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**Editor's Notes**



*Jim & Mary Fellure*

Greetings in Christ's Name,

From time to time, I will hear someone refer to themselves as "a perfectionist." That would be one who would hold to the highest standards of excellence in all they say and do. I personally would like to be that kind of person, but so far, "like to be" is as close as I have come. I am continually confessing sins, failures, and shortcomings, and asking the Lord to forgive me for some stupid decision I made. The Lord is always ready to forgive us of our sins and administer new grace for the next mile of the journey, so that I must say, if any good thing comes out of my

efforts, "it is not I, but Christ that liveth in me," and He truly is a "perfectionist." In fact, He is the only real perfectionist that I am personally acquainted with.

As I am writing these notes, my mind is wandering back to some of the greatest experiences of my life, the most important one being 54 years ago when I came to know Christ as my very own, personal Lord and Saviour. I am so thankful I grew up in a time when both repentance of sin and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ were preached as absolutely necessary for salvation. The "old-timers" also preached that if a sinner repented and trusted Christ, his life would be changed. They would often say that "if there was no change, there had been no conversion." I can give testimony that my Christian life has been exactly like they said it would be. Praise the Lord and to God be the glory!

There have been lots of other great experiences: baptism, church membership, the call to preach, working with VBP, and seeing truckloads of Bibles shipped all over the world. But for now, I am thinking about when I said "I do" to the beautiful, young woman that has now been by my side for 50 years. On July 25, Mary and I celebrated our golden wedding anniversary. We have had a wonderful life together and look forward to loving one another and continuing with this tried and proven lifestyle for as many more years as the Lord sees fit to give us.

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Jim Fellure

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**Print Shop News**



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,  
 Summer is nearly over, along with all its heat and humidity, but during that hot season is when we get most of our fruits and vegetables from the garden and trees. That is often the way it is in the Christian life. There are some hard trials, but if we are faithful and do not quit there are some precious rewards. Paul said in Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." This is a great promise for a believer, but to be honest, it offers no hope to someone who has

never trusted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. That is why it is such a privilege to work here at Victory Baptist Press. Over the years, we have made it possible for millions of people to read for themselves what Jesus has done for them. Only God knows how many people have trusted Jesus as a result, and all those who have prayed, worked, and given money will one day be rewarded accordingly. The world and the devil offer a good time for now, but those who suffer for the cause of Christ will enjoy their rewards throughout all eternity.

The shipment of Bibles to the Philippines have arrived and hopefully will be used to point many souls to Christ. Right now in the shop, we are collating about 380,000 Luganda John/Romans for the country of Uganda, Africa. In our last newsletter, we published a picture of my daughter Sarah with the first good copy of something printed on the big four-color press. She has since printed tens of thousands more covers, with many more still to go for the Uganda project, and has begun to get a feel for the press. Of course, there is always more to learn. And from my years of experience, just about the time you think you've mastered something, something new goes wrong that you never had to deal with before. That is just the way it is, but I am thankful for the progress that has been made.

Also, we have already received another load of paper for another run of Spanish Bibles to go to Peru. We are going to try printing this and collating the above project at the same time. The main challenge I foresee is the space. A lot of things will have to be shuffled around to make room for everything. Please pray that God gives us wisdom in that, and that we can get the Uganda project completed quickly, not only to get it off the floor, but more importantly to get it to Africa where it can be used for the glory of God.

Once again, it is a real privilege to be trusted by God to serve in this ministry with Him, even if, for the moment, He is dumping more work on us than we know what to do with. Thank you all once again. To all those who pray, give and work. I humbly ask that you continue to do so.

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 Bro. Albert Berg



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## MONEY

John G. Wendel and his sisters were some of the most miserly people of all time. Although they had received a huge inheritance from their parents, they did all they could to keep their wealth for themselves. John influenced five of his six sisters never to marry, and they lived in the same house in New York City for 50 years. When the last sister died in 1931, her estate was valued at more than \$100 million. Her only dress was one that she had made herself, and she had worn it for 25 years.

The Wendels had such a compulsion to hold on to their possessions that they lived like paupers. Even worse, they were like the kind of person Jesus referred to “that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

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In 1928 a group of the world’s most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. The following were present: the president of the largest utility company, the greatest wheat speculator, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, a member of the President’s Cabinet, the greatest “bear” in Wall Street, the president of the Bank of International Settlements, the head of the world’s greatest monopoly. Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the U.S. Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, this is what had happened to these men:

The president of the largest independent steel company, Charles Schwab, lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life and died broke.

The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cutten, died abroad, insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, served a term in Sing Sing Prison.

The member of the President’s Cabinet, Albert Fall, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest “bear” in Wall Street, Jesse Livermore, committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements, Leon Fraser, committed suicide.

The head of the world’s greatest monopoly, Ivar Drueger, committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

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**JUST BE PATIENT!**

*Each week, in our church nursery, the scene is played out with regularity. I place her in the high chair, with her snacks before her on the tray, as he stands in front of her, patiently, but with great expectation, waiting for her to offer him a bit of her snack. It's not that his mother doesn't provide snacks for him, but rather that his little friend has something different and, therefore, more appealing. He never gets belligerent, but with his eyes on her, he patiently awaits the proffered treat. She*

*is a generous little lady and willingly shares a tasty blueberry or a crunchy pretzel.*

**Benefits & Blessings**



Mrs. Pam Leake

*I suppose, for most people, patience is one of the most difficult virtues to develop because it usually is produced through trials and difficulties. Many times I have heard it said that I should not pray for patience because of what is required to produce it. We tend not to want to surrender to the requirements of humility and self-control that are associated with the development of this godly virtue. Patience (long-suffering) is included in the fruit of the Spirit and is an identifying characteristic of God Himself,*

*“...the God of patience and consolation” (Romans*

*15:5). The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated great patience throughout His earthly life and is our best example to follow; but in a world of instant gratification, we just don't want to wait for anything! How easy it is to say, “I'm tired of waiting; I'm just going to give up!” or worse yet, “I'll just do it my way.”*

*For over two years now I have been praying for a specific request, waiting expectantly before the Lord to see Him fulfill my request. He has not, as of this writing. Believing that I have asked according to His will, I have continued to petition Him and tried to be patient in waiting on His answer. So, what to do when, seemingly, no answer comes? I must rely on experience—recalling how in the past, the Lord has been faithful and has always done what is best for me and the situation. There have been plenty of times in the past when it was necessary to wait on the Lord's timing, but I can't recall a single instance when He failed to come through. According to Romans 5:3-4, “...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope.” If I believe God's Word, I must learn from this Scripture that, in those times of trial and testing, I will gain experience and that experience develops the surety of the hope I have in my heavenly Father. Every difficulty, every trial I go through, raises my threshold of tolerance for “waiting patiently” so I can endure with a steadfast hope in the Lord's answer.*

*Just like the little fellow in the nursery, I must learn to keep my eyes on the Lord and stay before Him, waiting expectantly for His perfect resolution of the issue at hand. What He has in store for me is far greater than anything I could fabricate, and I know He will never fail me. I need to just be patient!*

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**“Me, Me, Me!”**

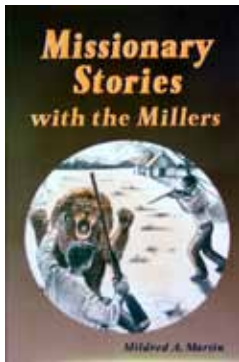
**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE** to have a moral community or nation without faith in God, because without it everything rapidly comes down to “me,” and “me” alone is meaningless. Today Americans have stopped acting in terms of their own moral, ethical, and religious beliefs and principles. They've stopped acting on what they knew was right -- and the “me” has become the measure of everything. However, moral societies are the only ones that work. If anyone thinks there is not a direct and invaluable relationship between personal integrity in a society and that society's prosperity, that person has simply not studied history. And this should not surprise us. Great moral societies, built upon faith in God, honor, trust, and the law, blossom because they are harmonious; because people love or at least respect their fellowman; because, finally, they have a common belief in something beyond themselves. It simplifies life immensely; you do not waste and spend your days fighting for turf, for privilege, for money and power over your fellowman.

Alexis de Tocqueville said it best when he realized even at the very beginning of our national life, “America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.””

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“...what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”

(Deuteronomy 10:12 -13).

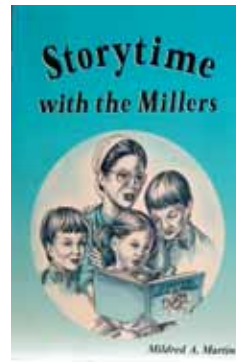


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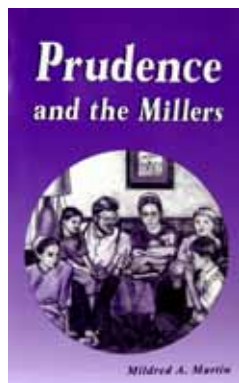


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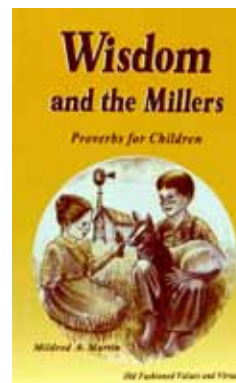


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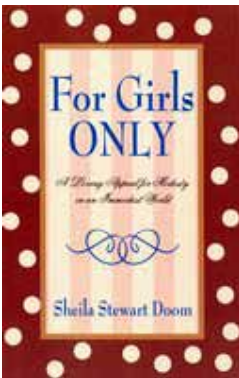


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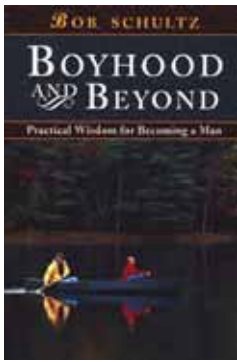
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## The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

## When God Whispers

**1 Kings 19:9-18**

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah had his greatest spiritual victory; in 1 Kings 19, Elijah was in his deepest spiritual defeat. In one chapter, he faced down 450 false prophets; in the next, he was running from one woman. Even after such a great triumph, such as he saw on Mt. Carmel, the loneliness of standing alone discouraged Elijah. As far as he knew, he was the only person

in all Israel who had remained faithful to Jehovah. Now, Jezebel put a price on his head: if it was the last thing she did, she would see him dead. Those kinds of things have a way of discouraging us—and Elijah was discouraged.

So, Elijah fled south—as far south as he could go without going into Egypt. It was 40 days until he reached Mt. Horeb. Elijah knew God had shown himself to Moses in spectacular fashion on Mt. Horeb (Sinai), and he wanted God to do it again. If only God would manifest Himself in such dramatic fashion to settle once and for all who was the true God. Not that he had any personal doubts, but even with the recent victories, Jezebel was still on the throne, Baal was still being worshipped, and he was still on the run. Perhaps if God did something more spectacular. Perhaps if the signs were more vivid. Perhaps if God would do something so big that no one could question or deny it.

But what God did demonstrate to Elijah that day was that He doesn't always work in spectacular or miraculous ways. The means by which God does His work in are ordinarily unseen and unappreciated. But God is at work invisibly accomplishing His purposes according to a perfect plan, even during those times when we wonder if He really knows what He is doing—even when we wonder if He is really there at all. Great faith isn't usually manifested in the ability to call down great signs and wonders; great faith is the quiet confidence that God is in control, even when we can't see what He is doing.

### God's Word Is Effectual Even When He Whispers

The object lesson began with three supernatural occurrences—a tempest, an earthquake and fire—but God was not in any of those. Of course, He caused them, but He was not speaking through them. There was no revelation to Elijah in those spectacular scenes. Instead, the voice of God came to Elijah in a still, small voice. God sometimes speaks in the most unspectacular ways, but His voice is effectual, even when in a whisper. Sometimes we get so desperate to hear the voice of God we almost wish it were audible. We cry out to God in our deepest despair for a miracle, a sign—something that will prove once and for all that God is still watching over us and will take care of us. But if you

want to hear God's voice, then listen for the whisper. Listen for the quiet whisper of the Word of God as you read it alone. Listen for the quiet whisper of the Holy Spirit as He guides you and comforts you. Listen for the quiet whisper of assurance as you pray and He fills your heart with peace.

### God's Judgments Are Perfect Even When Delayed

During his 40-day journey to Horeb, Elijah planned just what he would say to God. I say that because he said it twice: *"I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."* Even after the spectacular displays, Elijah repeated almost word-for-word what he thought God needed to hear. And the gist of his speech was that he was the most faithful man God had, yet it was he who was running for his life. Why didn't God vindicate him? Elijah wrestled with the same thing Habakkuk would wrestle with: why does God delay judgment upon the wicked? Could God not do something about Jezebel?

The answer God gave Elijah was to go anoint three people: Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha. The significance of those three men is that Hazael would be the Syrian king God would use to punish Israel, Jehu would be the man who would overthrow Jezebel, and Elisha would be his successor who would do twice as many miracles as Elijah. The message was that, while Elijah was fretting that God wasn't moving fast enough, God had already lined up the men that would carry out His plan. It would be a mistake to read His delays as indifference; God already had His men picked out and knew how this thing was going to come down. God may not operate by my calendar, but His ways are still perfect.

### God's Plan Will Be Accomplished Even When There Is Only a Remnant

Elijah and God counted differently. Elijah counted that there was only person left standing—himself—but God counted 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal (v. 18). A good question would be "where were those 7,000 when Elijah was by himself on Mt. Carmel," and I don't have the answer for that. But God has always had a remnant. Many of our young people may be falling away, but they're not all leaving. Many pastors may be leaving the ministry, but there's a lot who are still going on. Many churches may be dying, but I know more that are still enjoying the blessings of God on their ministry.

Elijah needed to learn he could trust the work of God, even when it was not spectacular or immediately visible. God would judge the wicked, but He would do so in His own time and way. God's plan is never thwarted by the appearance of opposition, and Elijah needed to not lose heart in the midst of difficulties. God's Word is powerful and life-changing, even when it comes in a whisper. God's justice will have its way, even when it seems the wicked are about to triumph. And God will always have a remnant, even in the midst of the world's worst hostility and opposition.