

Lessons from the Heart

Elections/Revolutions?

By Jeff Tomson



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As we leave our local election season and enter into a presidential election year, one you might expect to read about one of many political problems that I feel is addressed by scripture. You might expect to read about a "good" candidate or maybe my dissertation about the separation of Church and State. Instead, I want to use what I was taught in school about the election process as a backdrop for a discussion of our spiritual lives.

Let's think about what happens at the end of an election - someone wins and someone loses - a job is gained or lost, - and one group celebrates while another mourns. Ultimately something changes. Someone can say, "See, we told you." While another group cries "Foul!" I was taught that every election was an opportunity for revolution, and that the process kept our nation safe from many full blown civil wars because it always offered the hope that change is just one election away.

We know that sometimes revolutionary change occurs, but more often than not even if a political change occurs it just seems like the world continued on in spite of the change that took place. However, instead of having a revolt we simply turn our eyes and our hope to the next election. You see, the process maintains the hope for change and with that hope it diffuses some of the frustration that we feel thus causing us to wait till next time. The urgency is gone.

Registration open for farmland tax appeal school

Comet staff report

"How To Successfully Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment," an educational program designed for owners of farmland and other working lands, will be presented by Indiana Farm Bureau and the Indiana Ag Law Foundation (IALF) on Nov. 20.

The program will be held in Indianapolis from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The program is designed to help landowners be prepared in the event that they consider filing an appeal.

The costs of the program are being underwritten by the IALF, so attendance is free. However, because space is limited to the first 90 people to register prior to the dead-

line, pre-registration is required. The deadline is Nov. 14.

Among the topics to be covered during the session are the current assessment process and the environment in which assessments are now being done; information on procedural and evidentiary (or evidence) requirements for assessment appeals; tips on how to present your case; and an examination of issues, trends and appeals particular to ag property.

To register or for more information, call or write Maria Spellman at 317-692-7840, mspellman@infarmbureau.org.

As you read this, how many of you have been thinking about getting back to attending church? Have you ever said to yourself "Someday I am going to stop and say hi to the guy down the street and see if I can get to know him, maybe even invite him to Church?" How often have you thought about investigating who this Jesus guy is, but decided to sleep in one more Sunday morning?

James 4:13-15 and I Thessalonians 5:1-2 tell us that things may be more pressing than we think, the world may not end today but it might end for you or me. What are you putting off until tomorrow? Today could be your revolution or you can take the chance that you will change things tomorrow, that is if you even see tomorrow.

Jeff Tomson is pastor at Living Faith Church of the Brethren.

Pray for our nation to seek God

...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 Pd. Adv.

QUESTION: Are adopted children more likely to be rebellious than children born to biological parents? If so, are there any steps I can take to prevent or ease the conflict? My husband and I are thinking about adopting a toddler and the question has me worried.



Dr. Dobson

DR. DOBSON: Every child is different and adopted kids are no exception. They come in all sorts of packages.

Some boys and girls who were abused or unloved prior to the adoption will react to those painful experiences in some way ... usually negatively. Others, even those who were not mistreated, will struggle with identity problems and wonder why their "real" mothers and fathers didn't want them. They may be driven to find their biological parents during or after adolescence to learn more about their heritage and families of origin.

I must emphasize, however, that many adopted kids do not go through any of these personal crises. They take root where they are replanted and never give a thought to the questions that trouble some of their peers. As with so many other behavioral issues, the critical factors are the particular temperament of the child and how he or she is handled by the parents.

I hope you won't be reluctant to adopt that child because some special problems might - but probably won't - develop. Every child has his or her own particular challenges. Every child can be difficult to raise. Every child requires all the creative energy and talent a parent can muster. But every child is also worth the effort, and there is no higher calling than to do that job excellently.

Let me add one more thought. I knew a man and woman who had waited for years to adopt a baby. When a baby girl was finally

made available to them, they were anxious to know if she was healthy and of good heritage. They asked if her biological parents had used drugs, how tall they were, whether or not they had attended college, etc.

Then, the father told me later, he realized what he and his wife were doing: They were approaching the adoption of this baby much like they would have bought a used car. They were kicking the tires and testing the engine. But then they thought, "What in the world are we doing? That little girl is a human being with an eternal soul. We have been given the opportunity to mold and shape her as a child of God, and here we are demanding that she be a high quality product." They repented of their inappropriate attitudes and embraced that child in love.

Adopted children, like all children, are a blessing from God, and we are privileged indeed to be granted the honor of raising one of his precious kids.

QUESTION: At what age should discipline begin?

DR. DOBSON: There should be no physical punishment for a child younger than 15 to 18 months, regardless of the circumstances. An infant is incapable of comprehending his or her "offense" or associating it with the resulting consequences.

Some parents do not agree and will swat a baby for wiggling while being diapered or for crying in the midnight hours. This is a terrible mistake. Other parents will shake a child violently when they are frustrated or irritated by incessant crying. Let me warn those mothers and fathers of the dangers of that punishing response: Shaking an infant can cause serious neurological damage as the brain is slammed against the skull. Do not risk any kind of injury with a baby! Especially during the first year,

a youngster needs to be held, loved and calmed by a soothing human voice. He should be fed when hungry and kept clean and dry and warm. The foundation for emotional and physical health is laid during this six-month period, which should be characterized by security, affection and warmth.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, PO 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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for a day and perhaps a lifetime for the 31st American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout® on Nov. 15.

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