

## Children's Newsletter, Freedom

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 10:38-39

Dear readers,

Praise the LORD! There are other people who can write!

### **Words of Wisdom**

by Chris Derrick

Since this month we had 4th of July I thought we'd quote a lil poem;

#### **Tell America:**

America! You are the land of the free.  
You didn't just happen. God caused you to be.  
You settled here from east to west.  
Trusting in God, your future was blessed.  
You taught your children to love and obey.  
To honor their word, to work and to pray.  
To respect their elders, and help those in need.  
You reaped a good harvest by planting good seed.  
You fought for freedom and stood for what's right.  
When enemies threatened, you showed them your might.  
You gave your best, your daughters and sons.  
Your ships and planes, your tanks and guns.  
But as life became easy, it seems you forgot,  
the price that was paid, and what you'd been taught.  
Losing your focus, your vision got blurred.

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You broke the laws that were based on God's Word.

It's time to rebuild and it's time to repair.

By humbling yourself and returning to prayer.

Seek God's forgiveness. make right what is wrong.

Honoring God makes America strong.

Peter Enns 1998

Why do you go to church? Why do you watch tv? Why do you go to work or do schoolwork or do chores? What is your purpose in life? **What are you living for?**

I read "The Prophet" by Frank Peretti recently. The main idea behind the book is that people get so absorbed in innocent things like shopping and their occupation so that they don't have to think about the Truth. The first commandment is "Thou shalt put no other gods before Me." When you do things to distract yourself from the Truth, you are putting those distractions before God. The truth is that you are going to have to face the Truth. Take time to get your family together and discuss these questions. You have time. If you are living by yourself, find someone to talk to about these questions. Be sure to look to the Bible. Ecclesiastes is a good place to look for answers. But don't just study it by yourself. Let me tell you a short story about several blind men and an elephant.

Several blind men went out to find an elephant so that they could find out what it was. Finally, they found one. Each of the felt a different part of the elephant. One felt the trunk and said, "Oh, an elephant is like a large snake." Another felt the elephant's leg and said, "Oh, an elephant is like a tree trunk." One felt the ear and said, "Oh, an elephant is like a pancake."

The point is that the elephant is so large that no one person could feel the whole thing. Rather the must all put what they learned together to get the big picture. Learning about God can be like that. You need to talk with other people when you study: share what you have learned and listen to them and then try to put it together. Sometimes pieces of the puzzle won't seem to fit. Sometimes you will have a different opinion than someone else. This is fine. You can learn from each other. Find out why the other believes the way they do and share why you believe the way you do. And always remember that God's Word is the Truth.

So take time to discuss the questions and how you will apply them to your life. And feel free to add some of your own questions.

Your brother in Christ,  
Matthew Day