

A Personal Word

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May God continue to bless you in your own grace walk as you come to "know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings" (Philippians 3:10).

Chapter 1: Religion Is Now Poison for Us

1. Romans 8:28 reads, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." While this verse may be a great comfort to the Christian in distress, there is a proper time and appropriate way to share God's Word with hurting people. An uncompassionate recitation of a verse is not some divine incantation for taking the hurt away from one who grieves. The Waynes of the modern church need more than that.
2. In Matthew 13:38, in the parable of the wheat and the tares, Jesus used the field as a picture of the world. The field in 2 Kings 4:39 could be understood in the same way. It may picture God's pastors going into the world to find the food they serve His people instead of finding it solely in His Word.
3. In Revelation 2:1-4, Jesus speaks to the church of Ephesus about having lost their first love for Him, despite the fact that they were very much involved in religious activity.
4. Michael Yaconelli, *Dangerous Wonder* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1998), p. 24.

Chapter 2: God Will Put More on You Than You Can Bear

1. *Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, Electronic Database, Copyright © 1986 by Thomas Nelson Publishers.
2. Barbara Taylor as quoted by Michael Yaconelli, *Dangerous Wonder* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1998), pp. 118-19.
3. Anthony de Mello as quoted in Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1990), p. 16.

Chapter 3: Much of What We Thought We Knew Is Wrong

1. My book *Grace Walk* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1995) tells the whole story of how God brought me out of religious legalism and into an understanding of what it means to live in grace.
2. Robert Capon, *Between Noon and Three* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), p. 143.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 132.
4. Krister Stendahl, *Paul Among Jews and Gentiles and Other Essays* (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1976), p. 7.
5. Charles Kraft, *Christianity with Power: Your Worldview and Your Experience of the Supernatural* (Ann Arbor, MI: Vine Books, 1989), p. 15.
6. *Ibid.*, pp. 15-16.
7. Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ* (New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap Publishers), p. 65.
8. F.J. Huegel, *Bone of His Bone* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House), pp. 14-15.

Chapter 4: Our Old Sin Nature Is Dead

1. Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1977), p. 35.

2. Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ* (New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap Publishers), p. 78.
3. Neil T. Anderson and Mike and Julia Quarles, *Freedom from Addiction* (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1996), pp. 66-67.
4. Ibid., pp. 124-25.

Chapter 5: We Don't Work for God Anymore

1. Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1977), pp. 172-73.
2. Wycliffe Bible Commentary, Electronic Database, Copyright © 1962 by Moody Press.

Chapter 6: Our Personal Best Will Ruin Us

1. I cite these verses as examples of occasions in Scripture when the word "flesh" refers to behavioral patterns that one expresses when he isn't trusting Christ to empower his actions. Romans 8:9 proves conclusively that the word "flesh" cannot always mean "skin." The verse says, "However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you." Obviously Paul wouldn't tell these saints that they weren't in human bodies anymore. He meant that they weren't living out of their own self-sufficiency.
2. Charles G. Trumbull, *Victory in Christ* (Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1959), p. 23.
3. Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ* (New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap Publishers), p. 190.

Chapter 7: God Has Finished Giving

1. Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1977), p. 58.
2. F. J. Huegel, *Bone of His Bone* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House), p. 66.
3. Ibid., p. 69.
4. Nee, pp. 64-65.
5. Alan Redpath, *Victorious Christian Living* (Westwood, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1955), p. 91.
6. Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ* (New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap Publishers), p. 65.

Chapter 8: We Are Free from Religious Rules

1. Michael Yaconelli, *Dangerous Wonder* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1998), p. 53.
2. "Truth About Standards: Biblical Standard for Christians" (Huntsville, AL: Know the Truth Literature).
3. The list of verses used for their rules are as follows: *Rule #43*: Psalm 1:1; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Titus 2:12; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16. *Rule #44*: Matthew 5:28; 6:13; 1 Corinthians 7:1; Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 2:11; 1 John 2:16. *Rule #45*: Ezekiel 44:20; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 11:3,4,7,14. *Rule #46*: 1 Corinthians 11:3,5-15. *Rule #47*: Proverbs 16:31; 20:29. *Rule #48*: Deuteronomy 22:4; Malachi 3:6; 1 Timothy 2:9; Revelation 21:27. *Rule #49*: Genesis 3:21; Mark 5:15; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Timothy 2:9; Revelation 3:18. *Rule #50*: Genesis 35:2-4; Exodus 33:5-6; Isaiah 3:16-23; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-4. *Rule #51*: 2 Kings 9:30; Proverbs 6:24-26; Ezekiel 23:40-48; 1 Timothy 2:9. I note these passages to demonstrate that their religious rules make sense *biblically* to these Christians, despite the fact that they are consistently misinterpreted or taken out of context.

Chapter 9: We Can Do As We Please

1. Alan Redpath, *Victorious Christian Living* (Westwood, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1955), p. 150.
2. A more complete examination of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil may be found in my book *Grace Rules* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1998).
3. Ian Thomas, *The Saving Life of Christ / The Mystery of Godliness* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988), p. 181.
4. Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Grace: The Glorious Theme* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992), p. 345.
5. Donald McCullough, *Waking from the American Dream* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), p. 116.
6. Ray C. Stedman, *Authentic Christianity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Discovery House Publishers, 1996), p. 169.

Chapter 10: God Never Becomes Angry with Christians

1. Ray C. Stedman, *Authentic Christianity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Discovery House Publishers, 1996), p. 145.
2. *Ibid.*, pp. 146-47.
3. Bill Gillham, *What God Wishes Christians Knew About Christianity* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1998), p. 214.
4. Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1990), p. 61.
5. David A. Seamands, *Freedom from the Performance Trap* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1988), pp. 116-17.
6. Robert Capon, *Between Noon and Three* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), pp. 292-93.

Chapter 11: Jesus Is Our Only King

1. The Bible League is a ministry that has had a long and successful track record in placing Bibles into the hands of believers across the world, particularly in places where Bibles are scarce.
2. "In the Garden," words and music by C. Austin Miles. The work is in the public domain.
3. A videotape of George Chen's testimony is available from our ministry. You may contact us at Grace Walk Ministries, P.O. Box 725368, Atlanta, GA 31139-9368, or call 1-800-GRACE-11 to order the tape.
4. Alan Redpath, *Victorious Christian Living* (Westwood, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1955), p. 162.
5. Charles Trumbull, *Victory in Christ* (Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1959), p. 7.
6. Robert Capon, *Between Noon and Three* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1997), pp. 282-83.
7. *Ibid.*, p. 284.
8. John Eagen as quoted in Brennan Manning, *Abba's Child* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1994), p. 49.

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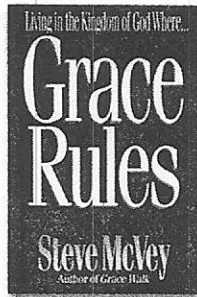
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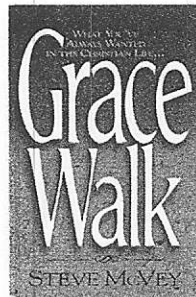
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