

Lessons from the Heart

Has your tree produced good fruit?

By Pastor Dan Gottschalk

It is fall and the harvest is well underway. Not only are the corn and soybeans ripe for harvest, but the fruit of the trees are also evident.

Walnuts cover my backyard. The apple tree is loaded; even the new apple trees have a crop adorning their branches. The bounty of the trees is not only a great joy, but also a landowner's expecta-

tion. I planted apple trees expecting an apple harvest. I planted peach trees expecting a harvest of peaches. When we purchased the property with walnut trees, we expected a harvest of walnuts.

The scripture uses trees and harvest as an analogy for people. In Mathew, Jesus says you shall know a person's beliefs and the conduct those beliefs lead to by

"their fruits." A good tree, a tree rooted in faith, cannot bring forth bad fruits, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. "Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them."

The outward signs, the signs that are visible to the world of those who claim Jesus as their Lord and Savior, is good fruit. By their actions, by their attitude, and by their deeds, you shall know them.

Paul in Galatians provides us with great insight into leading a fruit-producing life. He tells us that the secret to good fruit production is allowing the Spirit of God to direct our thoughts and actions. That it is God in us that empowers us to overcome the things of this world and energizes us to do fruitful things.

God's Spirit in us makes us loving, gives us joy, peace, the ability to be long suffering, gen-

tle, and good. God's Spirit gives us faith, meekness, and self-control. As we look at our own lives, "so let a man or woman examine themselves."

I have a question for you. If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

The test of faith is a heart examination, a heart examination that has its proof in actions, good deeds, and a great attitude. Those who are led by the Spirit produce fruit. Faith without works is not faith at all.

Dan Gottschalk is pastor at the Camden United Methodist Church.

Pray for our nation to seek God

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 Pd. Adv.

Workshop to give solutions for adapting old barns

Comet staff report

A Barn Again! Workshop will be held in the Miami County Community Building at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds just north of Peru on Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Across Indiana, barns of all ages and types have been successfully rehabilitated for modern farming and other productive uses. The Barn Again! in Indiana workshop will show participants how to do the same with their old barns.

Barn Again! in Indiana presents practical solutions for maintaining and adapting old barns for today's needs. The workshop covers the history and structural technology of barns as well as financial incentives for restoration. Most importantly, barn rehabilitation

experts share their experiences and offer assistance with sources for know-how, labor, and materials. The program will conclude with a tour of several outstanding historic barns.

Building on the success of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Barn Again! program, the workshop is sponsored by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service - Miami County and the Miami County Historical Society.

For additional information and cost, contact the Western Regional Office of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana at 812-232-4534 or kleckner@historicalandmarks.org. Registration deadline is Oct. 20.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Discipline your son according to his intent

QUESTION: I need help understanding how to interpret my son's behavior. My problem is that I don't know how to react when Chris annoys me. I'm sure there are many minor infractions that a parent should just ignore. At other times, immediate discipline is necessary. But I'm not sure I'll react in the right way on the spur of the moment.



Dr. Dobson

DR. DOBSON: Obviously, the first thing you have to do is determine Chris' intent, his feelings and his thoughts. Is there evidence that Chris is challenging your authority? The more blatant his defiance, the more critical it is to respond with decisiveness. But if he has simply behaved immaturely or perhaps he's forgotten or made a mistake, you will want to be much more tolerant. It is a very important distinction. In the first instance, the child knows he was wrong and is waiting to see what his parent will do about it; in the second, he has simply blundered into a situation he didn't plan.

Let me be specific. Suppose Chris is acting silly in the living room and falls into a table, breaking some expensive china. Or maybe he loses his books on the way home from school. These are acts of childish irritation and should be handled as such. Perhaps you will want to ignore what he did, or maybe you'll require that he work to pay for whatever he lost - depending on his age and level of maturity.

However, these accidents and miscalculations do not represent direct challenges to authority. Since they aren't motivated by haughty defiance, they shouldn't result in serious reprimands or punishment.

On the other hand, when a child screams obscenities at his mother or stamps his foot and tells her to "shut up," something very different is going on. He has moved into the realm of willful defiance. As the words imply, it is a deliberate act of disobedience that occurs when the child knows what his parents want, but he clenches his fists, digs in

his heels and prepares for battle. It is a refusal to accept parental leadership, such as running when called, or disobeying and then perhaps lying about it.

When this kind of nose-to-nose confrontation occurs between generations, parental leadership is on the line. It is not time for quiet discussions about the virtues of obedience. It is not the occasion for bribes or bargaining or promises. Nor is it wise to wait until Dad comes home from work to handle the misbehavior.

You have drawn a line in the dirt, and Chris has tossed his cute little toe across it. Who is going to win? Who has the most courage? Who is in charge here? Those are the questions he is asking, and it is vital that you answer them for him. If you equivocate at that moment, he will precipitate other battles designed to ask them again and again. That's just the way a strong-willed child thinks. It is the ultimate paradox of childhood that youngsters want to be led, but insist that their parents earn the right to lead them.

In summary, when misbehavior occurs, your obligation is to look first at the issue of intent, and secondly, at the issue of respect. From your interpretation of these two attitudes you should know instantly how to respond.

QUESTION: I really believe in giving children the freedom to do wrong as long as there isn't any danger involved. For example, I let my kids curse and use swear words and don't see any harm in it. Do you agree?

DR. DOBSON: No. I would hope that parents wouldn't use that kind of language and certainly don't believe they should permit their kids to do so. It is disrespectful, crude and unnecessary to talk like that.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, or to his Web site at www.focus.org. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the founder and chairman of the board of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home and Judeo-Christian values. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copy secured.

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SS=Sunday School SW=Sunday Worship

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BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST: Larry DeVos, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST: 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Joe Hornick, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.

BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN: 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.

BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: Tim Pohlman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Children's Church: 10 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m., Youth Groups: 6 p.m.

BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Rev. Chuck Rockey, pastor. SS: 10:50 a.m., SW 9:30 a.m.

BURNETTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST: Second & Main, Burnettville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.

BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN: Sixth & Washington, Burnettville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 10:30 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.

CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Will be meeting at the Delphi Middle School gym on Monroe Street. The worship service begins at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. Sun. Nite Praise 6:02 p.m.

CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.

COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST: Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

COLBURN UNITED METHODIST: Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE MINISTRIES: 1/2 mile north of SR 22 on CR 1150W. Patrick Kamm, pastor. SS: 9 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.

CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, interim pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: 9:15 a.m.

DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St, Delphi. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 6 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.

DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD: 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., & 6 p.m.

DELPHI PENTECOSTAL: Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.

DELPHI UNITED METHODIST: Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.

DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Schneck, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Ernie D. Elder, Jr., Pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.

FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Chad Hoesman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Sun. Youth Service 5:30 p.m. Sun. Bible study: 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Louis Sandos. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA FIRST BAPTIST: 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.

FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA GRACE BRETHREN: 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.

FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 10:15 a.m.

FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.

FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST: Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Keith Raderstorf, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.

JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.

LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

LIVING STONE CHURCH: Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. Stan Williams, pastor. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (765) 589-3771

LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH: East of Patton. Nord Zoolman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: CR 300 N, SE of Camden. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.

MT. ZION INDEPENDENT BAPTIST: 102 N. Connelly Street, Delphi. Alfred Smith, pastor. SS: 10:15 a.m., SW: 9 a.m., & 6 p.m.

OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N & 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Don Arterburn. SW: 10 a.m.

PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.

RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.

ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.

ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.

ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St., Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.

ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Pastor, Bob Pfeifer. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Rev. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.

ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC: 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. Dale Larson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. Dale Larson, pastor. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.

WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES: meet at Burrows Fire Department, Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280

YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST: Dave Inskip, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found"
Is. 55:6

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at
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October 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker A Wayne Rudolph Lebanon, PA.

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Announcements

Radnor United Methodist Church will have its fourth annual SINGSPARATION, featuring THE OVERTONES, on Oct. 28 at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center. A ham dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and the concert will be from 7:30 to 8:30. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity/Carroll County 2007 project.

Delphi Presbyterian Church invites SENIOR CITIZENS to its October luncheon on the 18th at noon in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend. There is an elevator for those in need. Those who need a ride may call Angie at the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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