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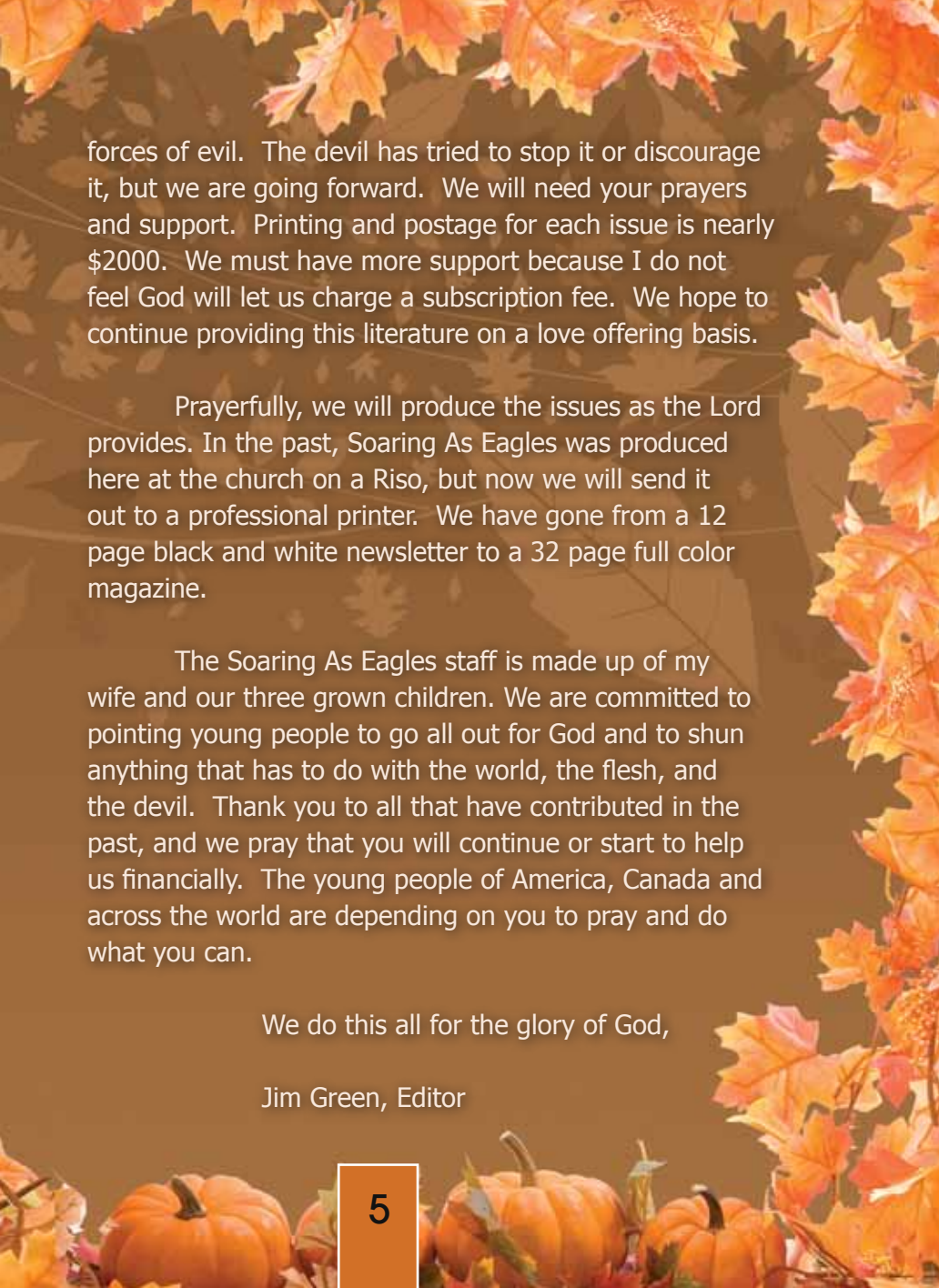
A Letter to You:

Welcome to the new Soaring As Eagles full-color lay-out!

When God laid this ministry on my heart over eight years ago and we printed our first issue, it was something I knew God definitely wanted us to do. God put a very strong burden on my heart and then He confirmed it several times through people or conversations. He also gave me Psalm 45:1, "My heart is inditing a good matter;...my tongue is the pen of a ready writer." I love to write, and my family has been in publishing for over thirty-five years.

We have gone through a down time and honestly I didn't know if we would be able to continue the newsletter. But God would not let it go or pull the burden from my heart. Young people are hurting everywhere, and I must try to do something.

This ministry is desperately needed. The challenges our youth are facing are like none before. By God's grace, we are going to do all we can with His help to combat the

The page is framed by a border of vibrant autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The background is a soft, warm brown. At the bottom, several pumpkins are visible, adding to the seasonal theme.

forces of evil. The devil has tried to stop it or discourage it, but we are going forward. We will need your prayers and support. Printing and postage for each issue is nearly \$2000. We must have more support because I do not feel God will let us charge a subscription fee. We hope to continue providing this literature on a love offering basis.

Prayerfully, we will produce the issues as the Lord provides. In the past, Soaring As Eagles was produced here at the church on a Riso, but now we will send it out to a professional printer. We have gone from a 12 page black and white newsletter to a 32 page full color magazine.

The Soaring As Eagles staff is made up of my wife and our three grown children. We are committed to pointing young people to go all out for God and to shun anything that has to do with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thank you to all that have contributed in the past, and we pray that you will continue or start to help us financially. The young people of America, Canada and across the world are depending on you to pray and do what you can.

We do this all for the glory of God,

Jim Green, Editor



ask the preacher

This question came from a reader in England.

"I am a Christian. I have been baptized, but I am still swearing. I want to stop, but I'm finding it hard to do. Also, I wondered if I stopped, should I be baptized again or is it wrong in God's eyes?"

You say you are a Christian, but may I ask you if you have been saved or born again? Being baptized is the right thing to do after you have been saved. (Acts 2:41 *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized..."*) Once you are saved, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your heart. When you do wrong, you feel a prick in your heart. It is the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

That is how God tells us that we are doing something that He is not happy about.

Jesus said in John 16:7-13, *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin... .Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth..."*

Wanting to stop swearing is the right thing to do, but baptism has nothing to do with it. Baptism is an act of obedience to what God commands after we are saved. You are baptized once just like you get saved once. When we sin, we have to confess our

sin to God (I John 1:9 *"If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..."*), but we don't get saved again nor do we have to be baptized again.

The question is, *"How do I stop swearing?"*

First of all, you must realize that swearing is wrong. It is sin. If the Holy Spirit lives inside of you, He will make you feel bad every time you say swear words. If you love the Lord, you won't want to displease Him. I Timothy 4:12 also reminds us that we are to be an example of the believers in word and conversation. Swearing should not come out of a Christian's mouth. Taking the name of

the Lord in vain is in direct disobedience to God's Word.

Secondly, are you around people that swear a lot? Perhaps you swear to be like them. Then you need to try to tell your friends why you feel you shouldn't swear, and maybe they will see they need to be saved, too. If they don't see it that way, maybe you need to find some new friends. Friends that swear will also try to get you to do other things that you should not do.

Do you have a parent or a pastor that could pray with you about this? Having someone to be accountable to will also help you to be careful what you say. • **the end**



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Guard Your Heart

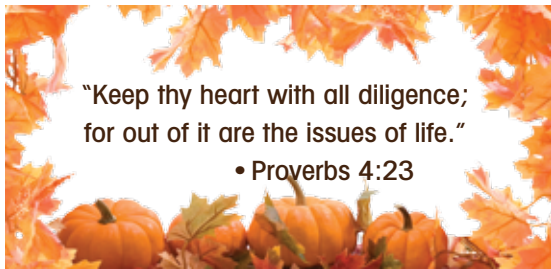
by Dr. Scott Gray



There is no doubt that there are things you ought to guard and protect. I have been married for 14 years, and we have three sons. I would protect my family. You break into my house, and I will hurt you. It would be an honor to stand before a judge and say, “Yea, it was me. I shot every one of them.” You abuse my family, and I will protect them.

I was counseling with a young man. He said he wasn’t sure if this girl was the right girl for him. He said, “You know my heart says...” and right there I stopped him. “Whoa, you’d better not follow your heart. It will get you in trouble.”

You’ve heard people say, “I know my heart.” No, you don’t! *“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?”* You must be careful about getting your heart involved in things. Once your heart is there, you are



there. God himself couldn't talk you out of it.

The Bible tells us that there are many things we ought to keep or to guard. Let's look first of all at Philippians 4:8. *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

One thing you ought to guard is your mind. The mind is a terrible thing to waste. I know you think you don't have a brain, but

you do. It might be the size of a BB, but it's there. Have you ever had something come to your mind and you thought, why did I think of that? Once it's in there, it's there. The mind is an unbelievable computer. You ought to guard it. Drugs are a no-brainer. Come on, you are really going to smoke that? You're an idiot! You're gonna snort that? You won't be able to spell your name backwards even if it is Bob. You'll be wasted!

What I'm talking about is once you let things into your mind, once you start playing games with your mind and thinking

about things you shouldn't, you are in trouble. If you think about something long enough, you're going to do it.

Not long ago, I was preaching a revival meeting in a prison. A man tapped me on the shoulder and called me by name. I hadn't seen him since the fifth grade. Who remembers fifth grade? Uh, I went three times, but I still don't remember it. He said to me, "We went to the same Christian school, we heard the same preaching." He said all he was doing was driving a car. He was waiting outside, but he was as guilty as they were. He said,

“They kept telling me to think of all the money I’d get. I thought about it too long. They talked me into it. I thought about it too long, and I did it.” What a waste of time to spend your days in prison? Young men that don’t guard their minds do things they wished they hadn’t. The Bible says, “Think on things that are honest and of good report.”

We should also guard our eyes. Psalms 101:3, *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.”* You may not be able to control all the things you see. As you walk around or drive around, sometimes things

just jump out at you. *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.”* That TV is set before you. The verse not only said I will set no wicked thing before me, it also said I will hate the work of those that turn aside. I’ve known friends in the same youth group, both with good parents, but because they chose wicked things to set before themselves and they did not guard their eyes, they were friends with the world and enemies of God. You’re not going to yoke up with both of them. You’d better be careful about what you set before your eyes. They are not just good people going

the wrong way. They are wicked and taking a whole lot of people with them. Hate the work of those that turn aside.

I’ve seen good kids that were at youth conferences last year that are not there this year. What happened? It’s a phenomenal thing. How could they get turned aside? The eye gate is what fills the mind. You had better be careful what you look at. We’d better guard our mind and guard our eyes.

ITim.4:12. *“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”*

We need to guard our purity. Keep thyself pure. Again, a no-brainer. Kids, please listen to your mom and dad. Listen, it is not that they don't want you married. Trust me. They want you to get married. We just want you to marry

the right one so you don't come back! When momma's done raising you, she doesn't want to raise your three little ones! No! No! No! You'd better guard your purity and marry the right one.

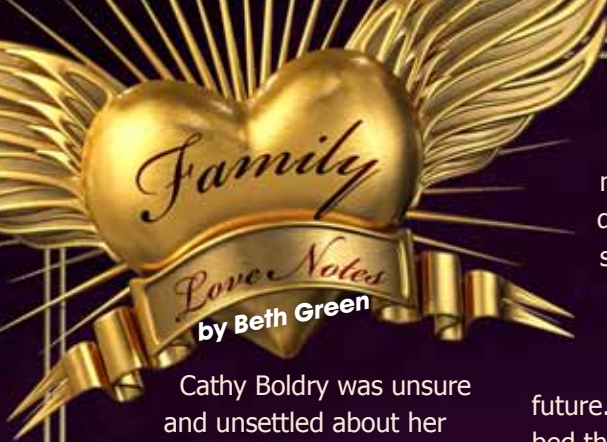
I was raised in a really strict home.

Have you ever walked through an airport where they have those detectors that beep when you walk through them? When you walked through our house, something beeped if you just thought about doing
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where to go? what to do?



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Cathy Boldry was unsure and unsettled about her change in plans. She submitted to her dad's decision that she should not go away to Bible college but instead take classes at a small college near home. In her mind, she couldn't quite get over the feeling that maybe she had missed the opportunity to be in God's will, but she never forgot the decision she had made during a revival meeting as a young teenager to be in full-time ministry serving the Lord, and often she wondered if God would still open that door for her.

One Friday in
October of
the next
year, some
things

happened at work that convinced her that she needed to leave her job. (It doesn't look quite as earth-shaking on paper now, but that day it was a huge decision that opened up huge fears of the unknown future.) On her knees beside her bed that evening, she reminded the Lord of her desire to serve Him instead of giving her life to a secular occupation. She still wasn't sure if she might have missed God's will forever, but she told the Lord she was willing to do any job He had for her to do. She claimed once again the verse she had at graduation. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11) With tears streaming down her face, once more she gave her all to the Lord, every ambition and aspiration. She completely consecrated her life to the Lord again.

That very same night something unusual happened—something that only the Lord in His great and mighty plan could

have orchestrated. The phone rang in Cathy's home, and it was a call from Dr. Joe Boyd, an evangelist that her family had known for years. He asked if the family would be able to come and provide music for a revival meeting, which they had done several times in the past.

When the family couldn't come, he asked if Cathy could come to the meeting and sing and play piano for the services. The meeting was to start on the following Monday, and previous plans had fallen through that left them suddenly without any music for the meeting. In the back of her mind, she wondered if this could be the Lord's answer to her prayer just minutes before, but she also felt obligated to work out her two weeks notice, so she was torn about what to do. Brother Boyd finished the call saying, "Here is the number to call WHEN you decide that you're coming!" She fell asleep that night asking the Lord what she should do.

The very next morning another call came. "We're having Dr. Joe Boyd for revival and our pianist has broken her arm.

Cathy, we really need you to come and play for the meeting and provide the special music." That revival was scheduled for the second week of her two week notice at work.

She didn't have any idea what God had in store for her after those two weeks would end, but she was sure, beyond any doubt, that God had opened up this door for her to be in full-time ministry for the Lord just like she'd asked him—at least for the next two weeks!

On Monday she handed in her keys and apologized that she was unable to finish out the two weeks at the bank. She got in her car and drove to the Boyds home in West Virginia. To her surprise, Bro. Boyd
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something wrong.

I was twenty-one years of age when I got married. I remember well my bride standing beside me on our wedding day when my dad said we could join hands. I had never held hands with a girl before in my life. I thought, “Are you sure? My mom is sitting over there in the second row. She’ll throw a song book at me.” Wow! Then he said I could kiss the bride. I had never kissed a girl in my life but one. You’re wondering, yea, who was it? It was my momma! So, we stared at each other for a second, and I leaned over

and kissed her just like I kissed my momma—right there on the cheek. My dad started laughing like you are, and then he said, “No, kiss her right.” I thought, You’ve been telling me not to for 21 years, and now you are making fun of me for not doing it right? Well, I learned.

I will never forget as we were riding off the parking lot, I stopped at the edge of the road. I said, “Jenny, check this out. We are in the car. There is no one else in here.” Usually there’s 20 million chaperones.

We were allowed one phone call a week—ten minutes

on Saturday. Half of you are freaking out right now. Do you know what my dad was doing? He was guarding me. Did I like it? No, but today I am thankful for it. Tonight I get to go home to my lovely wife and look at her straight in the eye and say, “I love you with all my heart.” You know why, because someone taught me to keep myself pure. No one wants second-hand merchandise. When I want the best, I won’t be shopping at the thrift store.

You can at least say from here on out, I’m a new person. I’m going to be clean and pure. When that old crowd comes

around and they will, you can say, “Not me. I’m going to do right. I’m going to keep myself pure. I’m a new person. It’s a new day.” Before he got saved, the Apostle Paul was one of the worst people in the whole world. He killed people and put Christians in jail. After he got saved, he was a new person; it was a new day. You’d better keep yourself pure. It will make

or break you in the ministry. It will make or break your life.

The greatest decision you make after you get saved is whom you marry. Why?

Because it will make or break what you are allowed to do for the gospel’s sake. Keep yourself pure.

Not only that, you ought to guard your mouth. Matt.

15:11 says, *“Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man,*

but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.”

Here’s an experiment.

Pretend the preacher called the girls in your youth group up to sing a special. But before they sing, let’s give them a big six-pack of Coca-Cola. They can look nice, they can sing good, but they will belch. They won’t be able to sing without burping. It’s gotta come out!

Four Generations:

Great grandfather Dr. Don Green holds his great grandson and namesake Donald Lewis Green II.

Evangelist Seth Green, father, and Pastor James Green, grandfather, stand behind.



Have you ever said something and wish you hadn't? Have you ever been teasing someone and said a little too much and had to apologize? You'd better guard your mouth and what comes out, but the Bible also says to guard your heart with all diligence. That means with all keeping. You don't know how many adults sit in a service and have wicked,

vile things running through their minds. They wish they would have had a youth director or a godly parent to try to keep them from that wicked stuff that now they can't forget. Now they live with the results of what they've seen and what they've done.

How important it is to guard your heart! Above anything you've seen, or above anything

you've said, guard your heart with all diligence! I can guard what you see, but I can't guard your heart from working. I can guarantee you that there will be no rock-n-roll on this platform, no smoking, no drugs. Besides that, there is no Christian rock-n-roll. Just like there is no Christian alcohol. No Christian prostitution. Your mom and dad can



They Live Happily Ever After

(see story page 12)

The Dennis Corle Family, May 30, 2008

Lee, Lydia, Charys and Irelynn Sexton

Rebekah and Jonathan Shirey

Christianna, Cathy and Dennis Corle

say, “Turn that music off.” You can turn it off, but your heart may still have it on. Let me give you a scientific fact. If your heart quits working, you die. And spiritually, if your heart quits, we’re in trouble.

Number one, be careful what you look at. The Bible says, *“Mine eye affecteth mine heart.”* You’d better be careful what you look at. You look at it long enough, it will mess you up.

Number two, be careful what you think about. You look at it long enough and then you think about it, it will mess you up.

Number three, guard your emotions. Everybody has emotions. Everybody has a laugh. Something makes you laugh. Something makes you smile. Even the grumpiest old man will smile at a newborn baby.

That which is given away cannot be taken back without a fight. A young lady comes crying and says, “He dumped me.” Her tears are real. Her emotions are real. He took her heart from her and crumpled it up and threw it back.

Imagine riding home from camp on a hot church bus with a group of guys that haven’t

taken baths all week long? You will stink by the time you get home. But after a good shower, you feel so clean. It is the same way with God. For some of us, it has been a long time since we bathed. The preacher preaches because you stink! Your attitude stinks and everyone smells it! You haven’t bathed in the Bible.

For some of us, it’s been a long time since we’ve bathed in the sweet Word of God. Keep your heart in tune with God.

- Guard your mind.
- Guard your eyes.
- Guard your purity.
- Guard your mouth.
- Above all, guard your heart! •end

Thinking About Home

I grew up in a home of five boys and one little sister. My father saw the dangers of television and the direction it was going and threw it out the back door never to return into our home. As soon as he made that decision, the devil lied to my father and told him that he “would lose his boys” over getting rid of the TV. Actually he saved us from a lot of trash coming into our little eyes.

To pass time (which flew by so fast), we would do a lot of crazy, entertaining things. One of the things we would do was to bring our bikes into the basement and jump over someone. I, being the youngest and smallest, seemed to always get nominated to be the “human sacrifice.” I survived.



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We would invite all the kids in the neighborhood and charge them a nickel apiece to see “the show,” and then we would have a gospel concert. We would place the leaves from the dining room table that were stored in the basement over four chairs and make a stage. We then would take my father’s golf clubs, the woods, and turn them up-side-down to use as microphones. It was make-believe, but it was wholesome fun.

Young people, it is important to establish great memories of your life at home. Work on building some pleasant memories instead of being a recluse and turning to rebellion. Someday you will be removed from the family, and you will wish that you had sweet memories.

I’m fifty year old now and I still cherish those times with my brothers (and sister), and I am so glad all our fun wasn’t centered around the television!





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was not preaching that week. He was using one of his preacher boys, Dennis Corle, who had been traveling with him for the summer and fall months to receive training in evangelism after finishing Bible college.

Cathy enjoyed being involved in the meeting and thought the preaching was fantastic. (She didn't admit it at the time, but she thought the evangelist was right up there, too.) The next week she flew to Maryland to be in that revival meeting where Dr. Boyd was preaching.

When those two weeks were over, she returned home and began

working office jobs for a temporary employment agency. She wondered if the Lord was done with her.

Only a few weeks passed and Brother Boyd called again, "Cathy, I'm in the middle of a six week trip in Texas, and my secretary had to quit suddenly. Could you go to the office and hold down the fort until I get back?" Again Cathy stayed with Mrs. Boyd, and she enjoyed trying to keep up with some of the office duties she'd helped with before.

Dennis and Cathy saw each other daily at the office, had many conversations, and there was definitely a growing interest, but Brother Boyd still thought they weren't noticing one another in the way he had expected. They still laugh over this comment. "Son, do you have a girlfriend? What about Cathy? She's pretty, she sings, she plays the piano, and she can type like a fiend! You better listen to this old dog, or you're going to be up at 2 o'clock in the morning with the typewriter going plink-plink-plink!"

It didn't take long, and their conversations led to more serious matters, like where the Lord wanted them to serve, and whether He might have plans for them to serve together. Before long they were delirious and absent-minded, like all couples in love. Brother Boyd's new complaint was, "Whatsoever thou doest, do quickly. You've got my office in an uproar!"

Cathy and Dennis were married on June 28, 1981 at Mt. Salem Baptist Church and have been faithfully serving the Lord together in the field of evangelism ever since. God has used them working together to edit and publish "Revival Fires!" monthly paper, and many books have been published as well. Cathy has written many songs. I love her arrangements! See their website for CD's and music books.

The Lord has blessed the Corle family with three beautiful daughters. Lydia and Rebekah are already married and serving the Lord with their husbands, and Christianna just turned 12 years

old. They have two sweet little grand-daughters, and a grandson on the way. I have a special bond with the Corles: their oldest daughter, Lydia, led me to the Lord during a revival meeting at my home church in 1992, when I was only five.

We thank the Lord for the Corle family and their wonderful love story. Like Cathy, we should all commit to serve the Lord with our whole hearts and trust that Him to be the Matchmaker to put us with the right mate whom we can love and serve with for a lifetime!

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CrossWord Puzzle

Across:

3. Drugs are a ____-_____
6. After a bus ride with sweaty boys you'll _____
7. "Be _____ and know that I am God"
8. Above all guard your _____
11. The brain is an unbelievable _____
13. The heart is _____ above all things
14. Young people who don't guard their _____ do things they wished they had not done
15. There is no such thing as christian _____
17. What sisters often call brothers
19. Twenty million _____
20. You can't _____ up with the world and God
21. The microphones were _____

Down:

1. Three times in the _____ and still can't remember it
2. The TV is _____ before you.
4. Some brains are the size of a _____
5. Guard you heart with all _____
9. Who is the father of lies and lied to Don Green
10. As the youngest he was nominated for _____
12. Musical term for slow down
16. Charge of admission to the show
18. It's important to establish great _____
22. How many children were in Don Green's Family

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Living in a Fishbowl by seth green

I remember when I was young and living in a house around the corner from the church. It was like living in a fishbowl where it seemed everyone could see right into our house. People knew who our visitors were by the cars parked at our house. They could see if we cut our grass regularly or what time the lights went out, and they didn't mind telling us what they saw.

When my wife was young, she had glass-house-syndrome much worse. Her father was pastoring a church, and the parsonage was right next door. One time after church, a gentleman gave a report that he had

gone over to the pastor's house and found two fans running full speed and something ought to be done about the wasted electricity. (After all, mid-summer in Texas without air conditioning—how dare they leave a fan running!)

That was over a decade ago, but things like that stick into the mind of a young child. I'm sure you have horror stories you can tell about your fishbowl, too. I'll admit sometimes it's hard living your life an open book to the scrutiny of all.

Another problem that will go on forever in the life of a preacher's kid is being labeled the preacher's kid. Sometimes you get sick of hearing it. "I'm normal just like you!" But people don't get it. Any thing negative you do, they point right back at your dad. Sister Selma wails, "A pastor should rule well his own house. How's he supposed to take care of our precious souls if he can't keep his kids in line?"

Then there are your peers...the ones reading this article. Your friends come up to you and create the world's most awkward moment by saying, "What's so different? Your life is not any different than mine." They are the ones spouting of in their heads right now, "Why would someone write an article just for the preacher's kid?" But, PK, did you ever think that just because they have to ask the question, "What's different?" means that something is different? Just because you can't answer the question doesn't mean nothing's different.

You are different. You have to hold up the weight of your dad! He leads many people, and a few insist on picking him apart. You can't let them get to him by going through you. Your life may be spent in a fishbowl. It may seem that people have their eyes glued on you like the cat in the picture ready to pounce if you stop walking circumspectly every minute of the day. But you can't let the pressure weigh you down.

Hebrews 12:1 says, "...*let us lay aside every weight...and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*"

Let it roll off you like water off a duck's back. Be the bigger man! I know it sounds cliché, but it works. I made it through, and I wound up loving the ministry so much that I got into it myself! My wife made it through! And now we have a little boy of our own to be raised in the ministry! It's really not that bad. The ministry is the most wonderful place to be. There is joy in serving Jesus. It's been a wonderful ride. Sometimes we're picked on. Sometimes we're left out.

As Paul said in I Cor. 6:7, "*Why do ye not rather take wrong?*" They will never understand. Your friends, people in your dad's church, people on the evangelism trail—they've never been where you are. To pick on the preachers' kid makes them little people. SO you be the bigger man and serve God anyway! • **end**



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Music Notes

By Terri Green

Ritardando is a musical term that is usually abbreviated as rit. While explaining the definition to a student recently, the root word, “retard,” became the focus of attention for a few minutes. I’m not talking about the noun “retard” which some sister uses as a slang word for her brother. You know, kinda slow sometimes? I’m talking about the verb “retard” which refers to slowing down.

Many times in the Bible we are told to slow down as in waiting (Isaiah 40:31), to wait patiently (Ps. 37:7, 40:1), and to “*be still and know that I am God*” (Ps. 46:10). There are rewards for those that wait on the Lord—they shall renew their strength. To those that wait patiently, He inclines His ear. To those that be still, we have the promise of knowing that He is God.

The word “still” means “to slacken, be faint, wax feeble, be weak, abate, to cease.” Other definitions are:

slacken: to become less energetic, not under any tension.

abate: to reduce, to do away with, to grow less.

feeble: lacking in energy or strength, weak, unclear, lacking in effectiveness.

So in other words... Be weak and know that I am God, or Be strengthless and know that I am God. So here the Lord is saying it is ok to be weak. Why? Because 2 Cor.12:9 says *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

Jesus wants his bride to be WEAK!!! Why? So that His power, His capabilities, can shine through us, and He gets ALL the glory!! That is why His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts! 1 Cor 1:25 says, *"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men..."* So whatever you are going through right now, know that the Lord is perfecting your weakness; know that you are a work in progress, and you will come out a strong overcomer in Christ.

So when life is full of turmoil and the musical score is getting a little too difficult to handle, let "ritardando" be your new word for action—slow down a bit and wait for God.





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