

Put Away Childish Things

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. –1 Corinthians 13:11

True Perception

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. –John 17:25

True Motivation

Then I said, “Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.” –Hebrews 10:7

The Mind of Christ Is an Attitude of Expendability

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. –Philippians 2:5

Praying for Those Who Hurt You

... and pray for those who persecute you ... –Matthew 5:44

Jesus Wins Popularity Contest On Facebook

For some Christians Facebook may seem like a mindless waste of time that only distracts one from living a Christ-centered life. But the social networking site has also helped millions grow closer to Christ through daily interaction with God's Word—and now there's proof.

According to the Unofficial Resource for Facebook website, the Facebook pages Jesus Daily and The Bible have more interactions among their fans than any other Facebook page, including the NBA page and MTV Roadies combined.

Jesus Daily helps Facebook users find ways throughout the day to respond just as Jesus did, and The Bible fan page posts Scriptures for people to meditate on.

The Bible's Facebook page founder says the social media tool should be exploited for the benefit of seeing lives transformed.

"I wanted to encourage people into a deeper relationship with God—to go deeper into God's presence—and I know one clear way

to do that is by immersing yourself in the Word of God,” Mark Brown says in a video explaining why he started the Bible’s Facebook page. “In those pages you don’t encounter just ink and words. You encounter the Holy Spirit as God works through those words with the power of the Holy Spirit transforming us.

“The Bible isn’t about information, it’s about transformation—us becoming what God wants us to be.”



Exchanging Dirt For Chalkboards

As South Sudan secedes from the Muslim-dominated north and officially becomes a nation on July 9, Aid Sudan says there is no better time than now to minister the gospel and meet the physical needs of those living in this poverty-stricken area.

The nonprofit organization hopes to help build a strong spiritual foundation in South Sudan as the infant country builds its identity after years of civil war.

“We just see it as such a crucial time for the body of Christ to invest, to help spread God’s word to help this new nation as it gets on its feet,” says Sarah Thompson, Aid Sudan’s director of administration.

Through the ministry’s Village-to-Village project, Aid Sudan has gone into communities and built schools where children were using dirt and sticks as chalkboards and chalk. The ministry also built water wells where kids used their sleeves

as filtration devices to clean the polluted water.

Aid Sudan also operates a radio station that broadcasts to South Sudan in tribal languages. The station and its affiliates deliver the Word of God in story form in addition to news, community training and lessons on health and hygiene.

"It's unbelievable how we see God moving," Thompson says of the nation's transition. "Our main desire is to be faithful. We see this as a crucial time for the body of Christ to help spread God's Word and to help invest, and we're blown away by what's He's already done.

"It's just kind of ripe for the spread of the gospel," Thompson says.

Feedback

Better Than the Rapture

I agreed 100 percent with the article "Don't Freak Out" (J. Lee Grady, May) about the rapture prediction. I heard Harold Camping over my shortwave radio ... over a year ago. Grady said it well, "I don't need to know what day Jesus is coming back—my prayer is that I can take as many people as possible to heaven with me when He splits the sky!" Amen! God bless you for telling it how it really is.

Mary A. Morrow, Mineola, Texas

Covered in Prayer

I love the cover and the story of your May prayer issue. I

have been a part of three churches that exploded by simply dedicating time for the entire congregation to meet regularly in prayer.

Brian Boisselle, Via Facebook

***Charisma* 'Saved My Life'**

Many years ago I went through a personal tragedy that cost me tremendously. One day I picked up *Charisma*. Its lead article, "Why Do Christians Shoot Their Own Wounded?" (by David Kyle Foster, March 1998), saved my life. It brought a fresh perspective on many things, which eventually paved the way to my healing. I want to thank you for your ministry and all that you do to bless the body of Christ. People whom you never thought you would reach have been reached because your ministry brought me healing. Because I know what it's like to be lost and broken, I can now reach out to others with a better understanding than ever before and be more effective in my ministry to them. Thank you.

Daniel Rodriguez, El Paso, Texas

Marvin Sapp Sets an Example

As a long-time reader of *Charisma*, I was so moved by the "Praise Through The Pain" article (DeWayne Hamby, April) that carried us through pastor Marvin Sapp's grief journey. His willingness to be transparent and openly share his tears will serve as a positive role model for healthy bereavement. Thank you for sharing this powerful story!

Ellen M. Walston, Greenville, N.C.

Binding ... and Loosing

I love your magazine. It seems, however, that it falls apart easily at the middle. I like to save and preserve my copies. I hope you get better binding in the future.

Teresa Omlor, Elizabethtown, Ky.

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You're Already in the Debate, Why Not Learn the Argument?

As homosexuality has become more accepted in society, many believers have been forced to defend the biblical view of homosexuality. But do you know exactly what Scripture has to say about this hot-button issue? Visit gaydebate.charismamag.com to find out what you need to know in the debate.

Loving Your Enemies

But I tell you: Love your enemies. ... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? —Matthew 5:44, 46