

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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This magazine, The Dove, is now almost ten years old (1986) and it has become a voice crying in the wilderness. It was born through the prompting of the Holy Spirit and has been sustained through prayer and the faithfulness of God's people. In order to do the work of Jesus, we must ask ourselves, "What did Jesus say and do when he walked on this earth?" Our answers are found in the New Testament where Jesus taught His disciples what He wanted them to do. We are told to be the light of the world (Mathew 5:14-16); we are told to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). To be the light of the world, we have to show the world what is morally right and define sin to the unbelievers. Salt at the time of Jesus was used as a preservative and we are to preserve goodness, grace and mercy in the world until Jesus comes back. To be a light and to be salt moves the Christian from the four walls of his church building into politics, local government, school boards and into the battle against pornography and abortion.

But Jesus' most important mission was to tell a dying world that He could save them from eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire. Evangelism is what this is called and evangelism is the centerpiece in the Christian outreach. That is the reason in every issue of The Dove we always include a way to be saved and receive Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

Jesus was also concerned about life on this earth after a person becomes saved or is not longer lost. In Matthew, Chapter 10, Jesus sent out His disciples to cast out demons, to heal the sick and to destroy all manner of disease. In the gospel of Luke, Chapter 4, verses 18-21, Jesus told the people in the synagogue that He had been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to set the captives free, to heal the blind and to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Casting out demons and setting God's people free from demonic bondage is part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Recently I came across an article dealing with a specific type of demon called, "Arrested Development." It was written by Pastor Rudy LeBlanc from America's House of Prayer in Northridge, California. Despite the fact that I have been praying for the sick and casting out demons since 1971, I had never heard of this type of demon. But I had come up against the problem in many people. When we started to attack this demon of "Arrested Development" some people who obviously had this problem began getting results.

I am very impressed with the article Pastor LeBlanc wrote and feel that this is a teaching for the entire body of Christ, both in our own country and in the many nations to where The Dove is sent. So please read this article prayerfully and ask the Holy Spirit to give you an understanding of it.

# Spirits of Arrested Development

By Pastor Rudy LeBlanc

There has been very little said on the spiritual, physical and mental development of our children pursuant to Biblical principles. Since most of us were never scripturally trained or nurtured by our parents, we can hardly expect perfectly trained children.

However, biblical discipline in the lives of ourselves and our children will help build the character of God in us and our descendants as well. The process of training our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord begins when the child is in the womb, right after conception. At that time, the father can pray over the mother's womb and speak words of life to the unborn child. He can do this by reading scripture, comforting the new life, and welcoming it as a great prize to the family and not as an intruder. When the child is born, the process is continued. Both parents should take a strong role in instructing the child.

*Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Isaiah 5:13*

Our goal must be to fill them with Jesus at an early age. If our parents were negligent in training, instructing us in the character of God, we can now change the cycle for our descendants!

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

All children are important in God's eyes, even those that are still in the womb. Parents are responsible for the education and instruction of their children, not schools or government as many find comfort in believing. If parents perform their biblical responsibilities toward their children, when the temptations of the world come, the children will be able to take a firm stand against those temptations as the character of God has been ingrained in them. Our obedience in training our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord will result in a child who now can independently respond to all temptation from Satan with a strong, "NO, I CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE I BELONG TO JESUS CHRIST!" (1 Timothy 3:14-17)

Satan is also interested in our children, he likes to get them young, working against both parents and children to get them off the righteous track (John 10:10). The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy. God warns us that the Devil is dangerous. We are not to run from him, but respect the danger he presents.

A woman of 36 attended a healing and deliverance prayer meeting five years ago with her mother. This woman's mother was instrumental as a dedicated prayer warrior in setting her daughter free from many demonic difficulties.

As a child the daughter had been dedicated to Satan's work in a ritual by her father, a respected professional businessman who was deeply involved in witchcraft unbeknownst to his wife. A demon manifested in this woman stating that as a little girl she had been placed in a coffin as part of the ceremony of dedication. Although the father was in the sight of God, the spiritual covering and protector of his child, he was the very one who opened her to demonization. These cruel demons quickly began their work of destruction both in the child and her mother. Torment and suffering is not new to them, for they had increasing problems over the years.

After attending a few services at America's House of Prayer and learning about deliverance, the loving mother began to pray deliverance for her daughter at home. The daughter slowly began to improve. One of the most spectacular breakthroughs that she received was deliverance from a ruling spirit called "Arrested Development."

It took the mother five hours of intense deliverance prayer, constantly pounding the demonic kingdom with all that she knew about spiritual warfare, to break her daughter free of this mean taskmaster. The breakthrough was not accomplished until all the supporting demons, or underlings as we like to call them, were cast out prior to this session of prayer.

We are now going to summarize what the prince of arrested development said under the intense pressure of deliverance prayers.

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44*

We preface this by saying that demons are liars, and are not to be consulted or considered authoritative. However, we gleaned enough useful information from this demon that many successful deliverances in open sessions followed.

The function of this demon is to arrest development in a young person, always bringing them back to age 13 and younger. He claims to have authority over homosexual spirits for they enter before age 13. He claims to have authority over spirits influencing a girl to be a tomboy to please her father, the demon will stir up the desire through the spirits passed on by ancestral curses, or may enter by molestation, incest, or even rape.

The lesbian spirit is under the control of arrested development and begins to operate at the age of 13. This powerful demon claims the lesbians and homosexuals are really 13 years old. The demon is also called the chronic prince of arrested development.

The demon involved in the deliverance of the woman mentioned above wanted to kill her in the womb. Therefore he tried to bring her back to age zero where she was floating in the womb. He also operated through suffocation, drowning, choking, obstruction of breathing, difficult pregnancy and crib death.

He tried to have her put things hastily in her mouth, so she would choke on candy and food.

In general the person infested by these demons will age normally on the outside but be immature on the inside. Arrested development spirits claim to be sent by Satan personally. The demon stops progress past age 13 and brings the victim to any age it wants from zero to 13. The effects are devastating. At age 13 a person's too young to work and can't hold a job. The victim is unable to deal with the problems of an adult, becomes a job hopper and unreliable.

The arrested development spirit does not hinder the person from learning in school or affect the person's studies. But, as in the case of the woman who got deliverance, the spirit would not allow her to make plans for marriage or have children; for at 13, you are too young to marry or even date. It would make her cry like a two year old and embarrass her. The spirit got this woman to be skinny like an eight year old and influenced her to dress like a boy, be sloppy, unkempt, slouch, and walk like a boy. The spirit operated to frustrate the woman by urging her to take a part-time job after school. However she was unable to cope with it due to the insecurity of being 13 years old. Most persons with arrested development are unable to marry, but even if they do it does not last. Thirteen is even too young to babysit. The person's always waiting, waiting till next year.

The demon claimed to be able to enter anyone that has demons already. He makes them take drugs to be passive and sleep for hours at a time. He has a prince and a deputy who lives in the mind of the person to make sure that they do not advance past age 13. At age 36, this woman who experienced the deliverance was prevented from thinking past age 13. Even her professor at the university she attended stated that she acted like 19 going on 13.

Note that retarded persons are not immature. They work and some get married. They are slow learners and are hindered from learning by disabilities, but they do not have arrested development.

Those who collect dolls and stuffed animals as grown-ups are arrested in their development. They do childish things such as playing with toys on their desks when at work. The demon also causes a person to drink. It causes a person to have temper tantrums in order to have their own way. A drug user will have arrested development, unable to solve daily problems.

Also those that run a lot and feverishly exercise all the time have arrested development. Actors and actresses have arrested development. They act like 13 or younger. They are fickle and cannot stay married. Thirteen year old's are unable to make decisions when shopping. Even cooking and cleaning is a problem for them as they still want to be dependent on someone and will sometimes marry a person that will fill this role.

A range of behavior characterizes a person with arrested development; the demon causes a one year old to scream for attention. A two year old screams, throws temper tantrums and also puts things in his or her mouth. At nine years old the child may be attracted to a molester. At eleven he causes the

girl to be scrawny and gawky looking. At twelve years old he embarrasses her because of her periods and emphasizes any ugliness in her body. The demon makes the young girl believe that she is dirty and will never be able to clean herself.

Arrested development has many friends in prisons and he causes the criminal to go back on the streets and commit the same crimes again. Arrested development manifests in the person to keep their understanding at age zero to ten. Such persons are unable to learn from experience. Arrested development has a ten year old cousin called Chronic offender. A related spirit too is anorexia nervosa which causes anorexia between ages zero to eight. The girl doesn't want to grow up and have a period, face the responsibilities of life and the world.

Arrested development spirits operate in the mind. As believers we are to take the authority of Jesus Christ and cut across the network of demonic communication giving the wrong signals to our mind, will and emotions. As we receive deliverance from these spirits, we can be free of their influence and bondage. Arrested development demons are a grouping of demons recently exposed in deliverance prayers and this is not an exhaustive study of demonization. By the world's standards most psychiatrists would diagnose arrested development as a mental disease and prescribe medication and therapy.

*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*  
I Corinthians 13:11

Parents have the responsibility of allowing their children to grow up.

1. **"Speaking like a child."** We all know adults and parents who speak like children and many act foolish and irresponsibly.
2. **"Understanding like a child."** There are many people with no scriptural knowledge who ignorantly continue in their confusion.
3. **"Thinking like a child."** These people find it difficult to react to the conditions around them. They are unable to participate in life, so many are not sociable outside their small circle of friends.

*By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*  
Hebrews 11:23-25

Pharaoh's daughter received Moses when he was three months old. She proceeded to have his real mother nurse him. Exodus 2:7-10. Yet Moses had enough of the proper scriptural training in the short time he spent with his mother that it superseded his formal Egyptian training to become in all probability the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Even single mothers are able to raise godly children; an example of this was Timothy who was raised by his godly mother and grandmother; these women were spiritual giants approved by the Apostle Paul. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and later was raised up to be a mighty, wealthy and influential ruler; yet could not forget the godly influence of his father Jacob and mother Rachel and scriptural teachings.

*Surely I have behaved and quieted myself as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.* Psalm 131:2

*Even a child is known by his acts, whether or not what he does is pure and right.* Proverbs 20:11

A child's acts may show signs of stubbornness and rebellion and the possible need for correction. Jesus loved the little children and warned us not to stop them from coming to Him.

*But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.* Luke 18:16

This can be taken to mean that parents ought not to hinder their children from coming to Jesus. To facilitate this, the parents need to teach scripture daily and give needed correction. Jesus himself astonished the wise men with his knowledge. The education of our children is our responsibility. Yet most parents fall short of this responsibility; there has been no scriptural discipline or correction and very little of the word of God taught to children.

*Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.* Proverbs 23:13-14

If parents do their job, God makes them a promise that their children will not die. If we want better lives for our children, then we need to regularly practice correction of children. Single parents, you may also find help in correcting your children through the pastor and elders of your church who are obligated to help you with their education and discipline.

Parents, if there is something you don't like in your children, you may have the same problem. Correction may have to start with you. (The fruit rarely falls far from the tree). Most of us can see our parents in us, for good or bad.

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother shame. Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.* Proverbs 29:15, 17

What all parents want is for their children to do well, respect them and experience abundant peace in every area of their lives.

*Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.* Colossians 3:21

This is a warning to all parents to not allow anger to control you in the correction and discipline of your child. As a parent, you are not to push your child beyond his capacity. The training is in the hands of the parents.

*From which some having served have turned aside unto vain jangling: Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. 1 Timothy 1:6-7*

A prayer for all parents: Lord forgive us and forgive our parents for the negligence of not correcting and disciplining us according to your word. This neglect has affected our lives even to this day. Teach us Lord and show us in our lives how we can raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that the character of God may be deeply entrenched in us. That no matter what life brings across our path, we will stand firm in the Lord. As our parents protected us, we are now to protect our children. Lord we accept your rod of correction in our lives. (Proverbs 23:13)