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I HAVE OFTEN HEARD MY FATHER TEACH THAT “THEOLOGY PRODUCES CULTURE,” and it has been amply demonstrated throughout history, both ancient and modern, across the globe. The beliefs and perspectives of a people concerning God and His creation, or basic morality, shape their culture in every way, including forms of government, laws, economic systems, civil liberties, and even entertainment and arts.

This is not simply reflected in the various differences among the world’s major religions, but even the various denominations or sects within those religions. Wherever there is truth, there is light and liberty. Where there is deception, there is darkness, oppression, and perversion.

We have seen this throughout the history of the United States as well. Sadly, too much of our history—especially concerning our strong Judeo-Christian roots—has been lost, distorted, and obscured. One of the greatest movements in America today is the renewed study of our true history, as opposed to the humanist propaganda that has been taught in too many secular schools and universities during the past 50 years. Much of this interest springs from a deeper hunger for genuine spiritual revival in the nation that changes hearts, minds, and behaviors, and ultimately affects the entire culture.

As we go back to original documents and sources, and verifiable direct statements by our founders and earliest historians, we learn so much more about the actual philosophies, intents, and actions surrounding the founding of our nation. It is akin to a very thorough and painstaking cleansing of a soot-covered masterpiece painting, where it is restored to its original glory.

In American history, there were two major revivals that

THE NEXT GREAT AWAKENING

HOW HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BIRTHING A NEW REVOLUTION

By Stephen Simpson

dramatically shifted the direction of the entire nation: the Great Awakening in the mid-1700s, which produced the American Revolution; and the Second Great Awakening in the mid-1800s, which produced the Abolitionist Movement. In his definitive book, **Democracy in America** (1835), the eminent historian Alexis de Tocqueville of France wrote:

The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other; and with them this conviction does not spring from that barren traditional faith which seems to vegetate in the soul rather than to live.

There are certain populations in Europe whose unbelief is only equaled by their ignorance and

their debasement, while in America one of the freest and most enlightened nations in the world fulfills all the outward duties of religion with fervor.

Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more did I perceive the great political consequences resulting from this state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other; but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country.¹

What would de Tocqueville find if he returned to America today? Despite our current cul-

tural corruption—or perhaps because of it—increasing numbers of Christians in America are praying fervently according to 2 Chronicles 7:14: **“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”**

Could it be that as difficulty drives many people to seek the Lord that He might once again have mercy on our nation? Are we in the beginning of another Great Awakening? We pray, not for a theocracy, but that Christ’s Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy might come, on earth, as it is in heaven. May God continue to stir His people to pray, study His Word, and may He raise up righteous leaders in every sphere of influence, so that our entire culture is changed for His glory! **121**

¹ Alexis de Tocqueville, **Democracy in America**. (New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1851), p. 335-337.

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FEATURE

How to Discern Between Reality and Lies

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WHEN DOES TWISTING THE TRUTH PRODUCE a lie? Someone said, "A half-truth is a whole lie." The enemy of our soul hates the truth, and from the beginning has sought to revise it into a lie palatable to the naive.

Satan began this process in the very beginning with Adam and Eve, when he asked, "Did God say that? He really didn't mean that if you ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that you would die! You will not *surely* die." But God did say it, and He meant it. Yet they ate the fruit, and they died. People have died ever since. God says what He means and means what He says.

The enemy is too savvy to bluntly say, "God lied." He just plants doubt and revises the truth into a lie. His method has not changed, and sadly, it still works too often with too many people.

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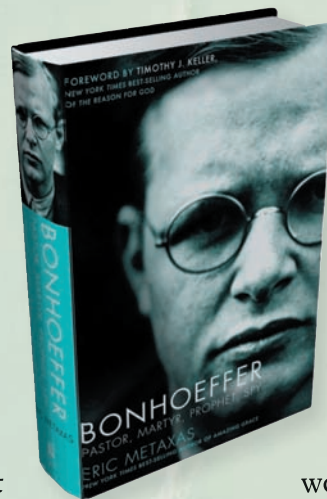
I remember my dismay when the Revised Standard Version of the Bible first appeared and translated Isaiah 7:14 this way: "the young woman is with child" instead of "a virgin shall conceive". One of my seminary professors was on the committee that produced the RSV. After its completion, he rejected it because they consistently chose the weaker meaning throughout many Scripture translations. I admired his stand. Slight revisions can alter the true meaning.

Some believe the Bible *is* God's Word to us, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Others believe the Bible "*contains*"

or math. "The truth is relative, whatever you want it to be." That approach is often used in textbooks or press releases. Misleading has become a science itself.

"Adjusting" the facts in order to make them more palatable and bring about a different result is a dangerous activity. It is putting nice clothes on a naked truth. It is the "fig leaf" that the disobedient use to hide embarrassment. It brings death.

Revelation 12:9 calls Satan the "Deceiver of the whole world." There is a very large audience for his insidious work, and he has many willing accomplices. He does not work alone. And the idea that "smart people" are not subject to propaganda is itself a deception, as we shall see.



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

I have recently read Eric Metaxas' book, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. It is a well-written and well-documented work. Metaxas portrays Bonhoeffer as a deeply committed follower of Jesus, all the way to martyrdom, at the very end of World War II. What I found amazing is how Adolph Hitler and the Nazis manipulated the intellectual community and religious leaders of Germany to

HITLER AND THE NAZIS MANIPULATED THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF GERMANY TO ACCEPT HIS SATANIC AGENDA.



God's Word to us. The latter position leaves us to decide what is and what is not the Word of God...the "pick and choose" version. Those who take that position often take a similar position with other subjects, even science

accept his Satanic agenda. He cloaked himself in patriotism and German history to ultimately murder millions and bring about the death and destruction of hundreds of thousands more in the war. Hitler often used Christian terminology to

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deceive. The devil seldom comes to us naked.

Hitler also fooled heads of state, like British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. After reaching a supposed deal with Hitler, he said, "I believe it is peace for our time..."



And now I recommend you go home and sleep quietly in your beds." Less than one year later, England and the world were plunged into World War II by Hitler's continued aggression. Political power and human intelligence are no match for the "deceiver of the whole world". We may believe that Hitler is gone and Germany was an exception, so the danger has

passed; thinking this way would be a tragic error. Revisionism is alive and well in America.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

I recently read another book, *George Washington's Sacred Fire* by Peter Lillback. Lillback's research is overwhelming with more than two hundred pages of footnotes and documents. Washington has been falsely portrayed as a Deist in modern textbooks. Deism describes God as impersonal and uninvolved in the affairs of men.

Lillback proves beyond a doubt that Washington's faith was orthodox Christian and deeply held.

Washington's faith was the foundation for his courage, character, and devotion. His motto was, "Deeds, not words." He was both humble and private.

I concluded the book with a view



human history.

So why revise the history that was so long accepted by those who witnessed it? The answer should be obvious. The reason was to remove us from our spiritual foundations and put future generations on a different path. It has worked so far.

Revisionists have not only robbed Washington; they have robbed us all and robbed our children of the values that made this nation a shining city on a hill, a beacon of liberty to all people everywhere.

As the 20th century dawned, the revisionists went to work spinning our history, our Constitution, and our theology in ways similar to the same processes that led to Germany's downfall. By calling our foundations into question, they cause generations to question our values and purpose. "But does it really *mean* that?" is the same old question. A wrong answer leads to death. When truth becomes "whatever you want it to be," there is no North or South Pole, just vertigo. "Spinning" is the correct word.

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of Washington that was even higher than before, believing not only in his personal faith, but that he was a gift to us from God. He and the other founders clearly believed that the hand of God was with them, and I do as well. Otherwise, our independence would have been impossible. This book underscores "American Exceptionalism", our uniqueness in

RELIGION

Those of us who love God are not exempt from this insidious process. We too have been subject to revised versions. The termites are into the foundation: the timbers are "honey-combed" with doubts and deletions of biblical Gospel. "Did God really say that?" has destroyed entire denominations. Long ago, schools of theology and universities became riddled with unbelief still cloaked in religious terms... "the taxidermy method."

The Reformers from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were focused on Christ; severe on sin;

insistent on repentance; proclaimers of holiness and devotion; and practitioners of serious prayer. They were spiritual Paul Reveres warning of judgment, and they were passionate evangelists. They preached the truth to their own hurt, and they believed their own creeds.

So what happened? The desire to be accepted overcame the desire to be truthful. They sawed off the very limb on which they perched. More “user-friendly” words were found to revise



protected. How deceived and twisted is that? In some Western communities, you can't even criticize Islam; it is labeled “hate speech”, though nothing is more intolerant than an Islamic majority. But it is quite okay to criticize Christians. Go figure.

Of course, hatred and fear are not answers. Did someone say, “Love your enemies”? I believe so. But we do need discernment. The right words are no guarantee for the truth. The enemy will nearly always

The hell they ceased to believe in became an earthly reality. After Hitler shot himself, his body was literally consumed by flames.

HELL

Before I elaborate on Hell, let me confess my own neglect of the topic. I have always believed in existence, but too often failed to discuss it. Failure to address it has a similar result to denying it. But the Bible *does* address it.

REVISIONISTS SEEK THE REMOVAL OF THE FEAR OF GOD AND ETERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY, TO TRIVIALIZE MORAL LAW; TO REMOVE EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

harsh biblical language. The Cross, the blood of Jesus, repentance, judgment, hell, covenant, and a host of others were replaced with cheap grace without repentance and self-help without new birth. The Holy Spirit became a “lackey” and “tolerance” replaced love. The Church became a supermarket.

Of course theology was not the only thing that got emptied; the churches were as well. “Old time churches” went up for sale like their European counterparts that they love to emulate. And again, like Europe, mosques continue to spring up like weeds in the flower beds, while dying churches debate homosexuals in the pulpit.

In the name of tolerance, the intolerant are tolerated, while those who invented real tolerance are not tolerated, but are called bigots or homophobes. The truly intolerant are

use the right words. Discernment once lost is not easily regained. Read Malachi chapters 3 and 4. Germany regained discernment by fire. The cure is extremely painful.

Perhaps the most influential person in the last 150 years has been Friedrich Nietzsche, the nihilist cynic, the “God is dead” philosopher. Metaxas calls Nietzsche, “Hitler’s John the Baptist.”

Skepticism and doubt are forerunners of hell on earth. Martin Bormann, a high Nazi official, stated that Christianity and National Socialism are incompatible. But the National Socialists did not mount a frontal assault on Christianity. They revised it and adjusted it, until it became something else entirely.



In seminary, I had a professor who rejected the idea of hell. Though I disagreed, I said little. I do know that sometimes hell refers to “the place of the dead” or place of “retribution.” *Hell and destruction* often appear together in the Scriptures. In Matthew 5:22, Jesus adds the word “fire” to hell. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, hell is described as a place of torment with no exit. In the book of Revelation, we are told that Jesus holds the keys to death and hell and that hell is a “lake of fire”.

The revisionists hate the truth of hell and vehemently attack these references from all sides. What they really hate is the natural and spiritual law of accountability. They seek the removal of the fear of God and eternal accountability, to trivialize moral law;

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HOW'S YOUR *Farsie?*

Releasing the Power of Forgiveness in Your Home

BY STEPHEN SIMPSON

WHEN OUR DAUGHTER, GRACIE, WAS around three years old, I heard my Dad talking about how John and Charles Wesley learned to pray “The Lord’s Prayer” as soon as they could talk. Their mother, Susanna, was very devout, and wanted to instill a love and reverence for God in her children at the earliest possible age.

This story made a great impression on my wife, Susanne, and on me. So, we began immediately to teach Gracie the Lord’s prayer, and we did so through the song version. She took to it like a duck to water, and very soon, our evenings were filled with Gracie’s robust and enthusiastic—and, quite sincere—singing of “The Lord’s Prayer”.

There were a few bits that had to be clarified, of course. For instance, she would sing, “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our dead horsies!” Being a horse lover, she sang that line with great empathy. So, we worked with her to understand the meanings of “debt” and “debtor,” particularly with regard to our relationship with God, and we were tremendously grateful when she received Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a young age.

Sometimes, I think about those times, always with happy memories. And I have thought about those “dead horsies”, and the subject of forgiveness. Few lessons are more important to teach our children than the grace of forgiveness—the ability to release any bitterness or hurts into God’s hands. You’ve heard the phrase: “Beating a dead horse.” Maybe it’s time for some of us to “forgive our dead horsies”.

poison control

I’ve heard our friend Gary Henley describe unforgiveness as being “like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.” So often, we go to tremendous lengths to keep our kids safe from toxins that exist in household cleaners, in lead paint, in the atmosphere, or even the toxins that can be found on television, the internet, or video games. Yet, too many parents allow the poison of bitterness to flow out of their own hearts and throughout their homes, scorching and scarring the hearts of their own children.

It’s one thing to tell our children, “You should forgive those who have wronged you.” It’s quite another to

actually model that forgiveness. And as writer Robert Fulgham so famously said, “Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.” Platitudes are nice, but it’s the living example that they see from you that will stick with them. Beyond that, there is the principal of impartation: if we say “peace”, but have war in our hearts, what our kids will receive is “war”. The spirit behind the word is far more contagious than the word itself.

freely you have received

So, before we can instruct our children on the blessings of forgiveness, perhaps we need to be refreshed in this freedom ourselves. Author Don Basham once described unforgiveness as being like a giant sack that we carry around on our backs, where we collect and store all of our little hurts—real or perceived—until the sack becomes unbearably heavy. Sometimes, we unload all of our hurts from the

past on some poor unfortunate soul who happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time!

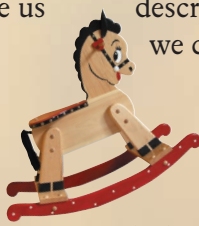
Perhaps sharing forgiveness really starts with receiving forgiveness. If you

are in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven—your sins and failures are covered by His sacrifice on the Cross. Most of us know this intellectually or theologically, but sometimes we have a hard time believing it could really be so, or that it could be so for us. Other times, we believe we are forgiven, but we forget the command of Jesus: “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). This is true not only of physical healing, but of forgiveness and any other gift we have received from God.

In the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples, He told them to seek God’s forgiveness according to the way that they forgave others (see Matthew 6 and Luke 11). Sobering, isn’t it? How often do we desire mercy for ourselves and judgment upon those who have wronged us? It doesn’t work that way!

The Good News is this: having received the grace and forgiveness of God for our own sins, how can we not extend the same to others? In fact, I would submit that this very grace from God to us carries within it the power and even desire to share it with others! And how much more should we desire this grace, knowing that our children will be the

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 we forgive our dead horsies!”



An Interview with Founder, Ronald Gray

by JONATHAN SIMPSON

SPOTLIGHT OPPORTUNITY, INC

Milton Berle once said, “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” Opportunities and fresh perspectives tend to coincide. More than fresh perspectives, however, we need a glimpse from the eternal. **Opportunity, Inc.** is a portal between the church wall, the market wall, and beyond. It is a new venture led by **Ronald Gray** and a team that champions the collision of transcendent principles, professions, and mission. It may sound messy, but since you’ve already cracked the door...



*Ronald Gray is an evangelist, mission leader, musician, and the author of **Enter to Worship, Exit to Serve.***

Ron brings an infectious exhortation to audiences and individuals worldwide. He is a man of word and action who has a unique ability to transcend arenas. Recently we were able to catch up with each other and he shared about the new opportunity.

1-2-1: What is the “opportunity” of Opportunity, Inc. and how did this come about?

RG: Opportunity, Inc. was birthed from several visions. Quoting from a

planning session, we see two great challenges that become the opportunity for Opportunity, Inc to address: Many Christian people today believe they cannot do secular work for God. To do spiritual work, they must be separated from the secular although most ministries are sustained by secular people.

A big part of the world lives in the prison of poverty. We desire to show that the ways of Jesus Christ move people from poverty to a more abundant lifestyle. This message brought through the Kingdom news of wealth coming from transformed business people will impact the most difficult ideologies such as Islam, communist China, and the other nations

living in religious bondage.

We believe that by mobilizing and facilitating Kingdom business people with experience, abilities, and desire to teach, train, or mentor other business people, we can have a direct



effect on the development of godly business people.

During the last eight years, I was traveling to Poland and working with several churches. We began with training leaders in the

church, but discovered there was a great hunger from business people on how to affect their businesses with Kingdom principles and life.

We started taking leaders from the business community to Poland, sharing in an environment that was not just from a Christian perspective. The response has been tremendous. People have expressed that our teachings were actually better than seminars that they had paid for. There have been men and women who have implemented the principles they have learned and have seen significant results in their lives, their businesses, and their communities.

Business people have become the forgotten people

of the church. The church has ministries to men, women, children, and youth, but not many have an ongoing, viable ministry to business people, nor from business people. God wants all believers involved in ministry.

We need to equip business people who have access to the masses eight or more hours every day and bring them to a higher level to demonstrate Christ and impact their communities. Opportunity, Inc. intends to do this by providing teaching seminars for local churches which will allow both the church and business networks to reach the business community with Kingdom principles for success.

Out of these successes, we plan to organize trips to various countries, where we share biblical values and principles that can help people from every walk of life. We are already in Poland, Kenya, and France, and soon we will be in Costa Rica. We will connect relationally through missionaries and indigenous leaders who already utilize businesses in their cities. Through sharing compelling ideas, we can open doors of ministry that would otherwise never be opened while utilizing the well-developed skills of spiritual business people who seek a place for ministry.

Our website, www.Opportunity-Inc.net, is developing a number of articles that we hope will trigger creativity and bring about the desire to network. We offer membership that allows people to access a forum through which they

can share these ideas with other people of like mind and heart. In the 1970s, there was a group known as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Their primary purpose was to give testimonies and help people understand the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. They were able to achieve that purpose, but there were also many business deals struck at these meetings; when business people get together, there is a definite synergy that is creative.



We hope the forum will allow people to grow together and merge ideas and inventions into something that will produce wealth. We hope to genuinely equip people with a sense of their God-given purpose and to help them use Kingdom principles in ways that create wealth, and, at the same time, create questions and opportunities for them to share their faith. We also want to impart ideas that will help them to grow their business both financially and spiritually.

1:2:1: What are some of the values Opportunity Inc. is imparting, and what vehicles are being used in doing so?

RG: Our goal is to teach that there is no difference between the sacred and

secular. These are man-made divisions. The Bible teaches that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it (see Psalm 24:1). God is working in the entire world. Some think that the workplace is carnal because of money and business. Some also believe that profits are not of God. The tendency has been for the Church to avoid that area and concentrate on "spiritual" areas. The fact is, the workplace is where believers need to be ministering. Miracles took place in the streets, homes, and in the city throughout the Bible. For too long, the Church has preached "come out" while God is saying "go in". When the Hebrews were taken captive in Jeremiah 29, they were brought into a culture that was anti-God. God told them to stay there, build houses, and have children and grandchildren, and increase in the place He had sent



them. His goal was for them to change their environment and change it for generations. We hope to do that by once again sounding the trumpet for Kingdom values. The values we speak about are integrity, fidelity, dependability, faithfulness, excellence, and stewardship, coupled with pragmatic business tools such as management, efficiency, and people skills. We want peo-

ple to know there is still a place for accountability, respect, and servant leadership in business.

In past years major corporations were looking for skill sets. They have found out that they can teach skill sets, but cannot teach character. Today these major businesses are looking for people who have proven character traits. We have teachers who have been in the workplace for many years and many have been in executive positions. We intend to share that Kingdom values will increase productivity and blessings that cannot be found elsewhere. Authority is a major issue that people need to know has been set into their lives to establish boundaries for behavior and order to every area of life.

We also hope that this is a catalyst to start Opportunity, Inc. branches within cities to build fellowship and trust among business people. Fear is a tool of the enemy that keeps us from one another and the blessings that come when we gather together in unity. And this unity is not only on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week.

1:2:1: What are the hurdles for Opportunity, Inc. as it presents this message across many cultures?

RG: There is an inherent nature within people of every culture to want to do things their own way. Self-centeredness is found in every country and every culture. The tendency to want to do things the way they



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have always been done is prevalent. One of the great challenges of our teaching is to not think that the Western way is the best. The truth is that many things in our own culture have caused more problems than they have fixed. We must endeavor to share that the culture of Christ's Kingdom is what is important. It is not American, African, Latin, Asian, or European ideas that are important, but ideas that come from God and have been written clearly in His Word and ministered by His Spirit. We must be able to identify our own areas of limited understanding and seek to hear what God would say in the midst of every culture and situation with an overall objective of bringing glory to God.

1-2-1: So you're intruding on some paradigms?

RG: A major challenge we face throughout the world is overcoming the view of the separations of clergy and laity. It appears that many people feel that the only ones called by God are those standing behind a pulpit. God has sent all of us into the world! We must also overcome the idea that the church is designed primarily to operate inside a building on Sunday mornings. We must change people's perspectives that Christians in the market-

place only exist to make money to fund the vision of those behind the pulpit.

There constantly seems to be warfare in this area to help people know and understand that they are called to their vocation as a ministry unto God. I have traveled in more than 40 countries and find this to be something that has been propagated in every form and fashion. If the Church is to be the effective instrument in the world that God has called us to, we must move into every arena God opens to us.

1-2-1: What do you believe God is saying in the Marketplace?

RG: Over the last several years, I have seen people move into a new dimension of calling. They are becoming creative and inspired to do things they thought were impossible before. Oz Hillman wrote a book titled, **The Nine to Five Window**. For years, the Church has been reaching into the 10/40 window. While I believe that is still needed, the fact is that if the Church also transforms business, we will be able to reach into all nations and regain the rightful influence and power that God gave to us.

The Church is dysfunctional in so many areas. We have lost our bearings. Daily life

should be the background for miracles. The people we touch every day should be the ones experiencing new life in their children, their spouses, and their jobs. We live in a real world and have a God who created us to function in this world. We must be able to reveal His Kingdom through our daily lives and actions. Our character and values need to proclaim His life every day. I fully expect to see a fresh outpouring of the presence of the Almighty in the marketplace as we recommit ourselves to His calling for our lives and embrace His values for living. THIS is what we mean by **OPPORTUNITY!**

We are looking for entrepreneurs, business owners, trainers and leaders to help us take a message of opportunity and life to countries and people who are searching. **121**

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chief beneficiaries of our own transformed hearts? Or ... should we refuse this grace, they may become the chief victims of our toxicity.

Everybody Hurts

So the next time you are tempted to air your feelings out around your children about mean old Uncle Goofus or grumpy old Grandma Gristle—or the snoopy neighbor, the unfair boss, or the meddling pastor—consider the impact that your example will have on your own kids. If you get hurt, and we all do, take it to the Lord first and then take it to the offending party ... but don't take it to your home. In so doing, it will be much easier, and you will have infinitely more credibility, when you need to encourage your children to forgive or to take a problem to the Lord.

A final word of caution: we all love our kids, and are eager to protect them. But be careful not to enable them in nursing along a hurt or slight. Don't automatically assume that they are blameless, or that the other party is 100% wrong. Yes, we need to stand with our children, but a big part of truly standing with them is speaking the truth in love and helping them learn to stand on Christ themselves.

This is all easier said than done. I've had to deal with a few "dead horsies" in my life, but the quicker we can stop beating them and start burying them, the more peace we will have and share in our homes. 121



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to remove evangelism, missions, and the Ten Commandments. By attacking the doctrine of hell, they have pulled down a culture. By attacking the Word of God, no other document is safe.

We might ask ourselves, do we really believe there is a place called hell? If so, how does that motivate us? Or, does neglect have the same affect as unbelief? Who is more guilty, the one who takes the wrong road, or the one who removes the signs?

DISCERNMENT

How can we see clearly through the revisionist fog? Here are some ways:

- * Study the Word of God; it is the "lamp for our feet".
- * Humble ourselves before God and acknowledge our blindness.
- * Love the truth and hide it not from others. Buy it and do not sell it for any price.
- * Study history from those who actually made it.
- * Walk by truth and not mere emotions.
- * Be accountable to God and godly friends.
- * And do not be passive about evil; it is malignant!

You are not alone in your desire for truth. Many are coming to realize

that they and their children have been robbed. We do not have to agree on everything, but we can agree to seek the God who is true...together, in love. We can love freedom and hate the lies that would bring us into bondage. And, we can seek to walk worthy of those who died for truth so that we might have it. 121

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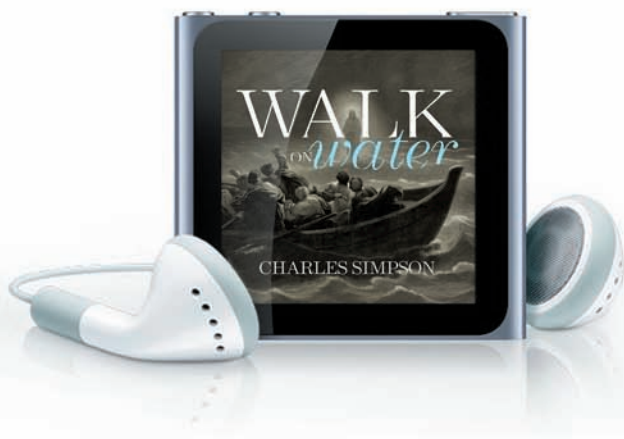
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