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One of the most controversial Bible questions I get is in regard to a Christian's relationship to military service. Some people are quite surprised to hear me encourage them to enlist as a soldier.

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Until that happens, there is a lot of work left to be done at Amazing Facts. As you'll read in this issue of

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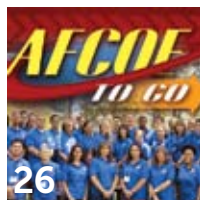
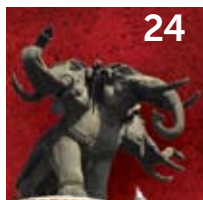


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## Being a Witness

“Where I work makes it hard for me to share the Word, so I have decided to start leaving Amazing Facts’ small booklets in the restroom. I know it seems weird, but when I go check to see if someone has taken the books, praise the Lord, I notice that some people have. I hope that whoever is reading them will be fully blessed and live the life of Jesus Christ. ‘And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.’ Pray that I can do more for the Lord and be creative in sharing the Word with someone.” *Ohio*

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## More Than Just a Report

“I want to thank Pastor Doug and his team for declaring God’s words. I realize that sometimes it is not necessarily the popular belief, but it is how God would have it presented. I came home from church today feeling dejected because of

a watered-down gospel message. I want the church to stand boldly before God and confirm that we are His. I came home and prayed. I felt I might have it wrong, although deep within I felt I had to hold on to that standard. I came to Amazing Facts as I always do when I need answers and scrolled through your online *Inside Report* section searching for a lesson that would answer my questions. I came upon the article ‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ I thought it might not answer my questions, but the Spirit spurred me to read it and now I am proclaiming, ‘Glory be to God!’ Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find. I am no longer in doubt. I intend to share it with others. Thank God for these amazing facts!” *Turks and Caicos Islands*

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# Worldly Quality vs. Reaching Souls for the Kingdom

A good sale is one in which a buyer truly benefits from the purchased item or service.

But in this society, where materialism is the popular religion, actual buyer benefits are strangely vague and ironically non-existent. In fact, salespeople with truly beneficial products and services are more challenged than ever having to wade through endless buyer weariness of superficial marketing for superficial goods and services.

That's why Amazing Facts wants to plant a seed of distrust in the things of this world, things that can't bring lasting happiness and security—so that you can make even better financial decisions with the resources God has given you. Store your goods in the things of God, and you'll have endless heavenly security.

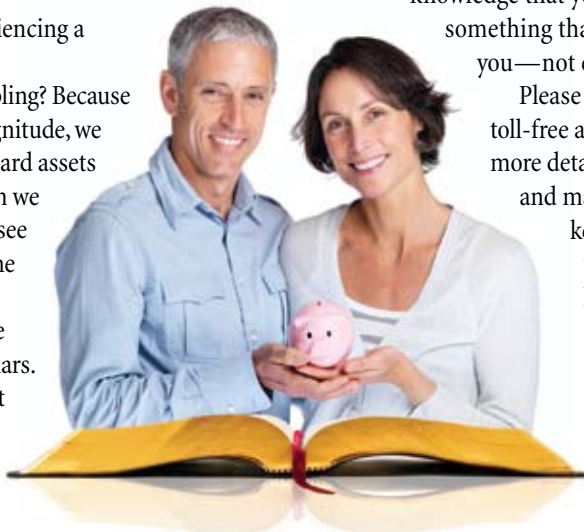
In the book *Desire of Ages*, we have a poignant reminder of this promise:

“Perhaps it appears that obedience to some plain requirement of God will cut off his means of support. ... In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. ... But to the obedient is given the promise, ‘He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.’”

The stock market this year is experiencing a troubling *upward* trend.

How can an “upward” trend be troubling? Because for real and healthy growth of this magnitude, we should also see substantial growth in hard assets and infrastructure for the nation. When we don't see this happening, and we don't see it today, the logical conclusion is that the market is experiencing another bubble that will eventually pop and deplete the wealth of our country by billions of dollars.

That will be our money. Gone—just like that.



## Put Your Money Where It Matters

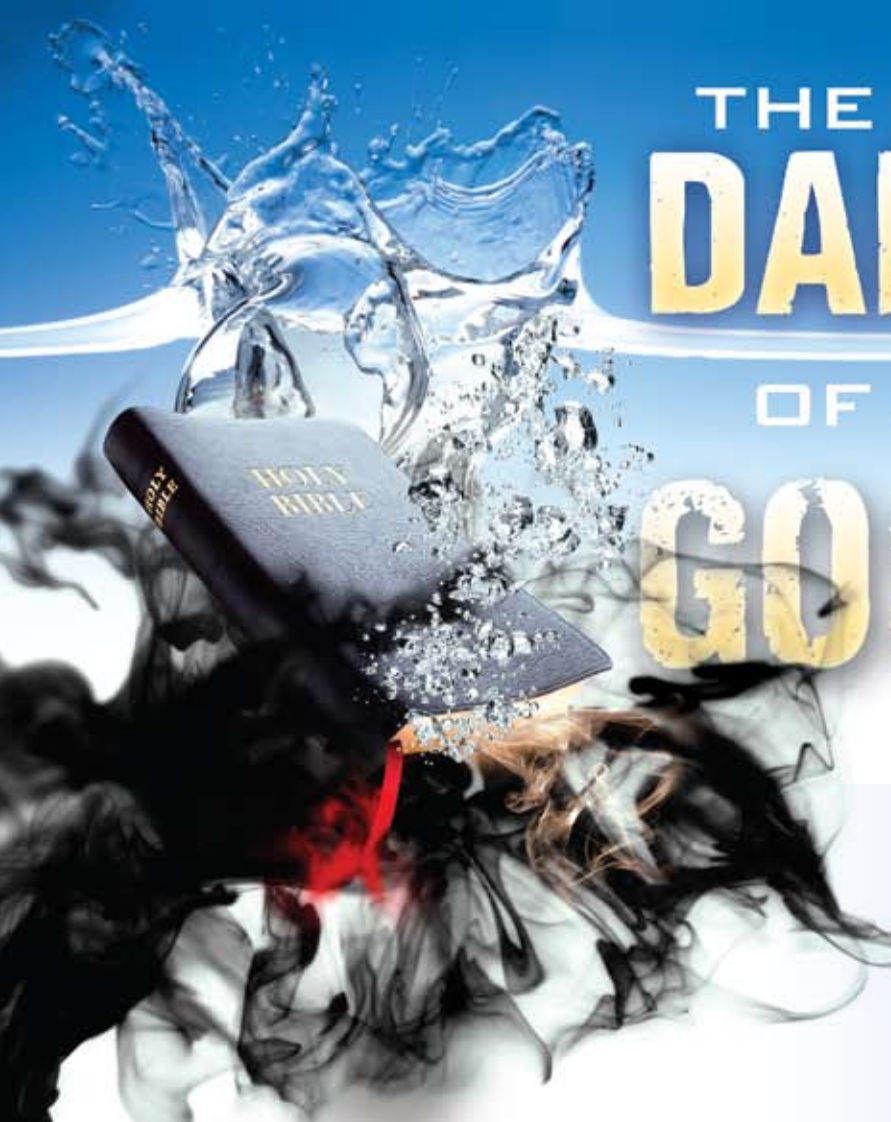
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## AN AMAZING FACT:

*In 2005, cancer patient Georgia Hayes won a \$2.2 billion court settlement against her pharmacist, who had diluted her chemotherapy drugs with water. In the process, she had lost her best chance for recovery. While \$2.2 billion is a lot of money, it's little comfort when you don't have long to live.*



**Dilute:** to make thinner, to lessen strength, to adulterate, to reduce value or efficiency, to make fainter, or to water down

**W**hat could be more deadly than diluted cancer medication? Maybe placebo pills for a cardiac patient. Or diluted insulin for a diabetic.

Actually, the most deadly medicine is a watered-down gospel—because the tragic results are eternal.

Jesus says there will be two groups of people in the end times. One group He calls few, the other He calls many. “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? ... and done many wonders?’ ... And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:22, 23).

Evidently, the majority of Christ's professed followers are self-deceived. They know His name. Their religious activities seem to have the marks of genuine ministry, but Jesus, with a broken heart, will declare to them, “I don't know you.” Why? Because they live a compromised life full of sin.

This is a popular characteristic of people in the last days. They are “lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ... haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:2–4).

Of course, when Paul describes the last-day conditions above, he's describing what has always been typical in the world. But here he's saying that it will infiltrate the church. All these lawless behaviors so prevalent in the world are going to be common in the church. Christians will have all the “form of godliness” but lack the power (2 Timothy 3:5).

They have a medicine bottle and a label, but they're taking diluted drugs that can never heal them.

## SIN ISN'T JUST A CASE OF THE SNIFFLES

Perhaps you know somebody with hay fever. Maybe even you.

There are some over-the-counter pills you can take to fight the symptoms. Sometimes, depending on the pollen, you can take half a pill and be okay. Sometimes, though, you have to take the entire pill. If you don't take the right dose, you might leave the house thinking all's well, but then later it hits you: Your eyes start itching and your nose starts running. You're miserable. You just can't wait until winter arrives.

Getting the right medicine in the right dose makes a world of difference.





So it is with the gospel. If we don't get the full strength, we could be deceived into thinking we're really healed when we're actually getting worse. Likewise, the devil is mass-distributing a watered-down version among God's people. He's content to let you go to some churches because the medicine there is often so diluted it won't make any transforming difference in your life.

"The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

In this verse, Paul describes a problem in the pulpit *and* in the pew.

You have preachers who are not sharing a straight message, and you have people who don't want a straight message. The people don't want to take anything that's hard to swallow. They generally want what's easy and sweet to the senses. They want someone who will give them a prescription for candy-flavored, chewable medicine.

"Savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:29).

The gospel gets watered down because preachers want to be popular and some, for pride or money, want to draw away disciples after themselves for power and influence. (See Ezekiel 13:10.)

## UNTEMPERED MORTAR

Instead of warning the lost to turn from their sins, false teachers tell people to be at peace in their sins because God is too full of grace to expect them to change. They give diluted medicine, which gives people a false sense of security.

The Scriptures refer to false teachers as those who build a wall and "plaster it with untempered mortar" (Ezekiel 13:15). In Bible times, lazy builders would stack bricks with no mortar and then put a plaster veneer over the bricks to hide it. Without the

mortar, there's no stability. (Today we use concrete to hold the bricks together.) The wall might have looked solid from the outside, but a donkey could have kicked it over because it had no real strength.

More than 500,000 were killed or injured in the 2010 Haitian earthquake. One of the principal causes of these casualties was untempered mortar. Greedy contractors skimmed on the percentage of concrete they mixed into the mortar and expensive iron rebar, which reinforces the concrete. It made for pathetically weak walls, and as soon as the massive earthquake struck, the fragile buildings crumbled.

There are walls for Christians too. The Ten Commandments are a wall, built to protect your freedom and happiness. When someone gets an STD because of promiscuous living, he reads the seventh commandment and understands that wall was put there to protect his happiness, not to prevent happiness.

The wall of obedience protects our lives, freedom, and contentment. But if the mortar gets diluted, whether from the pulpit or the pew, then, when the storm comes, like a house built on sand the wall implodes.

## DILUTING THE PROSPERITY

Naturally, I always want a big crowd in church. That's understandable, right? But this desire carries risk. In order to draw people to church, I'll always be tempted to make my sermons as attractive as possible.

Marketers try to convince you that if you use their product, you will live longer, look better, have more money, and be more popular. Does the Bible tell us that's how we're to market

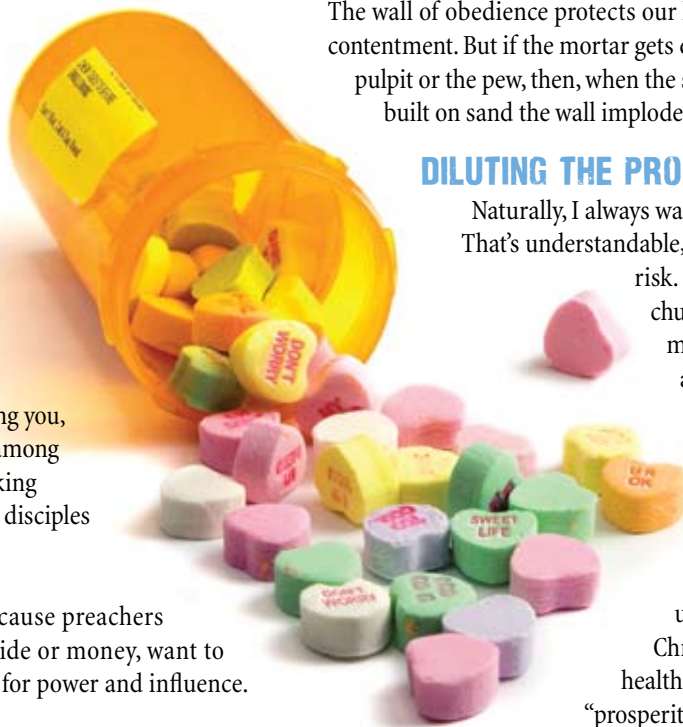
Christianity? Does Jesus promise health and wealth and popularity? Is "prosperity preaching" right?

There's a lot of good in the good news.

There are many blessings, but Jesus also says, "Take up [your] cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). Deny yourself daily—we don't hear that very often. Jesus said the real key to happiness is to put God and others first. Today, however, it's all about putting "me" first.

A lot of people hear this diluted version of the gospel and believe it's good medicine.

But good medicine is really just the beginning. Jesus said we are to be doers of the Word. A Christian isn't defined by church attendance. A Christian is defined by a transformed heart that influences his



actions. Jesus asked, “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). We can’t call ourselves Christians if don’t do what He says. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Part of the gospel we’re not hearing today is that He wants us to be a people who obey Him. Giving the industrial-strength prescription of gospel truth will heal the symptoms of sin.

We are not saved by obedience, of course. That is legalism. But obedience is not legalism if it’s a response to God’s love, a response to having already been saved. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

One way the gospel gets diluted is when people are encouraged to have enough faith to believe that God will forgive them, but not enough to believe that He will keep them from sin. It’s a gospel that says God accepts you as you are and doesn’t care if you change. The Bible says the gospel is not just about justification, but also about sanctification. You can come to Jesus just as you are. That’s good news. But He loves you too much to leave you that way. That’s good news too! You can be changed to be like Jesus. He can transform you so you become a new creature. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). That’s great news!

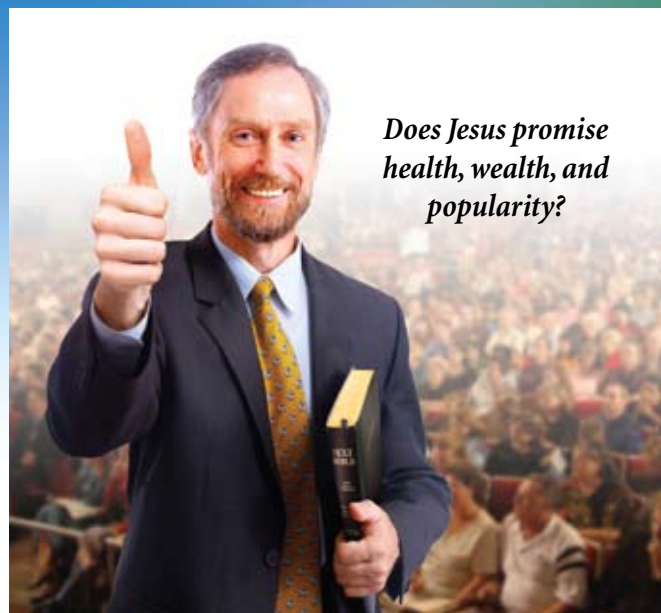
## SHOW, DON'T TELL

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, [from falling,] And to present you faultless Before ... His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). I want to have a life where I don’t stumble all the time. How about you?

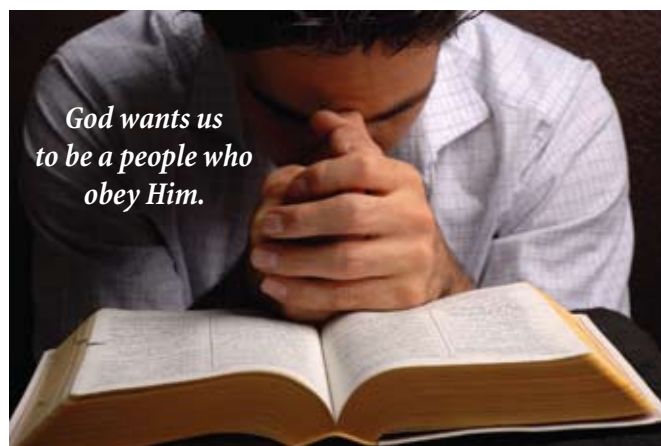
But Christians hear so little of that, and the results are obvious. People have to explain they’re believers because they don’t consistently live it. Instead, we ought to be lights on a hill so people say, “Wow. Her life is distinctly different.” “He’s not just like everybody else.”

“What’s different about you?” And we answer, “I believe in Jesus. He saved me. He changed my life.”

*Let’s not dilute  
the power of the cross.*



*Does Jesus promise  
health, wealth, and  
popularity?*



*God wants us  
to be a people who  
obey Him.*

Prior to the Dark Ages, the church thrived even though the Christian religion was forbidden. They were being thrown into lion dens and being burned at the stake. They couldn’t practice it in the open, so they dug catacombs under Rome for the first 200 years of Christian history. You can still visit these Roman mines. Some Christians etched on the walls, “Vita, vita, vita,” which means, “Life, life, life. I have life.” They were suffering and dying in these dark mines—and yet they were joyful.

Then something happened in Rome. Constantine wanted to build his empire because of the civil war between him and Maximus. He claimed to have had a vision and was now supposed to fight under the sign of the cross. They didn’t know anything about Christianity, but his soldiers painted Christian symbols on their shields. They were all pagans, but they marched into the Tiber River for battle and called it a baptism, figuring they were Christians when they came out the other side. It became the in-thing to be a Christian, but they hadn’t been taught the whole truth.



When the emperor made Christianity acceptable, pagans came pouring into the church. The leaders didn't handle it well. They didn't want to lose the new converts, so they began to dilute the message, just a little. The pagans would have to make a lot of lifestyle changes, and if they didn't like it, they might go back to persecuting Christians.

One such problem was idols. One historian wrote, "There were more idols in Rome than Romans." These new Christians wanted to do what was right and asked the priests what they should do with their statues. Some of the priests said, "Throw them out!" But many of the pagans balked. So some of the other pastors suggested, "Ease them into it. Tell them to give Christian names to their idols and we'll take care of it later." So they named their idols Peter, James, John, and Mary. Many pagan practices crept into the church so that in one generation Christianity became the commingling of paganism and Scripture. They diluted the gospel for the sake of having quantity instead of quality—and it ushered in the 1,260-year Dark Ages.

## HOW TO GROW THE CHURCH

It's a constant temptation churches face when measuring success. They ask, "Is it growing?" Very rarely do we measure the success of a church by how godly the people are. Instead, we measure success by numbers, and that can be a mistake. We're tempted to make it easier to be a member. It becomes a mindset to just get them in the door and worry about the rest later. So we dilute the message little by little to make the medicine easier to swallow.

Even today, I hear pastors saying, "Don't insist they quit smoking or drinking before they join the church. Make it easy for them to come to Christ and baptize them. The Lord will deal with these things in His own time." Then they come in and years later they're still chained to these destructive habits.

Baptism represents a new beginning, a liberation, a changed life. It doesn't mean you're instantly perfect. It does mean addictions to sin should be repudiated and left behind. One of my favorite Christian authors said it this way:

"Men and women have many habits that are antagonistic to the principles of the Bible. The victims of strong drink and tobacco are corrupting body, soul and spirit. Such ones should not be received into the church until they give evidence that they are truly converted, that they feel the need of the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The truth of God will purify the true believer.

He who is thoroughly converted will abandon every defiling habit and appetite. By total abstinence he will overcome the desires for health-destroying indulgences" (*Bible Training School*, July 1, 1902).

As we learned earlier, the Dark Ages were a result of bringing people into the church before they really understood, before they had surrendered their hearts. The church becomes diluted, enfeebled, weakened. The power of being a follower of Jesus loses its strength, and pretty soon we're coming together, going through a ritual once a week, and living like the world. Instead of winning souls to Christ and living godly lives, we're doing exactly what the devil wants in weakening the power and the efficacy of the gospel.



### "GOSPEL LITE"

The mega evangelical churches have something they call "gospel lite."

They want visitors to be comfortable, so they make the worship experience as easy as possible. They offer coffee and donuts before and after service. They encourage relaxed dress, even just T-shirts and shorts. They have theater-like seating so you don't have to squish together in a pew with strangers. If you offer enough enticing perks, you can get anybody to visit for an hour. Then once you get them in, you can't preach the hard

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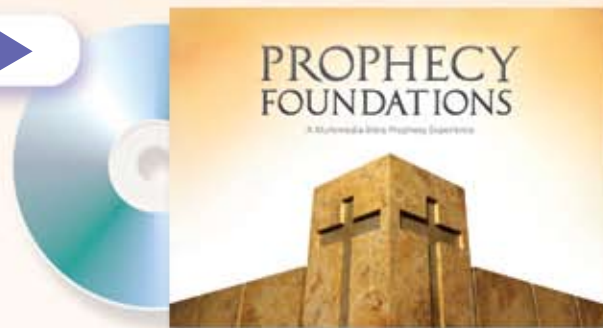
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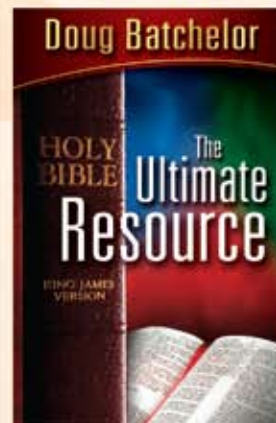
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# An Amazing Phone Call

## Charles Morgan grew up in a family that loved the Lord.

And when he was a teenager, Charles accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized.

But many years later, when his Uncle John started dating a woman who went to church on Saturday, Charles' life was set to change in an unexpected way. First, Uncle John tried to convince his new girlfriend that Sunday was the Sabbath, but during their debates, John suddenly realized he was wrong! He then joined a Sabbath-keeping church.

Although John never forced his views on anyone, his family took note of his faithfulness to his new beliefs. Then one night, Charles' mom was praying when "the light" went on in her head. She thought, "How can I expect God to answer my prayers when I don't do what He expects of me?" She eventually started attending the Sabbath church too—and invited Charles along.

### TV Preacher

Charles' first time at the church was a strange one.

There wasn't a preacher to give a sermon that day, so the church showed a video of Pastor Doug's testimony. Charles says, "I was so intrigued with his story. I couldn't get enough of what he had to say."

But although Charles kept watching Pastor Doug, he fought the Sabbath. He was dating a girl who went to church on Sunday, and he didn't want that relationship to end, so he used every excuse he could think of to avoid altering his beliefs. He ignored the Sabbath issue and set a wedding date. Says Charles,

"I thought, 'I am going to church, and God knows that I love Him. That's all that matters.' But the truth was I didn't want to give up the things I loved doing on Saturday."

### Illness Strikes

During this time, Charles became very ill after his colon ruptured. As he became weaker and weaker in the hospital, he was losing hope and desperately wanted his pastor to come pray for him. But the pastor never did. His fiancé would just say, "You know, he has a big church and is very busy."

But his mom's new pastor came to see him several times to offer encouragement and prayer—even though this pastor was also struggling with health problems. Explains Charles, "I knew he cared about me as a human being and that made me want to learn more about his beliefs."



*Charles with Pastor Doug*

Yet Charles' health struggles were just beginning. An infection from a botched surgery sent him into septic shock and brought him to within inches of losing his life. The doctor even called in the family to prepare them for the worst.

While in intensive care after surgery, Charles was heavily drugged and was often incoherent. He doesn't remember anything about this time but was told that nurses had to strap him down because he would try to get up and pull out his tubes. More interesting: His Uncle John reported that Charles kept talking about Doug Batchelor too.



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## The Call

Eventually, Charles regained consciousness. Sadly, without much hope, he began to prepare himself for death. He even got his family Christmas gifts early that year because he didn't believe he would last long. He fell into a deep depression. "I couldn't sleep or eat," he explains, "and I had to walk with a walker. My spirit was very low. I lost my will to live."

Then one night, John was lying in his recliner when his mom offered him the phone. She said that Pastor Doug was on the line, something that she and Uncle John had been working on. "When I heard that, I came to life. Pastor Doug took the time to chat with me and ask how I was doing even though he is a very busy man. I told him I had been watching him on television, and he said, 'Is that what's making you sick?' I loved his sense of humor, and he didn't seem to be in a hurry. He had prayer with me. It felt like the weight of the world had been lifted off my shoulders."

For Charles, it meant he could boldly face the challenges in his life. He was happy for the first time in a long while, and he couldn't wait to tell everyone that Pastor Doug had called him. "Through Pastor Doug, God was able to touch my heart at the lowest moment in my life."

Today, with his body and spirit restored, Charles is attending a Sabbath church. "I truly believe that Saturday in the Sabbath. I don't know why it took me so long to submit to it. My family always looks forward to watching Amazing Facts on TV. Thank you, Pastor Doug. You were a great inspiration to me when I needed it most. Without your prayers and show of concern, I might not have made it at all."

God continues to bless Charles, now an active church member, as he continues to learn the wonderful truths of the Bible. Please keep him in your prayers. He also asks our friends to pray for his daughters and his other loved ones, that they might follow God's will for their lives. 

*Please note that Pastor Doug is very busy and is usually not able to make personal phone calls.*



Our church in Madison, Indiana, delivered Amazing Facts Bible Studies to three ZIP codes in our area. We've had positive results; in fact, some of these studies have been sending their lessons to Amazing Facts to be graded and are receiving lessons from you in return. We had 55 responses and are just praising the Lord for the blessings of being able to meet and visit with these folks!

About three months ago, a man from Milton, Kentucky, started attending our church. He'd been watching Pastor Doug on TV for two years and also went through your Bible school. He was sharing the truths he was learning at a Bible study class he was conducting at his previous church. When his group studied the Sabbath, one of the ladies attending asked the others, "Now that we know the truth, what are we going to do about it?" Their response was to start attending our church! We have 12 new people attending—and it all started with your TV ministry and the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

This has all been a breath of fresh air for this little church. When we moved here two years ago, our attendance was down to between six and ten on any given Sabbath. My husband and I, our son, his wife and our granddaughter have now just doubled the membership. It thrills our hearts to be able to share in this work of spreading the good news of salvation in these times!

We are going to need some reaping meetings, don't you think?

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# BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



## What is the danger in viewing pornography if I'm still faithful to my spouse?

"Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). In other words, if you're looking at pornography, you aren't being faithful to your spouse or to God's law.

And this doesn't apply just to men. It includes women who might lust after men, as with Potiphar's wife. "It came to pass ... that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me'" (Genesis 39:7).

And remember how David's affair with Bathsheba started:

"It happened one evening that David ... walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman" (2 Samuel 11:2, 3).

For both David and Potiphar's wife, a lustful act began with a lustful look.

(It's unfortunate, but in this day and age I should mention this principle includes men who lust after other men and women who lust for other women.)

According to Jesus, to engage in sexual thoughts while looking upon another person other than your spouse is a mental form of adultery. Sin is not just an action; it's an attitude. "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

Let me be clear: it is not a sin to be tempted with a sexual thought or to merely look upon an attractive person. Everyone, including Jesus, has been tempted through our eyes. So if a man notices an attractive woman wearing provocative clothing, his first notice of her does not mean he has sinned. Rather, it's the lingering look and the imagining of sinful possibilities that is sin. Job, a married man, said, "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?" (Job 31:1).

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It's easy to conclude, therefore, that viewing pornography is a sin of adultery.

What is "adultery"? It is any sex outside of the marriage bond. The seventh commandment prohibits this kind of sex. But why is adultery wrong? Maybe that's the question we really need to answer.

Before we do that, we need to know the purpose of sex. Sex is a wonderful gift God gave married couples for several reasons: to give and receive affection, for reproduction, and to increase intimacy and bonding.

God gave us sex to be enjoyed in marriage because it helps strengthen the emotional and spiritual bonds between husband and wife. This bonding is only appropriate between two people committed to a lifelong relationship. Creating these strong bonds outside of marriage can lead to heartbreak and pain. So He commands us to abstain from making these bonds with sex outside of a committed marriage relationship.

Pornography totally contradicts God's purposes for sex. Even if viewed with the permission of a spouse, it can't help but lead to separation and confusion. Pornography portrays a highly distorted and debased image of sex that can cause problems in your current or future relationships. You are changed by what you behold; pornography will change your marriage for the worse.

If you realize that you have a problem with pornography, pray for victory and consider finding help. Along with Christian counselors, there are a number of biblical resources and ministries that can help you free yourself from the terrible bondage of pornography. 

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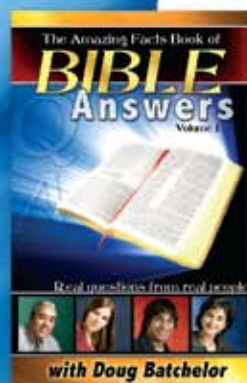


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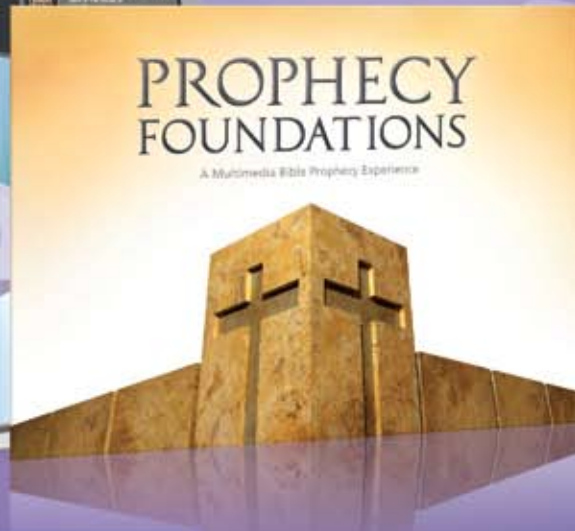
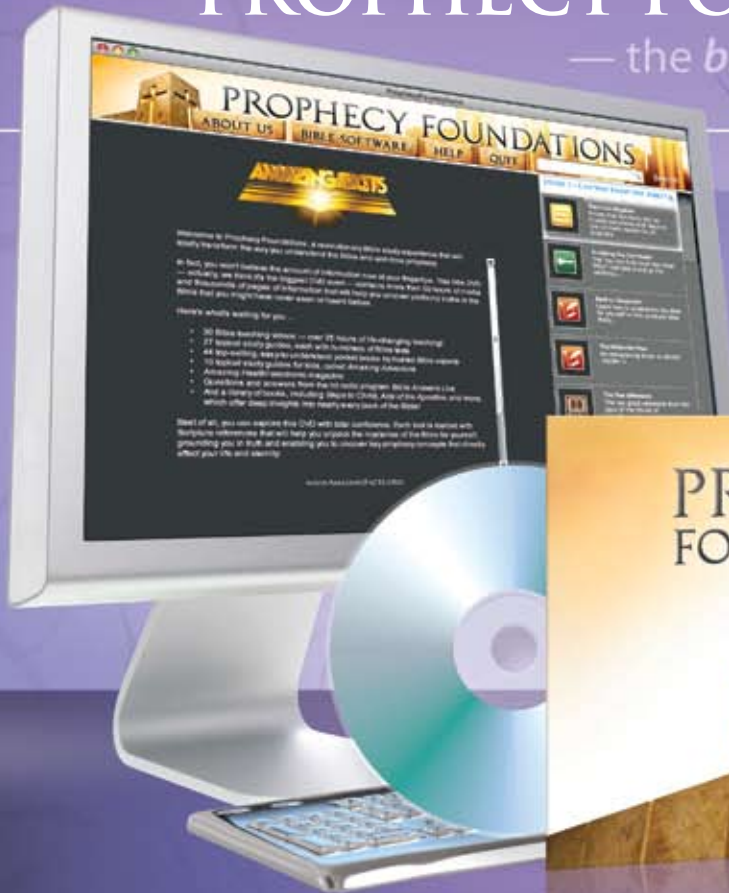
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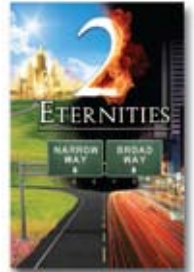




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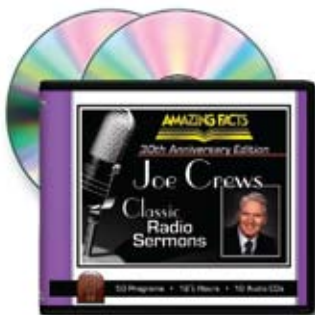


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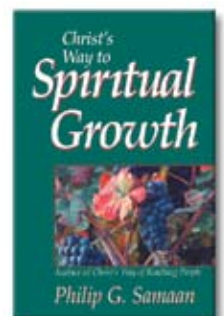
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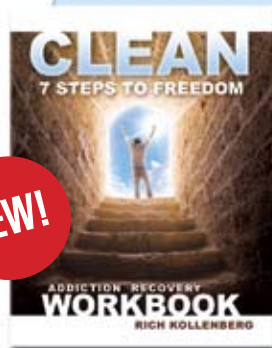
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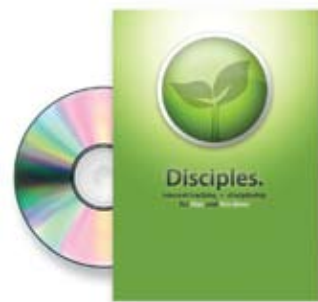
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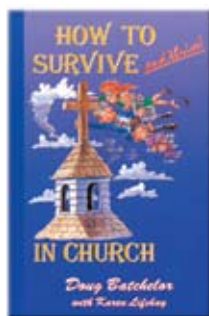
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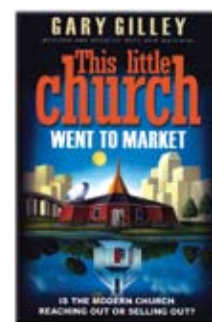
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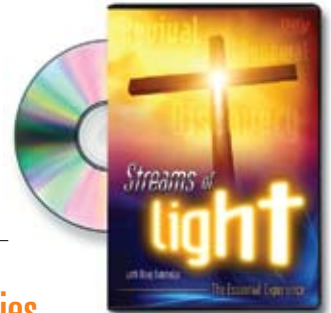
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We are doing our best to negotiate with the government, and we believe that the Lord will see this through, but we also know that we are living in the end-times and these types of things will continue to happen.

But that doesn't mean good things aren't happening in Canada!

- We're now broadcasting *Bible Answers Live* in Toronto, Ontario, on JOY 1250 AM—reaching 7 million listeners.

## A Sisterly Visit

During the annual convention for the National Religious Broadcasters this year, Brod Boyd, director of media and the general manager of our newly launched AFTV station, met and talked with two nuns on the convention floor—and a new friendship was formed.

Brod was able to discuss our programs and even the possibility of airing of them on a newly launched Catholic station. For the next seven months, our media department has been sending programs to these two faithful nuns to air on their network.

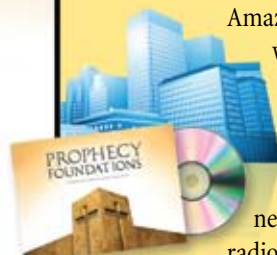


The icing on the cake came when the nuns decided to pay a visit to our office! Sister Mary Martha traveled from Chicago, while sister Mary Magdalene traveled from San Francisco. They both received a tour of our facilities and were impressed with the number of students participating in our Bible school and the amount of materials our publishing team distributes every month. The two delightful sisters operate soup kitchens in large cities around the country. Please pray that our broadcasts will continue to touch their hearts and the others who are watching them.

## Project Opportunities

Building His Kingdom Together

### Project: Salvation to the Cities



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## China Outreach Update

Our work in China is marching forward despite the well-known obstacles in that communist nation. Our Chinese-language website, for instance, received 5,751 visits during the first six months of this year, despite the fact we can't advertise it effectively. However, we were able to distribute 40,000 bookmarks throughout China, to both Sabbath and Sunday churches, to promote our website. And now more than 200 students are enrolled in our online Chinese Bible school!

In addition, we distributed 5,000 copies of our new Study Guide books and have published six pocketbooks, including *Alone in the Crowd*, *Amazing Wonders of Creation*, *Death in the Kitchen*, *Is it a Sin to be Tempted?*, *Is it Possible to Live without Sinning?*, and *Tips to Resist Temptation*. We also have five full-time and 20 part-time colporteurs working in various regions. Some church leaders are deeply impressed with this work and have said, "Amazing Facts is doing more literature evangelism work in China than the church!" Please continue to pray for our team working there.



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things or rebuke their pet sins because they might not come back.

Feed them on clichés about the power of positive thinking. Entertain them with animated music, laser lights, and dramatic presentations. Then you think it must be the truth because after all you have 10,000 people coming to church.

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So how are you going to know that you're not getting a diluted gospel from your pastor? You must study the Bible with guidance from the Holy Spirit. You need to search it out for yourself.

There are a lot of preachers out there who are wolves in sheep's clothing. They measure success by numbers, so they preach a diluted gospel. Pastor John MacArthur says, "Watered down, diluted theology will fail to produce deep reverence, deep worship, deep repentance, deep humility, deep understanding of God's nature, His work, His ministry, His laws, His standards, His principles. It fails to make people of God, people that are God-centered." He's right.

An undiluted gospel is going to involve real repentance for sin, a sorrow for sin, and a turning away from it. Repentance means "remorse, regret, contrition for past sin. To change for the better as a result of remorse or contrition for one's sins." The first thing John the Baptist said when he started preaching about the kingdom of God was, "Repent." The first thing Jesus said was, "Repent," and if He tells us to repent, it means we can and we should.

Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Matthew 9:13).

The first church leaders said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). First comes the baptism of repentance, then comes the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The full-strength gospel medicine precedes reception and filling of the Holy Spirit.

Along with repentance must be restitution and reform. "If the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezekiel 33:15).

In 1858 revivalist Jeremiah Meneely brought his preaching to Belfast, Ireland. He talked about repentance, reform, and committing yourself to the Lord. The men there worked in a



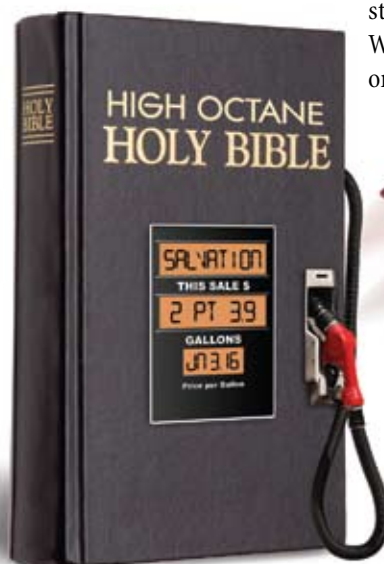
shipyard and were so convicted of their sins, they repented and began to return the tools they had pilfered during the previous years. The response was so complete the shipyard had to build extra sheds to take in all of the returned tools! Eventually, the management asked that there be no further returns of stolen property! You know the Holy Spirit is working in a community when people start living like real Christians and make tangible changes in their lives. This is the fruit of the real gospel.

## WHAT GOSPEL DO YOU DESIRE?

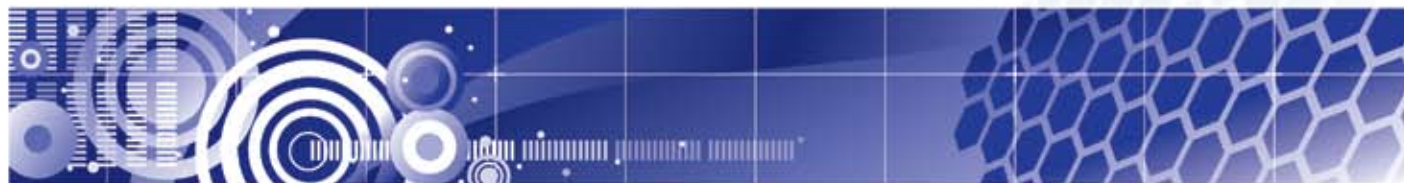
Is it your desire to be filled with the Spirit and to have an undiluted message in your life and in your church? Let us encourage one another to be real Bible Christians by studying for ourselves to know what constitutes having a relationship with the Lord and being saved.

I have a friend who is still crippled today from a small plane crash. While flying with friends in a South American country, they trusted a stranger to fill up the tanks in their aircraft. It turns out that gas was badly contaminated with water. Unfortunately, they did not discover the polluted fuel until they were 600 feet off the ground. The engine coughed, lost power, and they crash landed in the jungle.

Friend, do you know that you're getting the pure, high-octane, unadulterated, industrial-strength fuel of God's truth? Many will be deceived by bright lights and promises of wealth, but a few will study for themselves in the Word and be changed. Which one are you?







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# สร้างสาวกของพระเจ้า Making Disciples

Amazing Facts Revives the Hmong

by Sandra Hargreaves

*Sandra is the wife and traveling companion of Amazing Facts evangelist Lowell Hargreaves. This report chronicles their outreach efforts as they traveled through the nation of Thailand.*

When we arrived in Thailand for a whirlwind Amazing Facts evangelistic outreach tour—we practically hit the ground running.

We landed after midnight and got only a few hours sleep before our adventure began in earnest at 6:00 that morning. We headed north toward a Hmong village hidden in the hills near the Myanmar border. Most of the villagers there make their living by growing cabbage, tomatoes, peas, and the like, and everyone works hard since the fields are tilled and weeded by hand.

The village of 75 homes is composed of Sabbathkeepers, except for five families. The village has had electricity for only two years, so most of the young people have grown up without television. It was thrilling to see these enthusiastic youth desiring to lead out in worship, and we particularly enjoyed hearing them sing familiar hymns in their language.

## Mending a Divide

About 70 percent of Sabbathkeepers in Thailand are from the Hmong tribe. As a result, the devil has attempted to divide and scatter these souls by introducing heresies. In the past five years, a false prophet claiming visions has caused many to leave the remnant church by proclaiming that it is Babylon, along with many other false teachings.

Many of the church members and even pastors have been misled. Causing the most disturbance was a group of followers who have been advocating that the only proper posture for all prayers and singing is kneeling. This was causing much contention and division in the church.

We learned quickly that to be effective in Thailand, God's workers must be very adaptable! We arrived in the village thinking we were doing a one-week evangelistic series, but when the time arrived, no guests showed up. So, early the following week, we focused on reviving the church.

At night we held meetings, and during the day, the pastor, a translator, and Lowell would go visit the families causing the trouble and with unstable church members. Lowell was able to share what the Bible says on each false teaching the prophet was advocating. At the end of that week, 15 people requested baptism! The pastor shared how thankful he was that Amazing Facts had come just then and knew it wasn't an accident. As he put it, "God had sent





the right person at the right time to encourage them to stay faithful and assure them that this is God's true church."

## Camp Meeting: Thailand

Our next destination was a Hmong family summer camp, with about 300 attendees. The local mission asked Lowell to present the same revival messages he had shared in the first village. He also spent an hour on Sabbath answering questions about the Spirit of Prophecy and the doctrines the false prophet was advocating.

During the week, about 350 Hmong youth began attending the camp. These young people were divided into groups and rotated through various classes on topics of interest to them. The leader of the camp then asked Lowell to cover the Sunday law and the mark of the beast with the youth, since the false prophet was teaching that the mark would be a microchip. Lowell presented the truth eight times that day to the different groups, and the pastor who translated was so thankful to hear the issues presented clearly and often, saying that he hadn't fully understood it either.

As a result, 15 young people were baptized in a nearby river. It was a beautiful service and a blessing to see the wholesomeness of these young people.

Our next assignment was a weeklong revival series in another Hmong village. Also a village of many Sabbathkeepers, they weren't affected by the false prophet, but they were drifting away from the message and losing their experience nonetheless. Only about 25 people attended services regularly, and some were even communicating with evil spirits.

The pastor asked Lowell to cover the topics of health, state of the dead, and the importance of Sabbath observance. At the conclusion of the revival, five people made decisions for baptism.

The children in this village were a thrill to work with. They don't have much for entertainment, so they were very interested in the meetings and were respectful during the presentations. It was a delight to work with them! The kids' meetings were held in a simple shelter with a roof, bamboo walls, and a straw mat on a concrete floor. The first night about 30 children attended. The crafts at the end was a big hit, so

the next night, two hours before the meeting, the children were already there, and the attendance had grown to 50. What a thrill to see the Lord working!

## Bangkok Outreach

After Sabbath, we made the eight-hour drive to Bangkok, where we conducted a one-week evangelistic series at a Chinese church. This is a wealthy congregation filled with doctors, health professionals, and many English-speakers.

Each evening, prior to the evangelistic meeting, local doctors did health screenings and counseling and did a short health presentation before the Bible study. About 20 guests attended, and we had wonderful support from the church members.

Today, the church continues to follow up on the interests.

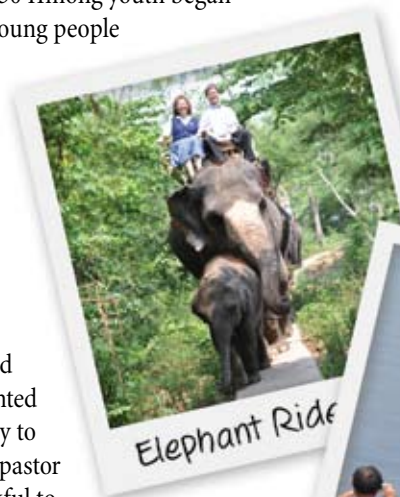
The final week in Thailand, we did an evangelistic series about an hour from Bangkok, where the local church has been seeking to plant a new church.

Once again, the pre-work had a health emphasis, where people could get massages, hydro treatments, health counseling, and more.

In the evenings, Lowell taught the Scriptures. There are many immigrants from the Philippines working in Thailand, as the government and private schools hire them to teach English. Since the economy is better in Thailand, it is quite an attraction to Filipinos. Each evening, only three non-Filipino guests attended, but one made the decision to be baptized! The church is already following up on other interests in the area.

The Thai way of evangelism is very different from what we are used to. Generally, they conduct a short series and then baptize whoever responds at the end, hoping that the church will continue to educate interests afterwards. As a result, the church members often lack knowledge of basic doctrines. So our time there was largely spent sowing the seed we could and reviving the young membership in truth.

It's so important for new members to have a foundation in the Bible when they join the church. That's what Amazing Facts is trying to ensure as we share the gospel all around the world. So even though we didn't see large-scale baptisms in Bangkok, we know that God's Word will "not return to Him void."



# AFCOE TO GO



## A Spirit of Revival and Reformation

by Don Mackintosh, Director of AFCOE

“In light of all that is going on this summer, perhaps we should cancel this session of AFCOE to Go.” Just saying these words brought pain to my heart.

Ever since the program was born some three years ago, it's been a much-loved witnessing training intensive well attended by faithful people from around the world.

But with the unusually low number of applications this time around, it appeared that it might be best to cancel this particular session.

### Forward in Faith

However, I didn't want to give up.

I sensed the Spirit's leading us to press forward in faith, and our team made one last push to promote the program. At first, only a few calls trickled in, but that trickle soon turned into a flood!

Amazingly, we went from less than 10 enrollments to more than 40 in just a few days. The Lord had answered our prayers! And this was only the beginning of what would be one of the most powerful AFCOE to Go experiences we've ever had.

As students arrived, we saw a real sense of sincerity and urgency in them. This group really wanted to be at AFCOE. But it was also clear that there were some real needs within the group. Indeed, some of those attending had fallen away and desired to find revival at AFCOE. Others had recently joined the church but had not been well grounded in the faith.

These realities led our staff to our knees: “Please, God, send a revival to us and in the lives of these students.”

### Revival, Revitalized

And God answered abundantly!

As students joined together in worship, witness, and study, God's Spirit began to work in their hearts in a marked way. We

sensed that our classes were more than just classes, but points in time and space in which we heard the voice of God call for personal revival and reformation.

A powerful breakthrough came as the class considered the subject of “atmospheric pressure,” a class dealing with the role of lifestyle in witness. The same Spirit that had moved John

the Baptist to bring revival and repentance in all areas of life moved here too. Students sought our Lord in prayer and came forward when a strong appeal was made—even tears began to flow.


This was not just another AFCOE to Go. God's Spirit moved mightily.

By the end of the week, not only had hundreds of homes been reached through door-to-door

outreach—not only had many guests attended our health-bridge meetings—not only had students been equipped with the tools for effective witness, God had also spoken to hearts and our own students made decisions for recommitment, rebaptism, and baptism into the remnant church!

And to think ... it was almost cancelled! Revival was almost cancelled!

God wanted this AFCOE to Go class to meet. But not only that, He wanted everyone—staff and students and the local church community—to know that it was His doing, that His Spirit was in control. Our Bible text for this session became the text for our lives: “Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?” (Psalm 85:6).

Do you desire revival and reformation in your life? Then AFCOE to Go is for you! See our ad on the next page and ask God if He is calling you to come. 





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# Under your Skin?

by Emily Simmons



**It might sound** like something straight out of science fiction, but it's very real: Hungry little mouths cover the surface of your body, gobbling up whatever they encounter.

They're called pores.

You are always receiving conflicting messages about your skin. On one side, cosmetics manufacturers say their synthetic ingredients don't penetrate the skin. On the other hand, the same manufacturers claim magic ingredients such as collagen and antioxidants feed the skin to combat aging. Meanwhile, doctors administer medications via the skin for motion sickness, smoking cessation, birth control, and hormone replacement.

So what's really getting under your skin?

Your skin is the largest organ of your body, and it absorbs up to 60 percent of what is applied to its surface. Unfortunately, along with water, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, your skin also absorbs potentially carcinogenic substances.

## Everybody Is at Risk

Men might read "cosmetics" and dismiss this as a women's issue, but you are at risk too! Most skincare products on the market today—including shaving creams, soaps, shower

Otherwise, evaluation of product and ingredient safety is left up to the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Board, an organization funded by the cosmetics industry. A 2006 study conducted by the Environmental Working Group (along with the Breast Cancer Fund, Breast Cancer Action, and the National Environmental Trust) found that about 90 percent of cosmetic ingredients in the 7,500 top-selling beauty products have *never been analyzed* for health impact at all.

The studies that are conducted are done either on animals with much shorter life spans than humans or in test tubes, and these test only for short-term safety of ingredients. No one has studied the long-term, snowballing effect of chronic low-dose exposure to the synthetic chemicals used in personal care products. And we use these products on skin freshly scrubbed in warm water, which opens the pores and makes them even more vulnerable.

## Cosmetic Ingredients to Avoid

- Petrochemicals, such as mineral oil and silicones
- Sodium laureth/lauryl sulfates and other sulfate-based detergents
- Propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, and other ingredients formulated with PGs and PEGs
- Formaldehyde and paraben preservatives
- Synthetic (FD&C and other) dyes and colorants
  - Artificial fragrances



*This isn't just a women's issue—men's shaving creams can contain chemical additives too!*

gels, deodorants, shampoos, and conditioners, as well as body lotions, facial cleansers, moisturizers, and anti-aging serums—contain chemical additives.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates cosmetics only *after* they are sold, investigating complaints when and if they are filed.





## On the Inside

What happens when these substances penetrate the skin?

They enter the blood vessels and lymph ducts. Some are circulated through the body via lymph fluid, eventually to be filtered out by the kidneys and liver. However, others stay in the body and add to the systemic toxic load we accumulate via the intestines, lungs, and the skin.

One example is parabens, commonly used in cosmetics as preservatives. Experts used to believe that parabens were not stored in human tissue, but recent findings revealed the presence of these chemicals in breast milk and breast cancer tumors. These estrogenic chemicals also increased uterine growth and stimulated breast cancer cell proliferation. These studies were small and don't *prove* a link between parabens and cancer, but they do prove that parabens are absorbed by and *stored in* living tissue.

What's the problem with synthetic chemicals? Best-case scenario, they could cause minor skin irritation or worsen existing acne. Worst-case scenario, over time, they could build up in your system and contribute to the causes of cancer, severe allergies, fertility problems, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease.

To make matters even more confusing, a product labeled "natural" or "organic" isn't necessarily any safer. Many "greenwashed" products still contain harmful chemicals with a few organic essential oils thrown in.

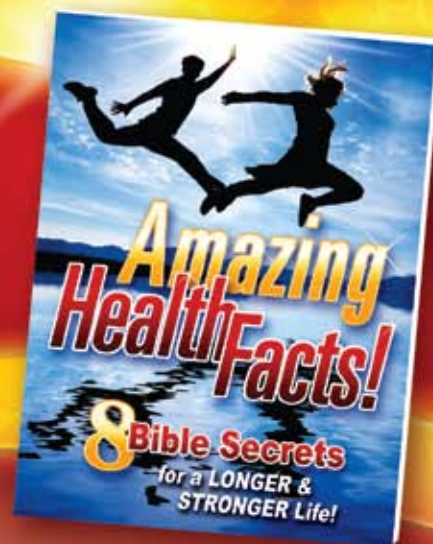
What's the solution? Become an ingredients expert. Read the ingredient lists on your cosmetics as religiously as you do your food. For information about suspicious ingredients, visit [www.cosmeticdatabase.com](http://www.cosmeticdatabase.com), where you can search by product, brand, or ingredient—or go to [www.toxnet.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.toxnet.nlm.nih.gov) to check the toxic potential of your cosmetic ingredients.

Or you can make your own personal care products at home with God's natural materials. Books like *The Green Beauty Guide* by Julie Gabriel and *Natural Beauty at Home* by Janice Cox offer loads of educational information as well as home recipes.

You already know the preservatives, artificial flavors, and colorings in processed foods are not good for you. If you eat healthfully, why would you want to ingest junk through your skin? Make this your new motto: "If it's not safe to eat, it's not safe to use on your skin."



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