

Response To "Rotten Apples!"

Lessons learned & victories gained in caring for handicapped children!

From the mother of the child mentioned in "Rotten Apples": Dearest Dad & Maria, GBY! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, & appreciate you more than words could tell! Well, I can't describe the reaction in my heart as I read your letter concerning me and my son. It was such a shock and shook me up, or better, broke me down, like never anything in my life! The Lord has had to let some heavy things happen in my life to get me desperate and more broken.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THE FATHER IS OF THE BABY. As a result of an abortion I had in the system, I have a very weak uterus. But also the overdoing of housework and FFing had caused the baby to be born at six months. This was very heartbreaking for me, for he had some problems with breathing.

FOR SIX MONTHS HE HAD TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL, because he needed a tube in his throat to be able to breathe. Then, when I could take him home, he still had this tube for another six months, until he was totally healed from his breathing problem. All this made him to be physically retarded for awhile. He's now three years old and strong and grown up normally, as other children of his age.

THE LORD KEPT ON DEALING WITH ME in some heavy ways. When I came here, I was pregnant but lost the baby. Probably because I didn't take all this that happened seriously enough. I had another miscarriage a year later, which was caused by an operation I needed to have because of an infected appendicitis. This really did make me desperate, for I really would have wanted to

have another baby. That's also when the Lord showed me to take things more seriously and really pray about things & find out what the Lord is trying to teach me. LHMI

I REALLY WANT TO ASK YOU, DAD, TO PLEASE FORGIVE ME for any problems that I have caused. Your letter really puts the fear of the Lord into me and makes me check my heart more than ever!

AS YOU SAID, if evil spirits find that crime doesn't pay, they would flee. But if they don't get corrected right away, they cause more problems! We prayed for my son all together as you suggested in the Letter. It really makes me cry much, when I realise how the Lord had to use all this and let this happen to him because of my failures. LHMI

YOU ALSO SAID THAT LACK OF DISCIPLINING A CHILD comes from a lack of self-discipline & this is so true! Lord help me to really learn my lesson & to change & be more prayerful about things I do! I know that all your chastenings are done in love, & I really want to thank you for your concern & for laying down your life for us.

I NEED YOU, & could never be happy anywhere else but in the Family. Your words have changed my life ever since I met the Family 5 1/2 years ago, & I couldn't keep on without them. Forever with love,

Your Daughter, P.S. AFTER HAVING COUNSELLED TOGETHER in our Home & decided to really be more strict in disciplining my son, he already made lots of progress & is doing much better. TTLL

From Abe & Maggie Deliverance; USA:

JUST A SHORT TESTIMONY OF OUR LITTLE BABY AMANDA STAR who was born over a year ago now to encourage any other parents with "Handicapped children"!

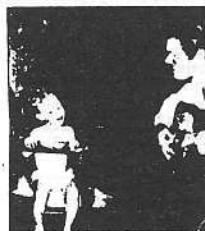
AFTER READING "ROTTEN APPLES" we knew Mandy fell under the category of a "lesson in patience, love & the mercy of God on us"! She's been a continuing testimony to us & the world how the Lord can touch & heal a child given almost zero percent chance to live at birth due to a "punctured lung" & brain damage if she lived! As Dad said, the Lord seems to work with people beyond the help of man; as Mandy lived & continued to bring life to us! EVEN THOUGH SHE'S

PHYSICALLY BEHIND, spiritually she's not & after a recent evaluation by doctors they are amazed to see that only her "motor functions" need therapy. In other words, her little spirit from Jesus is pulling her physical body up to what is expected & in time they will eventually catch up to each other!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, DAD'S LETTERS, "FAITH & HEALING" & "PILL OR PILGRIMAGE" GAVE US THE FAITH to trust God for the impossible from the time she was born & continued to help us trust God above the advice of the doctors who said she wouldn't live, would be on medication, & would be a crippled child all her life!—In Summary: "No Hope!" Hal! It's almost laughable to us now that we see her progress & inspires us no end!

SO TO THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS, please "Follow God" & He will bless your obedience to the Lord & the Letters! We love

you & pray this encourages you! TY Dad, for giving us the Word of faith from Jesus! Love, Abe & Maggie Deliverance.



Daddy Alan hits Karim's knee! Karim, of Alan & Mirjam, was born with toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection which caused brain damage. U.S. & European brain specialists said that he was a hopeless case, but God is doing miracles & Karim is making very encouraging progress. He can sit up, crawl & climb onto his bed & many other things which were almost impossible things before. Expect miracles!

From Christina Joyous, Europe: I WANTED TO WRITE TO SHARE WITH YOU about my oldest son Isaac. He is 4 years old now, but when he was a little over 2 1/2 he caught the mumps which caused him to lose his hearing & he is now deaf. I am in contact with Uriah & Sharai, the parents of Zion in California, & they have been such a blessing & encouragement to me! GBT!

ISAAC IS MAKING REAL PROGRESS. He is saved & loves Jesus so much! He really shows how he knows how much Jesus suffered for us. We're all learning the Lord's prayer in sign language & Isaac already knows Phil. 4:13. I also noticed how he's very calm & not distracted by a lot of the World's noise & confusion. He has such a sweet spirit!

HE EVEN "SANG" WITH ANOTHER COUPLE'S CHILDREN in an old people's home & Isaac "sang" right along with

the other children doing the motions. He did just as well, if not better than the other children. He memorised pretty much the hand movements & just followed along. It really touched the old people's hearts, too!

THROUGH ISAAC'S DEAFNESS I LEARNED A VERY BIG LESSON TOO! I really didn't take childhood diseases seriously up until now. Maybe it wouldn't have happened if I would have had real faith, not just taking it for granted that it was nothing, and had desperately prayed & sought the Lord. You either have to have real Faith or you'd better see a doctor, but don't just sit around not doing anything! Lord forgive me & help me! But, "all things work together for good to them that love God", so now I want to be faithful with this Special Child He has given me. Much, much love in His Service, Christina Joyous.

From Tabitha Newdawn; USA: MY LITTLE GIRL IS 2 YEARS OLD & WAS BORN WITH HYDROCEPHALUS (water on the brain), which is caused by a disease called "toxoplasmosis", which can be carried by cats, dogs, or uncooked meat. One out of 3 people has it, but it is very unnoticeable & has the same symptoms as the flu. It is only serious when a pregnant mother catches it & it then has a very serious effect on the unborn child.

AT THE TIME I WAS PREGNANT WITH LAILA, we had taken in a stray cat & made it our house cat. Because of ignorance & not being more prayerful, two children were born with serious birth defects. I know the Lord allowed this for many reasons, & one of them is a warning to others as I've seen many a stray animal taken in with at least one or more pregnant mothers in the home. "An ounce of prevention is worth much."

much more than a pound of cure, especially when it comes to the Lord's children."

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FEELING TO SEE HOW SHE FINALLY LEARNED TO CRAWL after two years, to be able to see her put two words together, to know she is finally understanding what you're saying to see that maybe one day she will walk. But, all of this has & will only come about with desperate prayer, faith, knowledge of God's Word, obedience & just loving Jesus more & more everyday! The tests don't get easier, but you really learn what the verse means when it says, "to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ". God's Love is limitless when it comes to His children.

ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS FOR ME has been to try & never feel she's any different, to know when you make them feel they're handicapped, they can become discouraged & introverted. But really encouraging them on any of the simplest little tasks goes such a long way with children, because they only want to please you. Encouragement is such a beautiful way of showing love, even to us adults.

MANY BRETHREN ARE REALLY UNSURE OF HOW TO TREAT LAILA, so I usually have to share with them to treat her just like the other children, only be more patient as far as discipline goes, as she may not understand. Handicapped children are usually more sensitive to the Spirit & don't need to be harshly disciplined. The tone of your voice speaks loud & clear to them that they aren't pleasing you.

I KNOW THE LORD HAS A SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR LAILA, because of everything she's had to fight for in her life! He has answered my prayers so much, & I pray that this will encourage others in similar situations! Love, Tabitha

Sesame Street- 'Devil-inspired Trash..'

"Negative...Destructive...even terrifying!"

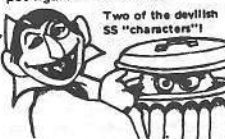
From Sara Davidito & Dora Tech: Dearest Thaddus & all, GBY! ONE POINT WE'D LIKE TO BRING UP REGARDING THE "SESAME STREET" VIDEO you just sent. Perhaps our explaining to you just what we don't like about these SS shows may even be of help to you in the future in your research materials as well.

FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT GLOWING REPORTS from all sides about this American kids' show, the very one that started a whole "learning revolution" in U.S.A. pre-school & TV educational shows, & the show that "inspired" the adult calamity called "The Muppets"! In scores of English childcare catalogues etc., the "experts" have nothing but good to say about this show which I had previously never heard of, nor Dora.

WE HAD ALSO SEEN FROM REPORTS & LETTERS THAT MANY FAMILIES IN THE U.S. WERE WATCHING THIS SHOW regularly & liked it, so we were quite interested in seeing it for ourselves! (God bless some U.S. V's who voiced that they were quite dubious of the show & wondered what good it could do for the children in the Family!)

DAD & MARIA THEN VIEWED AN HOUR-LONG "SESAME STREET" SHOW sent to us from Hong Kong (so sad the Devil can reach those beautiful lil Chinese children too!); & they then suggested that Dora & I view it, analysing our reactions throughout the show, every point we liked or didn't like, sharing with us briefly how disgusted they were with it, seeing no rhyme or reason to the "teaching" efforts etc.

SO WE SAT DOWN TO WATCH THE SHOW sent from Hong Kong, not knowing what to expect, & literally from the moment the show started we found nothing but Devil-inspired trash & negative, destructive, consistently bad samples & even terrifying for children, just absolutely demonic! This is not so surprising, since it comes out of the very pit of hellish New York & is so praised by the USA System who've idolised the Devil & even made him one of the puppet figures in the show!



THE SCENE IS SET IN THE BACK STREET SLUMS OF NEW YORK with a grumbling devil-monster puppet cursing every passer-by from his "home"—a trash can in the alley!—He's the star of the show! The black adult MCs argue & murmur about most everything while bold-faced words are shown at the screen (difficult to read) to the punk-rock music playing; numbers too are flashed on screen with no purpose but to beat to the jungle music. You feel like you've just come out of a rock concert after sitting thru a whole hour!

THE OTHER LIFE-SIZED PUPPETS—MONSTERS EVERY ONE—encourage & start temper tantrums, throwing food, destroy nearly everything they handle while the audience laughs. Destruction seemed to me to be their main message & purpose, inspired by the "devourer" himself! EXTRAVAGANCE, LYING,

DECEPTION for children to "learn" from, computer music, fearful, frantic narration, bad off-key singing (when our Family children need only the best in music if they are to learn to sing & use it for a witness!), etc. It showed a snake with 2 heads to "teach" the number 2, which unexpectedly flashed on the screen at the end of a little song that we were just about to comment together was the only decent part of the show! Ugh! The film often goes backward in fast motion, totally crass Americanism & infuriating! One puppet was grooving like a N.Y. smack-freak—probably what the producer himself looks like, ha!

THE WHOLE THING REMINDED US SO MUCH OF THE JOHN TODD EXPOSÉ of the Devil's own subtlety & overtaking every part of the System! It was totally rebellious, interrupting any tiny bit of good that was being said with evil—Devilish from A to Z! We "hated it with a perfect hatred"!—And now you see why!

THIS IS WHY WE HAVE BEEN SO PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT THE ENGLISH CHILDREN'S SHOWS—so beautiful, uplifting & wholesome, mostly emphasising only the positive & God's beautiful creation, the goodness & happy joys in life that children can be so thankful for!

SO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR SUCH A GREAT JOB you all have done on these "kiddie viddies"! We appreciate them so much! Hope you don't mind my ranting & raving about this SS Show, we can hardly do the subject justice! God deliver us from it everywhere around the world! As Dad said about "My Lord! The World's already worshipping beasts! Those monsters make me furious! They're teaching children that those monsters are real!" Amen! Love, Sara & Dora. (AMEN! GDM!-D.)

Growing With Our Children!

Lessons learned in understanding Pre-Teens!

From Adam & Patience, parents of 4; Scandinavia:

HAVING OLDER CHILDREN WHO ARE GROWING INTO AN AGE LEVEL in which they, more than ever, get experienced, start to make their own independent decisions etc., is really something new to us & makes us keep seeking the Lord for guidance. We want to pass on some lessons & experiences we are having & are just as interested in hearing from other families about how they try to bring up their pre-teens to serve & love the Lord.

OUR OLDEST SON JONAS, 8 1/2 HAS TAUGHT US how important it is for us as parents to be adaptable as he grows, & to change our disciplinary methods accordingly. His needs are changing now & so our approach to him needs to be different, & we as parents must continually stir ourselves to meet these needs of his.

AS CHILDREN GROW UP & ARE MORE & MORE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES PHYSICALLY (—Right now we don't have a child who doesn't feed himself or goes to the toilet by himself; they're all independent in that respect, being 3, 5, 6 1/2 & 8 1/2), the way they need guidance changes to a more intellectual & spiritual level, & this can take even more prayer.

IT TAKES A LOT OF ADAPTABILITY, PATIENCE & UNDERSTANDING while at the same time it's really fun & interesting. It makes us more mature & is really a great challenge! It also makes us more dependent on the Lord, as many times we don't know what to do. We are certainly not "equal to the task", as Dad says in "What Is That In Thy Hand", & He will help us if we do our best to rear them His way.



(Greeting card pic courtesy Day Spring Cards, Outreach Pubs; Calif., USA.)

"A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME" (Pr. 29:15.) Altho' older children do not need such close constant supervision to prevent physical injury, we are learning that it is important for us to try to present something for the children to do at all times, to keep them channelled, since if they are left to themselves for too long periods of time "just playing", it gets to the point where it's really hard to reach them, & besides it doesn't make them truly happy either.

THE TWO OLDER BOYS HAVE A LOT OF ENERGY & A NEED FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, so we've been taking them out skating & swimming which they really like.

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MUNICATION is so important, because if you don't have it, they get rebellious. They want to be respected as the grown-ups they are on their way to becoming, & which they often consider themselves to be (& sometimes are!). Usually they are much more aware & sensitive & put things together than we think. It's probably better to "over-estimate" them a bit in this respect, than to "under-estimate" them. They have such a rich background in the Word & the Spirit that they are usually much wiser & grown-up than children of their own age in the System.

JONAS, FOR EXAMPLE, DOESN'T EVEN LISTEN SOMETIMES to threats, spankings etc. anymore, but you have to become his buddy & his friend & be honest with him, sharing your