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FOUR PRINCIPLES OF FINDING GOOD SUCCESS

by Bro. Aaron McGeary

We live in the age of the pursuit of success. Everyone is striving for perfection and constantly searching for the secret to success. Several years ago Lexus began manufacturing cars with the motto "The Relentless Pursuit of Perfection". After a few years, Lexus had to issue its first recall because of a faulty component. The engineer of the part was so shamed by the recall that he committed suicide. Because his work did not meet certain expectations, the engineer believed he was a failure. There is a valuable

lesson we can learn from this story. It tells us that someone or something is defining success and failure for us, and, just like this engineer, we may be missing the reality of true success.

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Even as Christians, it is our human nature to judge success and failure according to worldly principles. But we should never do so. As Christians we are concerned about what God's Word

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Pleasing Him A Believer's Youth Camp Report

by Jenn Garrett

Why were we so late in publishing this month's issue? The culprit is in this report:

It's something that we, as followers of Christ, should think about constantly. Are we pleasing to God? Does every single thing we do bring Him pleasure? Is there an automatic voice that comes on before we do this and that? Shouldn't we instantly wonder if God will be pleased with that action? Hebrews 12:21 states: "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus

Christ...".

You mean the Bible actually says that? What a commandment! That is one humbling verse! When it comes to being a young person in this day and age, we constantly find ourselves in situations where our standards, morals, and values must be put to the test, and it is during that test we must decide, what do we stand for? I'm sure most of us can think of times where we have compromised and let ourselves do things that were

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Panel Of Ministers

Participating Ministers: Bro. Aaron McGeary, Bro. Paul LaFontaine & Bro. Vince Barnhart

Please allow us to stress that YQN does not print conflicts and if one minister says one thing and another minister says another in response to the question it does not necessarily mean there is a disagreement. Part of the reason why we chose to do multiple ministers instead of one minister is to gather an array of insight, to get questions answered from different angles and perhaps answers that would pertain to different situations. Please allow for this margin of differentiation - take it in stride and many times the answers will build upon (or add to) each other, other times they may span a greater area of circumstances. With that said, may the Lord bless you as you read and may you enjoy the rest of this issue. Oh, and don't forget to submit any of your own questions that you may not want to ask in person!

YQN Staff

Special!

Immediately after the questions and answers you will get a chance to "meet the ministers." Stay tuned!

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The Spirit of Modesty

by Sister Debbie Jenkins

I Peter 3:4 "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

I Timothy 2:9,10 "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold or pearls or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

As I write you sisters today, I hope to encourage and build you up in the Lord. I pray that you will gain a deeper understanding of what it meant to have a spirit of modesty. As you grow in knowledge and understanding, you can then be ready to share with friends your convictions on this matter if they inquire of you.

When I speak of modesty, it is important to keep in mind that this topic is not limited to just the way a person dresses. It includes their clothing, conversation, and their conduct. It is a manner or way of living. Modesty is an outward expression of an inward attitude. What is held in a person's heart eventually comes out in the manner that they live.

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Testimony From A Youth



by Lindsey Lea Cotter

My name is Lindsey Lea Cotter. I was born May 28, 1984 and have two younger brothers and a 3 year old foster brother that we are in the process of adopting. I was raised in a Christian home and attended the Methodist church where my mother was raised. I was home schooled for eleven years by my mother, who still teaches my brothers.

In 1993, a new family joined our Home School group. My mom, being the president, helped the family get started. We became really close to them over the following days, weeks, and months. We even started visiting the "new family's" church. Lo and behold, the father of the family, Bro. Jeff Jenkins, was also the pastor of Believer's Christian Fellowship. It was not long before we quit attending the Methodist church and started attending Believer's Christian Fellowship. I was baptized in 1994, at age 10. I loved going to church: that's where all my friends were!

The years passed so fast. Friends came and went and so did my vision for my purpose in Christ. My life always seemed to be on a spiritual roller coaster (with more lows than highs). I had always heard at church "God will bring you to your knees if it is the only way to make

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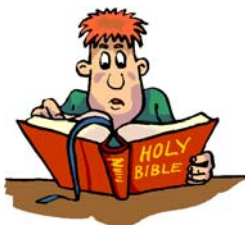
says, and accordingly God's Word should measure our success and failure. What the world calls success, God calls a failure. What the world calls a failure, God calls a success. Therefore, true success and real failure is vastly different than the world's definitions.

Because your human nature can betray you, I want to share with you a few principles to help define success and failure in your life. It is my desire that you can use these four things in making decisions, understanding your circumstances, and seeking direction in life. These four principles may appear to focus on your natural life and have no relation to your spiritual relationship with God. I want you, however, to look deeper than the flesh. These four principles build on each other and work well together, but each one in itself presents a strong principle to help lead you.

Principle #1

Good success comes by the Word of God.

In **Joshua 1:8**, God told Joshua exactly how he could have good success. In order to have good success, Joshua was to not let the Word depart from his mouth, meditate on the Word day and night, and be diligent to obey and live by the Word. If he did these things, then God said he would have GOOD success. In the world many people



are "successful", but as Christians we want to have GOOD success. Jesus teaches, in Matthew 6, that obtaining worldly things is no measure of success, but, rather, success comes by seeking God first. You could have food, clothing, and drink and be a miserable failure according to the Word. Yet if you are putting the Word first, then He adds needful things. **Psalms 37:16** says the little a righteous man hath is greater than the riches of the wicked. Why then should we judge our success by carnal measures? It is God's Word that matters, and we should zealously pursue the will of God, find out what the Word says, and measure every life situation by those things. Then you will be content with your relationship with God and have good success.

Principle #2

Do not confuse laziness and lack of motivation as being spiritual.

Because the number one guiding principle for being successful is meditating on God's Word and putting Him first, it is easy to develop the wrong idea of what this success truly means. Good success is not measured by only reading your Bible, praying, fasting, and going to church. Being spiritual is not hiding away in a remote wilderness living primitively. Real Christianity is manifesting Christ in your natural life to an evil world. And we can carnally think



Christian success translates to natural poverty and incorrectly assume that this means we do not have to meet responsibilities or obligations imposed on us by society, the government, or natural life. WRONG! All too often we fall into the trap of thinking that being a Christian means having nothing and doing nothing, and basically we are justifying our laziness and lack of ambition.

If you are abiding in **Joshua 1:8**, then God gives you the liberty to pursue goals and to achieve. God said "then THOU shalt MAKE THY WAY prosperous." You are given the ability to make your own way prosperous if He is first in your life. Therefore, a Christian does not intentionally deprive himself of success or make excuses as to why he cannot pay the bills, repay debts, pay tithes, give offerings, or provide well for himself and family.

Christians should be the most motivated and ambitious people on earth. If you desire more of God, do not quit your responsibilities in the natural, but include Him in your natural responsibilities. You are not going to be more spiritual if you drop out of school, quit your job, or refuse to get married because you want to get close to God. The examples of Joseph and Daniel show that young men can honor God's Word and then achieve what the world would even call success; remember, Joseph and Daniel were made rulers over pagan countries yet never compromised their integrity or testimony. Therefore, do not make the mistake of being lazy and unmotivated in order to be a Christian. God knows a true sacrifice of laying aside riches and opportunities in order keep the Word. Therefore, we need to be

sure we are not hiding our laziness and lack of motivation behind a cloak of religion.

Principle #3

Never underestimate the significance of your natural calling.

After the first two principles, you may have swung from one extreme to the other. So I want to use this principle to help bring a balance and a greater understanding to what it means to be a Christian success. When it comes to your profession, career, or your life's work do not view it as merely a means to an end. Do not have the attitude of "I have to work to pay the bills so I guess I will do this." Have direction, purpose, and passion in whatever you choose to do. I believe that even our natural work relates to our position and adoption in Christ. It is part of our identification. Therefore, I believe perfection will involve finding the right place for us in the natural. So you should never casually ask: "What will I do? Where will I work? Where will I live?" Your identity and character is going to be shaped by the job you pick. So do not underestimate the significance of your natural calling in relation to your Christianity.

For young brothers, think of the many men in the Bible who were identified by their natural callings. Luke was a physician, Zenas a lawyer (what a noble and honorable man!), Paul a tentmaker, Zacchaeus a tax collector, Peter and Andrew were fishermen, Jesus was a carpenter and many more. This tells you that what these men did in the natural was significant. After all, God is going to have a Bride from

all walks of life. And all these different walks of life will contribute to the Body of Christ.

Do not just try anything or bounce around from job to job, profession to profession without stability. Even more importantly do not try to be someone else. Just because you see God blessing someone else in a particular line of work, do not assume it is the right thing for you.

Be sure you chose right when you are deciding on a career. Ask yourself, "Will this profession keep me out of church on a regular basis?" Determine if it is something you can take pride in and provide for a family with. Also check your objective and your motive to that objective. Do not be motivated wrong. Your objective may be to make good money. That is not necessarily a wrong objective. But if your reason is to drive a fancy car and live in a big house, then your motive is wrong. On the other hand, if your motive is to be able to contribute to the church, support a ministry, be able to pay good tithes, or provide a comfortable living for your family, then these are good motives to that particular objective.

For young sisters, the world has projected its image of success, and it does not include any elements of God's success for you. The world speaks of equality and achievement in business and society as success. But Scripturally your true success will be first as a wife and then as a mother. I believe all of us have underestimated the glory and significance of this natural calling of a young lady. Everything from business to academics is being presented to our young sisters as viable alternatives and opportuni-

ties in this life. However, there is no greater desire a young girl can have than to be a godly wife and a godly mother. Yet it seems that these ideals and principles are taking a backseat to professions such as nursing and teaching. I am not suggesting that to do these things are wrong. I am, however, suggesting that to put these things above being a wife and mother is wrong. You will not find anywhere in the Bible or the Message where God calls a young girl to be anything else but that. And if you underestimate that natural calling then you can be sure to find failure.

With that in mind, because the day we live in is the way it is, many sisters will not have the privilege of marrying young as was once common. Consequently, it is not realistic that a young sister sits around at home all day doing nothing. Therefore, stay busy with something fruitful and edifying. Find something that you can take with you into your marriage. Be involved in something that keeps you clean from the world. Do not be blinded by a seemingly innocent passion for something "honorable", but be looking for God's will by His Word. There is a proper place for you in God's Word, and never underestimate the significance of that place and calling.

Principle #4

Do not assume the goal, just perform the process.

Because we are tempted to judge success carnally, your measure of successes can lead to bitterness, shame, negativity and a sense

of failure. The big mistake you make is assuming what success is, instead of just doing what you know to do. You assume what the end result or goal should be of what He has led you to do and when you do not see the results as you expect, you think you have failed. You need to learn to DO the will of God and not try to assume its outcome or goal. Too often you assume the ultimate purpose for why God has given you talents, abilities, opportunities and put you in a certain place. This not only distorts the reality of success but also contributes to a sense of failure when things do not turn out as you imagined.

To emphasize this point, there is a story where one night God appeared to a young man in a dream and told him to push against a large rock in front of his house. In the morning, with the vision fresh in his mind, he started pushing the rock.



Day after day, week after week, he pushed the rock but was unable to move it. Finally, he began to get extremely discouraged. "Why am I not moving the rock? How am I ever going to do what God asked me to do?" Ultimately, the young man felt as if he was a complete failure. In desperation he called to God, "God why am I such a failure? Why can I not move this rock? I want to quit and give up!" And God spoke back gently, "I never asked you to MOVE the rock, I only asked you to push against it." What happened? This young man assumed what God wanted to accomplish when he asked him to push the rock. Therefore, he measured his success

by his own carnal idea of the outcome. The young man was looking for movement in the rock as a sign of success, but he never noticed the strength building in his muscles and the increase of his physical stamina. The young man missed what God was accomplishing and saw only failure. We do the same thing by assuming what God is trying to accomplish in allowing us to go to school, have certain jobs, and possess certain abilities. Now, there was no way you could say God did not want him to push the rock. God had revealed that to him. The same for you, it is not that God has not asked you to do that certain thing. But do not make the mistake of assuming the end result of that task or request. Unless God has given you a clear revelation or vision of the purpose, then keep yourself open before God. Perform the process, do the thing that He has asked you to do, and let Him move the rock if He so chooses.

In conclusion, you are going to be tempted to measure life's accomplishments whether they are a success or a failure by carnal things. A Christian should never do that. Your success may not translate to having money or nice things, yet for someone else it might. But those things are not the measure of success. True success and true failure are measured by the Word of God. Use these four principles in your life to pace yourself, set you on the right course, and I believe you will find happiness in whatever state you are.

Your Brother In Christ,
Bro. Aaron McGeary



This Heart of Mine

Sister Laura Snow has done a truly tremendous job with her first album and we believe the Lord has blessed it. For those of you who enjoy inspired lyrics, musical variety and a unique style, this album offers it all. With all lyrics written by Sister Laura Snow, eight different musical instruments and some serene type reverb and effects added in, it is sure to be a blessing to many.

"This Heart of Mine" features the piano, keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, flute, drums and percussions. Several singers appear on the album, including Brother Paul LaFontaine and a children's choir.

Below are the songs & order info:

- Place Called Grace
- Miracles Can Happen
- Love Took Its Place
- I Want To Be
- Renew Me
- This Heart of Mine
- Foot of Calvary
- Simply That I Love You
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unpleasing to God, but when we fall down we have to pick ourselves back up. Sometimes it feels like we just can't seem to get up no matter how hard we try, so its always helpful to be offered instruction and encouragement from those who have experienced those times themselves.

Such was the purpose and theme of Believer's Youth Camp 2003: Pleasing Him. Nestled in a small place called West Milton, Ohio, this week-long camp provides a place for youth to come and worship, fellowship, and strengthen their daily walk with God. It's a hideaway for those of us who deal constantly with pressures of the world. A time that youth look forward to each year, this camp gives them a place to seek out God among fellow believers who find themselves going through the same hardships and trials.

Believer's Youth Camp, founded and directed by Brother Mike Severt for about 20 years, has been a birthplace for many. Several adults often look back and remember it as the place where they met their future mate.

Also, there are even more who can look back on it as the camp where they drove a stake down for Christ.



**Bro. Mike Severt,
Camp Director**

There were about two-hundred young people in attendance this year, ranging from ages 10 on up (the break off point is when you get hitched). To make a break through to the youth, the camp is organized into two tabernacles. Campers ages 10 to 13 attend a tabernacle apart from the older youth, called the "Little Tabernacle." Age group 14+ attend the "Big Tabernacle." This way, ministers



can really zero-in on the campers and target the things they are going through. This year, Brother Junior Woosley, Brother Scott Smith, Brother Ron Walbert and Brother Burly Williams ministered at the Little Tabernacle, while Brother Bruce Faust, Brother Lindsey McGrady, Brother Thomas Byler, Brother Steven Sanger and Brother Vince Barnhart took the Big Tabernacle. Bringing the Word forth in such a way that appeals to the separate age groups really attracts campers.

How did the services go, you may ask? Wonderful! The Holy Spirit truly moved amongst the youth and change could clearly be found. Because all of us on the YQN staff attended services in the Big Tabernacle, we can't say much for the services which took place in the Little Tabernacle. However, we can definitely opt for the Big Tabernacle's services. Those who ministered pinpointed the areas in our lives that needed work and clearly gave us instruction and

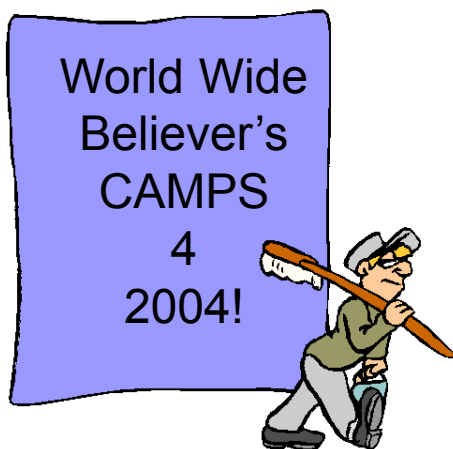
alternatives. Some services were deep and yet others were simple, providing just the right balance. The services seem to be getting greater and greater with each consecutive year, with more response and more hearts broken for Jesus. One wonders if it's the call of the hour that's placing a greater pull on the hearts of God's elect.

So what else happened at camp? When not in church, most attending camp tended to spend their time in various sports-related activities; volleyball, softball, basketball, frisbee, croquet, and the unofficial water bottle fights. Also, skits were performed by a group of volunteers who met for practice every afternoon during camp. Being the spontaneous bunch we are, members of the Youth Quake staff made up the majority of the skit volunteers. For those youth who are less athletically inclined or just would rather do something else, crafts were offered.

All the work for Believer's Youth Camp is done by volunteers. Those who organize the camp, prepare for it, make the food, clean the restrooms, serve as night guards or counselors, are those who volunteer. It's one huge job to get this camp up and running. I've been told the kitchen in which the food is prepared can get extremely hot, but those volunteers keep at it. Why? Its that pull for the young people and what God is doing in their lives! I would like to take the time out in this article to thank them all for their support. They don't have to do it, they don't receive any sort of payment, and that is what makes it so very special. May the Lord Bless them abundantly for all that they do!

The next Believer's Youth Camp, Lord willing, will be June 26th thru July 3rd of 2004. If you would like more information on this camp please contact Jenn@yqnews.org.

Know of a camp in your area or country? Send the name, region, registration information and contact information along to us at editor@yqnews.org. We are hoping to release a special bulletin for Believer's camps (especially those geared for the youth) around the world for the year 2004!



PANEL OF MINISTERS
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Question #1

I am searching for the Lord's will in my life and do not want my own will to alter my perception of His leading. How can I become completely neutral?

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

First, do not misunderstand what it means to become "completely neutral." If you are searching for God's will in your life, then pray about your direction and choices. Commit them into God's hands, and then wait patiently for His direction. (Psalms 37:7) Although neutrality is important, patience is the most important part in finding the Lord's will. Take it before the Lord in prayer and then just wait. (Psalms 40:1) As far as becoming neutral, it does not mean not having a will. Being neutral is being able to say "Lord, this is what I want, but whatever you put in my heart to do, I will do it." A perfect scriptural example is Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-42) As he prayed, he did not say he had no will or no preference, but rather expressed true neutrality by saying "Not my will but thine". Once you have achieved this type of neutrality, then wait on the Lord and be patient. Pray and do the best you can, and God will correct your path and see that you don't go wrong.



Sacrifice

Bro. Paul LaFontaine's Answer:

I like to remember the scripture that says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet." God does not usually give us the long-range vision of His will, but just places enough light in our path to see the next step. The first thing is to make sure your seeking the Kingdom first. Are you walking in the light of His Word? Are you staying in close relationship with the Lord? It seems easier to sense His leading in natural things when we spiritually feel at peace. It brings trust, rest and confidence. The next thing is to give as much time as you can before making a decision. I realize that it won't always be possible. Some things will have to be decided quickly. The more things you can give more time on the better. When you give something more time, you give God more opportunities to show you whether His answer is yes or no. I'll just add this: God does not try to make His will difficult and mysterious. His will is much more simple than we think sometimes. Don't complicate it. Look for the little light (leading) he gives in your path. When you know its His leading, step there and be in prayer for the next.

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

This becoming neutral is very important, and many times very hard. Bro. Branham was posed with a similar question, and he said "I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And I just let myself neutral to it, don't take either side..." But he also stated that in many

times he wasn't sure which way to go in decisions, and he would follow the way he felt he should go. He said, "you're doing the best you can". We all know the scripture that the footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord, so anytime we are faced with a situation where we need to be neutral, do your best to exercise a powerful virtue: patience. Practicing patience when searching for God's will is exactly where God wants us. In no hurry, completely submissive and reminding ourselves that God is in no hurry. He makes ALL things beautiful in HIS time.

Question #2

What does it mean to cross the line, and how can I combat the Devil when he tells me I have crossed the line?

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

To cross the line means you have passed from mercy into judgment, and there is no way you can be restored. (Hebrews 6:6) Nothing you can say or do would make a difference. (Hebrews 10:26) If the Devil says you have crossed the line but you have a desire to be restored, then the very fact you desire to be restored shows you have not crossed the line. Also, if you REALLY did cross the line, would the Devil tell you? Do not listen to the Devil because he is lying. (John 8:44).



Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

One can actually "cross the line" through blasphemy, which is

to mock or make fun of the Holy Spirit. So we must be very careful never to say anything derogatory about God or the things of God. If you don't understand something, it is best to not say anything. But first of all, let us remember who Satan is; the father of lies. So for Satan to keep telling you this, he is trying to keep you down and defeated. Stop listening to Satan and his lies, find yourself in the Word. The Word will correct you where you are in error and bring you back in line. Satan's tactic is to keep you out of the Word, for that is where we find our true identity.

Question #3

I have been having emotional struggles after a relationship ended recently. What can I do to find comfort in God and draw closer to Him?

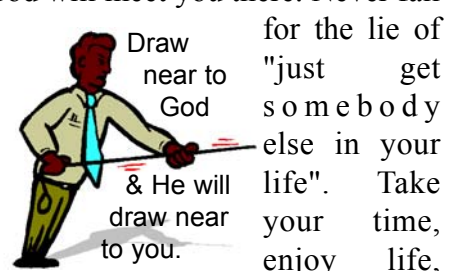
Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

Allow your relationship with God to become more intimate and personal. (I Chronicles 16:11) Do not just find comfort in church, friends, or carnal things, but seek a real supernatural touch from God. Pray and ask Him to reveal Himself personally to you as a comforter. (John 14:18) If you find that your heart is hurting and your mind is burdened, fast and pray. Fast specifically for the purpose of drawing closer to Him and finding comfort. Be perseverant before the Lord to claim a more intimate personal relationship with Him.

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

Just the fact that there is a desire to focus on Christ and you

know you must is half the battle. Do not find yourself playing the "blame game." What I mean is, don't beat yourself up (or the other person involved)! Besides prayer and reading the bible, I feel it is all right to find yourself enjoying activities that are relaxing. Activities where you find the beauty in things around you in God's creation. I find a nice walk through some woods where I can focus on God and what God has for me in my life. I am sure you have something in your life you enjoy that God will meet you there. Never fall for the lie of "just get somebody else in your life". Take your time, enjoy life, enjoy fellowship, enjoy church, enjoy ALL that God has for you. Through this, God will fill you with a joy beyond belief.



Remember!
On the next page you get a chance to meet this month's contributing ministers!

Meet the Panel

of Ministers!



Aaron McGeary

Brother Aaron McGeary is a twenty-eight year old evangelist, song leader and trustee at Christian Life Tabernacle, Pastor David McGeary, in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to ministering, Bro. Aaron has his own law practice in his hometown of Bedford. While attending the University of Texas in 1996, Bro. Aaron gave his life to the Lord, and then followed God's leadership to SMU School of Law in Dallas where he graduated with a doctorate degree. Despite his success in law, Bro. Aaron believes his greatest privilege is ministering to the Body of Christ all over the world.



Vince Barnhart

Brother Vince Barnhart is an associate minister for Believer's Christian Fellowship, Pastor Jeff Jenkins, in Lima, Ohio. He is thirty four years old and has had the privilege to be brought up by believing parents. He has been married for thirteen years and now has his own children - two girls, one boy. Brother Vince considers himself privileged to minister to the youth of both the United States and also a few foreign countries. He enjoys the outdoors, hunting whitetail deer and writing. Writing for YQN has rekindled the flame he kept for writing when he was a high school newspaper journalist.



Paul LaFontaine

Brother Paul was Youth Quake's editor back in the 80's and 90's. Since then he has become a husband and father with four children as well as pastor of Literal Life Tabernacle near Toledo, Ohio. Like the former ministers, he was raised by godly (Bro. John & Sis. Loretta LaFontaine). At sixteen he was filled with the Holy Ghost. After receiving the Holy Ghost, he took a season of "pushing play" in his life - where his main focus was to listen to the Message God sent us in this hour. Brother Paul recommends for every young person to get grounded in the Word as he when he was young.

Note: The picture above does not depict Bro. Paul's normal attire. See page 13 for the story.

A great habit to get into while you are young is daily Bible reading and prayer. The earlier you start this routine, the more likely you will continue it into your adult and married life.



As you read and study God's word, you will find that in Jesus' ministry, He was very concerned that His followers were not just hearing what he was saying, but He wanted them to catch the true meaning of His words. I feel the same way as Jesus did. I want you to catch the true meaning of modesty. I wish as a young teen I would have held to a higher standard of modesty. I didn't do anything too outrageous, but I could have made better choices that would have allowed Christ to shine brighter in my life.

To better understand this subject, lets start by looking at the meaning of the words spirit and modesty.

Spirit:

1. The true meaning [He follows the spirit if not the letter of the law]
2. The main principle, quality, or influence [the spirit of the Western frontier]
3. Enthusiasm and loyalty [school spirit]

Modesty:

1. Harmonious arrangement, orderly
2. The quality of being modest; humble or proper behavior
3. Not vain or boastful

about one's worth, skills, deeds, etc; humble [a famous but modest person]

4. Quiet and humble in looks, style, etc... [a modest home]
5. Not bold or forward; shy
6. Behaving, dressing, speaking, etc... in a way that is considered proper or moral; decent.
7. Reasonable; not extreme [a modest request]

After reading these definitions it seems to me we could interpret the phrase spirit of modesty as the quality of being humble, the quality of being orderly and pure, the quality of being reasonable and not extreme, or even, the quality of being proper, moral, or decent. These are all great phrases to shine greater light on the meaning of "the spirit of modesty". Some Bible characters that had a spirit of modesty were:

- Joseph while serving Potiphar
- David while serving Saul
- Rebekah while ministering to Eliezer
- Ruth when she was glean- ing the fields of Boaz
- Esther when approaching her husband and king
- Jesus Christ who said **"Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly."**

As I mentioned before, modesty is a way of life; a manner of living. The way we dress is only one aspect of modesty. As a Christian young lady we should always be thinking of modesty in regard to our dress. Remember, modesty means: orderly, humble, proper, moral and decent. When we dress in a modest fashion, it gives

us the opportunity to shine for Christ in a world that is so dark. The world's fashions are almost always sexy or provocative in some way. Our clothing should not say "sexy", "prideful" or "expensive & extravagant" but rather "feminine", "pure", "moderate!" Please don't think that I am saying we can't be a little stylish if we dress modestly. We can have fun with our clothing but we must keep in mind that we want others to see a difference in our appearance compared to the world. Below are a few *guidelines that might help when choosing clothing.

- A Christian girl strives to please Christ in everything—including the way she dresses. **(I Corinthians 10:31)**
- She dresses with good taste so that her appearance will bring honor to the One she represents. **(II Corinthians 5:20)**
- She takes the Lord Jesus Christ shopping with her! As she stands before the mirror, she asks herself, "Would I want to meet Jesus looking like this?" **(I Thessalonians 2:4)**
- She avoids all that is gaudy and conspicuous, knowing this might focus so much attention on her outer appearance that it dims the beauty of Christ within. **(Galatians 2:20)**



- She tries not to look dull or drab, for she knows that unattractive dress is not befitting a daughter of the King. **(Psalm 45:13)**

- She uses moderation in following fashion, seeking to be classed as neither "old-fashioned" nor "first in fashion".
(Philippians 4:5)

- She does not use her clothing for vainglorious pomp and show. (Philippians 2:3)

- She does not overdress. She selects clothing which is appropriate to the occasion and beautiful in simplicity.
(I Timothy 2:9,10)

- She strives to look feminine. Being proud of the fact that God made her "a girl," she delights to dress like one!
(Deuteronomy 22:5)

- She refuses to "play up her sex," for she would not want to pin the label "cheap" or "common" on that which belongs to Christ.
(I Corinthians 6:20)

- She avoids styles which are too bare or too revealing. She knows that she would be an accomplice in the sin if her provocative attire aroused wrong thoughts in a fellow's mind.
(Matthew 5:28)



- She realizes that modesty in dress brings not only God's approval, but also lasting admiration from the fellows, as they see in her the kind of girl they would someday want to marry.
(Proverbs 31:10 & 11)

- She refuses to become so fascinated by fashion books that she forsakes the Book of Books which guides her in the "fashioning" of her eternal soul.
(I Corinthians 7:31 & I Peter 1:25)

A young lady's conversation is another area that she can remember that modesty applies. Keeping in mind that modesty means : not vain, humble, quiet in style, not bold or forward, proper, moral; decent. I believe that a young lady can be vibrant and fun-loving in the way she communicates with others and still be considered modest. Don't dominate a conversation. Let others talk also. Don't brag. Let others praise you, instead of yourself. The key is to not let your own personality or the style you communicate be so powerful that it overshadows the modesty that Christ's character asks us to display.

Our conduct in all areas of our life is important when it comes to a modest spirit. The word conversation used in I Peter 3:4 means: manner of conduct. Meek means: a mild or gentle spirit, and quiet means: peace loving or tranquil. When we read these words, we can see that these are not words used to define our modern day woman. Our culture tells us to do and be something totally opposite of what God asks us to be. I believe the Lord knows that we are all individuals with a variety of personalities. Some are confident, others have a great sense of humor. I think that God enjoys seeing us express ourselves in our individual ways, but at the same time he doesn't want His presence to be dimmed by our individuality.

As I close, keep in mind that we are vessels that God made to be filled with His glory. We were fashioned to be used for His purpose. We want to do whatever we can to live a way of life that will allow Christ's nature to shine in full brilliance, so that we can light a clear path for others to find Salvation. We can either encourage or discourage others. Modesty is a way to allow His nature to be the main one on display in our lives.

Your Sister,
Sis. Debbie Jenkins

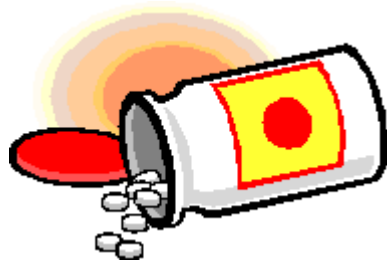
*These guidelines were found in "Christian Charm Course" by Emily Hunter.

you look up to Him." It was only recently that I was debating with myself on what I really was made to be, on how I wanted to live "my" life. I became angry with myself and did not want to be around myself after long.

I started taking pills in March of 2003; I would escape myself by living high. I became so emotionally distorted that I could not sleep so I took pills every night to go to sleep. Incidentally, when I woke up, I was so oppressed with the wrong spirit that I would not have enough energy to make it through the day. I then took pills for temporary energy. Eating became another problem; I either ate too much or did not eat at all, so I took pills to balance my appetite. Popping pills became a habit. I would overdose on just regular pills to feel a "buzz." I would go to work high, I would go home high and once I would come out of it, I was only more engrossed in my depression. I look back now and see myself running from reality, from problems that needed to be faced and from God.

I attended Louisiana Camp in April, not going for or expecting anything from God. I needed a vacation. I wanted to try to sort myself out, by myself. I can roll my eyes now at my blindness back then. God had his hand in absolutely every step in my life! God met me at all of the services. It was when I decided to let go and let God have His way that I was mounted

and flew on the wings of eagles. I was so free! I had never felt so close to God, so close to heaven... it was so attainable... so touchable. I threw all my pills away at camp and I threw the rest of my stash away once I returned home. After God renewed me in just a simple service, I could not hold my everlasting energy inside! No need for pills anymore. God gave me the desire of my heart. I found myself, I found Jesus. I also found sleep and a normal appetite. On the drive home, we just kept talking about how much God had given to us, even considering how much grace and mercy we had taken from Him. I told my pastor my testimony once I returned home and he wanted me to tell my testimony to the church. I could not wait!



I have realized that God does not just go to youth camps. He is faithful and just to meet us in our homes and churches as well. God is obligated to His Word and it says, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I will be in the midst of them." Just think how attainable our God is at church, in our cars, in our bedrooms, and with our friends! My testimony did not stop at the exit sign at the camp; it is growing even as I am writing this down. God has become more than just my life, which I continue to lay down to him every day. I am now crucified with Christ, so that He can live through me.

May God bless all who read this, and may you be encouraged when you think of how much God loves you and me.

HEBREWS 12:1

I Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

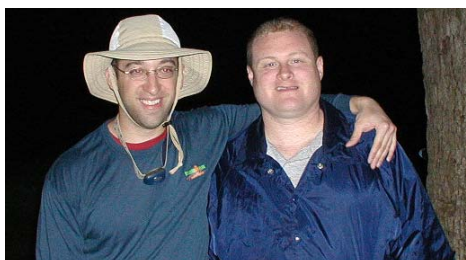
He was there for me even when I did not want to be around myself. He met me when I wanted to get away from everything, even Him. He reminds me: "Even the weakest Christian on their knees can shake hell."

MARK 11:24

24 Therefore I say to you, whatever you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them."

That is my ministry, as it should be all of ours, to pray without ceasing. To declare my Jesus with every move I make. Seek ye first the kingdom of Christ and what ever you have a desire of in your heart, He will give it to you. "Whatsoever you ask in My name you shall receive it." If we could all just realize now how much we can do for Christ, think of what we could shake! God is so merciful, He brought me out of the miry clay and He set my feet on the rock to STAY! God bless you all!

~Lindsey



THE RUMORS ARE TRUE!

If anyone heard that Brother Paul LaFontaine biked across the whole state of Michigan and you wondered if it was true or you even laughed in disbelief, what you heard is true.

In the 1st few days of June, Bro. Paul participated in BAM (Brotherhood Across Michigan) Even at the age he is getting to be (we're not telling), he still loves to be with the youth and join in with whatever they are doing. Him and 8 other young brothers traveled for 4 days and a total of 261 miles. Bro. Paul says "I wanted a challenge and this seemed like a good one. I believe we as believers have the God of impossibilities living within us. We should be going after impossible things both naturally and spiritually. In many people's eyes this seemed impossible for me to do. I had people offer to ride beside me in their car and throw me twinkies as well as other joking comments. But with God's help, I did make it. I did it to take on the impossible. But I also did it cause I really just needed the exercise."



Editorial Acknowledgements & Notices

I would like to give a word of thanks to all the proofreaders, writers and ministers who had anything to do with Youth Quake during the week of publication. It was hectic and pressed, but everyone did a great job. I especially want to thank the Lord for all that He has done for us as far as tthis month's publication of Youth Quake (to go into any further thanks would overwhelm this entire newsletter). We had a bit of a flood at YQN's main office (my basement) during the last week (that is right, the hectic one). I just thank Him for helping my family and myself keep our heads and also still get Youth Quake out.

On that note, I would like to switch over to notification mode. For those of you who did not see the notice on the website, Youth Quake will begin to be published every other month. That's six times a year and the next publication will be September first. We apologize but we must do this to maintain publication integrity and quality of content. We want to stay inspired - not feel rushed to just "push something out there." See you in two months!

Sincerely In Christ,
Josiah Cornett

Grab A Pen Pal!

Like writing and making new friends? Enjoy fellowshiping with believers? Well, here's some to pick from - start writing today and maybe you'll have a friend for life!

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