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Obedience and Correction

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Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.
- Proverbs 13:24



Praise & Prayer

How often do we hear this verse about someone's child? The answer: a lot! But how often do we hear it being used when it comes to obedience to God? The answer: not enough. This week I had an experience that led me to think of this verse.

For those who do not know, I work full-time as a substance abuse counselor for a non-profit organization. Part of the job, as a counselor, is to lead therapy groups about the dangers of addiction. This week at my job while running groups, I had an experience where one of the groups and I did not jive. The director of the organization had to chime in and have an emergency intervention to help me and the group build a rapport with one another. The intervention went well and the group went well for the rest of the week. In the back of my mind though, I thought I had gotten away with making the mistake and would not receive a written warning about it. However when Thursday came, I found myself being asked to visit the office of the director.

In the midst of the challenging times in which we live, as well as occasions of personal hardship and suffering, let's not lose sight of the multitude of blessings for which we should be thankful to our gracious Lord.

While in the office, I received the paper I dreaded to see. It was a final warning on what had happened in the group. The director had a discussion with me about what took place and I accepted responsibility for my mistake, as I take my role as a counselor seriously. But during the discussion, the director stated to me, "This is the part of my job I hate doing, having to write warnings to my staff." Those words rang in my ears as loudly as did the bells at the local monastery I visited in Georgia during the NAWE annual meeting.

Let's be praying for those who are continuing to suffer from the aftermath of such natural disasters as the hurricanes and the earthquakes. Pray particularly for those in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Mexico.

The reason it stood out to me was because it made me think of a Christian's obedience to God. When a Christian sins, he often knows God is watching, but in the back of his mind he may still think he can get away with it. But when he realizes that he is found out, the Christian also often receives the needed firm correction from the Lord.

Pray for the victims & families of those from the recent shooting in Las Vegas.

Deep down I personally believe God hates to correct the ones He loves. He would rather commend than correct, but must do the latter oftentimes in order not to spoil the child. So as Christians, we should accept the correction from God with joy as He already is having His heart hurt by having to discipline His beloved creation.

Pray for revival in us, in our churches, in our nation, and across the world.

In closing, receive correction with open arms from God because it is true love that is demonstrated in correction. Correction opens our minds to new ways to approach the same problem and to grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is exactly how I approached the situation at my job.

I wish grace and peace to everyone.

NAWE News Information and Updates

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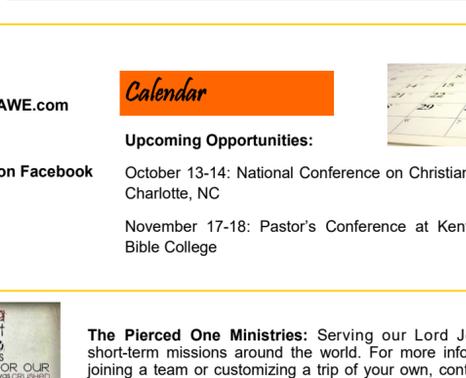
The latest edition of the Journal was recently sent out. If you didn't receive one or if you would like additional copies, please contact Tony Elder with that request. There are more copies available if you need them. Send your request to revelder@aol.com.

2018 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and begin making your plans to attend our next Annual Meeting—July 10-12, 2018. The event will be held at the Highland Manor Inn and Conference Center in **Townsend, Tennessee**—just a short drive away from the resort areas of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. It would be a great opportunity to include the Annual Meeting as part of a family vacation.

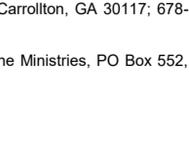
Our speaker at the Annual Meeting will be **Hubert Harriman** who served as the president of World Gospel Mission from 2002–2016.

More details will be coming in the months ahead, but please go ahead and set aside those dates for participating in this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and inspiration.



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Calendar



Upcoming Opportunities:

October 13-14: National Conference on Christian Apologetics in Charlotte, NC

November 17-18: Pastor's Conference at Kentucky Mountain Bible College



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