

JUNE 2012
Twelve for Twelve

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The Failure Of Many Fathers

Introduction: Since June is the month that has been set aside to honor fathers, then certainly we need to take a good look at a father's responsibilities. Here in Ruth chapter one we see a father named Elimelech. We also discover that times are hard. It was during this time that he made a decision that led to the ruin of his family.

FIRST: EXAMINE THE DECISION.

RUTH 1:1

"...went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons."

His decision, based on getting a better job in another location, caused several things.

1. Took him out of the will of God.
2. Took him away from God's people.
3. Took his family with him. Backsliders rarely leave by themselves. They usually take those closest to them with them.

I could not tell you how many people I have known to make this same decision that led to the ruin of them and their family, removing the will of God for what they thought was a better life.

SECOND: SEE THE DESCENT.

RUTH 1:2-5

"...and continued there...dwelled there about ten years."

Remember, he only intended to "sojourn" which means to stay a short time. However, we find that he got comfortable with the money, the lifestyle and the religion of the people, so much so that his sons married girls of the "Moabite" religion. Followers of this religion literally offered up human sacrifices - little children. Notice: ***"...continued there..." "they took wives of the women of Moab..." "...Elimelech Naomi's husband died..." "...Mahlon and Chilion died..."***

Look at this horrible situation. Because a father decided to walk out of God's will just because he was having a tough time.

THIRD: CONSIDER THE FINAL DETERMINATION.

RUTH 1:6-7

"...she arose...that she might return ... for she had heard...that the Lord

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Hear Ye!

2012 Vacation Bible School

Hear Ye!



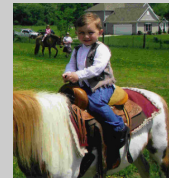
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July 8th—11th



Heritage Highlanders June 2012 Schedule

Saturday June 2
Behaviour at Meetings

Psalm 33:18

Saturday June 23
Cooking: Summer Salads

Proverbs 31:14-15

Saturday June 9
Lesson on Soulwinning

1 John 5:13

Saturday, June 30
Being a "Blessing or a Stumbling Block"

James 3:10

Saturday June 16
Honouring Fathers

Proverbs 4:1

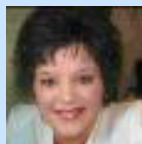
JUST A SIMPLE LESSON

RECENTLY, WHILE I WAS SHOVELING SNOW MY NEIGHBORS STOPPED TO CHAT AS THEY RETURNED HOME FROM WALKING THEIR DOG. DURING OUR FRIENDLY CONVERSATION, I ASKED THEIR LITTLE GIRL WHAT SHE WANTED TO BE WHEN SHE GROWS UP.

SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO BE PRESIDENT SOME DAY. BOTH OF HER PARENTS, LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, WERE STANDING THERE, SO I ASKED HER, "IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?" SHE REPLIED... "I'D GIVE FOOD AND HOUSES TO ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE." HER PARENTS BEAMED WITH PRIDE! "THAT'S A WORTHY GOAL!" I SAID. "BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE PRESIDENT TO DO THAT!" I TOLD HER. "WHAT DO YOU MEAN?" SHE REPLIED. SO I TOLD HER, "YOU CAN COME OVER TO MY HOUSE AND SHOVEL MY SNOW AND I'LL PAY YOU \$50. THEN YOU CAN GO OVER TO THE GROCERY STORE WHERE THE HOMELESS GUY HANGS OUT, AND YOU CAN GIVE HIM THE \$50 TO USE TOWARD FOOD AND A NEW HOUSE."

SHE THOUGHT THAT OVER FOR A FEW SECONDS, THEN SHE LOOKED ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYE AND ASKED, "WHY DOESN'T THE HOMELESS GUY COME OVER AND SHOVEL YOUR SNOW AND YOU CAN JUST PAY HIM THE \$50?"

I SAID, "WELCOME TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY." HER PARENTS STILL AREN'T SPEAKING TO ME.



Kim Kline's S'mores Pie

1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust,
softened as directed on box
1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips (9 oz.)
1 1/2 cups dark chocolate chips (9 oz.)
1 pint (2 cups) whipping cream

2 cups large marshmallows
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk (not
evaporated)

Heat oven to 450°F. Bake and cool crust as directed on box for One-Crust Baked shell.

In large microwavable bowl, place milk chocolate chips, dark chocolate chips and 1/2 cup of the whipping cream.

Microwave uncovered on High 30 seconds; stir.

Repeat until chocolate chips are stirred smooth.

Place remaining 1 1/2 cups cream and the chocolate mixture in large bowl.

Beat with electric mixer on high speed until thick. Spread in cooled pie shell. Refrigerate 2 hours.

Just before serving, set oven control to broil. Cover pie filling with large and miniature marshmallows.

Drizzle with sweetened condensed milk. Broil with top about 5 inches from heat leaving oven door open slightly and watching so it does not burn.

had visited his people..."

What was the final determination? Now that the husband is dead now that her sons are dead, she decided to go back to where she should never have left.

Think with me, no husband, no kids, and literally in misery.

Notice: **Ruth 1:20 "Call me not Naomi. Call me Mara."**

When she left she was known for her sweet spirit. "Pleasantness" is what "Naomi" means. But now, "bitterness" is what she is known for, as that is what "Mara" means.

Conclusion: Where did this begin? It all started with a Dad that did not value the will of God as much as a job. That reminds me of dozens of fathers I have known through the years that have sold out their church, even their families, for more dollars. Dad, why don't you give your family a real chance at life? Get into the will of God and never leave it.

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

The Ten Most Wanted Men

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sending them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday school class than his Sunday sleep.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left, rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for Christ's sake rather than for himself or for someone else.
7. The man who has a willing mind rather than a brilliant mind.
8. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning others to Christ than about winning worldly honor.



Jarrod
Collingsworth
Choir Director

Worldliness - The Silent Killer

Worldly by definition is: relating to, or devoted to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs. Looking at this meaning I would say that the majority of Christians do not fall into the "devoted to" category of worldly. They are not devoted to this world or its pursuits because to do so would be sin in its clearest form. What I do believe is that worldliness has two parts and that one of these parts is a silent killer that claims more Christians than that of clear cut sin. Why, because Christians do not understand that worldliness has two forms.

You see Christians find it easier to stand against clear cut sin, but when it comes to things that are not so clear such as worldliness when it "relates to" this world and its pursuits then you start to argue in your mind that what you are doing is not sin, but rather preference rather than conviction. In some respects you would be correct, but now that I have written in out plainly you can see how this silent killer works. As a Christian you are willing to argue that what you are doing is preference, but fail to see how it relates to worldliness and thus it is still sin. Remember **Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world:"**

We see in **Mark 4:19** that **"the cares of this world"** or worldliness **"chokes the word"**, and **"it becometh unfruitful"**. Ask yourself, "Am I bearing fruit", "Is the ministry I am involved in bearing fruit"? If not the reason may be that the silent killer has a hold on you. You have been too involved with worldliness and did not even realize that the silent killer was choking you.

In **Titus 2:12** we find that we need to be denying **"ungodliness and worldly lusts"**. If what you are doing has a hint of worldliness to it you should not play the preference card, but deny that worldly desire, and get it out of your life before you start to feed the silent killer.

You need to understand that giving this silent killer even a slight place in your life by choice puts division between you and God. **James 4:4** states that **"friendship of the world is enmity with God"**, and **"whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God"**. When you are presented with something that could be considered worldly and you choose to continue with that silent killer you are also choosing the world over God, and thus you have chosen to be God's enemy on this one issue. So I suggest you choose wisely before you start picking what worldly things you wish to continue doing.

You need to decide to not let this silent killer in your life. By reading this you should start to see that even the smallest part of worldliness can have major effects on your Christian life, your church, your family, and your relationship with God. Remember this **1 John 2:17** states, **"the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."**

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. In 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 we at Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved and baptized every—single—week. That makes 6 years in a row!
2. We are so happy to announce the speaker for the Ladies' Annual Retreat. This year the special speaker will be Mrs. Francie Taylor.



Mrs. Francie Taylor

The Theme: "Building A Godly Heritage"
The Time: Friday, June 8th, at 7:00 PM



VBS
July 8-11



Books by Mrs. Taylor

Memories Of Great Warriors



Dr. J. Frank Norris

J. Frank Norris (1877-1952) was called, "The Fighting Fundamentalist," "The Texas Tornado," and "The Two-Gun Parson." One of the most controversial and colorful figures of the history of fundamentalism, he earned these and other titles during a 43-year ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.



Rare photo of Dr. Hyles & John R. Rice

"OH, HOW WE HAVE CHANGED!"



"LOOK, HONEY! HE'S REBELLING!"

To Any Daddy

There are little eyes upon you. they're watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager to do everything you do.
And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be just like you.
You're the little fellow's idol, you're the wisest of the wise;
In his little mind, about you no suspicions ever rise.
He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and do.
He will say and do in your way when he's grown up like you.
This wide-eyed little fellow who believes you're always right.
And his ears are always open and he watches day and night.
You are setting an example every day in all you do.
For the little fellow who's waiting to grow up to be just like you.

Author Unknown



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth **Still Courtin'**

Recently I have been asked by several people, "What is the secret for staying married for so long?" My husband and I will be married for 33 years this June the 29th. Though many couples have been married for longer than this, it is certain that in today's society of "living together" or "divorce and remarriage" that it is no small matter to celebrate 33 years of marriage!

How do you do it? My first response is, "It is the Lord!" He is the one who brought us together.

He is the one who keeps us together-through thick and thin; through good times and bad times.

A successful marriage is a marriage where both partners WORK on keeping their marriage fresh and sweet.

Willing to listen and to give of yourself to your spouse.

Open communication. Don't go to bed angry.

Remember to pray. Remember why you married your spouse. Remember to be thankful.

Keep on Courtin'. Continue to do those things you did while dating. Keep dating, Keep writing those loving notes. Keep yourself looking nice for your spouse.

These are just a few things that should open a flood gate of ideas on how to keep your marriage fresh and interesting. Happy Courting!!



Jack and
Beverly
Hyles

It's a serious indictment for anyone to change or tamper with the Word of God. God says, "If you tamper with My Record, then I'll tamper with yours. You change My Book, and I'll change your part in the book up here. You change My Book down there, and I'll change your book up here. You take away My words down there, and I'll take away your rewards up here in Heaven." God gives a special warning to those who add to or take away from His Book.

The Devil attacks (changes) the Word of God in several ways.

1. The Devil adds to the Words of God.

Deuteronomy 4:2 says, "***Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you.***" I'm going to mention some of these so-called bibles to show that these "bibles" are committing the sin God is mentioning in this verse.

For instance, the Catholic Bible has added the Apocryphal books between the Old and New Testament. The Mormons have the Book of Mormon plus the Bible. The Catholics and the Mormons say that the Bible is okay, but they have added to the Bible.

Proverbs 30:5 says, "***...he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou he found a liar.***" Publishers of these so-called new Bibles, you are liars! Anybody that adds to the Word of God is a liar.

According to the **Proverbs 30:5**, the Catholic "Bible" and the Book of Mormon are not Bibles at all because these books added to the Words of God.

2. The Devil subtracts from the Words of God.

Revelation 22:19 says, "***And if any man shall take away from the words of this book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city....***"

The Reader's Digest Condensed Version is an example of subtracting from the Bible. That means if anybody in Reader's Digest is saved (which I doubt) and anybody who worked on that condensed Bible is saved, he took away from the words of God. He condensed the words of God. My Bible says if the person is saved, some of his rewards will be taken out of the Book of Life. Likewise, he will not enjoy Heaven because some of the enjoyment he would have had in Heaven will likewise be taken out of the Book of Life. This reference also includes the ASV, NASV, RSV, NIV and all other versions that "take away" from the Words of God.

3. The Devil diminishes the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 4:2, "***Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.***"

Deuteronomy 12:32 states, "***What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.***"

The word, diminish, does not mean "takes away some of the words." The word, diminish, is an interesting word which means, "makes simpler in order to clarify."

Did you know the Devil is working awfully hard on children's Bibles these days? The publishers say, "We want to put the Bible in the language a child can understand." The publishers better keep it in the language in which God gave it!

To add to means "to add some of your own words to the Bible." To take away means "to take away part of the Bible," but to diminish means "to change some of the Bible to make it simpler and easier to understand." The Bible is not hard to understand. On the contrary, this Book is easy for anyone to understand—even children.

God said, "I don't want you adding anything to My Book; I don't want you taking anything away from My Book; and I don't want you making anything simpler in My Book. I gave you the Words; don't tamper with Them. Leave Them just like they are and don't meddle with Them."

Mother-Daughter Prize Winning Mountain Berry Pie



2 CUPS SLICED STRAWBERRYS
1-1/2 CUPS SLICED RHUBARB
8 OZ BLACK BERRYS
1/2 CUP BLUEBERRYS

1/2 CUP SOUR CHERRIES (MOM'S CHOICE) **OR**
1 FRESH PEELED & SLICED PEACH (DAUGHTER'S
CHOICE)
1/4 CUP MINUTE TAPIOCA
1-1/4 CUP SUGAR

PLACE ALL OF THE INGREDIENTS IN A LARGE BOWL AND GENTLY MIX WELL. LET STAND 15 MINUTES.

YOU NEED TOP AND BOTTOM PREPARED PIE CRUST. LINE A 9 INCH PIE PLATE WITH PIE CRUST. FILL WITH FRUIT MIXTURE. DOT WITH 1 TABLESPOON BUTTER. COVER WITH TOP CRUST SEAL & FLUTE EDGE CUT SEVERAL SLITS IN CRUST. BAKE IN PREHEATED 400°F OVEN 45 TO 50 MINUTES OR UNTILL JUICES FORMS BUBBLES THAT BURST SLOWLY. COOL. MAKES 8 SERVINGS. ENJOY



Jessica's New Car

Many thanks to Michael Fannin from **Park Ford** in Tallmadge, Ohio, for his great help and service in purchasing this car.

A WOMAN DECIDED TO HOST A WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY. EVERYONE WAS TO BRING SOMETHING THEY COULD NOT USE BUT WHICH WAS TOO GOOD TO THROW AWAY. THE PARTY WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS EXCEPT THAT 11 OF THE 19 WOMEN BROUGHT THEIR HUSBANDS.

TWO MEN WERE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT COOKING. "I GOT A COOKBOOK A FEW YEARS AGO," ONE SAID, "BUT I COULD NEVER DO ANYTHING WITH IT." "WERE THE RECIPES TOO HARD?" HIS FRIEND ASKED. "YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT. EVERY ONE OF THEM STARTED THE SAME WAY: 'TAKE A CLEAN DISH.'"



"PARDON ME, DOCTOR, BUT EXACTLY WHERE DID YOU STUDY ANESTHESIOLOGY?"



Dr. Al Lacy with our Pastor

The KJV is not the "best" translation ... it is the ONLY translation. When you say "best," that means that there are others that come close. NO! NO! All the others are Satan's counterfeits! They contain UNTRUTHS and LIES!

David of Old said emphatically to God, **"I have STUCK unto thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:31).** God's "testimonies" are His SCRIPTURES ... all sixty-six books. So I say with David, "Lord, I have STUCK unto your King James Bible!" I'm sticking with it because it is the pure, perfect, inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God! And the beauty of it all is that I can HOLD IT IN MY HAND! I can SEE it! I can READ it! I can STUDY IT! I can PREACH it! As I have shown throughout this book, the Alexandrians HAVE no Bible. They all agree that the only inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of

God that ever existed was the papyrus and ink of the "original manuscripts." They cannot hold their Bible in their HANDS. They cannot SEE it. They cannot READ it. They cannot STUDY it. They cannot PREACH it. Just as God calls His Word by other descriptions like His "testimonies," He also uses such words as His "statutes," His "precepts," His "commandments," His "way," His "judgments," and His "law." I want to show you something . . . then I will draw this book to a close. David wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,

"I will Keep thy statutes ..." (Psalm 119:8).

"I will DELIGHT MYSELF in thy statutes ..." (Psalm 119:16).

"I have inclined mine heart to PERFORM thy statutes always, even unto the end" (Psalm 119:112).

The Alexandrians tell us that the only STATUTES of God that ever existed were the "ORIGINAL" statutes . . . that the ONLY inspired Word of God that ever existed was the fiber and ink in the papyrus of the "ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS." They say this in spite of the fact that Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in Romans 15:4 and told us that, **"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for OUR learning, that WE through patience and comfort of the SCRIPTURES might have hope."**

Let the Alexandrians remain in their stubborn and willful ignorance. I believe GOD. Therefore, I HAVE the SCRIPTURES in my possession AT THIS MOMENT! My inspired, inerrant, perfect, preserved-through-translation King James Bible has ALL of God's statutes from **Genesis 1:1** through **Malachi 4:6** and from **Matthew 1:1** through **Revelation 22:21!**

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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