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Christian Concerns Ministry Newsletter

By Marianne Nettles *“Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord”* - Psalm 35:12 February, 2012

LEARNING TO THINK ETERNALLY

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever

Isaiah 40:8

Dr. David Jeremiah

In his book, *Maximum Achievement*, corporate trainer Brian Tracy writes, “Virtually everything you do is the result of habit. The way you talk, the way you work, drive, think, interact with others, spend money and deal with the important people in your life are all largely habitual.” But then he says, “The good news is that all habits are learned, and they can therefore be unlearned.”

It’s easy to see the habits in our lives. We brush our teeth, dress ourselves, and drive to work the same way. Those habits may or may not need changing. But here’s one habit we should definitely unlearn: **our tendency to consider the temporal implications of life’s choices and events before we consider the eternal.** The apostle Paul learned to emphasize the eternal after meeting Christ. He said that his only goal was to know “Christ Jesus (his) Lord” and “attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Philippians 3:8,11).

What do you think of first when deciding or reacting in life—the here and now or the life to come? Start a new habit based on today’s events: **Think first of the eternal difference your choices will make.**

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

E.H. Chapin

READY TO OFFER HOPE?

Learn how to appropriately share the love of Jesus Christ with someone in crisis.

When crisis hits those around you, will you be ready to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ? You can be. **The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT)** trains Christians like you to help others with emotional and spiritual needs during times of crisis. This training will also introduce our international chaplain ministry, along with opportunities for you to serve. To find out more about being trained to reach out to your community or becoming an RRT chaplain, visit www.billygraham.org/RRT or call 1-800-335-1337.

“We Christians of today are indeed a tepid crew. Had we but half the fire and enthusiasm of the men who volunteered for the North or South Polar Expeditions or for any ordinary daredevil enterprise, every soul on earth might know the name and salvation of Jesus Christ in less than 10 years.” -C. T. Studd

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE

Safe Harbor Lifelines

180

Some of you may have heard about the *YouTube* video, 180, that has gone viral on the internet recently. It is produced by Ray Comfort of *Living Waters Ministries*. *Living Waters* is primarily focused on evangelism, but **Ray Comfort has teamed up with Kirk Cameron to produce this powerful video about abortion as well as the gospel.** It is intriguing, persuasive and mind-changing (thus the name of the film). This man's methods of making people think are astounding. You can view it at www.heartchanger.com

AND

OCTOBER BABY

At the CareNet conference in September, we were privileged to be the first group to see a screening of *October Baby*. We were overwhelmed with this movie. It was excellently done and served up laughs as well as tears. **It is the most powerful movie about abortion we have seen.** The story line is compelling, the characters realistic, and the message of forgiveness moving. This film reveals the hurt that abortion causes in all lives involved. **Scheduled to be shown in theaters in the spring, we strongly encourage you to watch for it and tell everyone you know to support it.** Its producers are fine young Christians; we met them and heard one speak at the screening we saw.

ALSO,

Former governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee explores the sanctity of life in a new movie entitled, "**The Gift of Life**". He tells the experiences of several people who were or who became pro-life. One of particular interest is **a woman who ran an abortion clinic in order to fulfill her goal to become a millionaire.** Read about it and view a trailer at www.TheGiftofLifeMovie.com

All-American Comic Book Hosts 'Gay' Wedding

Less than a year after the all-American comic book Archie announced it was adding a homosexual character to the cast of Jughead, Veronica, Betty and the gang, a new issue is hitting newsstands celebrating that character's same-sex "marriage."

[Read the latest now on WND.com.](#)

Plus!

With all the new hate crimes laws appearing across the country – **led by Barack Obama's federal plan that provides special protections for those who choose alternative sexual lifestyles** – a family organization in Tennessee and several lawmakers there are proposing an amendment to the state's anti-bullying law that would protect students' First Amendment expressions of their religious or political beliefs.

[Click here for details.](#) –WND

Bureaucrats Defy Law, Mandate “Gay” Agenda in West Virginia Schools

West Virginia Family Foundation

Pro-homosexual indoctrination is about to sneak once more into West Virginia schools, and “gay” activists are bragging about how they worked closely with the state department of education to make it happen.

And they used the issue of “cyber-bullying” to revamp current policy, signaling that **this strategy may be used in other states.**

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"Wisely, therefore, do they consider union and a good national government as necessary to put and keep them in such a situation as, instead of inviting war, will tend to repress and discourage it. That situation consists in the best possible state of defense, and necessarily depends on the government, the arms, and the resources of the country."

--John Jay, Federalist No. 4

- [Obama Celebrates Roe, 54 Million Abortions](#)

This year citizens of the United States of America will exercise one of the most fundamental rights of our democracy—choosing through free and fair elections those who will govern us at local, state and national levels. The right to choose our leaders is a precious one. In the course of our nation's history, thousands of brave men and women have shed their blood and laid down their lives to provide and protect this freedom. Oppressed people in many nations across the globe can only dream of enjoying such a privilege. We must never take it for granted. Liberty, though purchased by sacrifice, is forfeited by complacency.

—Preston Parrish, Decision Magazine

Evangelical repentance is not at the beck and call of the creature. It is the gift of God. –A. W. Pink

The mind grows by taking in, but the heart grows by giving out; and it is important to maintain a balanced life. –Warren Wiersbe