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BIBLE COLLEGE DILEMMA: Can They, Should They Be Accredited?

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Apostolic Bible colleges are fairly well dispersed throughout the USA. Most all have adequate facilities and maintain a solid academic standard. **Top:** Gateway College of Evangelism, St. Louis, MO; **Middle:** Christian Life College, Stockton, CA; **Bottom:** Texas Bible College, Houston, TX.

The Apostolic rumor mill is an amazing thing. Consider these myths often heard through the Pentecostal grapevine:

- Brussels, Belgium has a giant computer called "The Beast" with records of everybody in the world.
- Elvis Presley was a former Oneness Pentecostal.
- One or two of our Apostolic Bible colleges are accredited.

But the truth: There is no computer called the "Beast," Elvis Presley belonged to a Trinitarian Pentecostal church. *And, despite rumors to the contrary, absolutely no Apostolic Bible college is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency.*

There are a variety of reasons for this nonaccredited status. However, at the core, there are two primary ones: Bible college faculties are unsure as to whether they are *able* to obtain accreditation; and they are unsure as to whether they *want* it.

Can They Be Accredited?

Neither of these questions is an easy one to answer. Can Apostolic schools receive accreditation? Yes, if they are willing to make some changes. And therein lies the rub.

"Can we be accredited? That's a yes-and-no situation," pointed out Bro. Gerald Grant, president of St. Paul's Apostolic Bible Institute. "It depends on the approach we take. If we go through a Bible college accrediting agency, for now anyway, the answer seems to be no. I looked into the subject years ago with the American Association of Bible Colleges and ran into the 'Godhead problem' that others have found."

The "Godhead Problem" is simply that AABC requires schools to sign their doctrinal statement before they are considered for accreditation. And article one of that statement says clearly, "We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit." That, of course, is a concession no Apostolic college is willing to make. And a representative of AABC told AIS that any college that could not sign that statement "need not apply."

And that, quite naturally, is one of the major concerns that Apostolic college administrators have in the accreditation question.

"The major obstacle," said Tim Dugas, president of St. Louis' Gateway College of Evangelism "is our doctrine. You have to adhere to the Trinitarian doctrine, which we obviously cannot do."

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Above: The campus of Indiana Bible College, Indianapolis, IN.

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Most important is to increase your visitor flow to your services. There are lots of ways to do this: revivals, contests, dramas, song fests, special services; anything to motivate your saints to witness and invite their family and friends to church. Then let God touch their hearts. We never have a service that doesn't end in some kind of altar call.

The second most effective method is to get a large percentage of your people involved in evangelism - and to get that you need a number of evangelism ministries for them to choose from. You must sow abundantly to reap abundantly. To encourage involvement I promote evangelism success from the pulpit every chance I get. It's also a policy of our church that to be a member you must be involved - it's a part of the membership application. 60% to 70% percent of our members are actively involved in some organized evangelism ministry.

Finally, set goals for your church and promote them regularly: Attendance goals, Bible study goals, class goals, etc. Challenge your people. Help them develop an action plan and they will surpass your expectations.



What Evangelism Methods Work Best

AIS VIEW: Every church should place an emphasis on organized evangelism. Although not every method will work the same everywhere, a pastor must find what works best for his church and do it consistently, encouraging a large percentage of involvement by the church membership.

The most successful method of evangelism has been our church services. Pentecostal-style worship and strong, anointed preaching - when backed up with lots of intercessory prayer - will bring maximum results.

However, you must have plenty of visitors needing salvation. So the more "special" services you plan (revivals, song-fests, contests, etc.) the more visitors you will have. Call them "gimmicks" if you want - they give your people an excuse to invite their family and friends. And don't forget altar worker training. Churches that invite and pray with visitors in the altar see the greatest results.

The second is a good visitor follow-up program. Why? Because 95% that receive the Holy Ghost receive it in a church service. And 93% have come three or more times before receiving it. Therefore, if your visitors don't return, you will have few converts. Visitors are your best prospects. Don't neglect them!

The third most effective method has been the home Bible study ministry, and the fourth most effective has been Sunday school growth programs such as Bus ministry.



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We've just instituted Bro. Tim Massengale's methods of church organization and evangelism this past March and we are very happy with the success we have had so far. It works because it gets the entire church involved in outreach. We have also had good success with jail ministry and rest home ministry.

We've tried most everything - door knocking, mail outs, tract routes - but home Bible study has been the best. We use a variety of methods to get studies, but regardless of how you get them, they seem to win more people than any other method. Of course, nothing will work unless you back it up with prayer.

Of all the methods we have tried, home Bible studies have worked best. Then once they come in we place them into a new converts class, which has worked well for retaining our converts. Secondly, I have my own personal visitation program and encourage my saints to do the same. Simply show people you care.

Most successful is simply one-on-one witnessing. But next would be getting a large percentage of your people involved in some kind of organized outreach program. We have what we call "SWAT" teams (Spiritual Warfare Assault Teams) that do a variety of outreach activities. This has worked well for us.

Overall, we've found that making friends is the best way to get people in church. So methods that focus on reaching those you know produce the most results. It seems that the coldness of the world today brings a greater hunger to people for God. Also, our Yellow Pages ad has brought us a lot of first time visitors.

We have a number of successful outreach ministries: home Bible studies, bus, youth, singles, plus several focused visitation programs. We have also had great success this year from institutional evangelism: Jails, juvenile homes, convalescent homes, etc. Over 300 have received the Holy Ghost this year from these alone.

Bible College Dilemma: Can They, Should They Be Accredited?

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To Accredit Or Not To Accredit?

Some of those asking
the question...



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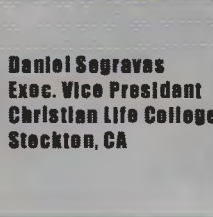
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Bro. J.R. Ensey, president of Texas Bible College in Houston, concurred: "The only Bible College accrediting agency is AABC. And they will not allow us to be accredited unless we accept their definition of doctrinal orthodoxy."

In fact, however, there is another Bible college accrediting agency: TRACS (The Transnational Association of Christian Schools). But as a representative of AABC pointed out, "they have an even more strict doctrinal statement than we have." Further, there is some question about future stability with TRACS' recognized status within the U.S. Department of Education, making it an unattractive choice for accreditation prospects.

There is, however, another option, and one which is gaining support from some within the Apostolic Bible college movement. Bible colleges able to meet the strict standards may receive accreditation from one of the six regional accrediting agencies throughout the United States. These associations, which work with secular colleges and religious schools, have no doctrinal statement.

The road, though, is a long one. "The first thing involved," noted Bro. Daniel Segraves, executive vice president of Christian Life College in Stockton, CA, "is that you embark on a very extensive self-study process. This process will lead your faculty and board of directors through investigating every aspect of your college operation. They look at everything: your finances, organizational structure, faculty qualifications, record-keeping systems, your plan for the future, your mission statement, everything about your system. It all comes under close scrutiny. Then a team of unbiased educators, representing other schools, will visit your campus, and they will examine your claims based on this self-study and see if you really are doing what you say you're doing, and upon that basis, recommendations are made."

Segraves noted that a school's library is also a consideration, but not as much as it used to be. "The library is important, but it has become not quite the critical issue that it once was. In California, we've seen accredited schools that might not have a very substantial library on site, but they may have a working agreement with another school or university nearby so that students can use their facilities." Segraves noted that the availability of computer libraries and services sometimes helps in this regard.

What makes accreditation through secular associations difficult, though, are often

the faculty credentials and the enormous costs involved.

"You have to have a lot of money," said TBC's Bro. Ensey. "It is super-expensive to go through the process of becoming accredited and then maintaining that status."

ABI's Bro. Grand went farther and predicted that any college becoming accredited would "very likely have to increase its cost to students unless the college has bottomless pockets."

"Keep in mind that once you get teachers with the kinds of degrees needed to obtain accreditation, in most cases, they're going to require higher salaries."

Further, as Joel Austin, executive vice president of Jackson [MS] College of Ministries said, "one major obstacle is the degrees of our teachers. They're often not as high as accrediting associations want."

Indeed, Karen Salinsky, a representative from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, said that faculty degrees are often the point on which accreditation often turns. "The experience and credentials of the instructors is the major thing we look at, along with your curriculum. If you're going to offer Bachelors degrees, then the majority of your faculty have to have Masters degrees or doctorates. And you'll probably have to add a core of general education classes."

This, however, might not be as imposing an obstacle as it first sounds. Indeed, close examination reveals that most Apostolic Bible colleges already have a strong core of instructors with higher degrees. The task, then, becomes helping the rest of the faculty achieve similar results. The Stockton school, for instance, recently went through just such a project. The college paid to have its instructors attend a local seminary to receive their higher degrees. And at Indiana Bible College, executive vice-president T.R. O'Daniel said that hiring and other decisions always take the possibility of future accreditation into consideration. "While accreditation is not our number one priority right now," O'Daniel said, "we consider it to be one of our long-term goals. So in everything that we do regarding long-term planning and hiring, we consider how it would affect accreditation. That, however, does not necessarily determine what our answer would be in an individual situation."

Should They Be Accredited?

All of which leads to the second question: Should Bible colleges seek accreditation?
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A Revelation Of Stewardship

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AIS CONVERSATION *With John Wolfram*

Editor's note: As a Vietnam Veteran, Bro. John Wolfram has been burdened for sometime for the missionary work in Southeast Asia. Consequently, he speaks passionately about the need for Apostolics to involve all their resources in world evangelism. At the recent General Conference in Milwaukee, WI, Bro. Wolfram discussed with AIS the need for Christian stewardship. Excerpts of his remarks are printed below:

On His Burden For Vietnam:

I'm a veteran of the war. I fought in Vietnam twice back in the late 60s and early 70s, so I've always had an interest in the area. And just recently, Vietnam opened back up again. So last General Conference, God dealt with me in a strong way about going, and a miracle happened. Somebody just walked up to me and donated the money to make the whole trip.

Those people are really being persecuted over there; Vietnam is still a police state. They have some government churches, and the rest of the people have to go underground. When I was there, one of the ministers who was interpreting for me was arrested. So the people are really going through it. Consequently, when we go to Vietnam, we have to go undercover. But we have the potential now of reaching a large harvest of people. It's exciting!

On Improving World Missions Efforts:

If we're going to reach our world, this endtime revival is going to be bigger than just our foreign missions program. It's going to have to be a coordinated effort between our pastors at home and the missionaries. We have some fields that we are trying to open, in Vietnam, for instance, but there's no way that two missionaries are going to be able to harvest the 80 or 90 million people there.

We have more open doors than we can follow. But we have pastors here in America who could help finance, and could in fact make independent trips overseas. They could help train and teach people, and then go back to their churches and still pastor. This is a ministry that has been neglected. There are people right now who could go on prolonged trips and spend quality time there helping train and reach areas that have not yet been reached.

On Good Stewardship Of Our Resources:

If we're going to reach our world, we need a revelation of Christian stewardship. A lot of

people want Jesus as their Savior, but we also need Jesus as Lord of our lives. Unless we understand who everything belongs to, we're not really going to be in access to the power of God.

Along those lines, I believe that every pastor ought to resign his church and turn it over to Jesus. Because if He is in charge of our churches, He would then have our time He would have our money, and He would have our ministries. He would have it all. A lot of pastors don't let Jesus rule in their churches. However, if we're going to reach our cities, we're going to have to realize that the church belongs to God. For so long, we have boxed ourselves into little corrals. Our attitude to one another has been, "That's my church; you don't cross my line." If pastors would only understand that it's God's church, this would change. Unfortunately, most of us only see the fence around the church. We don't see how we fit in with the church across town or in the next district.

But until we come to grips with the fact that it's God's church, and not ours, we're not going to reach our world. We have enough finances in the United Pentecostal Church to reach it. It's just that the money is all wrapped up in our own wants and desires. I read in a book that between the Catholics and the Protestants, in one year's time - 1990 - the church gave 1.2 trillion dollars in the church; less than two percent of that went to missions. I also read that the average church family makes \$19,280 a year, and of that, they give less than 10 cents a week to missions. The UPC is above that average, but I'm afraid we still own the money, and not God.

We preach about commitment, but if we're really committed, we're going to have to give. The way you can judge a man's commitment is to follow his wallet. If the man is not willing to give, he's not committed to the cause.

On Knowing Your Calling:

There is another important need in the Apostolic church. We need to understand who we are, and to find our own unique place in the kingdom of God. Each of us has a place in the plan of God, and we need to be in that place where God wants us to be. Every person has potential that has not yet been tapped, and only by being in the place that God has called us to can we begin to realize that potential. There are a lot of people in pulpit ministries that don't belong in the pulpit. We've got



pastors who should be missionaries, missionaries who should be evangelists, and evangelists who should be pastors. Then we've got laity who are running away from the calling of God!

If God's calling you to be a praise singer, and you're trying instead to be an evangelist, then you're going to have just a smattering of success. You need to recognize the call God has placed on you then fulfill that call as best you can. Too often, we're content living like Clark Kent, when we could walk out of the phone booth with power like Superman. But to have this power of God, it will take humbling to do what He wants you to do. Let God make the call. If you'll do that, you'll be more effective than if you try to be somebody that you're not.

On Unity Among Apostolics:

We need to stop character assassination! We've got enough battles to fight without somebody going around spreading garbage in our ranks. There are a lot of people today who have been misjudged because of some second or third hand rumor that has nothing to do with the person at all. When I hear trash talk, I don't listen. If we're going to reach the world, we're going to have to work from the basis of love. We need to be slow to suspect, quick to trust; slow to condemn, quick to justify; slow to expose, quick to shield. The Bible says in Proverbs 13:17, "A wicked messenger falleth into trouble: but a faithful ambassador is health." AIS

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Finance

With tax time here, are there any big changes affecting pastors that we need to be aware of?

Yes, recent IRS announcements could indeed affect ministers' 1994 tax returns. The IRS is continuing its pursuit of various taxpayers who work within targeted professions. Ministers have been included in the targeted segment. This means that the minister taxpayer will want to be certain that the 1994 tax return is accurate with all income reported in the proper places and expenses are substantiated.

For instance, it has been announced that the IRS will return to its special compliance audits. These "taxpayer compliance measurement program audits" are known as the super-audit programs which randomly select taxpayers for detailed auditing of the 1994 returns. These audits are very costly and time consuming as all documents of a tax return are selected for the review instead of various selected items. The following is a checklist of what can be done to prepare for an audit and to make certain that your return is correct:

- Be certain that you are filing as "employee" of the church for tax purposes. Continuing to file a Schedule C will only increase the chances of an audit. Each pastor should receive a W-2 form from the church for their salary, and a written notice of the amount of housing allowance received from the church.
- Keep all records of income and expenses in detail. Logs or other type record-keeping of travel, reimbursements, etc., are needed.
- Make sure that you have the proper resolutions enacted for the 1994 tax year. (Continued on page 14)



Owen Taylor

Legal

I have heard that civil courts can interfere in local church government. Is this true? If so, under what circumstances?

The courts do interfere in church matters all the time. This is true even though the basic legal premise is that courts have no jurisdiction over ecclesiastical matters. As a result, there is a lot of confusion as to when a court will intervene and when it will not get involved.

A very common area of interference arises when the church, its minister and/or its church board become disgruntled with one another and one faction tries to oust the other. If the church governing documents do not clearly establish a procedure for such actions the courts do not hesitate to step in and supply the necessary rules. In a recent case the court stated that basic elements of due process as prescribed by the church's own rules must be complied with. If no such rules exist the door is wide open to broad court interpretation and, many times, unfortunate decisions.

Churches must have governing documentation that covers the ministry, the church board and the members in the form of by-laws. Each needs separate treatment and consideration to form a complete and comprehensive government for the church. Gaps, omissions, ambiguities and oversight in the documentation of a church are common problems that ought to be resolved before trouble strikes. This will close the door on a court making rules for it.

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O. C. Marler

Family

I have heard you say that all marriages go through different stages of development. Please explain.

All marriages experience change. Falling in love, itself, is much like falling off a roof. It requires little effort and no flexibility. Staying in love, however, requires a constant application of both.

I would say that emotionally, marriage goes through three stages: the romantic stage, the realistic stage, and the secure stage.

In the romantic stage, the object of your affections appears larger than life - the epitome of perfection. The fact that he might talk too much is a quality you find enduring. Or the way she pouts when she doesn't get her way is actually cute. If the romantic stage were permanent, this would be great; but stage two soon follows.

The realistic stage is the time of reckoning. It is a time when the endless monologue grates on the nerves and the pouting is no longer cute. The constant strain of providing for the family and keeping the home and questions of "Did I marry the right one?" and "Am I still in love?" come to us. This is the time to realize that even through we have become one flesh we are still two personalities, that it is impossible to get along perfectly all the time, that we must work at it.

Then in the secure stage, we become comfortable with each other and our differences, as well as our common interests, there are few surprises, there is a comfortable understanding, a deep commitment, and a return to romance through a bond of shared joys and sorrows. This will happen only if we are willing to become flexible and to affect and accept change.



T. W. Massengale

Outreach

I'm having difficulty selecting leaders to oversee my various outreach programs. Several seemed like they were interested, but after a few months they quit. Any suggestions?

Before any individual can be placed in a position of leadership, the question must first be asked, "Will this person be faithful?" Faithful, dependable, reliable, trustworthy: These are attributes that are worth their weight in gold. They are much more desirable than only talent or ability. It does little good to have an outreach director who has a

terrific personality, yet who cannot be counted upon to fulfill his duties or is not loyal to the pastor. You would much rather have a person of lesser natural talent, but who is faithful and dependable. This type of person can be trained and developed into a strong, powerful, leader for God.

Can faithfulness and dependability be trained into a person? Yes, sometimes. But it is often a long process, and many a shipwreck has resulted, because dependability is a spiritual problem rather than intellectual. The person must want to change. Such was the case of John Mark. In Acts 15, Paul felt that Mark was not dependable to go with him, having abandoned them in Pamphylia when the work became difficult. But much later, after someone worked with him, his depend-

ability was strengthened. Leadership training can often turn a person around.

The key, however, is the directing hand of the Holy Ghost. Let the Spirit speak to you concerning an individual. God knows the heart and whether or not the person is useful to His work.

How can you tell if an individual is faithful and dependable? Jesus gave us the answer when He said, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things..." (Matthew 25:21). Any potential outreach leader should be started out slow and given only minor tasks and responsibilities. Like the disciples of Jesus, they must first learn to be a good follower. As they show themselves trustworthy, you can then add more responsibility.

RELIGION

Faith Provides Health Benefits

Studies continue to show that religious faith improves a person's health, according to medical researcher Dr. David B. Larson. In a recent interview with the Evangelical Press Association, Larson said that a person's faith can lengthen his life, speed recovery from injury, and lower the risk of suicide. Larson said that his interest in the subject of

religion and health began in medical school when a psychiatry residency training director warned him of possible danger with mixing psychiatry and religious faith. "I assumed there was a substantial amount of published research to back up his claim," Larson said, "but when I tried to find it, I couldn't." Instead, Larson found that people with alcohol problems, drug addiction and schizophrenia tended to be less interested in religion than the population as a whole. Further, Larson found that those who regularly attend church services have lower blood pressure, even when considering factors such as age, weight and smoking.

AMERICAN FAMILY

Abortion Linked To Breast Cancer

Women who have an abortion have a 50 percent higher risk of getting breast cancer according to a just-released study of 1,800 ladies. The study, which took seven years to complete, is one of the largest to examine the link between abortion and cancer, and has been published in *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

The study found that the risk for teenage girls who had abortions after the eighth week of pregnancy increased dramatically; they had an 800 percent increased risk of getting cancer before age 45.

CHURCH & STATE

Judge Offers Church Sentence

Lake Charles, LA City Court Judge Thomas Quirk may be onto a more effective sentence for rehabilitating perpetrators of small criminal offenses. During the past three years, Judge Quirk has handed down sentences for about 350 people to attend church services for a year. In the latest such incident, Quirk ordered Gregory Thompson, who had pleaded no-contest to drunken driving, to go to church.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union has intervened in this latest case. The ACLU has declared its intentions to go to court to try to stop Quirk from offering these sentences in the future. The ACLU says Quirk is violating the principle of separation of church and state.

MEDIA

TV Evangelists Are At It Again

Ready or not, many of the televangelists involved in scandals during the 1980s and early 90s are on a rebound, and some appear to be back up to their old tricks:

- Jimmy Swaggart's ministry took a severe hit in the United States after his sexual sins were revealed in 1988 and 1991. According to the fall *Christian Research Journal*, the Baton Rouge ministry had formerly brought in about \$150 million a year and reached eight million viewers a week in the U.S. However, by 1991, the ministry was \$4.5 million in debt and is practically nonexistent on television. However, overseas is a different story. Swaggart continues expanding his TV ministries in countries such as Africa and the former Soviet Union.

- Jim Bakker, founder of the PTL Club, was originally sentenced to 45 years in prison for defrauding followers out of \$158 million dollars. After having the sentence subsequently reduced, Bakker was released earlier this year. Bakker now declares that he will become active in liberal social causes. Meantime, his daughter Tammy Sue has written a fund-raising letter to Bakker's followers asking for a \$1100 gift. She promises in return to send a three-volume set of pictures, text, and exhibits that prove that "my Dad was innocent."

- Larry Lea, who had tried to capitalize on a fire that destroyed one of his houses, took in a lot of money from sympathetic viewers. After a TV news program showed that Lea actually lost no possessions, and actually had another house where he lived, donations dropped off drastically. Lea's response: He is now capitalizing on that news program itself as a fund-raising tactic, presenting himself as a martyr being attacked by "the lies and distortions about me and about our ministry."

OCCULT

Survey Finds No Satanic 'Network'

A national survey has found that reports of satanic networks is usually more imagined than real. The survey of 11,000 psychiatric and police workers was conducted by Dr. Gail Goodman of the University of California at Davis for the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect.

The survey did not find a single case to substantiate reports of a nationwide network of satanists. Most satanic activity, the report said, is conducted by individuals who, on their own, claim to be operating as agents of the devil.

Goodman said there is little evidence to show activity by cults sacrificing animals or engaging in cannibalism.

PENTECOSTALS

Pentecostals 'Not Christian'?

Pentecostals are not "of the Christian tradition," according to the leader of the leader of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America. Archbishop Iakovos lumped Pentecostals with Seventh-Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists and members of the New Age movement.

The archbishop made his remarks to other Greek Orthodox pastors and priests in the *Orthodox Observer*.

Peter Vourliotis, director of Greeks for Christ, said the bishop might have ulterior motives for attacking Pentecostals. Vourliotis pointed out that Pentecostals in particular had experienced significant growth in South American countries where the Orthodox faith has traditionally fared well.

News In Brief...

- ♦ The U.S. Postal Service announced Nov. 17 that it will stop issuing a Christmas stamp featuring Jesus and the virgin Mary, striving to be more "nondenominational."
- ♦ A Michigan judge has struck down that state's charter school law, saying that for a school to qualify for state funding, it must be "under the immediate, exclusive control" of the state.
- ♦ A clinical trial of the abortion pill, RU-486 is expected to lead to FDA approval of the drug in 1996.

LOCAL CHURCH

**Abundant Life
Course**

Homework and tests in a new converts class? It might sound unusual, but it's standard fare at the Newport News, VA United Pentecostal Church, pastored by Bro. Jared Arango. And it appears to have good results.



J. Arango

Bro. Arango's Abundant Life Course is a 12-lesson series which he

has written. The classes, held on Sunday mornings, are conducted in standard lecture format - with a few differences.

"I require them to purchase a notebook with my notes in it. If they purchase something, they're more apt to take care of the material. Also, we give them a memory verse for each lesson. They then have to come back next Sunday and recite the verse in front of the whole class. Also, we give them homework in the form of ten questions from the lesson they were taught. They go home with the notes and from those, they answer the questions. And finally, after they've completed six lessons, we give them a test. They have to study all their notes and

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MINISTRIES

'Temple Treasures' On Display



"Temple Treasures" Display

The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ," Bro. David Hamilton says with emphasis. "So now, in a way, the Tabernacle is back out in the 'wilderness' of the world. And it's still being used as a visual teaching tool to bring people to Christ."

Bro. Hamilton, of course, is not speaking literally. He's talking about the ministry that has kept him and his wife on the road for more than three years: "Temple Treasures."

Bro. Hamilton currently attends Bro. Donald Bryan's church in Slidell, LA. Hamilton is a former architectural designer who has always been fascinated by the construction of the Old Testament Tabernacle and its successor, the Temple.

"When I read about the Temple or its furnishings," Hamilton said, "I'd visualized what it would look like. But I decided that if I was ever going to see it, I would have to build it myself."

Which he did. Hamilton spent about seven and a half months following the guidelines given in the Bible in constructing the various Tabernacle and Temple furnishings.

"It's interesting that the first Tabernacle took seven and a half months to build, and that's how long it took me to put together this model," Hamilton said.

Hamilton's collection consists of over a hundred realistic and life-size models of Temple furnishings. He uses the display as part of a seminar he conducts on the Tabernacle/Temple ceremonies and how they foreshadowed New Testament salvation.

Word about the Temple Treasures ministry has apparently spread. Not only are more and more churches scheduling seminars, but others have shown an interest as well.

"Our items were on display at the big Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas last year, and they've invited it back again this year. Also, the Bible Art Museum in Dallas, Texas has talked to us about displaying it there, but to do that, it would have to stay there for three months."

Bro. Hamilton said of its popularity in churches: "I've had pastors to tell me after a seminar about people from denominational churches calling them and saying, 'We've studied and listened to Bro. Hamilton's tapes, and he's absolutely right!'"

"The Bible called the Tabernacle and its furnishings a shadow of heavenly things. So if it's a shadow, then there's a real thing making the shadow. What this means is that the Tabernacle, the furniture, the priesthood, and the sacrifices all speak of something spiritual. These things were intended to teach spiritual truth. And that's how we use them: to teach spiritual truths about Jesus Christ." For information about scheduling a "Temple Treasures" seminar, contact Bro. Hamilton at (504)649-6932.



Bro. David Hamilton

OUTREACH

Puyallup, WA Saints Say: 'This Is My Story'

The tract ministry is one common to many churches, but not always the most effective outreach. Bro. Gordon Mallory, however, has found a way to improve this ministry's effectiveness at his church in Puyallup, WA. The church personalizes the tracts. The result is what Mallory calls "This Is My Story."

"About three or four years ago I was driving from Sacramento to Fresno trying to figure out how to be more effective in

getting every believer involved in witnessing. So the thought came into my mind that everybody who has the Holy Ghost has a bestselling biography." From that, Bro. Mallory said, came the idea of getting each church member to write up his own

personal testimony, and to put it and a picture of the person on a



Gordon Mallory

customized tract.

"People in our church have stories about how they've been delivered from drugs, alcohol, or how they'd been abused as children. And we've found that people relate to that. It's effective because when people see this story, they connect it to a real person."

Bro. Mallory said the program

has gotten nearly every saint involved in personal evangelism. Also, "It's easy to keep the tracts up to date, because we do them on computer, and when something significant happens to a person, we just change that part of the tract."

The "This Is My Story" program is outlined in detail in Mallory's book, *Witness Conscious*. The book can be obtained from the Pentecostal Publishing House, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042.

Indiana Bible College maintains a growing electronic database of research and Bible study files to assist pastors, students and church leaders. All files in the database are free to AIS subscribers and can be accessed by modem (dial (317) 781-7700) or by voice telephone ((800)8000-AIS). When ordering by phone, specify photocopy or computer disk, and have your User ID and Password ready. (A small photocopy/computer disk fee will be added to your monthly statement.)



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LEGE30.TXT	18432	Moses: A Study In Leadership. Excellent study of leadership principles as seen in Moses.
MUGE04.TXT	8961	Evangelistic Music. How to reach the lost in your service through music.
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BIBS43.EXE	96668	Homosexuality: Computerized Study. A menu-driven Bible study of homosexuality.
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BICM21.EXE	100550	Evangelism Made Personal. Menu-driven study of evangelism methods.
GAAA20.ZIP	28050	Creation Quiz. Educational program that tests how much you know about Creation.
GAAA21.ZIP	50331	Word Play. Great "wheel of fortune" style word game focusing on Bible themes.
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BICM22.ZIP	73845	Visual Object Lessons. Program that spices up your Bible lessons with visual illustrations.
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OPINION: God has the ability to turn our darkest moments into great treasures.

Isn't it funny how we sometimes have preconceived ideas about who God is and how God moves? For instance, did you get the baptism of the Holy Ghost just exactly like you expected to? I know that I sure didn't!

In fact, because I was expecting an experience like Paul had - struck from a donkey at noonday (well, at least something close to that) - I had to seek the Lord for quite a while before I finally received the Holy Ghost. And when that experience came, it wasn't in a loud earth shaking and shouting service, but rather, at the close of a simple Wednesday night Bible study. I wasn't at the altar surrounded by all of the worshiping saints, but kneeling alone between the pews. It didn't come like I expected it to come, but it was so real that I knew it was exactly what I had been seeking. A typical Wednesday night service became a night that I will always treasure.

And therein lies a point that we as ministers and Christian workers need to grasp. The treasures of our walk with God will not always be found where we expect them. In fact, there may be times when the minister will face such severe trials that he feels it is surely the end of his ministry. But hold on! Often, it's at that point that our greatest spiritual treasures will be found.

For example, even after my conversion, I continued to be intrigued by the spontaneous worship that comes so easily to some people (dancing before the Lord, being slain in the Spirit, and all those other demonstrations that we see around Pentecostal altars). Yet it never seemed to happen to me - until three years after my initial baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was my senior year in high school, and we were having one of those marathon revivals that used to characterize Pentecost. We were going to church six nights a week for six weeks. We were all tired and the service had been kind of quiet and still, yet deeply worshipful.

When we gathered to the front to pray, something told me to begin to dance before the Lord. My first reaction was, "Excuse me. Could you please repeat that?" But then a boldness came over me, the service erupted, with people shouting all over the place, and I danced all over the front of the building. I was astounded by the feeling I was feeling. I felt as though I were walking on clouds. I'll never forget it for as long as I live.

But there was something else that made that night an unforgettable one. As Pentecostals usually do, after service, I went to eat with some friends. We had already placed our order when two other friends came in and asked me to come out to the parking lot to talk with them.

When I got outside, they told me that I needed to go to my brother's house. They had heard on a police scanner that a Bobby Smith had been in a car accident. As common as both names are, they said, maybe it was somebody else, but I probably needed to go check with my family.

I will never

died of leukemia at the young age of 13. Now, here they were again, facing the tragic death of one of their children.

The grief was overwhelming. The sense of loss was immeasurable. The pain was almost unbearable. Yet I will never forget that, standing there, it was as if the everlasting arms of God came down and wrapped themselves around me. It was as if Jesus Christ stepped right up beside me and said, "I'm here for you." I will never forget that moment, because the tears that life had brought my heart were now being mended by the gentle hands of the Savior.

I mourned the loss of my brother; I still miss him. But that one moment of knowing that in life's great sorrows and deepest pain, Jesus Christ stood by me was one of the most wonderful experiences of my lifetime.

The Bible says, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was

bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

God never said that life would be easy, but He did say He would never leave us nor forsake us. That night in the midst of a terrible tragedy, His presence came in and turned tragedy into treasure. He did it for me; He can do it for you too. The greatest challenges that come against your ministry can be the force that shapes it and strengthens it. Let Him turn your tragedy into treasure, for He will be to you all that you need Him to be. **MS**



"God never said that life would be easy, but He did say He would never leave us nor forsake us."

forget thinking how that driveway seemed to go on forever as my friends and I pulled up to Bobby's house. A couple of police cars were parked there, and I noticed also my parents' car; I knew immediately that the Bobby Smith on the police scanner was indeed my older brother.

When I went inside, I heard the story... a blowout... lost control... totalled the car and probably killed the driver instantly. I looked around the room and everything seemed unreal. I kept expecting to wake up from this horrendous nightmare. There were my brother's three young children - my nieces and nephew - and his wife. They were all experiencing the same nightmare. I heard my parents helping make arrangements to bury a child. For them, it was a painfully-familiar experience, as only a few years earlier, my sister had

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Recommended Reading

When Critics Ask, by Norman Geisler and Thomas Howe. Victor Books, 604 pages. \$35.00, hardcover.

Did Judas die by hanging or by falling on rocks? This is just one of thousands of Bible difficulties that *When Critics Ask* helps the reader solve. If you've ever had somebody present you with an alleged contradiction or "discrepancy" in the Bible, you will appreciate this book. This massive volume goes systematically through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, and answers almost every Bible difficulty you will ever encounter. There's also a very good introductory chapter on how to correctly interpret Scripture, a methodology that will answer most problem passages.

For instance, according to Geisler and Howe, the "contradiction" about Judas presented above are "not contradictory, but mutually complementary. Judas hung himself exactly as Matthew affirms that he did. The account in Acts simply adds that Judas fell, and his body opened up at the middle and his intestines gushed out."

It's a huge, sometimes overwhelming read, but well worth the effort

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Absolute Confusion, by George Barna. Regal Books. 309 pages, paperback.

Barna is the master when it comes to presenting facts and figures concerning trends within the Christian church; this book is no exception. This volume presents an alarming message that Christians are confused about the fundamental truths of the Christian faith. Enlightening reading which should help to stir a sleeping church.

■ THE AGING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

One of the major trends being tracked by sociologists today is the graying of America; the number of senior citizens in the United States continues to grow. According to recent figures, 32 million Americans are age 65 and older. According to the February, 1994 *Net Results*, "These 32,000,000 people also control two-thirds of our nation's wealth. Many of them give time and energy to one or more 'helping institutions.' If we do not interest them in serving the church, the cause of Christ will suffer." Consider also these numbers from issue number 27 of *The Win Arn Growth Report*: Of 473 churches they surveyed, 21 percent of the average church is 55 years or older. In contrast, the 13 to 20 year category is shrinking, and is now at only 10 percent. The significance, according to Win Arn: "The need is clear for a balanced ministry; one which focuses and reaches both senior adults and, at the same time, strengthens the church's youth work. . . This means that the successful church of the 90s will have creative and effective means of ministering to the both ends of the age spectrum."

■ TEN TABOOS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

The growth of a church is often dependent upon creativity and vision among the leadership. Conversely, there are certain things that the ministry should avoid doing, lest they become sidetracked and actually hamper church growth. *Seedtime* magazine, for instance, recently listed the following ten "taboos" for church leaders:

- 1) Redoing yesterday's program
- 2) Maintaining an ineffective ministry program
- 3) Being busy, but not productive
- 4) Neglecting important priorities because of urgent demands
- 5) Losing sight of the church's God-given mission
- 6) Perpetuating activities of low productivity
- 7) Becoming rigid in customs and traditions
- 8) Centering on programs rather than people
- 9) Watching the church turn inward and become self-serving
- 10) Majoring in the minors - and even the ridiculous!

■ THE RIGHT BIBLE STUDY SOFTWARE

For those ministers who have entered the computer age, Bible study software has revolutionized the way Bible study is done. Now one of the most difficult challenges is determining which program best meets the minister's needs. In a recent issue, *Discipleship Journal* offered this advice for buying Bible software: "Before you buy, define clearly what you will do with your computer and software. Investigate the variety of programs - don't buy the first one you come across. If you're going to pay for a complex program, make sure it is genuinely helpful, something you will turn to again and again." The key is to determine what Bible study features would most assist in your study - and which ones you can afford. Below is a list of some of the more popular Bible study programs along with the features each one offers (and a phone number that you can call for prices or more information):

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Logos (800) 87-LOGOS	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒
NavPress (800) 888-9898	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
QuickVerse (800) 223-6925	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒
BibleSource (800) 727-3480	☒	☒	☒			

WORD TO THE WISE:

"Never throw away hastily any old faith, tradition or convention. They may require modification, but they are the result of the experience of many generations."

--Oliver Lodge



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SIGN IN FRONT OF A CHURCH: "This church requires no physical fitness program: Everyone gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the pastor, knifing friends in the back, dodging responsibility, and pushing their luck."

IT WAS A FEW NIGHTS before Christmas, and six-year-old Lisa was spending time with Grandpa; so too was her nine-year-old sister, Kelly. And so it was that one night, Lisa was heard praying loudly, "Please, God, let Santa Clause bring me a new doll, a bicycle, some roller skates and a new baby buggy for my doll."

"Sh-h-h-h-h!" Kelly, the older sister, interrupted. "Don't pray so loudly! God is not deaf, you know."

"No," replied Lisa, "but Grandpa is."

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER asked her class what the scribes and Pharisees were. One little girl offered, "They were horses."

"Why do you say that?" the teacher inquired.

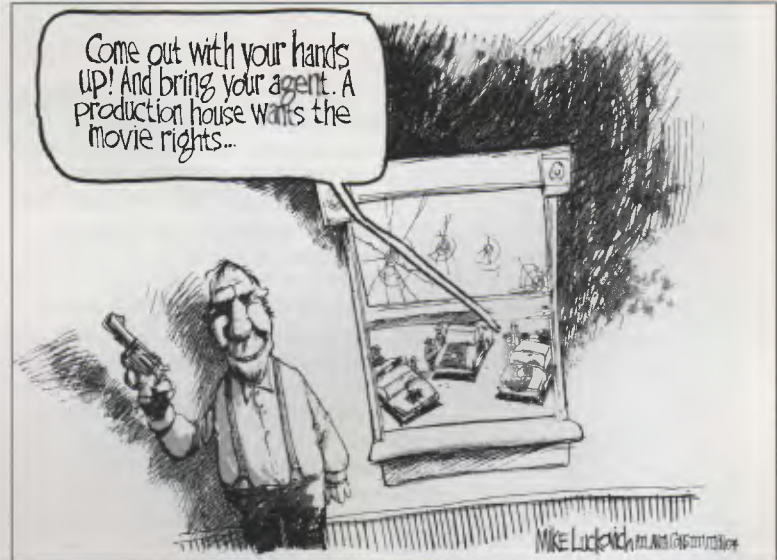
"Because God told them, 'Whoa to you scribes and Pharisees.'"

A PRAYER FOR CHURCH SECRETARIES: "Dear Lord, help me to do my work well, to have the memory of an elephant, the patience of a saint and the hide of a rhinoceros. And when the pastor asks me to stay late to type a three-page letter that absolutely must go out today, and he doesn't get around to signing it until tomorrow, please help me to keep my mouth shut. Lord, never let me lose my patience, even when the assistant pastor has me searching the files for hours for something that is later discovered on his desk. And help me, God, to have the knowledge of a genius, although my education is limited to high school and secretarial training. Help me to understand and carry out all instructions without any explanation."

"Let me always know exactly where the pastor is and when he will be back, even though he never tells me when he leaves. And Lord, when the year ends, please give me the foresight not to throw out records that will be asked for in a few days, even though I was told emphatically, 'Destroy these - they are cluttering up the place! Amen.'"



So...what do you do the rest of the week? You got a job or something?



A MISSIONARY was troubled to hear about a local native in his congregation with five wives. The missionary told the native, "You are violating a law of God. You must go tell four of those women that they can no longer consider you their husband."

Responded the native: "Me wait here. You go tell 'em!"

THE PASTOR stood at the church door one Sunday before Christmas, greeting visitors. Just then, a man came who had not been to church in a long time.

"Good morning, Bro. Bob. I really wish we could see you here more regularly," the pastor said.

"More regularly!" Bob retorted. "I come every Christmas!"

A SMALL BOY was building with his toy blocks. "What are you building, Son?" the boy's father asked.

"A church," the boy replied. "But please don't talk so loudly."

The father asked the boy, "Why are we to be quiet in church?" "Because," the lad replied, "the people are all asleep."

Bible College Dilemma: Can They, Should They Be Accredited?

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"I would say it's important to consider accreditation," JCM's Bro. Austin said. "Right now, we're not actively pursuing it, but we wouldn't be against accreditation."

Others, though, are more reluctant to seek such approval. "I don't think it has to be a priority," said Gateway's Dugas. "I think our priority should be to train people to be involved in the ministry. We do intend to pursue continuing education for our faculty, but our priority is going to be for developing people's ministries. After all, you don't go to Bible College to learn to be a doctor, and you don't go to Notre Dame to learn to do personal evangelism. Every school has its own focus; ours is different from the focus of a secular school."

Bro. J.R. Ensey went further and expressed concern about possible dangers.

"I think that there would be a lot of demands that would not contribute to a Bible college's mission. Also, you would have to train your faculty in such a way that we would really not prefer. In other words, by requiring faculty to attend secular schools, you could be increasing the secular influence within your Bible college."

Ensey also said that he feared that accrediting associations would require viewpoints on the faculty that run counter the Apostolic view. Apparently his concern has partial merit, but is not entirely correct. According to Karen Lasinsky of NCACS, "Criterion five [of their application for candidate status] asks school faculties to give some thought to encouraging diversity of views." However, she pointed out that this is not a requirement, merely "an encouragement."

A more pertinent consideration, according to Lasinsky, is that a candidate school must have a board comprised of members of the community who are in no way connected with the college. Still, she pointed out, the board may consist of people of the same faith.

Bro. Segraves, noting the possible dangers, still believes that accreditation could be made to work for Apostolic institutions.

"Accreditation is important. It's important if you're interested in making arrangements for your graduates to be able to go on and do graduate work in other schools. It's also important if you view accreditation as accomplishing what it's intended to do, and that is to establish your undergraduate degrees as being equivalent in quality to an undergraduate degree offered by other institutions.

"So a college is going to have to ask: Is it worth it to us? Will it help with our long-term goals? Accreditation is not necessary to prove the validity of our Bible schools' programs. But there are certain benefits that a school cannot receive without it." For that reason, Segraves pointed out, CLC has set regional accreditation as a long-term goal.

Abundant Life New Convert Course

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homework for this. What I've found is that they feel good about this approach, because we make a big deal out of it."

Bro. Arango said the Abundant Life course was so successful in his church that he has made it available to other pastors through the Home Missions Division. In his own church, "about half of those who receive the Holy Ghost or are baptized join our Abundant Life Class. At one time, we had a one hundred percent retention rate of those in the class; we still have about a 75 percent retention rate."

Arango is currently in the process of completing a 12-part series of follow-up lessons, which will be available through Home Missions in the spring. "We've taken our church name off of the material," he said, "so that others can use it to be a blessing to their churches as well." For more information about the course materials, you can reach Bro. Arango at (804)930-1820.

Indiana Bible College's Bro. O'Daniel agrees. "I believe accreditation is a worthwhile goal. One big advantage is that students become eligible to receive student grants and loans. It also allows students to transfer credits to a majority of other institutions. And another consideration is that it gives a sense of satisfaction to the student and the parents who are glad that they are going to an accredited college. Sometimes parents aren't that favorable toward a Bible college education, but the fact that it is an accredited school would tend to make them more favorable to it."

O'Daniel does note, however, that precautions should be taken. "It's possible that by sending our faculty to secular schools, that we increase the chance of a humanistic viewpoint among them. But in truth, we would be sending people who are at a time in their lives when they are more mature and better grounded in the Word of God. Also, by sending them, we would give our students a degree that would decrease the chances or necessity of them going to a secular university or adopting its humanistic philosophy."

One Possible Alternative

Bro. Fred Foster, pastor in West Monroe, LA, is the founder of Texas Bible College and has since stayed involved in Christian education. While speaking with AIS, Bro. Foster offered one possible route for Bible colleges who are interested in accreditation.

"If I had influence over a U.P.C. college, I would work for accreditation in the following fields: elementary and secondary teaching; business; music; advertising; journalism; and foreign language. If my state allowed the awarding of Associate degrees or a junior college program, this is where I would begin. I would enter this with the goal of eventually awarding the Bachelors degree with the possibility of graduate level later. This type of education would attract many other non-preacher students and influence their lives in this Christian atmosphere. If you had a good accredited two-year program, a person could then transfer with full credit to any university, but their first two years would have had strong Christian influence. I would, through the above, make my Bible college stronger by being able to offer the ministry students some of the accredited courses such as English, history, music, etc. The accreditation would not hinder my desire to give the best Bible college education a student could receive. This would still be the major thrust of the college."

Conclusion

Whether Bro. Foster's approach or the planned route of CLC and I.B.C. are taken, the accreditation question is not likely to disappear. Some colleges will continue to pursue it, while others will continue to decry it as dangerous. Still, with the thirst for more knowledge and information increasing, students will likely be ever more careful to pick the college that offers them the highest academic and spiritual quality. The jury is still out as to whether or not the pursuit of accreditation will help improve these areas.

AUBREY JAYROE: Tax Advice (Continued from page 6)

pastor needs a "qualified accountable reimbursement plan" and a "houseing allowance resolution" effective for 1994.

- Depending on the type and amount of compensation, there may be a need for a compensation plan to be established by the church. This is critical if the pastor receives a substantial percentage of the total church income. Contact professionals for assistance in this vital area.

- Under the accountable reimbursement plan, be sure that you have documented expense sheets or other reports that were provided to the secretary of the church for reimbursement.

- A pastor should be careful in signing church checks. If a pastor "regularly" signs church checks, the IRS will normally include that church account in the audit process. This could lead to a full audit of the church records.

- Make clear indications on personal canceled checks as to what the check is for, and clearly indicate on all deposits the type income received.

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