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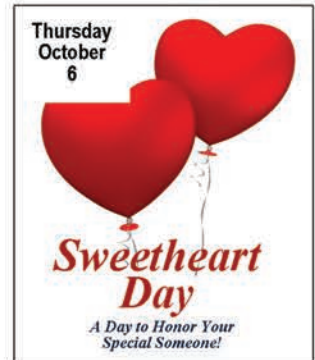
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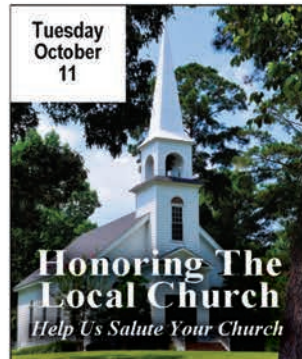
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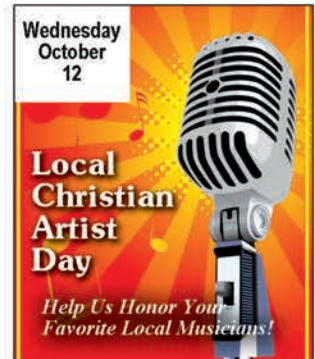
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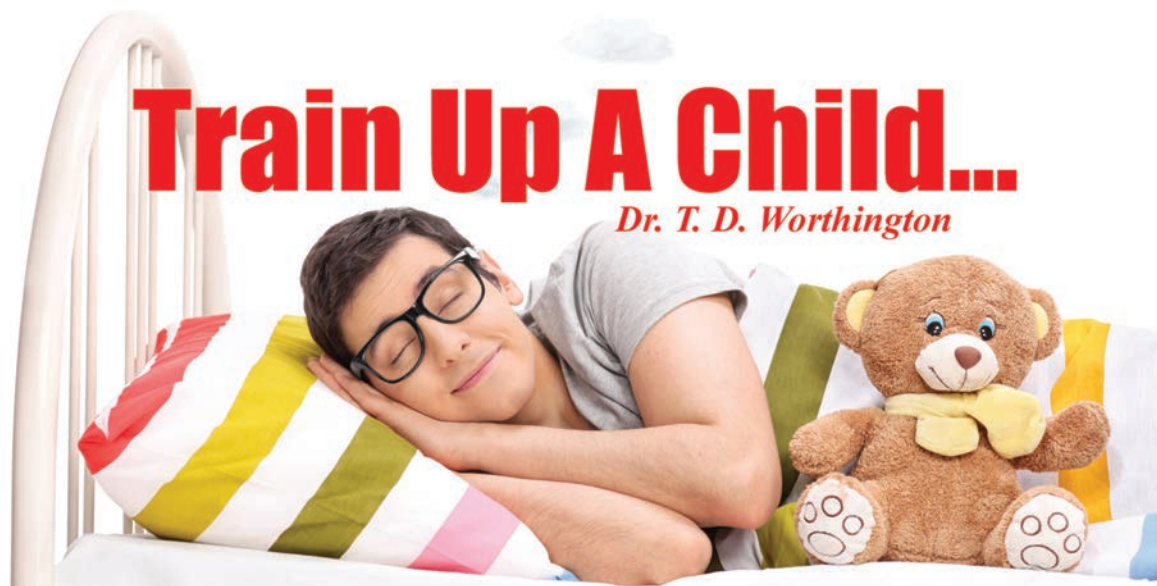
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***“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”***

**Proverbs 22:6**

Some time back, the Encyclopedia Britannica announced that after 244 years of publishing, they were now ceasing the printing of books. From now on digital editions are all that will be available. Indeed, the times are changing, and since I won't live long enough to get used to all this, I am beginning to wonder if there is any reason to bother trying.

One of the big changes I see today is children who seem to be unable or unwilling to grow up. I am reminded of *Peter Pan*. J. M. Barrie created this mischievous young boy who could fly, but could never grow up. Peter Pan would spend his never-ending childhood having adventures on the island of Neverland. This was a fairy tale, but today it has become a reality.

It is ironic the same society that expects little kids to adapt to a structured classroom by the time they are three, expects so little from teenagers. We seem to over-protect and insulate our teens from every possible learning experience. Of course, do we really

know what is dangerous? Should you let your child ride a bike to school, or strap her into a car for the trip? Is one really safer than the other? Which child is more at risk, the sedentary one who sets back eating chips, playing video games and getting fat, or the one riding a bike without a helmet?

Although we all know of glowing exceptions, by and large most kids simply don't grow up until their hair starts to grey. Adolescence, which used to indicate a child under sixteen, has been redefined to extend well into the 20s and 30s. Real maturity seems to be coming later and later, if it comes at all. Modern culture says it is wrong to expect a teenager to grow up, accept responsibility, and start being an asset rather than a liability. People used to have large families because children were an asset. Today, we feel we can't handle but two or three because children are a liability, and all too often they may be a permanent liability. In 2011, almost a fifth of males between 25 and 34 still lived with their parents. Well over half of those were non-financial contributors to the home. The average age of video game players has now risen to 30 years old. The number of men in their early 40s who have never married has risen fourfold.

Now, let me ask you, would you expect anyone to be good at their calling if they only learned from textbooks and never actually obtained any practical experience? Is that the kind of doctor you would like to have? What if they never had to answer for their mistakes in the real world? Would this be a real learning experience for the medical student? Would the work lose its meaning and relevance if we were always disengaged from the real world? Yet, this is how we build teenagers today. We have insulated them from work, responsibilities, and consequences. We have delayed their development and have made it almost impossible for them to grow up.

There was a time when most kids had a job. They worked on the farm, delivered papers, or established a business mowing lawns. Many worked full time in the summer and continued to work part time during the school year. At the same time many college students had to work to pay their tuition. But, several decades back we decided that teens ought to concentrate on academics, not labor. Learning was to take place from books alone and not augmented by real life experience. Thus we made education or sports the only way

they could meaningfully demonstrate their competencies. No wonder they have difficulty establishing a sense of their own individuality. When I was in college, the university acted as somewhat of a parental figure, particularly regarding sex, alcohol, and accepting responsibility. Modern institutions have apparently decided that students are mature enough to make up their own minds. Yet, at the same time, they assume the students are not mature enough to handle discomfiting speech, which must be regulated and confined to “*free speech zones*.” Apparently, college kids raised by modern parents are strong enough to handle alcohol and pre-marital sex, but are so brittle they will break if confronted with ideas they don’t like.

Many kids of past generations learned about the real world through their work. From a young age they could learn the problems of the real world from their employers. They had responsibilities. Most teenagers don’t work today, and many that are employed, do not work in an adult world with adult expectations. Employers have found it necessary to create a modified workplace for the few teens who do work. The workplaces are designed so young people can function well even if they are spaced-out, bored, and not really interested in assuming real responsibility or accomplishing anything. These jobs are catered to adapt to the sorry employee. You end up learning you can get through your shift by utilizing only a fraction of your untapped abilities.

You might assume that even if they are not mastering the principles of work, at least they are learning about finances; *no not really*. Parents may be at home contemplating how they are

going to make the mortgage payment, but usually the kids are spending *their* money on electronic gadgets or downloading some new tunes. In reality, they don’t have any of the responsibilities they’re going to have as adults. The day of young people contributing to the family, buying their own school clothes, and paying their own way to college is over.

And yet we wonder why it’s taking so long for them to mature. Some say it is because their brains have not fully developed and their hormones are out of control. Parents like to hear this because it gets them off the hook; it’s biological, not our fault. But, I suspect modern parenting styles may be contributing to their brains being this way. Parents of my day knew how to adjust your brains and hormones at the same time. Usually, this was accomplished in the woodshed, rather than the psychiatrist office. You see, without painful real-life experiences, young people will never learn to recognize real consequences and real rewards. It may surprise you, but I believe kids need stress and challenges. I am not speaking of over-whelming pressure, but just enough so they learn the consequences of taking risks. If we don’t give teens enough ways to take productive risks, they will default into taking foolish, unproductive, and dangerous risks. They are natural thrill seekers, and they will find that thrill somewhere. I recently read that the average college senior is in touch with their parents more than 13 times a week. You might think that is a wonderful display of their deep love and desire to stay in touch. Actually, it was usually because they needed help. They needed money, or help completing their college work, or they needed Mom and Dad to remind them

to wear a coat if it’s cold or to check the oil in their cars. *Good grief!*

**“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”**

**Proverbs 22:6**

Let’s take another look at this verse. It appears to say if you train a child to go down the right path, when he is older, even if he strays, like a fish returning to the place of his birth, he will naturally default back to the original path. The trouble with this classic interpretation is that it doesn’t always work. Some young people don’t rebel, others do indeed rebel and return to the straight and narrow, but some rebel and choose to never return. Since the Bible is the infallible Word of God, there must be something wrong with our interpretation. A better understanding begins with an appreciation of the Hebrew language.

Let’s first consider the words “*train up*.” The Hebrew word **chanak** means “*to dedicate, consecrate, clearly define, to throttle, or to narrow*.” It’s used only four times in the Old Testament, three times in reference to dedicating a completed building





and only once of a child. So, to train up means to clearly define the narrow pathway to be taken and then dedicate, encourage, govern and consecrate yourself into accomplishing that mission. You see how this would relate to a building or a child? A similar term relates to the training of a horse. This image pictures a horse's bridle, which subdues the horse for the purpose of directing its natural energies without breaking its spirit. Horses want to run because God gave them the desire to do so. A wise, caring rider uses the bit and the reins to help the horse achieve its purpose safely and effectively.

*“Training up”* calls for a relationship in which parent and child dedicate themselves to a shared purpose. The parent finds ways to encourage behavior that works for the family while satisfying the child's unique needs. It involves guiding, throttling, defining, and training the wild spirit in order to give it purpose and direction. The wise parent using inspiration instead of coercion, discovers the child's unique abilities and then encourages the behavior necessary for proper development.

Next, let's look at the word *“child.”* This word generally refers to an adolescent. It might be considered to

be a young teenager or youth. Though it can refer to a younger child, the most common object of the term is a young man. The verse is focused on how parents are to raise their adolescent children. *This is a youth group verse, not a nursery verse!* Although there are numerous verses dealing with how to discipline and teach the very young child, this verse is talking about a specific form of training not designed for a very young child. In other words, the implication is that the child must be old enough to comprehend the training. The building must be completed to a point where it is ready for dedication.

Next, let's look at the term *“in the way he should go.”* The Hebrew is quite simply *“in accordance with the proper way.”* First, we must accept the true nature of man. Modern psychology teaches us that man is born good. However, the Bible teaches we are born with a sin nature. Without a relationship with Jesus Christ, child rearing can be nothing more than child management or behavior modification. This is all the world has to offer because it starts from the wrong premise. This leads to a multitude of false conclusions. This is evidenced by a world that is full of children who never learned their boundaries, who refused to respect and obey their parents, and who have gone and done as they pleased. They weren't trained to be responsible, so there is no reason to expect them to live responsible and godly as adults.

As parents establish boundaries, it communicates care, concern, and love. Those who don't take the time to discipline shouldn't be surprised when their children grow into rebellious, irresponsible, uncontrollable teenagers. Discipline is not size-fits-all, rather

it requires us to study our children and learn how they respond and what motivates them. Discipline is never fun for either the parent or the child, but, rendered properly, can lead to a level of understanding and maturity that rarely can be accomplished in other ways.

***“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”***

**Hebrews 12:11**

Now, we understand the deeper meaning of the ancient Proverb. It simply means to train them for life. People obviously have differing gifts, talents, and callings. For example, if you are a member of the royal family you receive special training. A race horse or a seeing-eye dog receives special training. This is what our kids need. But, you say I don't know if my child is going to be a scientist or a garbage collector. But, it doesn't really matter. We train our children in the way to live their life; for any way in which he is to spend his life. Regardless of the occupation he may later follow, it is necessary to prepare him for it in his early years because that is when habits formed which will greatly influence his manhood.

Now, let's put it all together: ***You make a child do what he ought to do—so, he can become what he ought to be—so, by default, he will learn to choose to do what he ought to do.*** We make children obey because it is a command of God, it is for their safety and benefit, it is for the benefit of society, and it is a picture of God and His children. We train our children to expose, strengthen, and encourage their personal needs and

created purpose. I was taught to obey. I was also taught the consequences of crossing the boundaries. But, I was also trained in certain disciplines that I still retain to this day. I even held on to most of them before I became a Christian. For example, the concept of hard work, being dependable, keeping your word, being on time, being respectful to ladies, being respectful to elders, and obeying the law. I was taught to do what I ought to do--so, I could become the man I ought to be--so, by default, I would learn to choose to do what I ought to do.

Again, I gladly acknowledge the exceptions, but many young people today are not what they ought to be. Many have no sense of character. Many are not what they ought to be because they have never been taught to do what they ought to do. At school we shouldn't have to spend a lot of time teaching them it is wrong to cheat, steal, lie, or do less than their best. We shouldn't have to teach them how to dress or to be respectful to adults. We should be able to train them to be what they ought to be, but we can't because many parents have not taught them to do what they ought to do. Many children seem to have never heard the word "no"! Again, the concept: *You make a child do what he ought to do--so, he can become what he ought to be--so, by default, as he grows up he will learn to choose to do what he ought to do.* This is one of the reasons we have so many rules and regulations today. We have to constantly be told what to do because we have never learned to be what we ought to be.

"When he is old, he will not depart" is a warning, not a promise. This is not a promise to parents who raise

their children properly that God will negate the child's free will and make them do right. It is a warning to parents who allow their adolescents to grow up without guidance, who raise them to go their own way. When you let a child do what he wants most likely he will grow up to be a self-willed adult incapable of change. This verse is meant to be a warning about the bad results of permissive parenting, of



failing to set boundaries and giving guidance to adolescents. It is a warning to parents as their children enter the adolescent years, not to let them go their own way and do their own thing. We are not only born sinful, we were also born foolish. We have the tendency to make the wrong choices. This is one of the reasons so many young adults make so many foolish decisions. They were never trained, instructed, and disciplined by their parents to walk in the ways of God.

I remember once reading of a mother of three, rowdy, preschoolers being asked if she would still have three children

if she had it to do over again. She immediately answered, "***Sure... just not these three.***" Though at times you may wish you could trade in your child for a model with less maintenance, the reality is that your child is a unique gift from God. In His sovereign wisdom, God has entrusted you with the life of another person, one that is usually a lot like yourself. However, with the blessing of children comes the high and heavy responsibility of being a parent. It is not for the squeamish, the selfish, or the foolish. Parenting is the task of a lifetime, and it carries with it great risks, but also eternal rewards. Christian parents do not simply raise their children; they try to raise them right.

One of the things causing our civilization to unravel is the ever increasing population of untrained children. This trend is growing because many untrained children from few years back are now parents themselves and are cultivating the same parenting styles applied to them; and the dominos continue to fall.

Now, let's put it all together one more time: ***You make a child do what he ought to do--so, he can become what he ought to be--so, by default, he will learn to choose to do what he ought to do.***



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on reaching our goal. Our Lord has been faithful, He has provided, and He has blessed. We are once again excited to see how He will use His people during our fund drive.

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*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.”*

**Psalm. 28:7**

As I have visited many churches and watched many Christians, there is one thing that seems to stand out. Many Believers have a seriousness about their religion, but little joy in their relationship with God. Some serve God simply because they fear Hell. Some serve Him because it is the right thing to do even though they have little joy in doing it. Then, some serve God only for what they can get out of it. One thing is evident with all these people and that is the absence of joy.

To truly have joy one must first understand what joy is. Webster says that joy is, “*a feeling of great pleasure and happiness,*” but that is not God’s definition. God’s joy is in His presence. In His presence we find His provision, protection, promises, and promotion. Therefore, God’s joy is not a feeling, but more so a state of mind. It is truly knowing who He is, what He says, and what He is able to do in our lives.

The world can only steal our joy when we allow it to. But how does this happen? They cannot take away our God. They are not that powerful. However, they can distract us from focusing on Him and His ability to help and deliver us. Peter walked on the water toward Jesus until he took his eyes off of Him and started looking at the world around him. The very moment we take our eyes off God and His Word, we start sinking as well as losing our joy.

God has shown me the power influence has over His people. Influence can be good and bad. Anything that is of God’s Spirit will be a positive influence, but the things of this world, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, are negative influences and will only bring destruction to our lives. The decision to have true joy is up to us, not God. He has already provided all we need to walk in His joy. The world offers pleasures, but the Bible warns of the world’s pleasure.

*“But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.”*

**I Timothy 5:6**

God invites us to know Him and the fullness of His joy. His joy is available to all who are willing to come into His presence and love Him. We cannot keep one foot in the world and the other in God’s presence. He offers us joy unspeakable and full of glory along with a peace that surpasses all understanding. God’s joy is special! It is so special He will not mix it with the pleasures of this world. To come into His joy we must come out of the influence of this world.

As I said earlier, joy is not a feeling, but a state of mind. **Romans 12** teaches us to renew our minds with the Word and presence of God so we can prove that which is good, acceptable, and the complete will of God. Nothing reaches our hearts that does not first enter our minds. **Philippians 4:8** tells us to think on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and a good report along with things of virtue and praise. These are things that will influence us daily and bring great joy.

Great joy is available to each one of us if we will seek the only true source of joy, God our Father. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to the things that will influence you in a godly way. Not only will you find real joy, but you will show the world Who can give them joy as well. I pray you not only have joy, but your joy may be full in Christ.



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# Lessons In The Clouds

*Mrs. Sherry Worthington*

One of the treats of being a grandmother is listening to my grandchildren talk about the world God created for us. The awe with which they share each and every facet of His Creation never ceases to amaze me.

*“Look Grandma! Look at the sunset. It is orange today! There is a bird in the sky. Grandma, where is the moon? I can’t find it. Is it hiding? There is a horse, Grandma.”* As I try to keep up, the conversation continues to change. All of a sudden I hear, *“There it is!*

*There it is, Grandma!”*

*“There is what, Sweetheart? What did you find?”*

They both answered in unison, *“The moon, Grandma! It was hiding!”*

I chuckled and asked, *“Where was it hiding?”*

*“It was hiding behind the clouds!”* Now, hide and seek, or “peek-a-boo,” is one of most young children’s

favorite games, so the moon hiding behind the clouds was perfectly reasonable. We began to discuss why the moon was hiding, and we came to the conclusion it was hiding from them. We continued to chuckle and be amazed at how fast the clouds were moving. The boys seemed to feel like the clouds were chasing us instead of hiding the moon now.

As I dropped off the boys at their home, I began to ponder over the conversation we had that night. My

mind went back to the clouds racing across the moon. I realized that so many times in life I am those clouds. I am also racing here and racing there- trying to finish one task and then another.

How often do I stop and look at the clouds? How many times do I look at the butterflies? When was the last time I looked at the leaves in all their colorful glory?

Our Lord created this beautiful world for us to care for and to appreciate. When was the last time we thanked Him for the sun and the moon? As I thought about how I needed to be more thankful, my conversation with the boys that night took me on a trip down memory lane.

I must admit. The boys looking at the moon reminded me of a sweet love letter my husband wrote to me many years ago. We had to be apart for a short time, and he wrote of the moon keeping us together. We could look out and see the same moon!

The grandchildren talking about the sunset reminded me of a game we used to play with our own children. We used to playfully argue over the sunset or sunrise. We would tease back and forth, “*He made it for me!*” - “*No He didn’t. He made it for me!*”

I was reminded of the different sights we have seen driving to school each day. As the seasons changed, the views we were privileged to see changed. Sometimes we would see dirt mounds plowed in rows, and in a few weeks we would see high stalks of corn on both sides of the road. *My grandchildren pretend the stalks make a tunnel.*



Later in the year, when all of the plants are gone, we might see snow piled up on the side of the road. Each season brings its own beauty and its own pain. Extreme heat and the brutal cold are unpleasant times for us all. I remember the time hurricane Floyd came through and the family worked together to clean up our home and the school.

However, I was brought back to reality. The clouds are still moving. They seem oblivious to what is going on down below. Life seems that way. Each day goes by, with new challenges and new pleasures. When I look at the clouds, I think of how fast life seems to be passing by. The older I get, the faster the clouds seem to be moving.

I remember fondly the day my husband and I married. It was a wonderful day. I married the best man in the world. I thought so then, and I know so now.

My children are all grown and have children of their own. We have a beautiful family, but the clouds are still moving.

It seems like yesterday I was worrying about washing diapers, *yes, washing*

*diapers.* Now, I have a granddaughter that is a junior in high school.

It won’t be long, and life will be over. Did it just pass me by like the clouds passing the moon? I have been so busy doing things. I ask myself. Have I been doing what is best? I have to talk to myself when I get overwhelmed with the tasks ahead of me. I can’t afford a pity party.

Yes, life is passing by. It is how it is supposed to be. The thing to remember is, “*Are we allowing God to live through us, or are we fretting over things that don’t matter?*” God has given each of His children one life to live for Him. We have to realize that living it for the increase of God’s kingdom is what matters. We must seek to find out what He wants us to do!

Remember! The clouds of your life are His!



*Mrs. Worthington has five children and nine grandchildren. She serves as Principal of Pathway Christian Academy in Goldsboro.*

# And Finally...



## Clergy Appreciation...

*To all pastors and church staff: I want you to know that I know being a pastor or church staff member is the most difficult job in the world. While it has unbelievable highs and, on its best days, is the most rewarding occupation/calling in the world, I know it is also the most difficult. Unlike us in the marketplace, you lead volunteer armies and face Satan head-on in ways we may or may not encounter on a regular basis. You have given your lives to serve people like me, my family, and my friends. As a result, the two most important words I and everyone else under your leadership can ever say is "Thank you." I will thank you every day of eternity for serving us, the church, and our Lord so well. "Thank you" is not nearly enough, but I hope these two words encourage you today.*

**B. D.**

*Pastor, your ministry made a difference to me! I cannot even begin to imagine the sacrifices you have made as a pastor, but please know that your ministry has had an impact that will only be fully seen in Heaven. From the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of those who haven't said it, thank you for all that you do. Thank you for praying and for your countless sermons. Thank you for your passion, care, and gentle guidance. Thank you for being sensitive to the Lord's leading. Thank you for the example that you set. Thank you for the sacrifices you and your family have made. Thank you for persisting and not giving up when things were difficult. Thank you, Pastor. Thank you.*

**L. F.**

*I admire my pastor. He is a humble, caring, and compassionate man of God. He is a man that loves everyone no matter who they are or the color of their skin. I love to hear him pray. You can call on him anytime and he will talk to you or call you back as soon as possible. He has a burden for lost souls and will pray for them as long as it takes to reach them. He is not only a pastor, but also a loving husband and father that loves his family very much. He also loves his church family. I am so thankful God sent him our way.*

**L. L.**

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