



# Setting a Good Example

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A good example is a tremendous characteristic that demonstrates conduct worthy of emulation. It shows the way and often speaks louder than words. Words speak of our intentions, but actions put legs on the words that are spoken. Our words are meaningless if our behavior negates or contradicts the words we speak.

Some years ago, I came across a writing that I had printed in large bold type and I had it framed and it now hangs in the computer/office area of our home. The title is "Commitment" and this is what it says:

## **Commitment**

*Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.*

*It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions.*

*And the actions which speak louder than the words.*

*It is making the time when there is none.*

*It is coming through time after time after time, year after year after year.*

*Commitment is the stuff character is made of; The power to change the face of things.*

*It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.*

There are a few words here that are perhaps better understood if some synonyms are used by way of clarification. For example:

1. Commitment – dedication, devotion, promise
2. Character – reputation, morality, honesty
3. Integrity – moral uprightness, wholeness, decency, honor

## 4. Skepticism – doubt, disbelief, cynicism

We make commitments on a regular basis – sometimes for a long period of time such as a marriage commitment (a vow which lasts until death invalidates the vow) and other commitments are short term (for a period of time only). When the school board asked me if I would consider the position of Director of Education for the Kinistino School Division in 1995, I accepted with a condition. The condition was that I would not stay beyond 3 years. When I found out I could retire a year earlier, I still kept the commitment of three years because I said I would. Sometimes the promise is very short, such as 5 minutes of your time or a few hours to assist with a task of some sort. However, when we make a promise, we have an obligation to fulfill that commitment. Keeping our word or carrying out what we said we would do, causes others to have confidence or faith in what we say. This is important in every area of our lives: in the home, in school, in the workplace or in business dealings. I might point

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out here that there may be times when for one reason or another you are unable to fulfill the promise you have made to someone. Your responsibility then is to explain why you are unable to do what you said you would do, and the reason should be a good one.

An example is tremendously powerful. It tells people who you are simply by observation. For example, when you bow your head in a restaurant, you make a statement to all who are watching you. When you choose not to participate in certain kinds of activities, you send a message to your friends or peers that may pique their interest in why you choose not to be involved. People are very likely influenced more by how we live our lives than by what we say. Please understand that I am not underestimating the value of speaking a word of wisdom or saying something that God has put on your heart. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25: 11). The Living Bible translates that scripture as, "Timely advice is as lovely as gold apples in a silver basket." I don't think it can be overemphasized how important it is to provide a good example in our everyday lives. We are speaking even when we are not talking.

It is very well documented that first impressions are essential in such things as job interviews. Real wisdom is dressing appropriately depending on the job being applied for. For example, your dress for an office or sales job would be different than for a construction or janitorial job. Nevertheless, your dress is the first appearance you present to a prospective employer. You either pass or fail the first impression test. Fair or not, if the first impression is not favorable, the interviewer may have already made up his/her mind and thus hear very little of what you actually say in the interview. I speak with some experience in this area of hiring. In my case it was teachers, secretaries, teacher assistants, janitors and sometimes, educational administrators. The evaluation began by observing dress, grooming, and general deportment and the verbal assessment followed. I would be remiss if I did not mention how vital a good reference is to even getting the interview. Always leave your previous job on good terms because you may ask your former employer to write a letter of reference for you.

We are admonished in 1Tim. 4: 12 as follows, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." In other words, your age will not even be a consideration if your life exudes godliness. The example in this verse is set in six areas: (1) in word, which means conversation, (2) in conduct, which means behavior, (3) in love, which means the

love of God (sacrificial), (4) in spirit, which means an attitude desirous of being led by the Spirit, (5) in faith, which means trust in God, and (6) in purity, which means both in sexual matters and in thoughts. I think it should be noted here that this instruction is good for all believers, not only the young. In addition, notice that at the beginning of the verse, the direction is to being an example to believers and in so doing I am sure we will be an example to unbelievers as well.

I often use the example of my father who I am sure never thought that he was teaching when he really was. Someone said, "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." My father taught me about family life, about what a home should look like, about how to treat a wife and about fairness and honesty in human relationships, not by what he said but by how he lived. It was obvious to even a casual observer that he loved my mother.

By contrast, I was watching a documentary the other night about a very prominent golfer who got himself into a mess of trouble. The examples provided by his father and by his manager were the very opposite of mine. The examples set by these significant men (mentors) in his life were a detriment to him due to their unfaithfulness to their own wives, one of which was his mother. He followed the examples that were set for him. The behavior of these men became the norm rather than the right and proper way to conduct oneself as a husband and father. The results included the agony of a broken marriage and all its accompanying heartaches and a promising career that has taken a significant downward spiral. One can easily speculate on what a difference a faithful father would have made in this young man's life. As much as this man's father did for him in the promotion of his career, he failed in the most important aspect of life and that was in being faithful to his wife and family. Let us always remember that we have the ability as we live out our lives to either be a stepping - stone (a good example) or a stumbling block (a bad example). We can influence others either way. We can choose to avoid even the appearance of evil or we can choose to do what satisfies our own fleshly desires. The choice is ours!

We could go on to talk about good and bad examples that we have witnessed in the past and in our present day. However, the scriptures admonish us to choose the good and reject the bad. Romans 12: 9, "Abhor that which is evil; cleave (cling) to that which is good." We will know the difference between good and evil by the spirit of discernment (insight or judgement).

In 1Thess. 5: 15 – 22, we find a series of exhortations or encouragements expressed by the apostle Paul to

all Christians. Here is what he says: “See that no one renders (returns) evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue (follow) what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always (continually), pray without ceasing (with perseverance), in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you. Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the (Holy) Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things: hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

I would like to say a word about quenching (suppressing or subduing) the Holy Spirit. We want the free flow of the Holy Spirit in our midst and we know from experience that He moves and works through obedient hearts. Willingness, submissiveness and obedience are prerequisites for the Holy Spirit to move upon us in prophecy, prayer, song, exhortation, admonition, ministry, or the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. Without a spirit of invitation and openness, the Holy Spirit can accomplish very little in us or in our midst. In other words, we can quench the Spirit. Some of the ways in which the Spirit is quenched or is not allowed freedom of movement are as follows:

1. A critical spirit – the Spirit builds up, He does not tear down or destroy. Criticism thwarts or subdues the Holy Spirit.

2. Holding a grudge, taking offence or harboring a spirit of unforgiveness in your heart. Remember Christ’s example of forgiveness.

3. Rebellion – “is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1Sam. 15: 23). The Lord rejected Saul as king of Israel for his rebellion. “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Heb. 13: 17).

4. A root of bitterness – this not only troubles the one who allows that root to become established, but it also defiles or corrupts many others (Heb. 12: 15).

5. Complaining – grieves the Holy Spirit. We all have a natural inclination to complain. If we can resist that, and rather be thankful, we have created the atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to move with greater freedom in our particular circumstance.

Christ set a perfect example for us in what He said and what He did. He not only preached forgiveness, He forgave those who treated Him with cruelty (the cross). He not only taught love and compassion, He healed the sick and raised the dead. The Son of God demonstrated His obedience to the Father in His attitude of humility and servitude. He washed the feet of His disciples and then he said, “If I then, your Lord

and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13: 14 & 15). He taught us in parables the folly of placing confidence in riches and in the material things of this temporal life and rather pointed us toward the spiritual, which is permanent. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6: 19 – 21). “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things (righteousness, peace and joy) is acceptable to God and approved by men. Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify (build up) another” (Rom. 14: 17 – 19). Much more could be said about the example that Christ was to us and many more scriptures could be used by way of example. The ones cited are just a few of them.

In conclusion, here are a few scriptures that exhort us to follow good examples:

1. Phil. 3: 17 (Paul speaking), “Brethren, together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set for you” (Amplified Version).

## IMPORTANT DATES

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| May Long Weekend, Calgary, AB.....    | May 20 - 23, 2011    |
| North Battleford Camp.....            | July 3 - 10, 2011    |
| North Carolina Camp.....              | July 24 - 30, 2011   |
| Pinelaw Summer Camp.....              | TBD                  |
| Caribbean Summer Camp.....            | August 6 - 14, 2011  |
| Caribbean Youth Camp .....            | August 16 - 19, 2011 |
| Park Valley Labour Day.....           | Sept. 2 - 5, 2011    |
| Winkler Family Camp .....             | Sept. 2 - 5, 2011    |
| Hidden Acres Family Camp.....         | Sept. 2 - 5, 2011    |
| New Jersey Fall Camp .....            | Oct. 14 - 16, 2011   |
| North Battleford Young People's ..... | Nov. 10 - 13, 2011   |
| Indiana Young People's.....           | Dec. 26 - 30, 2011   |

2. 1Cor. 11: 1 (Paul speaking), “Pattern yourselves after me (follow my example), as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah)” (Amplified Version).

3. 2Cor. 3: 2 & 3 (Paul speaking to the church at Corinth), “You are our epistle (letter) written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle (letter) of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart” (NKJV). This scripture reveals that what is most evident to the people around us is how we live our lives. Our lives are the epistle, “known and read of all men.”

4. 1Peter 5: 1 – 6 (Peter is speaking to church elders and young men), “To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock (feed the flock of God) that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because

you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Young men, in the same way, be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves in humility towards one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time” (NIV). Note that the elders of the churches are exhorted to feed the people spiritual food and to be good examples for them to follow. We are all to demonstrate submissiveness and humility to God and to those who God has placed in authority over us. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works (example), and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5: 16, NKJV).

## Do We Have Any Wickedness In Our Tents?

Do we have any wickedness in our tents? This question we should ask ourselves from time to time. Sometimes things creep into our lives almost without us noticing. However, God has called us unto holiness. “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

We have two examples in the Bible that warn us not to bring wickedness into our tents. The first story is found in Genesis 31:17-35. As Jacob and his family flee from his father-in-law, Laban, Rachel steals her father’s gods. “And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father’s” (Genesis 31:19). Laban later finds out and pursues them. Rachel hides the gods in her tent and deceives Laban and prevents him from finding them, but Jacob puts a curse on whoever stole Laban’s gods. “And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with

me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them” (Genesis 31:31, 32).

The second example is from Joshua 6:16-19 & 7:1-26. After the triumph at Jericho, Joshua warns the people, “And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord...And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.” (Joshua 6:17,18) Achan didn’t resist temptation and brought wickedness into the camp of the Israelites. “But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel” (Joshua 7:1). The result of his action caused the Israelites to be defeated at the next war. After Joshua sought understanding from the Lord of the cause of defeat, the sin of Achan was uncovered. “And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dis-

sembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff” (Joshua 7:10, 11).

We have to be careful to listen to what God may indicate in our lives. I was led to stop watching and reading news. I couldn’t understand this and it took me years to fully obey. Once I did, my life improved. I found that the negativity in the news that used to affect my thinking, was gone. I praise God for His leading me to get rid of something that He knew was bad for me. This reveals the heart of a loving Father and Shepherd.

Paul talks about the difference what we can do and what we should do in the New Testament. “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not” (1 Corinthians 10:23). We have also been taught, sin often affects those around us in a negative way. In both of these examples, wickedness was taken and brought in the midst of God’s people. The result was judgement upon those who did wrong, and also on the rest of God’s people. God’s ten commandments are clear on this issue. “And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments” (Exodus 20:1-6).

It is our choice of how we live our lives. “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known” (Deuteronomy 11:26-28).

I believe God is warning us today just as He warned the children of Israel long ago. We are to be careful of how we live. We are to avoid bringing anything wicked from the world into our lives, our families, our local churches, and the Universal Church. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2). Jesus repeats a simi-

lar message in Matt 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

We are not to worry if we have made mistakes or done wickedly. As long as we repent and turn away from those things that are not right, the same God who cautions us against wickedness, can also reconcile us back to Himself. “Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God, And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you” (Leviticus 20:7, 8).

A similar message is given in Isaiah 55:7. “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Again in James 4:8, we are exhorted to take a similar step. “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” God’s heart is open towards those who repent. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Back in Joshua 24:14, after the incident with Achan, we hear good advice for all of us. “Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.”

God has chosen us to come out from among the world and be separate, be different. “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of the darkness into his marvellous light:” (1 Peter 2:9). Again, this is elaborated on in 2 Peter 1:2-4, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

In summary, we need to examine our hearts and lives. We need to avoid bringing wickedness into our tents. If we have, we need to repent, and allow God’s forgiveness and reconciliation to cleanse us. We need to ask God to help us live lives pleasing to Him and to help us keep our tents (families & homes) free from the wickedness that is around us.

— Love, A brother in Christ

# Guarding your heart. How to protect your marriage.

*By Andy Snoke*

The enemy of our soul is out to destroy the “home”. The “home” built on the foundation of a husband and a wife is the most basic and sacred building block of the church as well as of a healthy society.

A perverse society will attempt to “redefine” marriage as something different than one man/ husband and one woman/ wife. As I write these words, the current of political opinion reaching to the highest levels of government is receptive to this perversion of what God ordained from the beginning.

“Has God really said?” This is what Satan asked Eve in the garden. (Gen 3:1). This questioning of what God had said, led Eve into a mindset of deception, which led to her partaking of the forbidden fruit.

Has God really said that a marriage is a husband and wife? The answer is YES!

“Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

And Adam said:

“This *is* now bone of my bones  
And flesh of my flesh;  
She shall be called Woman,  
Because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Gen 2: 22-24, NKJV).

To us who are blessed to be married, our first priority is to protect our home at all costs. Permit me to present a few points that may help to guard our marriages.

## **Attitude**

The first step in protecting and nurturing marriage is all in our “attitude”. Marriage is a sacred union before God, not to be taken lightly, and so should be our attitude. Marriage is not something that we “try out” with the attitude that there is an escape hatch if things don’t go the way we had hoped. Marriage should be considered for life. A good marriage does not just automatically work, much like an airliner on “auto pilot”. A good marriage takes commitment, love, maintenance and work!

We need to believe that marriage is a three-part covenant between a husband, wife, and the Lord. In most weddings, there are a number of loved ones invited to the ceremony. In reality, these loved ones are “witnesses”

of the covenant that the married couple confesses to one another before God. Our attitude should be that this covenant is holy, and very real!

## **Built on the foundation**

Of utmost importance in a good marriage, is one another’s unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior. Storms of life will certainly come to all, but it is those whose lives and homes are built on Jesus Christ, who can weather the storm. A solid, uncompromising relationship with the Lord is the “Alpha and Omega,” the beginning and the end, with everything in between in a good marriage.

## **Give close, unyielding attention to your home**

A husband and wife should be very attentive to one another’s needs (spiritually, physically, sexually) and should make it their first order of business in pleasing one another.

“So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church” (Eph 5: 28-29, NKJV).

## **Relationships with the opposite sex**

A husband and wife should be careful not to have close relationships with members of the opposite sex. Spouses should place a “guard” over their hearts.

It is always a blessing when couples have an enjoyable time doing things together with other couples. But husbands and wives should not allow themselves to become a “buddy” to another who is of the opposite sex.

There are thousands of sad stories about marriages that have been shattered by one member committing adultery, with someone who was simply “a friend.”

Young people, I suggest that you be careful even in the spiritual realm of having a “prayer partner” of the opposite sex. A well meaning unmarried couple can begin sharing things with one another, and before they know it, they have committed a type of “spiritual striptease” that can open a door to unhealthy and improper relationships with each other.

## **Find time for one another**

There are many things in today’s world that can steal away our time. Many of these things are unavoidable, such as working, school, etc. But a couple should con-

sciously set aside time simply to be together.

There are many things that married couples can do with each other that provide for a few moments of intimate fellowship. In our home, we enjoy summer walks as we watch the sun cast its evening glow on the Colorado landscape. Hand in hand we talk about anything and everything. I have to admit, much of our conversation lately revolves around our four wonderful grandchildren, but we also talk of things of less importance!

I often marvel, how, after being married for 35 plus years, we still “crave” these little chunks of private time together. I am sure that God craves these little pieces of intimate time with Him as well.

These blocks of time that a busy couple set aside for one another will strengthen and bless their marriage.

### **Worship together**

Spending routine time together worshipping the Lord can never be understated. Much has been said through the years about a time of devotion in the home each day and that is important. But in addition, worship can be informal. You may find yourselves singing a song of praise together as you ride in your car, or simply talking and sharing with each other about God’s grace that got you through the day.

It is important to attend worship together each week; this should be a priority for the family. A wise family will attend one or two of the annual “camps” held in the various places, which gives opportunity to fellowship with the greater church at large, and to hear from the Lord freshly as He speaks to the church.

### **The example of Peter**

I would like to conclude with a few comments about a married couple who you almost never hear a message about! This is the Apostle Peter and his wife (who remains unnamed in scripture).

Peter fell in love with his wife, and then fell in love with His master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter was a follower of John the Baptist, and continued following the Lord after the Lord had been revealed. One can only imagine the excitement in Peter’s voice as he told his wife that he had found the Messiah! Peter forsook all for the calling that the Lord placed upon him. Even when the Lord revealed to Peter that Peter would die the death of a martyr (John 21: 18-19), he remained unwavering in his love for Jesus.

The will of God, and Peter’s love for the Lord was surely first and foremost in Peter’s home and marriage. In Luke 4:38, Peter brings the master to heal his wife’s mother of her fever. Peter knew the Lord wanted to bring good things to his home. He must have loved and honored his mother-in-law as he did his own wife.

What can be pieced together from the scriptures seems to indicate that Peter’s wife often traveled with

him. (1 Cor. 9:5). This may have been Peter’s way of balancing time with his wife while he served the Lord, knowing that his earthly days would be shortened.

Peter was probably describing the godly attributes that he saw in his own wife when he wrote:

“Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel— rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God” (1 Peter 3: 1-4, NKJV).

Peter must have adored his wife. He knew that there was no outward adornment, no expensive jewelry or garments that could surpass the beauty of her gentle spirit.

Though Christ was everything to Peter, he must have given great honor and love to his wife as he exhorted husbands as follows:

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel (more delicate and precious), and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered” (1 Peter: 3:7, NKJV).

The scriptures do not record the end of Peter’s life, for the details we must look at other records.

All the records of early church history seem to show that Peter was crucified. Eusebius cites the testimony of Clement, who says that before Peter was crucified he was forced to watch the crucifixion of his wife. Clement writes that as Peter’s beloved wife was led to her death, Peter calls her by name and shouts, “Remember the Lord!”

Peter and his wife must have had many discussions together about the true riches in heaven, beyond this earthly shadow of life. Because of the words of Jesus, they knew what was coming. They knew, the day of their departure from earth to heaven had arrived. As a married couple, they were ready. Not so much to die, but to live!

When it was Peter’s turn to die, he pleaded to be crucified upside down because he felt he was not worthy to die as his Lord had died. History states that Peter’s wishes were granted. He was nailed to the cross upside down.

Most of us will never be asked to pay the price that Peter and his wife did long ago. In many ways, we have things very easy, almost too easy. In the midst of peace and prosperity, we can take for granted our Lord, as well as our marriage.

Let us guard our hearts, and protect our homes.

**2011 North Battleford Summer Camp**  
July 3 - 10, 2011

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No pets please unless you are bringing a trailer/camper.

**2011 North Carolina Camp Meeting**  
July 24 - 30, 2011

Wingate University, Wingate, NC 28174

Wingate University is located 35 miles east of Charlotte, N.C. on U.S. Highway 74 in the town of Wingate, N.C. If you are using MapQuest directions or a GPS system, please use the following university address: 315 E. Wilson St., Wingate, N.C. 28174.

Check-in time begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24 at the student center across the street from the cafeteria. Parking for registration will be in the cafeteria parking lot. Meals will be served in the college dining hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, followed by the first meeting at 7:30 p.m. The camp will conclude with the noon meal on Saturday, July 30.

Buildings are air conditioned. A gym and other recreational facilities are available.

**Charges for Room & Board:**

- Age 0-3 No Charge
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  - Age 7 - Adult \$150.00 per week or \$30.00 per day
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