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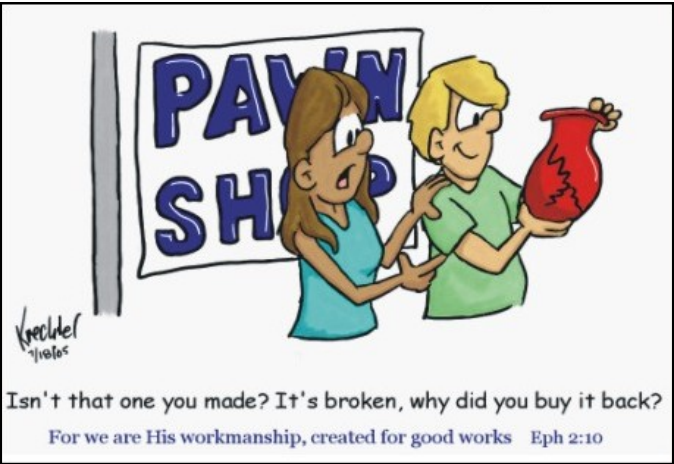
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Teen Scene

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Weekly Development: Self-Discipline

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The apostle Paul understood the importance of discipline. In this passage he emphasized that as followers of Christ our spiritual lives form the core of our character. As we spend time in the disciplines of the spirit, we're to be like runners or boxers. During the course of a race, runners don't stagger from one lane to another. They rivet their attention on the finish line and run a disciplined race toward it. So also boxers train with purpose so they can absorb powerful blows without falling down. They build up their physical stamina so that their legs will hold out for the final rounds.

Paul trained for his daily spiritual journey like a world-class athlete.

Why? Because he wanted to have the self-control to finish the race without being disqualified. Godly leaders need to cultivate this same kind of spiritual fitness. Doing so can and will affect other areas of leadership life—how we treat others, where we go for answers to major decisions, and the skills we use in accomplishing our daily tasks.

If you want to be an effective leader, identify the habits you need to build into your life so you can lead with diligence—habits such as physical fitness, balance between work and home, financial and personal accountability, proactivity in the workplace, and the like. Strap on your shoes and get going. Disciplined habits will give you the momentum you need to not only move forward, but also to run

your earthly race with strength and purpose. Read this passage again to see how this amazing man disciplined his life so magnificently that he became God's champion.

Passage to memorize this week

—Proverbs 23:22-25

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding. The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!

Wait for the Brick

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car

passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and drove the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the

nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car, shouting, "What was that all about and who are you?"

Just what are you doing?

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Upcoming Events

JULY 2010

- * July 5-10—
Camp Red Oak Springs
- * July 11—
Bowling @ Crossroads (7:00-9:00)
- * July 12—
TTYL
- * July 13—
\$2 Tuesday @ Colorado Canyon (4:00-6:00)
- * July 14—
Early Birds (6:00-7:00)
- * July 16-17—
Lock-in at Stone Moves in Houston

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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God Speaks

In 1998, an anonymous client gave the Smith Advertising Agency in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, \$150,000 to create an advertising campaign to reach people who used to be faithful to a religion but had drifted away. The result was a humorous, thought-provoking, non-denominational series of quotes from God, run on billboards. The campaign called "God Speaks" began running in September 1998, and the billboards were scheduled to be up for three months.

The campaign created such a positive response that the Outdoor Advertising Association of America picked it as its public-service campaign for the year and began running it in two hundred cities nation wide. The billboards have been featured on the *Today* show, *ABC World News*

Tonight with Peter Jennings, and CNN and covered by more than two thousand newspapers and countless local radio and television stations.

Throughout the Campaign more than one hundred lines were created and eighteen of those were chosen to run as ads in Fort Lauderdale. Due to the campaigns great success, Charles Robb decided to include all of the over one hundred lines in a book conveniently titled, "God Speaks." Each week a new quote from the book will be included in this section.

Last time
Things were this messed up,
I sent a flood.
—God

Fireworks: Type of Effects

1. **Peony**—A spherical break of colored stars that burn without a tail effect. The peony is the most commonly seen shell type.
2. **Chrysanthemum**—A spherical break of colored stars, similar to a peony, but with stars that leave a visible trail of sparks.
3. **Spider**—A shell containing a fast burning tailed or charcoal star that is burst very hard so that the stars travel in a straight and flat trajectory before slightly falling and burning out. This appears in the sky as a series of radial lines much like the legs of a spider.
4. **Time Rain**—An effect created by large, slow-burning stars within a shell that leave a trail of large glittering sparks behind and make a sizzling noise. The "time" refers to the fact that these stars burn away gradually, as opposed to the standard brocade "rain" effect where a large amount of glitter material is released at once.
5. **Fish**—Inserts that propel themselves rapidly away from the shell burst, often looking like fish swimming away.
6. **Ring**—A shell with stars specially arranged so as to create a ring. Variations include smiley faces, hearts, and clovers.
7. **Kamuro**—Kamuro is a Japanese word meaning "Boys Haircut" which is what this shell looks like when fully exploded in the air. A dense burst of glittering silver or gold stars which leave a heavy glitter trail and are very shiny in the night's sky.



You Never Know

You never know when someone might catch a dream from you. Or something you say may open up the windows of a mind that seeks light; The way you live may not matter at all, But you never know, it might.

And just in case it could be that another's life, through you, might possibly change for the better with a better and brighter view, it seems it might be worth a try at pointing the way to the right; Of course, it may not matter at all, but then again, it might.
-unknown

Read Matthew 25:31-46

People see your success in the things you accomplish, the places you go, and the things you have. It is true that if you work hard and remain focused on your goal you will become successful in the field of your choosing and this is important for your thanksgiving. But when the time comes for your departure from this earth, how will you be

remembered? What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind. Do you want to be remembered for your awards and accolades? Do you want people to remember the things you accomplished for yourself? Or do you want somebody to mention that:

...Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me

- You tried to give your life serving others.
- You did try to feed the hungry.
- You did in your life try to clothe those who were naked.
- You did love and serve Jesus Christ.

Brick

That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?

The young boy was apologetic. "Please mister ... please, I'm sorry... I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..."

With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car.

"It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off

the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out his fancy handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him

everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the little boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!