training. It is more of an “on-the-job training”



Mrs. Pam Leake

type of position. We learn as we go!

I recall many times that my own mother used the ingenuity God had instilled in her to take care of the important things of daily life in a home that didn't have a lot of financial resources: repair a broken toy, design and sew doll clothes, or create a tasty meal from just a couple of ingredients. Able to meet the demands of a wife and mother of three in the post-war era, she still took the time to lovingly instruct me in the things I would need to know for the time when I would become a mother. Mom was a treasured and invaluable part of my life, and I still benefit from her input.

The portrait of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 is a beautiful illustration of God's equipping of a woman for the duties and challenges of a wife and mother. She puts into practice the abilities and characteristics the Lord has instilled in her and demonstrates how they can be used to benefit her husband, her children, her household and her neighbors. Moms, whenever you encounter those who would belittle the status of “mother,” remember that it is God's plan and design for you, and that “Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.” (Prov. 31:29)

Mom and Her Titles

A woman named Emily, who was renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office, was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

“What I mean is,” explained the recorder, “do you have a job, or are you just a —?”

“Of course, I have a job,” snapped Emily. “I'm a mom.”

“We don't list ‘mom’ as an occupation ... ‘housewife’ covers it,” the recorder said emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The clerk obviously was a career woman—poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, “Official Interrogator,” or “Town Registrar.”

“What is your occupation?” she probed. What made me say it, I do not know. The words simply popped out.

“I'm a research associate in the field of child development and human relations.”

The clerk paused, ballpoint pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

“Might I ask,” said the clerk with new interest, “just what you do in your field?”

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, “I have a continuing program of research (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my masters (they are the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?), and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers, and the rewards are more of satisfaction rather than just money.”

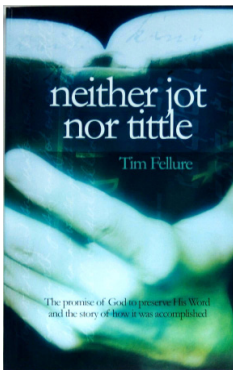
There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants—ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model (a 6-month-old baby), in the child-development program testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than “just another mom.”

Motherhood ... what a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make grandmothers “senior research associates in the field of child development and human relations” and great-grandmothers “executive senior research associates?” I think so!! I also think it makes aunts “associate research assistants.”

Copied from *God's Blueprint for Homebuilders*
by Dr. M.H. Tabb

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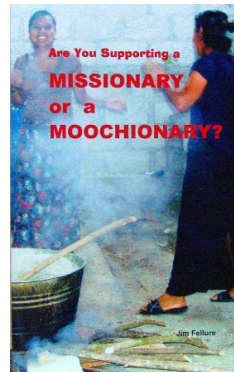


neither jot nor tittle

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.

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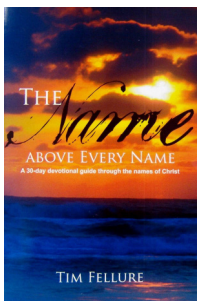


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by Jim Fellure

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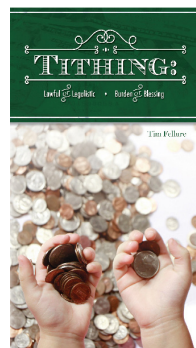
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by Tim Fellure

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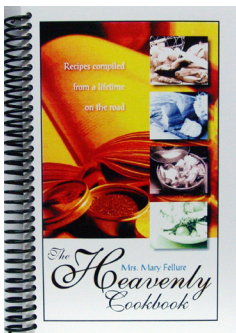
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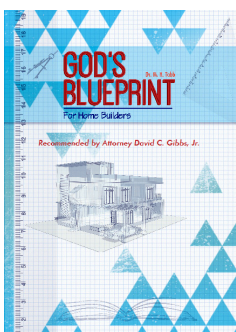


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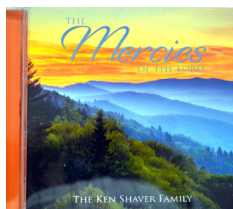
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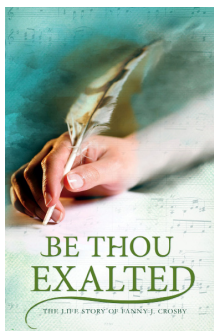


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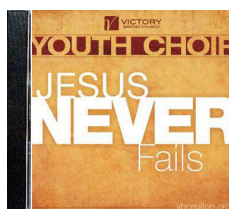
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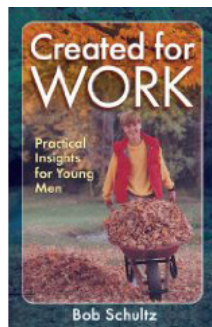
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by Bob Schultz

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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

Character

For those who have come to this back page looking for a sermon outline, I will apologize now for not giving one in this issue. This issue will be more of a rant than a sermon, but the subject heavy on my heart is the matter of character. In our Bible institute this semester my dad is teaching a 16-week course on **Character**, and I don't know of a subject that is more needed, espe-

cially for men in the ministry, than this.

Character is not a valued commodity in the culture we live in. Our society is okay with voting for lying politicians and adulterous presidents, idolizing dope-smoking sports heroes and welfare reality stars, cheating on your tax returns, and generally fudging your way through life. Purity and honesty and hard work are all mocked; certainly not encouraged. And the challenge we have is to raise our children to be men and women of integrity in the midst of a culture that has lost its soul. And if you do not instill character in the lives of your children, then look at the world around you and know that this is what they will become.

Character has been defined as doing right over and over until it becomes a part of your life. Character is what you are in the dark; what you are when all the veneer is stripped away. The measure of your character is what you would do if you knew no one were to ever find out. If character opens something, character will close it. If character turns it on, character will turn it off. If character unlocks it, character will lock it back up. If character breaks it, character will admit it. If character can't fix it, character will call someone who can. If character borrows something, character will return it. If character borrows money, character will pay it back. If character makes a mess, character will clean it up. If character moves something, character will put it back. If character doesn't know how to operate it, character will leave it alone. Our world desperately needs men and women who cannot be bought, whose word is their bond, who will be as honest in small things as in great things, who will make no compromise with wrong, whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires, and who can say "no" when the rest of the world says "yes."

Character Will Carry You Safely Through Your Trials

Job was a man of high integrity (Job 2:3). Job was righteous (but probably self-righteous), and he was a man of integrity as witnessed by none other than God (1:8). In the trials we are all familiar with, he lost everything except that integrity. Character will keep you from cracking under pressure. Some people turn every setback or disappointment into a major catastrophe, but character will make you keep your head up even when you don't feel like it. Booker T. Washington is quoted as saying: "No man

should be pitied because every day of his life he faces a hard, stubborn problem. It is the man who has no problems to solve, no hardships to face, who is to be pitied. He has nothing in his life which will strengthen and form his character."

Character Will Help You Find A Good Mate

Young people with good character usually marry a person of equally good character. This summer my wife and I will celebrate 23 years of marriage, and I thank God He gave me a wife who I can trust, is honest, is fiercely loyal, works hard, and loves God. We have three children whom I could not be more pleased with right now, and the credit goes to the woman God gave me. My wife is not a public speaker and has no desire to be on the ladies' conference circuit, but I think every woman in America should listen to what she has to say.

Character Will Give You Respect Among Your Peers

Character makes your life attractive to others. We all know people who just don't have it together: they may mean well, but they shade the truth to get through a conversation, will never show up on time, can't finish a job, and look for ways to avoid responsibility. No one truly respects that kind of person.

It is good for young men and women to get an education and learn a skill, but it is more important to develop good character. If a young man will get out of bed, keep his word, work hard, show up on time, and treat his elders with respect he is already about two steps ahead of most of the world. That young man will never lack for a job.

Character Will Protect Your Reputation

It has been said the difference between character and reputation is what you are and what others think you are. Take care of your character and a good reputation will follow. And even if your reputation is slandered, then you can still have the peace that your character is sound. Slander doesn't hurt as badly when you know it's not true.

Men can destroy your reputation, but they can't touch your character. They can call me a liar, but they can't make me lie. They can tell others I cheat and am lazy, but they can't make me be that. Joseph was a man with good character, but he had a bad reputation: hated by his brethren, sold into slavery to the Egyptians, falsely accused of rape, and wrongly imprisoned. He lost his freedom and reputation, but he did not lose his character. He took care of his character and, in the end, God took care of his reputation so that he died being one of the few men in the Bible who has no sin listed against him.

If you want a good name then be truthful instead of dishonest, have self-control instead of self-indulgence, be resourceful instead of wasteful, show reverence instead of disrespect, know contentment instead of covetousness, be humble instead of proud, show compassion instead of indifference, be loyal instead of unfaithful, and respond in meekness instead of anger. Even your enemies will, begrudgingly, have to respect you.