

Shadrach Reports

Shadrach Youth Discipleship Ministry

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"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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Letter to the Editor:

Karin,

About your article about loving the truth, 2 Thessalonians said that "the coming of the lawless one [the antichrist, I guess] will be in accordance with the work of Satan, displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders, and all sorts of evil that deceives those who are perishing. **They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason,** God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness" (2:8-12, emphasis added).

If we do not love the truth, we will perish, not be saved, believe the lie, and be condemned.

In other words, "ditto."

Charles Morey

Book Report

Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free – I like this book because it first goes through each lie and defines it for us before telling us the truth about the lie, and then it tells us how we can overcome the lie.

One part in this book especially stuck out to me—though there are many good parts—and that was:

"We entertain ourselves with reading material, movies, TV programs, and music that reflect worldly philosophies and legitimize profanity, immodesty, and immoral behavior, never stopping to contemplate that in so doing...."

- We are desensitizing our conscience and developing a tolerance for sin;

- We are increasing our appetite for sin and diminishing our hunger for holiness;
- We are erecting a barrier in our fellowship with God;
- We are programming our minds to think the world's way (and how we think will ultimately determine how we live);
- We are increasing the likelihood that we will actually act out the things we are seeing and hearing;
- We are increasing the likelihood that our children and grandchildren will become profane and immoral.

The Lie – I can get away with sin

The Truth – Sin's pleasures only last for a season. The choices I make today will have consequences; I will reap what I sow. Sin exacts a devastating toll. There are no exceptions.

Amanda Waddington

Witnessing report.

The cashier of a gas station asked me how I was doing that day and I told him that since I had the joy of the Lord in my heart, it didn't matter what the present circumstances were – I was still doing fine!

Charles Morey

From Charles Spurgeon's Morning and Evening

02/23/AM

"I will never leave thee" (Heb. 13:5)

No promise is of private interpretation. Whatever God has said to any one saint, He has said to all. When He opens a well for one, it is that all may drink. When He openeth a granary-door to give out food, there may be some one starving man who is the occasion of its being opened, but all hungry saints may come and feed

too. Whether He gave the word to Abraham or to Moses, matters not, O believer; He has given it to thee as one of the covenanted seed. There is not a high blessing too lofty for thee, nor a wide mercy too extensive for thee. Lift up now thine eyes to the north and to the south, to the east and to the west, for all this is thine. Climb to Pisgah's top, and view the utmost limit of the divine promise, for the land is all thine own. There is not a brook of living water of which thou mayst not drink. If the land floweth with milk and honey, eat the honey and drink the milk, for both are thine.

Be thou bold to believe, for He hath said, *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* In this promise, God gives to His people everything. *"I will never leave thee."* Then no attribute of God can cease to be engaged for us. Is He mighty? He will show Himself strong on the behalf of them that trust Him. Is He love? Then with lovingkindness will He have mercy upon us. Whatever attributes may compose the character of Deity, every one of them to its fullest extent shall be engaged on our side.

To put everything in one, there is nothing you can want, there is nothing you can need in time or in eternity, there is nothing living, nothing dying, there is nothing in this world, nothing in the next world, there is nothing now, nothing at the resurrection-morning, nothing in heaven which is not contained in this text, *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

Servanthood Report

For servanthood I made some quiche and baked some brownies and took it over to one of our neighbors whose

brother is in the hospital. My book report is included below.

Ashley Light

Don't forget the...

Shadrach Weekend

Mar. 18-20

Fayetteville, WV

If you plan on going, please contact us by March 7th or *before*. That will help us to plan more effectively.

When you let us know you are coming, we will send to you a

What to Bring list and **Directions**.

Hope to see you there!

Cost: \$? for gas and meals on the trip to and fro. \$15 for food at the retreat.

Book Report

In reading *It's a Lifestyle*, I think it's neat how Nathaniel and Andrew told of their experiences. In particular, I thought Ned's response to people was wonderful when they would ask him about dating. Ned would, basically, tell them he wanted to save himself for his wife. On the other hand, there was Drew. He went through dating and the heartache of dating. I got to thinking how I have never felt comfortable dating—this is probably why I haven't. I see my friends getting in one relationship after another, and when it's all over, they're scarred. Why put yourself through the trouble?

The (Ryuns) also discussed being a true, all-for-God Christian. I want to be that Christian. Jesus needs to be the center of our lives. We need to dwell in the Scripture and live a life as a disciple for Christ. It is my prayer that I fulfill that.

Alex Whitaker

Witnessing Report

I'm thankful that God gave me some witnessing opportunities over Christmas break. My first one

happened when I first arrived home and a small group of us went caroling. A few of us baked some cookies to hand out, and we went on our way. One of the houses we went to was my dad's house. It was so wonderful to see the conviction on his face as we sang. God really helped us as we went around town to the different houses.

Another night, a few of us from church were going to go to the nursing home to encourage some of the older people. However, because they didn't know us, they wouldn't let us in. So we hopped in the car and ended up at the mall and did some witnessing there. After we were done, we decided that we should do some service and witnessing get-togethers more often! Many young people get together to hang out and have a good time, but we thought, why can't we have just as good a time serving at different places and witnessing together! This is a whole new way of thinking for me, so I'm excited about it.

Jenn Johnson

Book Report

After praying about a book I should read, the Lord led me to the book *To Judge Or Not to Judge!* This book was very helpful because it clears up some common misperceptions about how Christians should judge.

One great help was when Mr. and Mrs. Harvey talked about the verse in Matthew 7, "*Judge not, that ye be not judged.*" They went back to the Greek word for "judge." It is "krino," which is used to mean that you have power to condemn or acquit. It does not mean that we should quit using the Bible to test everything around us, but that we should not carnally judge others.

Not only does Jesus condemn harsh, unloving judgment, but He also condemns laxity in judging, too. This was a valuable lesson, showing that

there is a ditch on either side of this road and that I need His help.

Jordan Clark

Shadrach Retreat '05

Walnut Hills Retreat

June 20-25

\$175/person

Trusting for a wonderful time in Jesus!

3rd Trimester Assignments

Due Date: April 16th, 2005

- 3rd book, witnessing, and servanthood reports
- James 1 memorization – quoted successfully by due date

Servanthood Report

For Thanksgiving, my family and I went to an aunt and uncle's house in Billings, which is about 2 hours away. We left the day before Thanksgiving so that the girls could do the cooking. My uncle was doing some work on his house, and he was storing stuff upstairs. He had to clean it all up so he could set up some beds because there was not room for us to sleep downstairs. I decided to surprise him and clean it all up for him before he got home from work. It was quite a mess! I really wanted to bless my Uncle Mark. He has had a rough two years working on his house, working full time, and dealing with cancer with my Aunt Carolina.

When he got home, he sure was surprised. We carried the beds upstairs and set them up so the girls could put sheets on them.

When I do something to help someone, it makes me happy to know that I did it just to be kind. I hope that I don't do things just to get something in return, but to do it because that is what God would have me to do.

Luke Johnson