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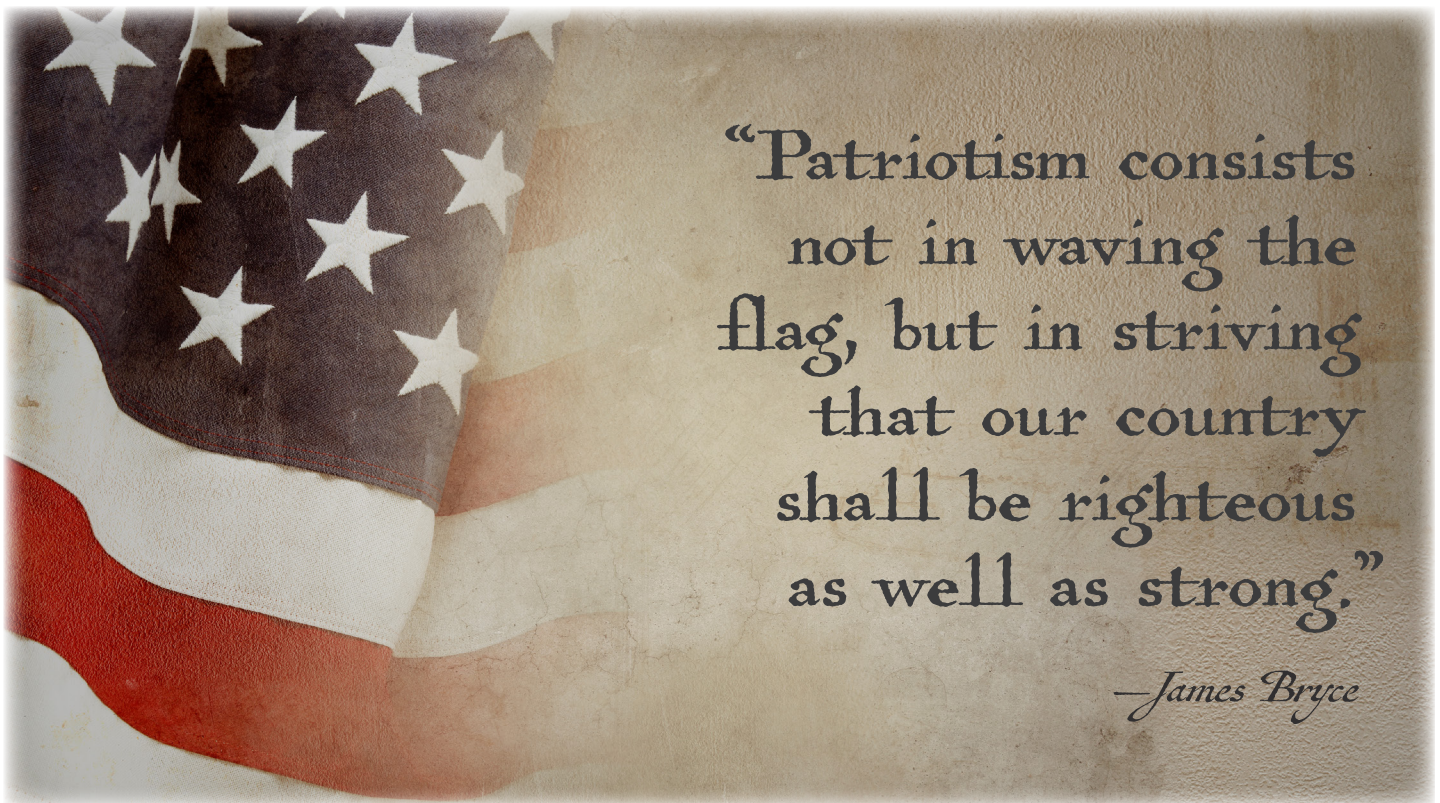
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*“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it” (Psalm 68:11).*



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## Editor's Notes



Jim &amp; Mary Fellure

Greetings friends,

Through the years we have felt it necessary to periodically clean the plate because some carnal-minded idiot feels it's necessary to send us some unfounded gossip meant to pit VBP against some other group with a similar ministry.

If you happen to be reading these notes and consider yourself called of God to expose every ministry that didn't contact you for approval of the

way they operate, maybe the following story will help you get yourself in the category where you belong.

The story is told of a judge who had been frequently ridiculed by a conceited lawyer. When asked by a friend why he didn't rebuke his assailant, he replied, "In our town lives a widow who has a dog. And whenever the moon shines, it goes outside and barks all night." Having said that, the magistrate shifted the conversation to another subject. Finally someone asked, "But Judge, what about the dog and the moon?"

"Oh," he replied, "the moon went on shining—that's all."

Without inside information about other Scripture printing ministries, most of what I hear is by way of the grapevine, and what I hear is sometimes very critical. The critics are always wrong—not only by being critical, but the reports they give are usually false. It can be rightly said that "the reports that critics give about someone else are usually suppositions built on a platform of ignorance."

In my humble opinion, those who criticize others who are trying to reach the world with the glorious, soul-saving Gospel of Christ our Lord, are not real disciples of Christ, because in John 13:35 Jesus Himself said, "By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, **if ye have love one to another.**"

We know the critics are not wise, and the opposite of a wise man is a fool. The *Oxford English Dictionary* calls a fool a "windbag," or an "empty-headed person," and the *1828 Webster's American English Dictionary* says a fool is "one who is destitute of reason, or the common powers of understanding; an idiot. Some persons are born fools, and are called natural fools; others may become fools by some injury done to the brain."

We know that those critics being considered in these notes are not wise because they gossip too much. "He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and **he that uttereth a slander, is a fool**" (Proverbs 10:18).

"*It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling*" (Proverbs 20:3).

"**A fool uttereth all his mind:** but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards" (Proverbs 29:11).

A fool won't take reproof—"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise" (Proverbs 12:15), and "**A fool despiseth his father's instruction:** but he that regardeth reproof is prudent" (Proverbs 15:5).

A fool has no desire for wisdom—"Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, **seeing he hath no heart to it?**" (Proverbs 17:16).

A fool cannot be trusted with the truth—"He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage" (Proverbs 26:6), and "Speak not in the ears of a fool: for **he will despise the wisdom of thy words**" (Proverbs 23:9). In other words, when you send a message by a fool you might have shot yourself in the foot. One can never tell what a fool will do with good information. He or she might be a modern day Athenian who spends their time "in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (see Acts 17:21). The fool might even paint the text and post it on Facebook, along with the other social network programs which are very useful in spreading gossip in a hurry.

A fool is more dangerous than an angry momma bear—"Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly" (Proverbs 17:12).

A fool is more repulsive than a sick dog eating his own vomit—"As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly" (Proverbs 26:11).

I hope the reader is getting my drift and can tell that VBP is in favor of every Scripture printing ministry we know of and have no room for the twisted mentality of folks that make a habit of criticizing others.

If any reader has been guilty of gossiping about or slandering any good scriptural ministry, please repent of the evil and begin praying for and supporting those that are doing their best to fulfill the Great Commission. On the other hand, if you are a critic of VBP, or any other ministry that is getting the job done and intend to continue acting like a dog barking at the moon, please unsubscribe from our mailing list.

In Christian love,  
Please pray for VBP,  
Jim Fellure

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## Print Shop News



**Al & Heidi Berg**

Dear friends and supporters,

God has been good to VBP the last few months by allowing us to keep operating in spite of many shortages and price increases. Currently we are in the process of printing/collating English Bibles. It has been decided that most of these will receive a paperback cover with a military theme, and these covers are being printed by an outside source. We outsourced

this partly because we had trouble getting coverstock and partly because the price was pretty good. This allows us more time for other printing, collating, and binding.

Victory Baptist Press is scheduled to get another truckload of paper by the middle of July. We were informed the paper we had been using for years is no longer available. The replacement product is very similar and should not change the overall thickness of the book by any noticeable amount. This paper will be used for Spanish Bibles, with the majority of them once again going to Don Rich in Peru, who then will distribute them all over South America. Every shipment he gets only increases the demand for more. Thank God there are still people who want to read the Word of God. The vinyl covers for these came in a few weeks ago, but they were first ordered back in December of 2021. Originally, we planned to put them on the English Bibles, but because of the length of time it took to get them, we opted for the paperbacks on the English Bibles and saved the vinyl for the Spanish. One of the reasons for

this is that the vinyl covers seem to hold up better in the tropical heat and humidity.

Recently, our plate-making machine has given us some problems. We have had two expensive repairs in the last few months. Fortunately, I was able to make quite a few plates ahead of time, so we have been able to keep printing. Along with the plate-maker, pray for plates. Ever since the pandemic, plates have been hard to get. I try to stay ahead of the curve on that by buying as early as possible, but the last batch we received had been damaged in shipping. I was told that Agfa would be rushing a new order. We will see how long that takes.

In personal news, my wife and I celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary this last June 12. We celebrated with a two-week-long trip to the UK in May, along with our daughter Sarah. She actually paid for the plane tickets and many of the other expenses, so it was largely a gift from her. We also saved for two years to be able to go. We started in Wales and worked our way up to Scotland. We rented two cars at different locations, and I was the driver. Many asked how it was driving on the left side of the road. That part was not so hard; it was maneuvering through the narrow streets that took some getting used to. Many two-way streets are only wide enough for one vehicle, so it was a little interesting sometimes. If anyone from the UK is reading this, and you saw me driving, I apologize for being the idiot driver everybody seems to encounter from time to time! By the grace of God, no one got hurt because of me while we were there.

May God bless you,  
Brother Albert Berg

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## UNNECESSARY, BUT INTERESTING FACTS FOR DUMMIES!

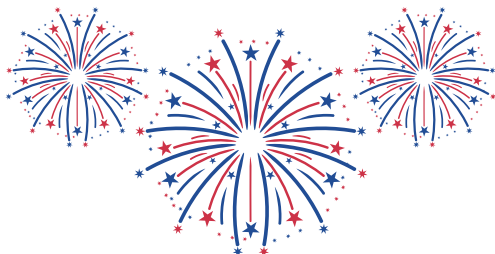
- No, the definition of *bachelor* is not, an old man that never made the same mistake once.
  - An octopus is not a cat with eight legs.
  - A synonym is not a word used to replace the one you couldn't spell.
  - The prodigal son was a feather-brained fellow who got to feeling foot-loose and fancy-free. Therefore, taking a fabulous amount of family finances, he put on flip-flops and fled far into foreign fields. Correction: he did not wear flip-flops.
  - Dinner is not a meal that wannabe sophisticated folks serve at supper time. Dinner is served in the middle of the day, and supper is the last meal of the day. See the *Oxford English Dictionary* or the *1828 Webster's American English Dictionary*.
  - Brother Lester Roloff defined the television as "the monster of Hell." It is very evident that this generation has been greatly influenced by the mainstream media and the talking heads seen on television. Brother Roloff died in 1982. One can only imagine what he would say about the evil influences that even children have access to in today's religious but lost world.
  - A redneck is not one who realizes that the civil war is over but has not yet surrendered.
  - *Vegetarian* is not an old Indian word for "a bad hunter."
  - Separation from the world is something Christians practiced in years gone by.
  - The original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek manuscripts that many wannabe Bible scholars use to pull the wool over the eyes of the common laymen do not exist, and as one preacher put it, even the wool they use is 90 percent cotton.
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## Memorials

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## Benefits &amp; Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

## Trust, Delight, Commit

Often we are asked, “What is your life’s verse?” indicating that we have a specific Scripture verse that has either impacted our life or has given direction or instruction as we live our lives. My “life verse” is Psalm 68:19, “Blessed be the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” In fact, that is where the title for this article that I write for the VBP newsletter came

from: *Blessings and Benefits*. The Word of God is an invaluable book of exhortation, encouragement, instruction, and reproof that is vitally necessary for every child of God.

However, we surely know that one verse is not all we need to make it through in this life. Truly, we need the counsel of the entire Word of God, and depending on where we are in life or what we are personally experiencing, there is Scripture to speak truth into our lives concerning those situations. I have found this to be so true in the last few months as my husband and I have transitioned to another phase of life. The change of position and the change of pace for us brought unexpected and undesirable emotional upheaval that required much personal counsel from the Word of God.

When expectations are not fulfilled and things don’t go as we hoped or planned, it is so very easy to slide into a “woe is me” pity party and get upset with everything and everyone, perhaps even including the Lord. I confess that was me as I rode a roller coaster of emotions, realizing that my life would not stay the same, and would never be the same as it had been; but down deep in my heart I knew the Lord had a plan and He only wanted the best for me. I

knew my desires needed to be submitted to His plan for me and that His way would meet the needs of my heart. So I spent some personal time in a very familiar passage of scripture—Psalm 37:3–5.

*Trust. Delight. Commit.* Three words to challenge me to fasten my spiritual eyes on the Lord and allow Him to work. *Trust*—I’ve been saved nearly forty-one years; surely I’ve learned to trust Him. After all, I am in the home stretch of my life and who else am I going to trust with these remaining days? *Delight*—my joy must come from the One who loves me more than anyone else, Who is always with me, and Who is the Source of my help. Obviously I cannot delight in myself, for here I am saying “woe is me because my life is not going my way,” and I am not delighting in others that I may have considered a source of disappointment. *Commit*—here is the command that is the most difficult; that is, to turn over my way, my plans, my desires, to the Lord and relinquish control to the One Who paid the ransom for me on the cross. Here is the point at which the rubber hits the road—if I will trust Him, I will be fed; if I will delight in Him, He will give me the desires of my heart; and if I will commit my way to Him, He will bring to pass the most perfect plan for my life that I could ever conceive of. These are promises that any saint of sound mind would never pass up!

So today I testify to you that His Word is 100 percent true, and His way is perfect. Surrender is not a bad thing when you surrender to the Lover of your soul! Now my heart is at peace with what He is doing with the rest of my days, and I can move forward in the tasks He’s given me and the place where He has placed me to serve Him. He makes no mistakes!

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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.

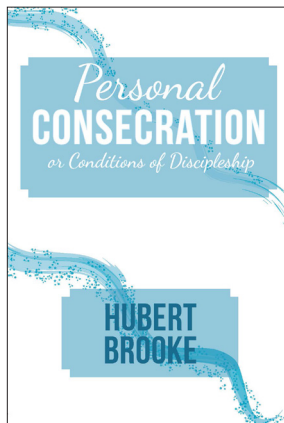
"However, moral societies are the only ones that work. If anyone thinks there is not a direct and invaluable relationship between personal integrity in a society and that society's prosperity, that person has simply not studied history. And this should not surprise us. Great moral societies, built upon faith in God, honor, trust, and the law, blossom because they are harmonious, because people love or at least respect their fellow man, 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 fellow man.

"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.'"

**"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**

— Georgia Anne Geyer, *Bits & Pieces*, September 17, 1992, pp. 23–24

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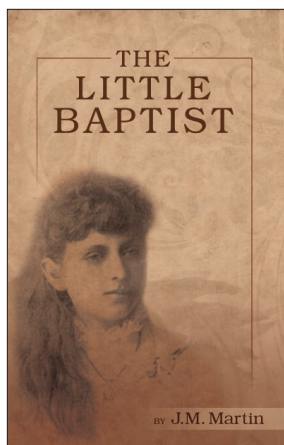


### **Personal Consecration**

by Hubert Brooke

**\$10.95**

There is a large portion of God's promised blessings as yet unclaimed by the Church of Christ, and the door that leads in to them is labeled "Personal Consecration." Some things have to be left behind by each soul who means to enter; but far grander things lie waiting to be possessed on the other side. We may well say of this good land, what Pharaoh said of rich Egypt in comparison with famine-stricken Canaan: "Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours" (Genesis 45:20). As the pages are read, may the reader's heart be led to a growing conviction of what personal consecration means, and a final decision to respond to the call, which was given in the words of David to Israel: "And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?" (1 Chronicles 29:5).



### **The Little Baptist**

by J. M. Martin

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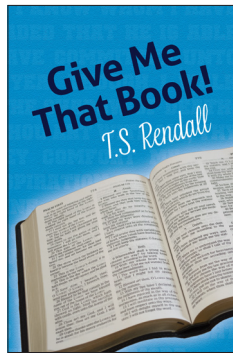
First published in 1848, *The Little Baptist* was written so that a child or an adult may read it with equal enjoyment and learning.

This is the fascinating and captivating story of little ten-year-old Mellie, who, through her personal study of the Bible given to her as a gift by her older brother, came to understand the Bible way of salvation and baptism by immersion. Though raised as a Presbyterian, Mellie became a little Baptist.

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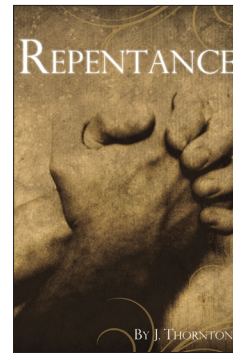


### ***Give Me That Book***

by T. S. Rendall

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### ***Repentance***

by J. Thornton

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This book, first published in 1834, has the very message the church of today has great need of. Though written as a challenge to the unconverted, the doctrine of repentance is presented so scripturally and forcefully that honest people, saved or lost, who carefully read this great book will all agree with Christ who said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

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## Pastor's Page



Pastor 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 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 of 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 forty 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 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 forty-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: for 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—Hazeel, Jehu, and Elisha. The significance of those three men is that Hazeel was the Syrian king God would use to punish Israel, Jehu was the man who would overthrow Jezebel, and Elisha was Elijah's 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 go 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 seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal (v. 18). A good question would be "where were those seven thousand 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.

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