



The Anchor



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HAPPY 18TH ANNIVERSARY!!



From The Pastor's Desk Pastor Bill Adams

After I rededicated my life to the Lord at age 24, I had a great burden to share my faith with those God put around me. Having lived an openly sinful life for those years prior to my rededication, I was now endeavouring to live a spiritual life that would both glorify my Lord and provide a platform from which I could witness to others. About two years later, I was working in an office setting and became burdened to witness to a co-worker. I was trying very hard to live the Christian life in front of him and was praying for an opportunity to share my faith with him. Because I was somewhat fearful, opportunities came and went. Finally, one day he came to me and said, "Bill, I know that you're a religious man, a Mormon..." That's about all I could remember about the conversation. His words stunned me! I said to myself, "I've failed." **Was I a Mormon?** This incident taught me two things as a young Christian and I want to share them with you in this month's column.

The Danger of Assumption

I assumed that my Christian lifestyle alone was building a foundation from which to speak to him about Christ. I presumed he would draw the Christian connection. I was wrong. He also assumed wrongly. He thought that because I sincerely practiced my beliefs, that I was a Mormon. Why didn't he think I was a Christian? But I learned

that living the Christian life was not enough. We must beware of making assumptions. Job's friends ("miserable comforters" – Job 16:2) made the same mistake. They assumed Job was going through all his trials and tribulations because of sin in his life: *"Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed"* (Job 4:7-9). Jesus' own disciples presumed that because a man was born blind that either he or his parents had sinned (John 9:1-3). There is a danger in making



assumptions – we might be wrong!

The Duty of Amplification

If this co-worker had not come up to me, or if I would not have had the courage to go to him, my Christian lifestyle would have had no impact spiritually upon his soul's destination. He would have falsely assumed that I was a Mormon and that Mormonism makes you spiritual and maybe

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spiritually acceptable to God! The second lesson I learned in this incident was the importance of amplifying or making it clear who I was and how, in truth, to go to heaven. Trying to live the Christian life before others is crucial but it's incomplete without expounding on Christ. We must not only visibly live but verbally communicate Christ and the plan of salvation. Paul admonished the Corinthian Christians: "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (1 Cor. 15:34). It is our duty to tell people around us how to know God personally. When we are asleep spiritually, we sin and it is a shame to us.

People today make a lot of assumptions. Sometimes, they presume things to be true when they are not. It's one thing if it is a small matter. But when it affects their soul, it can be a fatal mistake. God places Christians around the unbeliever so that they can see and hear the Truth. Let's not assume someone will tell them. Let's not assume they understand spiritual things. Let's amplify, clarify, and simplify the gospel message. Let's walk and talk the Christian life. The lost around us are watching. I'm not a Mormon, but without a word from me, I was one in his mind!

YOUTH CORNER

Pastor James Hird

Purity

Last month, Cara and I had the opportunity to attend the wedding of a relative of mine. On the way home, Cara and I were discussing the situation surrounding the marriage of this couple. This couple had been living

together for at least eighteen months before they were married. They had no understanding of what the word "purity" means. Webster's Dictionary defines purity as spotless or stainless. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words defines purity this way, "without defilement, not contaminated."

In order for you as young people to maintain your purity before God, you need to follow the basic command that Paul has put forward for you in I Corinthians 7:1. He says here, "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman." It is important to realize that marriage is necessary to avoid fornication. If you are not married, then there should be no reason for a physical relationship. The writer of Hebrews says this in chapter thirteen verse four, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." The word "undefiled" has the same meaning as purity.

Paul writes in I Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Timothy was not, at this time, a teenager, but what Paul says here applies to all young people. You need to be an example of what a believer should be – pure.

Paul also wrote Timothy in II Timothy 2:21-22, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." You must always remember who you belong to. If you

have accepted Christ as your Saviour, you belong to Him. Paul writes in I Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

As one final thought, I started this article by discussing a "defiled" relationship. How do you as a young person maintain your purity? You first need to follow God's Word. I have given you but a few verses dealing with your purity. Before Cara and I married, she wore a necklace with one single letter on it, a "P". This stood for the purity that she would maintain until she was married. She wore this necklace as a picture of the commitment that she made to God. If you are willing to make the same promise to God, you could consider doing the same thing. Purity is the one thing that you have as a young person that should only be given to God or the person you marry. Do not give it away in any other circumstance.

A Woman's Window

Mrs. Debbie Adams

Rainbow Wishing

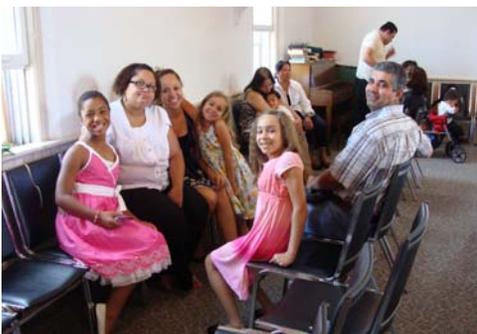
When our delightful first-born daughter was old enough to sit on my lap and listen to stories, I made it a regular routine to read to her each day a Bible story or two from The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes, by Kenneth N. Taylor. It's a wonderful little book for children that includes Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments. Each time we'd get to the story about Noah and the big boat and the rainbow God placed in the sky, she would ask me all about the beautiful rainbow. She wanted to see one so very much. She was between two and three years old at this time. I recommended, "If you really want to

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THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY





Announcements and Events

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On Sunday, July 26th, we held our final Friend Day & BBQ. Marisa did a fabulous job in hosting a huge crowd of hungry people. The food and fellowship were full-filling! I preached on Elisha's request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. The Lord blessed us with a double portion of His goodness.

On Friday evening, August 7th, twelve men gathered at Pastor Hird's for a great time of food, fire, and fellowship.

On Sunday, August 16th, we rejoiced together as two ladies followed their Lord in believer's baptism.

John & Romans Distribution

Monday, September 14th to Saturday, September 19th

18th Anniversary Service

Sunday, September 20th

S.N.A.C.

Sunday Evening, October 4th

Children's Harvest Party

Saturday, October 24th

Mission's Conference

Sunday, November 1st

Keep fasting and praying for open doors in our new property search!

We have received over \$14,000 toward our 23 month debt reduction goal of \$100,000. Thank you for your sacrificial offerings! We are praying for a mortgage burning service in Dec 2010.



Our Schedule of Services

MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY

Sunday School
for all ages 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm

We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.

MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. The Church is located 5 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.

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see a rainbow, Jenny, why don't you pray and ask God for one. I am sure He will answer your prayer." Well, for two years, Jennifer faithfully prayed that God would bring her a rainbow in the sky. One stormy, summer afternoon, when the rain passed and the sun came out, we went outside into our yard and there, in our very own neighbourhood, was God's amazing, wonderful answer! It was as big a gift from God as you could ever imagine; for there, high up in the sky, we looked up to see not one, but two beautiful rainbows! God had answered her prayer and sent her a double blessing! She was so excited and in awe of it. I ran in and grabbed our camera to take a picture. We put the picture in a booklet she made out of construction paper that day for "Answered Prayers." Isn't God so tender to answer our children's prayers! I love what He did for our little girl. Remembering fills my heart with gratitude. "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4).

