

# America's Promise



# Newsletter

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## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### **SOUTHERN IDAHO CONFERENCE:**

Pastor Ernestine Young will be hosting a Bible conference this coming **30 September through October 2, 2011, in Nampa Idaho.** The speakers include, Pastor Dave Parkhurst, Pastor Robert Phillips, his wife, Lynn (from Wales), and Pastor Dave Barley, and his wife Martha Barley. We would love to see you there, if you would like to attend, **please call Ernestine at 208-467-7542 to make reservations and receive directions.**

**SAD NEWS: Pastor Peter J. Peters passed away July 7, 2011. It is reported that it was the result of kidney failure. Please keep Nancy (his wife) and family in your prayers. He fought the good fight, and he loved Jesus.**

### **FED UP WITH THE FED**

Representative Ron Paul has been begging Congress to audit the Federal Reserve Bank for many years, but Congress has been bought and paid for. The truth is not in them. Nonetheless, Congressman Paul remains persistent in his perusal of the truth and is willing to even be the odd man out among his congressional colleagues that he might uncover the hidden corruption of the International Money Changers and their debt usury system. Representative Paul wrote in a piece that appeared on The Hill's [Congress Blog](#), and was picked up by Pete Kasperowicz - 08/02/11

**“Rep. Ron Paul on Monday introduced legislation that would lower the federal government's debt by canceling the roughly \$1.6 trillion in debt held by the Federal Reserve.**

**Paul has argued for the last few weeks that the idea represents a quick way to make the growing fiscal crisis more manageable. Under his bill, H.R. 2768, the \$1.6 trillion that the Treasury owes to the**

**Federal Reserve would disappear.**

**The Federal Reserve began buying Treasury bonds in earnest late last year as part of its effort to keep long-term interest rates down. But Paul has argued that Fed purchases of Treasury debt represent a debt that the government owes to itself, and one that also leads to an unwanted and inflationary increase in the money supply.”**

Good for Ron Paul, I would love to see this happen. In reality, this would be great for the Federal Reserve thieves, because this would allow them to remove the heat that is upon them. They would look like the “good guys”, and then they could revert right back to their usual debt scam. In reality, I would prefer this next proposal. I'm not usually a big fan of Congressman Kusinich, but I certainly do appreciate him willing to take on the Federal Reserve Bankers. He wants to nationalize the Federal Reserve (in other words, revert the printing of money back into the hands of the U.S. Treasury as debt free money) and end the national debt. Please watch this amazing news clip on your computer

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Mx4JK4tmnU> .

America's fiat (fraudulent) banking notes are rapidly depreciating in value. Gold and silver are climbing in value, and though I do not claim that these commodities will save you financially, they certainly will retain their value in far better fashion than the Feds banking notes. Personally, I cannot afford gold, but I can afford to purchase some silver (the poor man's gold). At this writing, gold cost over \$1600.00 while silver is around \$41.00. Also, don't forget to purchase food, it is still much cheaper, and has the potential to be worth more than gold.

This is from a Fox Business News interview with Congressman Dennis Kusinich of Ohio on June 6, 2011: Kusinich: What I want is for us to take control of the money system again by putting the Fed under Treasury and have the

government be able to invest money instead of the Fed loaning money to banks--or creating money out of nothing and giving it to banks--which then park it at the Fed and gain interest with no benefit to the economy.

I want to see money spent to create jobs, rebuild America. We shouldn't have to borrow this money. I have a different approach.

Moderator then calls Kusinich "one of the New members of Congress who understands the Federal Reserve. . ."

Kusinich: This guy [pointing to himself] wants to change the rules so that we diminish the role of the Fed, put it back under Treasury, which the founders intended under Article 1, Section 8. The power to coin money was not given to the Fed. They siezed that power in 1913. I want to set the Fed aside, as far as that's concerned, regain the power, let the government invest in the economy--- . . . Why should we borrow from banks? The Fed is giving money to the banks. We shouldn't have to borrow money from banks.

This man is speaking words of LIBERTY, and they are Biblically based on the fact that usury, or the charging of interest is a curse upon any nation. Yes, the American people have been brain-washed concerning the "American currency" since December 23, 1913 when 5 senators conspired with the International bankers in the middle of the night to take America captive without a standing army, and was treasonously signed into law by President Wilson. By the way, Colonel House was the Rothschild Bankers' personal agent and advisor to President Wilson. Just like today, former head of the Federal Reserve bank in New York City and current United States Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner is the hidden hand agent/advisor to President Obama.

America does not need more government, or more regulations, or more taxes, or more debt. What America needs is a nation and people who are dedicated to King Jesus Christ, dedicated to His Word, and His laws. The things of this world are fading into insignificance rapidly and even shallow

Christians are becoming more and more aware of the fact that these present day false government institutes are failing and that we the people have been lied to by all the various systems and programs who have been compromised by this Babylonian whorish system. Yes, we need honest just weights and measures, honest laws derived from the Word of God, but we also need to be and become an honest God fearing people who will *"refrain our tongue from evil...and be followers of that which is good."*(1 Peter 3:10-13)

Lastly, remember I spoke of "gold?" I want you to understand that we are the "GOLD" of real value in the eyes of God Almighty. Meaning, we become very valuable spiritually as we become more and more refined by the power of the Holy Spirit upon our minds and we start walking and thinking according to the Mind of Christ. This can only happen as we read the whole counsel of God's Word. In other words, we must daily read God's Word and absorb its great wisdom of SPIRITUAL GOLD that will REFINE US. Here is a powerful verse of Scripture that reinforces what I have been saying:

Revelation 3:18

*18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

What is this refined gold, or gold that has been "tried in the fire" of God's refining fire? It is a "living epistle," the Sons of God, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, groomed by the fire of God to be shining lights of Jesus Christ the true Bright and Morning Star.

Concerning earthly gold and silver, the Word of God tells us "WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING" from the Word of God are far more precious and valuable than the mere wealth of these metals. Wealth would not have fed or kept the Pilgrims alive, but Godly Biblical understanding and wisdom from the Word of God did. They learned to work, pray, worship Jesus Christ in Spirit and in Truth, and to love one another. Oh my dear friends, that speaks of the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness.

Proverbs 16:16

**16 How much better is it to *get wisdom than gold!* and to *get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!***

Let us all walk in the Word and in His Love,

PS - I had already finished this newsletter when I learned of the Standard and Poor downgrade of our national credit standing. To this I laugh. Why wasn't it downgraded decades ago?

*Pastor Dave Barley*

## **Debt Crisis Solutions by Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum** (by Dr. Steve Jones)

The current discussions over the debt crisis are certainly heated, but neither side is addressing the real causes of the debt itself, which has now reached crisis proportions.

We would have no national debt if it were not for the Federal Reserve Act of 1913. That Act gave the power to create money to a new institution called the Federal Reserve Bank, owned and operated by very wealthy private bankers. That one Act meant that as the economy increased, and more money was needed to "oil the machine," new money had to be borrowed into existence AT INTEREST, instead of the government creating it for itself with no interest.

It only stands to reason that if the Fed has a monopoly on the creation of money, and if they only create it as an interest-bearing LOAN, then these private banker "elite" have their own money tree.

Last week it was revealed that the Fed loaned \$16 Trillion to foreign governments and corporations recently. Some congressmen complained that they were giving away "OUR MONEY." No, they did not. The Fed created \$16 Trillion out of nothing and loaned it out at interest. That money did not come from the American tax payers. Bernanke was not recirculating old money, but creating new money that had not previously existed at all.

The problem is not the \$16 Trillion loan. The problem is that they have been given the right to create money out of nothing, which properly belongs only to the American people themselves.

If I retain the monopoly on the right to make pencils, and I loan you 10 pencils, but require that you repay me with 11 pencils, we have set up the conditions for a default. How can you repay 11 when only 10 are in existence?

Not to worry, though. There are others who want to borrow 10 pencils, and soon I have loaned out 10,000 pencils. So it is relatively easy for you to find 11 to pay back in a year. The problem is that now the debt is 11,000 pencils, when there are only 10,000 in existence.

This is a Ponzi scheme on a grand scale, because the system works only as long as more and more people are borrowing pencils. But eventually, over the years, there is a debt of 14 Trillion pencils to repay, and 500 Billion of them have to be repaid each year. The only way to stay ahead of the game and to avoid default is for more people to borrow another 500 Billion pencils to make up for the loss. Otherwise, soon there would be no more pencils in the world, and the debt would still be enormous.

That is where we are today. The Democrats want the government to borrow more newly-created pencils from the Fed, but that only increases the debt and kicks the can down the road until the next repayment has to be made. The Republicans want to stop the borrowing and just pay back the Fed all of the pencils that the government has borrowed.

The Republican plan would remove hundreds of billions out of circulation each year and would cause an economic collapse almost immediately. It is a self-imposed austerity measure that would shrink the "pencil" supply and cut way down on the number of "books" that could be written.

The Democratic plan buys a little more time before the inevitable economic collapse occurs. But because the people owe so much, they are in no position to ask the bank to create more pencils for them. So the government has to make up the difference. But the government's pencil-borrowing ability is being overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the shortage. In spite of borrowing trillions of pencils each year, they have barely been able to keep up with the shortage.

Hence, we have a sustained unemployment rate. The rate would have gone up much higher if they had

NOT borrowed so many pencils to stimulate the economy. And yet, every pencil that they borrowed must be repaid with more pencils than were borrowed. So the hole is now far deeper than it was a few years ago.

So we now have two solutions to the problem. Tweedle-dee proposes taking pencils from John and Sally to continue its pencil-dispensing to those in need of pencils. Tweedle-dum proposes to put John and Sally on an austerity program to limit the number of pencils available in the economy, in order to keep their vow: "Read my lips: No New Pencil-grabbing."

Somehow, the government "sacred cow" is the doctrine that we owe the Fed a lot of pencils. It is as if the Fed bankers spent a lot of time and energy working to make pencils--when, in fact, they created them by the stroke of a pen. The government could have done this itself and spent the money into circulation WITHOUT INTEREST.

Why do we owe the Fed anything? The solution is:

1. Nationalize the Fed, so it is truly a FEDERAL Reserve.
2. Convert all Fed Notes (i.e., debt notes) into real interest-free money.
3. Convert all bonds to real money, except those held by the Fed itself. All of their bonds should be confiscated by the US Treasury and cancelled out.
4. Declare a Jubilee. Everyone now owns their own homes and cars, and there are plenty of empty homes for the homeless. (Private loans may be compensated by the government.)

Chaos? Yes, of course. Bad? Only for the Fed and its owners. As the tower of Babel falls, there will certainly be some chaos. But the alternative is to live in its shadow as perpetual slaves of men unknown to us living in ivory towers.

So while Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum fight over their different solutions to the debt crisis, keep in mind that neither solution will work in the long run. The Democratic Plan would last longer, but would put the people in greater bondage through taxes. The Republican Plan would cut taxes and reverse the flow of money from the Stimulus packages from recent years. This would cause the greatest Depression ever seen on Planet Earth.

There is a third solution, if anyone is interested in God's view. Most people know nothing about it, having never studied biblical law. Even Christians have been taught to despise the law, and hence, they seldom study it and hardly ever understand the little that they read.

But this is the plan that will win in the end. The Babylonian system has been unsustainable, and the seeds of its own destruction were sown at its very beginning. Bankers thought that they could take over the world, with usury as their weapon of choice. But at the pinnacle of their success, they will fail through arrogance and pride. The great Stone will crush their toes at the appointed time.

## AUDIT THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK (author unknown)

*Ron Paul was right in wanting to audit the Fed. Why is not this story on the front page of every paper and on every TV Nws station. It is time to boot the Fed and carry out the steps as enumerated below. We don't have a debt problem in the US if this is recovered, or any portion of it.*

**The first ever GAO (Government Accountability Office) audit of the Federal Reserve was carried out in the past few months due to the Ron Paul, Alan Grayson Amendment to the Dodd-Frank bill, which passed last year. Jim DeMint, a Republican Senator, and Bernie Sanders, an independent Senator, led the charge for a Federal Reserve audit in the Senate, but watered down the original language of the house bill (HR1207), so that a complete audit would not be carried out. Ben Bernanke (pictured to the left), Alan Greenspan, and various other bankers vehemently opposed the audit and lied to Congress about the effects an audit would have on markets.**

Nevertheless, the results of the first audit in the Federal Reserve's nearly 100 year history were posted on Senator Sander's webpage earlier this morning. **What was revealed in the audit was startling: \$16,000,000,000,000.00 (TRILLION) had been secretly given out to US banks and corporations and foreign banks everywhere from France to Scotland.**

From the period between December 2007 and June 2010, the Federal Reserve had secretly bailed out many of the world's banks, corporations, and

governments. The Federal Reserve likes to refer to these secret bailouts as an all-inclusive loan program, but virtually none of the money has been returned and it was loaned out at 0% interest. **Why the Federal Reserve had never been public about this or even informed the United States Congress about the \$16 trillion dollar bailout is obvious — the American public would have been outraged to find out that the Federal Reserve bailed out foreign banks while Americans were struggling to find jobs.**

To place \$16 trillion into perspective, remember that GDP of the United States is only \$14.12 trillion. The entire national debt of the United States government spanning its 200+ year history is “only” \$14.5 trillion. The budget that is being debated so heavily in Congress and the Senate is “only” \$3.5 trillion. Take all of the outrage and debate over the \$1.5 trillion deficit into consideration, and swallow this Red pill: There was no debate about whether \$16,000,000,000,000 would be given to failing banks and failing corporations around the world.

In late 2008, the TARP Bailout bill was passed and loans of \$800 billion were given to failing banks and companies. That was a blatant lie considering the fact that Goldman Sachs alone received 814 billion dollars. As it turns out, the Federal Reserve donated \$2.5 trillion to Citigroup, while Morgan Stanley received \$2.04 trillion. The Royal Bank of Scotland and Deutsche Bank, a German bank, split about a trillion and numerous other banks received hefty chunks of the \$16 trillion.

“This is a clear case of socialism for the rich and rugged, you’re-on-your-own individualism for everyone else.” – Bernie Sanders(I-VT)

When you have conservative Republican stalwarts like Jim DeMint(R-SC) and Ron Paul(R-TX) as well as self identified Democratic socialists like Bernie Sanders all fighting against the Federal Reserve, you know that it is no longer an issue of Right versus Left. When you have every single member of the Republican Party in Congress and progressive Congressmen like Dennis Kucinich sponsoring a bill to audit the Federal Reserve, you realize that the Federal Reserve is an entity onto itself, which has no oversight and no accountability.

Americans should be swelled with anger and outrage at the abysmal state of affairs when an unelected

group of bankers can create money out of thin air and give it out to megabanks and supercorporations like Halloween candy. If the Federal Reserve and the bankers who control it believe that they can continue to devalue the savings of Americans and continue to destroy the US economy, they will have to face the realization that their trillion dollar printing presses can be stopped with five dollars worth of bullets.

*[Regardless of whether this money is fiat money (money printed with nothing of value to back it), if it is a currency forced on society and the world, with enforcement by the Fed, IRS, the U.S. military, et al, --which it is-- the acts of the Federal Reserve are, in essence, the transfer of greater wealth to the rich insider banks and corporations, while the rest of the world grows poorer, and as the value of this funny money grows less and less in purchasing power. These insider banks, etc., then, exchange this funny money for gold and silver, the real wealth of the world, which, then, reinflates the world with more and more devaluing federal reserve notes. This, then, creates hyper-inflation, increasing the cost of all resources and commodities, while gold and silver climb to never-seen-before levels of value.*

*This is how the Federal Reserve insiders steal the wealth of the world and why the rich get richer while the poor get poorer. It's the world's largest Ponzi scheme! The Federal Reserve is nothing but a front for a small group of families who run a very large and successful white collar criminal Ponzi scheme. This criminal institution should be seized by the U.S. Treasury department and all assets frozen, and returned to the coffers of the U.S. Treasury in order to settle the U.S. debt and help begin to balance the U.S. deficit. All banks (listed below) should be forced to return the money received by the Federal Reserve. All families in ownership of the Fed and their agents should be located, caught, tried and jailed for grand larceny and treason against the people of the U.S.A. All government agents who protect and help facilitate this criminal organization should be fired from the positions and similarly tried and jailed for grand larceny and treason. Meanwhile, Congress should return our country to its original monetary system (Lincoln greenbacks backed by precious metals) and, again, do its duty to regulate the coining of the currency of America as per the U.S. Constitution.]*

The list of institutions that received the most money from the Federal Reserve can be found on page 131 of the GAO Audit and are as follows..

Citigroup: **\$2.5 trillion** (\$2,500,000,000,000)  
Morgan Stanley: **\$2.04 trillion** (\$2,040,000,000,000)  
Merrill Lynch: **\$1.949 trillion** (\$1,949,000,000,000)  
Bank of America: **\$1.344 trillion** (\$1,344,000,000,000)  
Barclays PLC (United Kingdom): **\$868 billion** (\$868,000,000,000)  
Bear Sterns: **\$853 billion** (\$853,000,000,000)  
Goldman Sachs: **\$814 billion** (\$814,000,000,000)  
Royal Bank of Scotland (UK): **\$541 billion** (\$541,000,000,000)  
JP Morgan Chase: **\$391 billion** (\$391,000,000,000)  
Deutsche Bank (Germany): **\$354 billion** (\$354,000,000,000)  
UBS (Switzerland): **\$287 billion** (\$287,000,000,000)  
Credit Suisse (Switzerland): **\$262 billion** (\$262,000,000,000)  
Lehman Brothers: **\$183 billion** (\$183,000,000,000)  
Bank of Scotland (United Kingdom): **\$181 billion** (\$181,000,000,000)  
BNP Paribas (France): **\$175 billion** (\$175,000,000,000)

## History of God's Holy Bible and the so-called Jews

### The Etymology of the Word "Jew"

In his classic *Facts are Facts*, Jewish historian, researcher and scholar Benjamin Freedman writes:

**Jesus is referred as a so-called "Jew" for the first time in the New Testament in the 18th century. Jesus is first referred to as a so-called "Jew" in the revised 18th century editions in the English language of the 14th century first translations of the New Testament into English.** The history of the origin of the word "Jew" in the English language leaves no doubt that the 18th century "Jew" is the 18th century contracted and corrupted English word for the 4th century Latin "Iudaeus" found in St. Jerome's Vulgate Edition. Of that there is no longer doubt.

The available original manuscripts from the 4th century to the 18th century accurately trace the origin and give the complete history of the word "Jew" in the English language. In these manuscripts are to be

found all the many earlier English equivalents extending through the 14 centuries from the 4th to the 18th century. From the Latin "Iudaeus" to the English "Jew" these English forms included successively: "Gyu," "Giu," "Iu," "Iuu," "Iuw," "Ieuu," "Ieuy," "Iwe," "Iow," "Iewe," "Ieue," "Iue," "Ive," "Iew," and then finally the 18th century, "Jew." The many earlier English equivalents for "Jews" through the 14 centuries are "Giwis," "Giws," "Gyues," "Gywes," "Giwes," "Geus," "Iuys," "Iows," "Iouis," "Iews," and then also finally in the 18th century, "Jews."

With the rapidly expanding use in England in the 18th century for the first time in history of the greatly improved printing presses, unlimited quantities of the New Testament were printed. These revised 18th century editions of the earlier 14th century first translations into the English language were then widely distributed throughout England and the English speaking world among families who had never possessed a copy of the New Testament in any language. In these 18th century editions with revisions the word "Jew" appeared for the first time in any English translations. The word "Jew" as it was used in the 18th century editions has since continued in use in all the editions of the New Testament in the English language. The use of the word "Jew" was thus stabilized.

The best known 18th century editions of the New Testament in English are the Rheims (Douai) Edition and the King James Authorized Edition. **The Rheims (Douai) translation of the New Testament into English was first printed in 1582 but the word "Jew" did not appear in it.**

The King James Authorized translation of the New Testament into English was begun in 1604 and first published in 1611. **The word "Jew" did not appear in it either. The word "Jew" appeared in both these well known editions in their 18th century revised versions for the first times.**

Countless copies of the revised 18th century editions of the Rheims (Douai) and the King James translations of the New Testament into English were distributed to the clergy and the laity throughout the English speaking world. They did not know the history of the origin of the English word "Jew" nor did they care. They accepted the English word "Jew" as

the only and as the accepted form of the Latin "Iudaeus" and the Greek "Ioudaios." How could they be expected to have known otherwise? The answer is they could not and they did not. **It was a new English word to them.**

## **Burned Biscuits**

(from a VietNam Navy Fighter Pilot)

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed!

Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing... never made a face nor uttered a word about it. When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!" As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my prayer for you today... that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding

is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship! "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket - keep it in your own." Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

## **ANOTHER JUBILEE**

We used to carry the book, ICELAND LIGHT TO THE NATIONS, by Des Thomas, a fantastic book that reveals compelling evidence of the history of the Tribe of Benjamin, a type of first-fruit company of people. These Benjaminite Icelanders are sounding forth a blessed message of LIBERTY in the following JUBILEE they are declaring.

### **Iceland's Partial Jubilee**

<http://netrightdaily.com/2011/04/iceland-declares-independence-from-international-banks/>

By Bill Wilson – Iceland is free. And it will remain so, so long as her people wish to remain autonomous of the foreign domination of her would-be masters — in this case, international bankers.

On April 9, the fiercely independent people of island-nation defeated a referendum that would have bailed out the UK and the Netherlands who had covered the deposits of British and Dutch investors who had lost funds in Icesave bank in 2008.

At the time of the bank's failure, Iceland refused to cover the losses. But the UK and Netherlands nonetheless have demanded that Iceland repay them for the "loan" as a condition for admission into the European Union.

In response, the Icelandic people have told Europe to go pound sand. The final vote was 103,207 to 69,462, or 58.9 percent to 39.7 percent. "Taxpayers should not be responsible for paying the debts of a private institution," said Sigríur Andersen, a spokeswoman for the Advice group that opposed the bailout."

### **TRUE LOVE, (By Dr. J.V. Foster)**

Love/charity does not fail to support one another in crisis, rearing children, or when falsely accused. Taken from I Corinthians 13.

1. It develops the ability to be on time for appointments and keeps their word.
2. It does not say, "I don't need counseling, you are the one with the problem."
3. It does not call Godly principles "hang-ups" in someone's life.
4. It does not leave the one they love who is sick and goes to do their hobby.
5. It does not assume that they are always right and you are never right about anything.
6. It knows that when we marry, we marry the whole family, not just the individual.
7. It does not demonstrate arrogance in private or public, to embarrass another.
8. It does not continuously procrastinate, and constantly break its word.
9. It does not lovingly spend time with someone they love, only at their convenience, rather at the convenience of the one they love.
10. It does not let one person in the relationship do all the sacrificing for the benefit of both.
11. It does not let the other party bear all the responsibilities for maintenance of the relationship.
12. It provides financially, morally, spiritually, socially for the others needs.
13. It does not take advantage of another's frugal nature.
14. It does not presume to know it all before hearing all the facts.
15. It does take care of ones health for the benefit of the family..
16. It is always willing to talk things out, communicate rationally.
17. It is always willing to admit when it is wrong, say "I'm sorry," "Will you please forgive me?" and "How can I make it right?"
18. It is never a "room-mate" in a marriage, but assumes full responsibilities as wife or husband.
19. It always supports the other parent in disciplining children, settling any disagreement in private later.
20. It does not do the right things at the right time at one's own convenience, but always at the time of need of the other.
21. It does not assume that "my time is my own" don't bother me.
22. It tries to have fun and enjoy family times, not complaining or resentful of the activity.
23. It does encourage the ones they love in all their endeavors.
24. It does not put hobbies, sports, or TV as more important than family requests or needs for affection and attention.
25. It does not use its talents or intellect to make others feel like a fool or inadequate.
26. It does not laugh in ones face when mistakes are made.
27. It does not always expect sex to be the end result of expressing affection.
28. It does not expect 100% from another without giving 100% in return.
29. It always remembers special days and expresses positive feelings.
30. It always willing to fix problems the Jesus way.
31. It is never self indulgent, self centered, hypocritical, arrogant, macho, know-it-all, devious, deceitful, selfish, using others for personal gain, ignorant of facts yet makes decisions that affect others.
32. It does not speak down to the one they love.

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

Martha and I, and three of our seven children who are still living at home, got to take a wonderful but short vacation to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. In Minnesota, I had the privilege of officiating at the wedding covenant ceremony for Lee and Nanette. We are so happy for them and are confident that they will have many blessed years together learning and growing in the knowledge of Christ and His Kingdom. Then we attended Dr. Bruggeman's conference near the twin cities in Minnesota, where we met many dear friends. Let me tell you, it really did our hearts much good to visit with those of you there and to know that your hearts are very much stayed upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. It reminded us of Pastor Rolland's (First Covenant Church) conference this past year, and the fact that our spirits were uplifted by the good Christian Israel messages. Lastly, we were the guests of our good friends Doug and Kathy Evers, who took us up to see the Apostle Islands. What a refreshing and blessed time it was. – Well, keep your minds stayed upon the Lord Jesus and His Word, and do yourself a spiritual favor and read 1 Peter 3:8-13... it's good stuff.

***Blessings, Pastor Barley***