FATHER’S DAY 2015

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**ARE YOU A SEEKER? ARE YOU PREPARED?**

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REPORT ON CHAFFER THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ’15;

**FATHER’S DAY** ARE YOU A GOOD FATHER?

The Marines need a few good men, but America needs a lot of good fathers!

It’s not hard to become a father, but it’s hard to be a good one.

It doesn’t take a lot of time to become a father, but it takes a lifetime to be one.

Becoming a father isn’t always a matter of choice, but being a good one is.

You can’t be a good father if you’re not a good husband.

The choice to be a good father is yours. To be one, you must be an avid seeker.

***Colossians 3:18-21 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19) Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. 20) Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. 21) Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.***

Three Ways Fathers Exasperate Their Children:

1. Being too strict. Children give up on trying to please their parents when they seldom, if ever, receive any encouragement or praise.

2. Being too lenient. Children become insecure without enforced boundaries and they resent their parents for not holding them responsible for their actions.

3. Being absent. Children require attention which is another way of saying that they require time. When they don’t receive the attention they need and deserve, they seek it from someone else or get it by misbehaving.

**ARE YOU A SEEKER?** **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

***Jeremiah 29:13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.***

***1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.***

***Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment…***

***Hebrews 5:13-14 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness for he is an infant. 14) But solid food is for the mature who, because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil.***

***1 Peter 3:15 …sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence…***

***Ephesians 4:11-15 And He gave some as…pastors-teachers, 12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ 13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14) As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ…***

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***2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:6 …so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.***

***2 Peter 3:17-18 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.***

Becoming spiritually mature is not optional for believers; it is required; it’s commanded.

Therefore, striving for anything less is disobedience. So not moving toward maturity is a sin.

We live in extraordinary times.

Satanic forces are ruthlessly attacking on every front, so we must be ready to meet the challenge. We must fight just to keep from being led astray.

We should be taking advantage of every opportunity to fill our minds with knowledge and truth. When we don’t, WE LOSE!

We lose the chance to honor and glorify Christ because we are not prepared for the challenges and tests that are sure to come our way.

If you are not nourishing your mind and soul with truth and knowledge every day in these times are evil, you will falter and fail.

Truth and knowledge goes out from CBC three times a week. Do you take every advantage of it?

I have encouraged and exhorted you to tune in to the “goldmine of learning” on the Brettell Broadcasting Network (BBN). You can find the link on ***www.countrybiblechurch.com*** homepage.

**Monday: 9:00-10:00 AM (CDT) with Pastor Mike Smith**

**Monday: 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM (CDT) with IQ al Rassooli**

**Monday: 7:00 - 8:15 PM (CDT) MNHBS (\*accessible from Dr. Jim’s link on CBC website)**

**Tuesday: 9:00 -10:00 AM (CDT) Dr. Jim and Pastor Mike**

**Tuesday: 6:30 - 7:30 PM (CDT) Michael Eubanks \***

**Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 AM (CDT) with Bill Reil**

**Wednesday: 9:15 - 9:45 AM (CDT) Liberty Institute Wed: 7-8 PM (CDT) Dr. Jim & Michael \***

**Thursday: 9:00 - 10:00 AM (CDT) Chaplain Steve Haynes**

**Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 AM (CDT) Dr. Jim**

**Sunday: 8:30 - 9:30 AM (CDT) TCWOLC, 1st Session \***

**Sunday: 9:45 - 10:45 AM (CDT) TCWOLC, 2nd Session \***

**The Christian Way Of Life Church** [*www.tcwolc.org*](http://www.tcwolc.org) is Dr. Jim’s website

E**XCELLENT** MAGAZINES I recommend that you keep reading:

**The Berean Call** Go to *thebereancall.org* to subscribe

**Grace in Focus** Go to *faithalone.org* to subscribe

EXCELLENT WEBSITEs I recommend:

***countrybiblechurch.us*** I happen to like this one the best.

***sheriffbrigadesofpenn.com*** Click on the “Resources” button and then click on “Additional

 Documents by William Taylor Reil”

***savingamericasfreedom.org*** One of Dr. Jim Brettell’s websites that is loaded with information

***tolleratingtyranny.com*** Is the website for ordering my book, *Tolerating Tyranny*.

***biblehub.com*** This site has advanced tools to study the Bible

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***deanbible.org*** Dr. Dean has several great resources including Chafer Theological Conferences which are archived on this website and are located in our church library. Here is the latest one with a few notes:

**CHAFER’S THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ’15 REPORT**

List of speakers and the subject of their paper.

**Robert Dean** Pastor, West Houston Bible Church Houston, Tx
***Believe and Confess: Does the Bible Teach a Two-Step Way to Salvation*?**

**Bruce Baker** Pastor, Washington County Bible Church Brenham, Tx

***What is Spiritual Maturity? The Problem of Sin and Its Cure***

**Andy Woods** Pastor, Sugar Land Bible Church, Sugar Land, Tx

***Doesn’t 2 Corinthians 13:5 Say We Need to Examine Ourselves to See If We Are Saved?***

***Middle East Meltdown, Ezekiel 38-39, Part 1 and Part 2***

**Tommy Ice** Executive Director, Pre-Trib Research Center Dallas, TX

***Does Biblical Prophecy Suggest a Future Moslem Antichrist?***

**Jim Myers** President, James F. Myers Ministries, Pastor of Word of God Church Kiev, Ukraine.

***How Were People Saved in the Old Testament?***

**Mark Musser** Pastor, Grace Redeemer Bible Church Olympia, WA

***What About the Unpardonable Sin?***

A FEW NOTABLE POINTS FROM THE CONFERENCE:

Being a Christian is being rightly related to Christ.

Being spiritual is being rightly related to the Holy Spirit.

The difference between meat and milk in God’s Word does not mean some doctrines are deeper than others but refers to the depth that one goes into a doctrine.

God is easy to please, but impossible to satisfy.

Scripture never tells believers to test or analyze the authenticity of the faith they had in the gospel.

The kingdom of God will endure and never decline but every nation on earth, including ours, declines.