

# Shadrach Youth Ministry

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**To Train Up a Child Report** – Reading To Train Up a Child helped me realize a couple things better. One is how I need to be joyful and obey right away when Mom and Dad ask me to do something. Also, I should look to God as I do my father. I should learn to recognize His voice and then obey right away joyfully.

Several aspects talked about in the book are guilt, maturity of the soul, parent's attitude toward children, etc. Children should be helpers. Teaching them life-long habits for work, such as cleaning up after themselves, should be enforced by five years of age. Michael and Debi Pearl also talk about immediate obedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Praise God for Michael and Debi Pearl and for how God used their book. —Morgan Litchfield

**Servanthood Report** My servant-hood would be mostly working with the children at TLC. I'm teaching the second graders on Mondays, then the third graders history on Tuesdays, and I tutor one of the kids on Friday afternoons. It's been such a blessing. I can't wait to come to the school to be with my classes, and we have such fun! With the second graders, we've re-enacted the bucket brigade, frantically trying to put out the "fire" in the church (just pretend, don't get worried. Smile), and learning about maps and which way is North, etc. He's really helped with

the third graders, too. By His grace, every time they see me, they ask if we're going to do History again. On Tuesdays, we pile up (the kids on top of me or leaning on my shoulder) and read History outside, answering questions and discussing things and afterwards have a 15 minute recess. On Fridays, I tutor a ten year-old in reading. A lot of people have been helping her and, whereas before it was difficult, now all she wants to do is read or write. Praise the Lord! Oh it's such a dream to be able to help! God is so wonderful! —Amanda Borseman

**Praying Hyde: A Challenge to Prayer** (pp. 138-139) "Let us remember above all else that God's people on this earth are in the making. This is His workshop and souls are being fashioned and formed in it. The final polishing touches we will not receive in the present life, but when this body of our humiliation has been transformed. Suppose you go into a carpenter's shop and begin to find fault with his unfinished chairs and tables! You say, 'How rough this is! What an ugly corner that is!' The carpenter will doubtless get angry and say, 'Bear in mind that I am still making these things. They are not yet finished. Come and see the pattern after which they are being fashioned. See, this is what they will yet be like when I have done with them.' He shows you beautiful chairs and tables—shining, perfectly formed, polished to perfection! Is the carpenter not right? Is the critic not in the wrong? The one looks at the things that are lovely and eternal. The other at those which are unlovely and, thank God, fleeting."

**Heroes of the Holy Life** by Chelsea Johnson

I was impressed by Duncan Campbell most of all. He was born and raised in Scotland, both of his parents loved the Lord; he came to Jesus at the age of 15 and was filled with the Holy Spirit at 19 while lying wounded on a battle field during WWI. Mr. Campbell spent hours in prayer, reading and studying regularly each morning. Revival came to many places, and God used Mr. Campbell in many of the meetings. One time, Mr. Campbell said, 'We shall not get revival by filling our churches with men, but by getting the men who already come to our churches filled with God'. At times of spiritual hardness during meetings, Mr. Campbell would pray earnestly, and the next evening the presence of God would visit the gathering in power. Revival came to the island of Lewis and Harris so strongly, people were convicted of their sins while working in the fields, others while riding their bicycles; people were converted powerfully in many places. Meetings were known to go on all night with people crying out to God for mercy and others rejoicing in the assurance He had given them. One man said of Mr. Campbell, 'You never hear him preach without going home praying'. Wesley Duewell described him as being 'humble but fearless, an anointed man of God'.

Another man who was used of God in a remarkable way was Dwight Lyman Moody. His heart burned with compassion for the lost, and he won many souls to Jesus, though many thought him unfit to speak because of his lack of education. He told one man:

**Why Shadrach?** I believe that the name Shadrach was picked because Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were some of the best examples of godly youths in the Bible. I don't know why the Lord picked Shadrach over the other two since they all three believed and acted exactly the same in the story but since He did, I'm sure that He had a reason. It can be easy to trust the Lord when everything is going fine, but when everything seems to be going wrong, it can get pretty tough. —Zach Branson

## Shadrach Retreat '05

...will be held at Walnut Hills Retreat from June 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> – We look forward to seeing you there!

**If you haven't sent in your forms for retreat, please do so! If you are delayed in assignments or in gathering the funds, please give us a call or write us a note to let us know.**

**We want to see you there!!!**

"I know my mistakes, and I lack many things, but I'm doing the best I can with what I got. Look, here, friend, you've got grammar enough. What are you doing for the Master?"

I could go on about these great men of God, but then I'd be writing a book and not a report. To me, these stories aren't for us to read and say, 'Wow!' but they are for us to see how God has moved. Sometimes, as with Mr. Moody, in ways that seem very unlikely. Another important things to recognize was that these men were consistent in seeking God's face, and they were submitted to His will. God can and will use us if we are submitted fully to His will, just as He used Duncan Campbell and D.L. Moody.

## Shadrach Retreat '05 Things for Which to Pray

Traveling protection  
Weather for travel and outdoor activities  
Holy Spirit led leadership  
Anointed messages and speakers  
Sanctifying work of God  
Increased vision for prayer and praise  
Keeping hearts unto victory in all situations  
Encouragement for the cooks  
"Unscheduled" meetings  
Hearts willing and open to change  
Health and protection in activities  
As God leads you!!!

**Witnessing Report** In my English class (at college), I was rather shocked at the language my teacher used and some of the jokes he would talk about. But I hadn't really had an opportunity to mention anything in his hearing about my faith, that I can remember. So I was shocked Thursday night when he was talking to me and asked, "You're a Christian, aren't you? I just want to say I've picked up a lot of vulgar language where I've been, and I want to apologize if I've been offensive in some of the things I say." The only thing I can think of that would have encouraged this was, not laughing at his jokes which I hadn't realized, in a class of thirty that he would even notice. Only Jesus knows, and it is all to glorify Him. —Amanda Borseman

## "I Want the Front Seat!"

Has that statement ever been heard by you or your siblings when running to get into the car? (maybe you've outgrown such childish things) How about, "I want to sit by the window!?" I know that was a common expression at my home growing up. When hanging your coat up on a coat tree or in the closet, do you hang yours where it's most easy to get to? When sitting down with family or friends to watch a special (good ☺) video, do you race to get the best seat? When the run for pizza or ice cream is set in motion, do you make certain your favorite is known? When it's time to line up for the potluck dinner, do you rush to the front of the line? When the cookies are being passed around, do you try to get the one with the most chips or goo in it? Well, using the popular W.W.J.D., what *would* Jesus do in those situations? Let's see what Luke recorded:

*"And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."* (Luke 14:7–11).

### A Word from Pastor Schultze...

## NOT ENOUGH?!

Philip told Jesus that two hundred pennyworth was not enough to feed five thousand men. Andrew, likewise, said the same thing about the five loaves and two fishes—not enough! Both men were right. But when figuring in the *Jesus factor*, both men were dead wrong.

Don't despise little things. A word of thanks, a smile, a helping hand, a quarter in the offering plate, being punctual at church service every time, a card of appreciation—not enough to do much good? Dead wrong! With Jesus in it, there is no way of telling what all will come out of it. Heaven has a tendency to take little things from faithful people—unknownst to them—and make them grow for years and years into mighty blessings.

Jesus could have as easily multiplied the two hundred pennyworth as He did the five loaves and two fishes. The attitude of Philip and Andrew here was one of, "What we have is not enough—it's not worth it." Do not let this attitude get into your heart, for the thousands of blessings that *could* come out of faith and obedience might be lost. Every small thing given in love means much to Jesus. Anything—no matter how insignificant it may appear—will be watered and cultivated by Jesus the wine-dresser, and it will be written down in the books concerning you on the Day of Judgment (Rev. 20:12).

So, dear youth, do not despise little things, for out of them, all carefully knit together, comes a life devoted to God.

**"Little is much when God is in it."**

It would seem that if Jesus would choose the lowest (least desirable) seat at a special dinner, He would also be glad to sit in the back or "middle" seat, to hang His coat at the back, to take the least desirable seat to view the video (He only watches good ones though ☺), to let others choose the pizza or ice cream, to go to the back of the line and wait—patiently and joyfully, to choose the cookie with the least "good stuff" in it, etc.

There is a word that describes each of these situations (and many, many more!!!):

### Preference.

The question is, do you prefer yourself over others or do you prefer others over yourself? Whom we *prefer* in life's "least" situations could make a huge difference in the tranquility and joy of each of those "least" situations. Just think what your home life would be like if (will be like when...☺) you practice "preferring" others before yourself? Do you think it might make some parents and siblings more happy? Is it possible that the atmosphere might change there? Hmmmm... Why not try it?!

Such a preferring spirit also helps prepare us for greater things. The lack of it has its effects as well. Jesus said in Luke 16:10, "*He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*"

You know, it could be one of the highest callings you might ever perform in your life. Jesus also stated at the "Last Supper," after washing *all* the disciple's feet (including Judas'), "*If I then, your Lord and Master,*

*have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet"* (John 13:14).

It may not be as easy as you think to wash other's feet, that is, to prefer others in the "least" situations. But let's make a **Shadrach Challenge**: over the next week or so, try to focus on the "least" situations and notice whom you prefer. See how many various ways you can prefer someone else before yourself. A little change in your "preferences" could make a world of difference in your life and the lives of those around you (if you, or especially others, note a change in your behavior, let us know about it—we will rejoice with you!). —Don

## Who I Am

Please don't look at me that way.

I'm not crazy or that stupid.

At least I don't get leering looks,  
I just get treated like I am a kid.

They think that I am someone,  
Who won't accept reality.

Is it because I've put my faith,  
In someone that I cannot see?

So when I dress

In modest ways,

You think that I am dumb,  
Then you say, this don't pay.

That's for old; outdated people.

This is what I hear.

You tell you have a better life,  
But all I see is fear.

Maybe I don't want to live

A life of pain and sorrow.

I'm the only one who sees,  
The beauty of tomorrow.

I am the only one,

Who looks to the future,

When you only live  
For short moments of pleasure.

So as I dress in every morning,

I fix my eyes upon the lamb.

And I tell myself, that  
This is who I am.

In Him, Claire Schuerman