

## J.C. Penney's new "Fresh Recruits" ad

By Bill Johnson



J.C. Penney is at it again.

A friend of this ministry forwarded a recent advertising flier featuring images of young teens scantily clad in revealing bikinis.

The heading on the flier was "Fresh Recruits."

Subtitle: "We make it playful. You make it fun."

What does J.C. Penney mean by "fresh recruits?" What do they mean by the words "We make it playful. You make it fun?"

I may be naïve, but I'm not totally stupid.

J.C. Penney has been a mainstream corporation for many years. This isn't the first time by any means that Penney's has stooped to using erotic images to draw shoppers, but to use these kinds of images of children with such suggestive words needs to be met with response from those of you who share our righteous indignation over the sexualization of children.

Disclaimer: The ad is made available for the purposes of helping you to see that our claim is legitimate and concerning. For those of you who especially struggle with visual things, we urge you just to take our word for it.

Go to the following link to view the ad:

<http://bit.ly/i6eBPB>

Contact J.C. Penney at this action link:  
<http://bit.ly/e6xPNw>

Or write:

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### Here's what others are saying:

#### Life-long JC Penney shopper:

*I am more than 72 years old, and my folks (dad died one year ago yesterday at age 97, mother is about to turn 95), always shopped JC Penney, as have I. But, I must tell you that I will not again darken your doors until I learn that you terminate these repulsive ads with sincere contrition for this egregious violation of decency.*

Sincerely yours,  
M. S. - Albany, OR 97321

#### A survivor's perspective:

*I'll go a step further and say, as a survivor of childhood incest and stranger molestation, your ad sends a message to those who perceive children as sexual toys. It even glamorizes it. To those of us who have endured abuse because of sexual predators, your ad is a slap in the face and a forced memory of past abuse. Playful and fun? I was a fresh recruit, and I was asked if I was having fun in his playful times.*

Sincerely, D.W.

#### Looking for value, selection, and moral decency:

*I am not only bewildered but disgusted with your recent ad for your Arizona Jean brand Fresh Recruits swimwear.*

*Families who were looking for value and selection PLUS moral decency in clothes have shopped at JC Penney, but no more. What is going on here?*

*Please rethink how you are doing business and what you are trying to convey as the standard for JC Penney. There are many, many families out here in America who are asking for a store where we can shop for clothes that are appropriate for CHILDREN. Please don't become part of the problem in America where we are trying to "sexualize" our children at younger and younger ages. We will reap what we sow -- that proverb has proven true time and time again. Give us what we want and what is right and decent.*

*Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.*

*Sincerely,  
J. and J. B.*

#### Disgusted grandparents:

*We only shop JCP and we also have 6 granddaughters under the age of 12. What do you have planned for them if this is what you are doing with teens. This is disgusting and revolting. If we see this ad in print we will stop spending our hard earned and moral money at your store which happens to be located at the McKinley and Galleria Malls.*



From the desk of Bill Johnson

### Answers to daily questions

On occasion I like to turn my personal note into a question and answer format. It helps me break out some personal thoughts and commentary more effectively and succinctly. May it be a blessing and help to you in understanding our work and mission.

**Question:** Victories seem far and few in these days of decadence and decay. What keeps you going in the ministry that you lead?

**Answer:** Though it is true that victories are few and far between in our ministry and other ministries similar to ours, there are many things that encourage me day by day. Primarily, I have never doubted God's calling me to this ministry. Not once. Not because I'm so great, but because GOD IS. I experience a sense of His presence every day, starting right in the morning when I get up to come to work in this marvelous place - a place that God provided for us so personally and supernaturally through His gracious and generous people who have also recognized God's touch upon this ministry for many years.

**Question:** What else keeps you going?

Well, having a sense of God's divine hand day by day is huge! And the fact that a solid core of people support us regularly, faithfully and generously brings great assurance and encouragement! I believe that God shows His good pleasure, too, through touching people's hearts, minds and spirits to stand with us. If that were to falter significantly and we weren't able to pay our bills, our staff, and meet our needs, I know that my struggle would be much greater. It isn't that we are a large ministry, nor are we a wealthy ministry. We have never been. There have been times in earlier years (and not all that long

ago for that matter) that we had very little in reserves. Even then God has shown Himself so faithful - often just at the right moment.

Another thing that helps keep me going is our board and staff. God has blessed us with individuals who strive to make and keep Christ the center of their lives. Each one loves God, His Word, His people and desires to please the Lord in word and deed. They work as unto the Lord not unto man. Therefore they are not rubber stamps and have assisted me by checking me when I have needed to be checked. I am merely a human and I need the loving accountability that I am surrounded by.

**Question:** Aren't the issues with which you concern yourselves dwarfed by the major political issues of our day, ie. the economy, Islamofascism, socialism, abortion, homosexuality, terrorism?

**Answer:** That is a very good question, because it is true that each of those concerns are major!

Nonetheless, the issues of pornography, obscenity and indecency are also of major concern. In all the years of this ministry, it has been diminished as a concern by the media, politicians, and even by pastors.

When a person dabbles with pornography, the spirituality, morality, and rationality of that person begins to degrade. Pornography affects the very integrity of a person as he or she lives a lie, learning to cover up the "secret" sin.

I often have said how can a person say they love the Lord and yet regularly look at dirty things and have their thought life be untrue to the living God and to their mate.

We are called to pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. [Hebrews 12:14]. Christ tells us "Be holy for I am holy." [I Peter 1:15,16]

Our message needs to go out no matter if it is a voice crying in the wilderness. We need God in our ministry and we need God's people standing with us as together we call people to holiness! What a responsibility, but what a privilege.



### ADA's Logo

We hope that when you receive our ministry materials and see our logo it will serve as an encouragement and reminder

to you of our shared mission - as it really is in a dark world we find ourselves.

(1) The symbol of the cross, of course, represents the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ that sets us free from the bondages of sin and leads to our victory over the grave. "Oh grave, where is thy victory. Oh death where is thy sting?"

The power of the cross, - the Gospel - is the power of God to live with hope and boldness for Him.

(2) The multiple lines criss-crossing horizontally and vertically represent the highways and byways of life - the increasing busyness of our culture. Our ministry has a significant message of hope, truth, reconciliation and restoration to a world caught up in helter skelter living that is prone to substituting a lie for the truth.

(3) During early Christianity, Christians were often put to death for practicing their faith, so they worshiped in secret places. A fish painted on the outside door of a house let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside.

(4) The fish points upward to the right not to the left. This world is not our home. We are strangers in a foreign land. Increasingly, we recognize we are swimming upwards against the tide - not conformed to this world.

(5) The fish, representing believers in Christ, is on the cross. We are called to join in the sufferings and afflictions of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we see in our beloved America the increasing diminishing of faith, how can we not see that true believers will increasingly experience scorn, mocking, belittlement, persecution? The positioning of the fish on the cross speaks to that which more and more we will face.

(6) The lines of white shining through the dark lines symbolizes our light shining in a darkened world. Let your light shine. We must not hide it!

## ADA's Summer Event - a major change of plans

Gary Bauer to replace WallBuilder's Tim Barton

Our plans to have WallBuilder's Tim Barton as this summer's featured speaker were inadvertently disrupted by communications and scheduling errors. We apologize for any inconvenience and/or disappointment that may cause anyone.

We are pleased to announce Gary Bauer as our featured speaker for Friday, July 29 in Fremont, Michigan.

Bauer is one of our nation's strongest spokesmen for clarity and truth in regard to the immense attacks on faith, family and freedom. Gary served in the Reagan Administration, effectively headed the Family Research Council for a number of years, made an aggressive run for President in 1999, and in more recent years founded and heads Campaign for Working Families. CWF is a non-partisan political action committee (PAC) dedicated to electing pro-family, pro-life and pro-free enterprise candidates to public offices. Gary Bauer formed CWF in 1996 to represent the interests and values of America's traditional families in the political arena.

He is front and center on a broad range of national issues. Here are just a few: Obamacare, socialism, illegal immigration, same-sex marriage, homosexuality, abortion, Islamofascism, the need for a strengthened military, a strong advocate for our ally Israel.

We proceed enthusiastically, knowing that God leads and directs. We anticipate with excitement the opportunity of having a godly leader educating, informing, exhorting and encouraging friends and supporters of this ministry.

We have over 600 seats available for this significant event and I'm going out a limb to tell you that our goal will be to fill the auditorium. Why? Because in these days of societal confusion and upheaval we need the encouragement, the fellowship, the exhortation and the information that Gary Bauer will bring. He has a passion for God, for America and the American people. Having heard Gary speak on several occasions, I'm excited to offer this opportunity for you to hear the insight he offers regarding the battles we face today.



This event is one of the most important we have ever hosted. These are concerning times and we are privileged to have Gary Bauer to challenge and encourage us.

**Our music this year will be provided by Eric Horner.** Eric got his start performing with Steven Curtis Chapman. Before God called him into gospel music ministry, Eric toured with country singer Lee Greenwood for 10 years. With 17 albums under his belt now, Eric is a well-seasoned Christian Recording Artist with a full tour schedule. His many songs include the well-known patriotic anthem "We Will Stand" which was written the evening of September 11, 2001. Other songs include "Prayer Warrior," "You Can Always Come Home," "Look Up" and now his recent release "Outside These Walls."

**When:** Friday, July 29, 2011.  
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

**Where:** Fremont, Michigan.  
First Christian Reformed Church  
721 Hillcrest Avenue

**What:** God and Country Rally featuring Gary Bauer

**Cost:** Adults - \$ 10 per person.  
Free admittance for children and youth under age 18

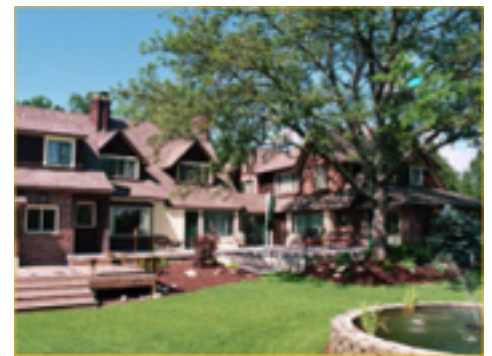
For more information or to pre-register: call 888-733-2326 or email [kimberly@americandecency.org](mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org)

Seats may be limited so call or email to register. For those of you coming from out of town, there are a limited number of accommodations yet available in our community. Each of these locations on the right come recommended. We urge you to make your reservations soon as space in our rural community is limited.

## Conference accommodations



**The Shack** is a very popular location for family vacations, conferences, overnight getaways, for visitors throughout Michigan. There are still a few rooms available for Friday and Saturday night. Located 7 miles northeast of Fremont. See their website at: <http://www.theshackbandb.com/> or call: 231-924-6683



**The Gerber Guest House** boasts a large terrace and deck overlooking a beautiful garden and fountain. The 7 spacious, second floor bedrooms, each with it's own bath, are inviting. All guests will appreciate the privacy the Inn provides. See their website at: <http://www.gerberguesthouse.com/> or call: 888-924-7005.

The Gerber House is adjacent to ADA headquarters.



**The Harrington Inn** is another very nice overnight option just minutes west of ADA headquarters and our event location.

A warm, friendly, clean environment offering swimming pool, wireless and other amenities. See their website at: <http://harringtoninn.net/> or call: (800) 233-5653. Ask for ADA reservation.

## Let your children watch whatever now and live with the consequences

By Bill Johnson



Grandkids enjoying some time in the barn - spring 2010

Recently, I was reading children's Bible stories to two of my grandchildren. As I would finish one story, they would ask me to go to another until we came to the story of David and Goliath. It was so special to see how enamored they were with these classic Bible accounts.

I decided to take a few more minutes and together re-enact David and Goliath. Nearly three-year-old Danny played the part of David. I played the part of Goliath. Danny used a blanket for the armor that was too heavy. He shed his "armor" and took up a make believe sling and stone. As Goliath (me) entered the "battleground" (our living room), Danny pretended to propel the stone and I pretended to have the stone hit me in the forehead and fall to the ground.

Upon seeing me fall, Danny (David) came to my side and in a sweet voice said "Papaw, are you okay?" With each of the other two re-enactments, Danny still asked "Are you okay, Papaw?"

From my vantage point and from the vantage point of his five year old sister, it was only make believe. Yet, Danny wasn't so sure.

As I told my wife of this story upon her return from the grocery store, she stated "And in millions of household's day in and day out, parents are letting their small children watch hour after hour of violence on their home television and computer. The kids can't tell the difference between real and make believe."

The hearts and souls of our children are precious and need to be guarded, guided and shaped. If we just allow them to be

exposed to whatever they come upon why should we be surprised when they act out what they witness on the screen.

Some of you are still in the parenting years. As a very experienced parent and grandparent, I urge you to love your children so much that you nurture your young ones with tender loving care and with Biblical wisdom.

Does it matter to you whether one day your adult children are free of pornography addictions? Does it matter if they marry that they stay faithful and true to their mate? Does it matter whether they love what Christ loves and hate what He hates?

If you allow your children to watch anything and everything and you don't think there is a price to be paid, you're only kidding yourself.

I know that it has become increasingly difficult in this "anything goes" culture, yet we still must stand and fight for our kids. If not you, who? If not now, when?

### Pornography: Some things that are increasingly clear



An article in our local Grand Rapids Press recently was entitled:

**Users of Internet child porn fuel a ghastly sex trade, and authorities lament lasting damage to victims**

The article goes on to state "...at any given time, an estimated 50,000 predators are prowling online. ..."

A special agent said predators also use child pornography to convince children it is OK. In some videos, children appear to "have fun."

Predators also look for vulnerabilities, maybe befriending a busy, single mom. "It's just an insidious, insidious process," he said.

**In reading the article, a number of things are made clear. Here are just a few:**

\*\* Children have been violated to make child pornography.

\*\* Sometimes the images are so disturbing that investigators have to be pulled off cases if they show any sign it is too much.

\*\* The proliferation is a challenge to law enforcement and should be a warning to parents.

\*\* Shared images only encourage continued production of child porn — and continued abuse.

\*\* Each time an image is downloaded or shared the child pictured is re-victimized by the image of their sexual abuse being viewed by another person.

\*\* More and more contact - sexual contact - is seen between very small children and adults.

\*\* The images may be shared, but usually are kept like a prized baseball card collection.

\*\* In 89 percent of the cases, the offender is known to the victim, whether it's a family member, babysitter, coach or friend. It's the people who are supposed to protect the kids.

[Taken from Grand Rapids Press, February 27, 2011] <http://bit.ly/hAHHhd>

Someone reading this above account may very well be into pornography of one kind or another. Dear friend: It is not too late. Get out of this pattern, this lifestyle. Many others have asked for God's help to give them the will to flee this addictive, decaying trash. You can, too. If you'd like to talk with someone about this, please call us at 888-733-2326.

# Ancient Israel, the United States, and the Key to a Nation's Survival

By Chris Johnson



In all of history, there have been only two nations founded on the truth of the Word of God. It is worthwhile for the second to look to the first to understand how to survive.

The book of Ezekiel is the account the fall of Jerusalem to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and Ezekiel's prophecies warning the city of their impending doom because of their wickedness. As Ezekiel 20:21 explains, the Israelites did not follow God's laws and they did not honor the Sabbath day. *"But the children rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes and were not careful to obey my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; they profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness."*

They also profaned God's temple by worshipping idols within its walls. (Ezekiel 8)

These were the reasons God cited through Ezekiel for His destruction of the capitol city of His chosen people - so clearly these commands are extremely important to Him.

If we are to compare the United States then, with all its history of being founded on the Word of God, to Israel, God's chosen people of the Old Testament, we have to ask if we are guilty of the same thing.

I think the answer is obviously a resounding, "yes!" We clearly don't honor God's laws. We won't even allow them to be shown on public property!

We don't even talk about honoring the Sabbath, but God makes it clear that this is a big deal. It wasn't all that long ago that a majority of stores were closed on Sunday, now it's just another day to make another dollar.

To many Christians, church is an inconvenience, and they attend out of guilt and as rarely as their conscience allows. And to non-Christians, Sunday is just another Saturday. As a culture, we are a far cry from "remembering God's Sabbath day and keeping it Holy," or set apart.

Yet this is one of the main reasons that God allowed his chosen people to undergo the horrible siege of the Babylonians, which led to atrocities like cannibalism even of one's own children. (see Ezekiel 5:9-10a)

What about idolatry, or even idolatry in the church? That also is very true of the Church today. Some will say money is the biggest idol for Americans. Others will say sex or pleasure.

I think that those are only symptoms of the disease. The real American idol is self. I believe it was R.C. Sproul who said, "we have remade God in our own image."

If God's Word says something that we don't like, or is uncomfortable, or too hard to defend against the world, we just say that that part was only a suggestion. Or it's just poetry. Or that applied to their ancient culture, but not to ours.

For instance, emergent church guru Rob

Bell recently wrote a book claiming that no one will go to hell.

God warns in Ezekiel 22:25-29a about the religious leaders who mislead Israel:

*"The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying lives to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD has not spoken. The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery."*

So the religious leaders are leading them to death because they aren't telling the people the difference between right and wrong. The politicians are fighting over the people like wolves fighting over prey for their own gain. The prophets are saying everything is fine and speaking for God when God is not speaking to them. And the people are dishonest.

Look around. Watch TV for awhile. Sound familiar?

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God also cites Israel's "lewdness" as a reason for its destruction. He then gives Ezekiel a message which brings hope to my heart: that God is willing to - he wants to - heal our land.

When God sends his judgment, it is relentless. But he is willing to cleanse us if we repent. (see Ezekiel 24:13-14)

Christianity is the answer to a sick society. We need His cleansing.

And we need to not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the most hard-hitting message we can take from Ezekiel comes from another reason that God gives for his destruction of Israel. There was no one to build up the spiritual walls that were being torn down around God's people.

*"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have returned their way upon their heads, declares the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 22:30-31)*

May I be that man to build up the wall and stand in the gap. May you be that man or woman.

That is what George Washington meant when he said:

*"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.*

*"In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness..."*

Our first president got it. It is not only our Christian duty, but our patriotic duty to stand firm on the Word of God.

**Jeremiah project  
update**



Jeremiah Andersen (23) began working with us part time on Monday, March 14. Jeremiah has begun working 3-4 hours daily with us as he also continues with his full-time night job in the greater Grand Rapids area.

Jeremiah has set up an office area right next to his long time friend and now ministry colleague, Chris Johnson.

It has been exciting to add to our staff two fine young men over the last 18 months.

In a day of increasing spiritual turmoil and societal complexity and confusion, it is a great blessing to see the passion and commitment of young men in service to Christ and to His glory and honor.

Please pray for both Jeremiah and Chris as they continue to take on increasing roles at American Decency Association.

Many have commented upon Chris' solid commentary on the multiple issues facing us today. Note his article on page 5.

Jeremiah brings significant giftedness and passion for godliness as well.

We believe that God has led Jeremiah to ADA. Through significant giving, Jeremiah is working with us part-time.

We are asking God to give us more individuals and families who would be able to increase their monthly/yearly support thus giving us the extra boost that will demonstrate God's continued hand in adding Jeremiah full-time to our staff.

Our staff extends their deep thanks and appreciation to each of you who have helped make this work possible and allows it to be able to continue!

**Long applauded for not selling  
Sports Illustrated Swimsuit,  
Meijer once again selling SI smut**



Meijer is a shopping center that many have come to appreciate over its many years of existence. It's customer service and personalization is better than many of its competitors. Many of you who have shopped Meijer have found that to be true.

In the early to mid nineties, ADA, while operating as AFA of Michigan, unleashed its largest boycott effort up to that time as Meijer was in the business of renting a large inventory of videos some of which included extreme profanity, partial nudity, and sexually violent themes.

After several years of faithful persistence in our efforts, Meijer withdrew from the video rental business.

Meijer years ago made the decision not to sell the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition. This was in sharp contrast to Walmart which did sell Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition.

Meijer's sensitivity to inappropriate magazines has also generally included their use of using blinders over the egregious Cosmopolitan.

On occasion when ADA has discerned that particular Meijer stores had gotten lax in using the Cosmopolitan blinders, an email or telephone call has been enough to generate a positive response from Meijer in word and action.

In recent months, however, Meijer has ignored expressions of concern regarding the use of Playboy logo deodorant.

Now Meijer has returned to selling Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition.

Meijer is a favorite shopping center of many in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

We strongly urge you to send in the enclosed post card and/or contact Meijer headquarters and locally where applicable.

# Glee: Not happy with abstinence

By Lisa VanHouten



With all the publicity surrounding the MTV show *Skins* and its explicit portrayal of teenage sex and drugs, the innocuously-titled *Glee* on FOX could easily be considered the far greater threat to the teens and preteens who make up the show's target audience. While the content of *Skins* is far more shocking, the danger with *Glee* is found within its huge popularity among young viewers and the subtle - and sometimes not so subtle - indoctrinating themes of the show.

An article in the Yale Herald, not a publication, one would think, known for its conservative viewpoints, stated this about *Glee*: *"This show does more for establishing stereotypes and ingraining them into our culture than perhaps any other show of our time. Instead of breaking down social norms, it does the exact opposite effect of that and quite possibly has gone about establishing new social stereotypes ..."*

And that is exactly the concern with the show *Glee*. With its massive following among young viewers, *Glee* is in the business of instilling values and forming stereotypes - just not the ones you may want your children to learn.

While FOX pushes hard for the advancement of homosexuality and lesbianism in *Glee*, one of the network's most popular shows, they apparently have a vendetta against high school students who choose to wait to have sex. The message throughout this latest episode of *Glee*, entitled "Sexy," ridicules the notion that any teen could or should wait to have sex. Not only does that message foster physical and emotional damage, it is flatly wrong. Actually, a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control stated that more teens and young adults nationwide are practicing abstinence. However, on *Glee*, virginity is a dirty word.

The "Sexy" episode of *Glee* opens with the calling to order of the high school's

"celibacy club," which consists of three members: a married teacher (who, has not slept with her new husband because, as she states, is "terrified" of sex); the ex-girlfriend of the character known best for sleeping around; and a girl who became pregnant last year and is now having sex with her current boyfriend. Later on, several other students join - a couple that was planning on making a sex tape until they realized that they could be prosecuted for child pornography, and two girls - one of whom decides in the process of the episode that she's a lesbian, and the girl she's in love with who is bisexual.

## **Indoctrinating Message of scene #1: Those promoting abstinence are prudes, whackos, or hypocrites.**

Of course, waiting to have sex until marriage is barely even mentioned. And the only time when celibacy is mentioned in good terms is when the teacher who leads the glee club tells the teacher who leads the celibacy club he'll help her make "celibacy a viable option for these kids," which is almost a step in the right direction until the guest star, Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays the substitute Health and Wellness teacher pipes up and says, "I don't know... Sounds pretty lame."

She goes on to patronizingly say chastity is a "valid option," but just unrealistic, stating: "It's like saying vegetarianism is an option for lions." In essence, the message is that teens are incapable of exhibiting any self-control or making a moral choice to abstain.

She suggests that the teachers "have to educate these kids!" The prudishly-portrayed celibate teacher replies, "I strongly disagree. I don't think that we should barrage these kids with graphic information. They're kids. I don't want to steal their innocence."

To which Gwyneth Paltrow's character, the "cool" teacher, replies, "Are you some kind of crazy Pope lady?"

## **Indoctrinating Message # 2: Only "religious freaks" would hold such a "ridiculous notion" that innocence is**

## **worth protecting and sex is meant for the boundaries of marriage.**

Another main story line of this episode, is the two girls who have boyfriends, but fool around together as well. By the end of the episode, one decides she's a lesbian and in love with the other girl. The other girl tells her she loves her too, and if she ever broke up with her boyfriend, her friend would be next on the list to date.

And while this "lifestyle" choice is depicted positively, the Health teacher tells a female student who is choosing abstinence, "I admire you - although I think you're naïve and possibly frigid..."

## **Indoctrinating Message # 3: LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender) are normal and acceptable choices - but abstinence before marriage isn't. Or, to put it more bluntly, perversion is good; purity is bad.**

Other lowlights of the episode are when Gwyneth Paltrow's character and the glee club members sing a version of Joan Jett's song "Do You Want to Touch Me" with a HIGHLY sexualized dance; a gay student's dad gives him "the talk" about how not to get his emotions hurt when he has sex with other guys; and the celibacy club sings the song "Afternoon Delight" thinking it's about a dessert, which seals their image as "idiots."

And then there is the condom and cucumber "safe sex" object lesson in class. Later Paltrow's character states: "There were some parent complaints. Apparently, my cucumber demonstration made it impossible to watch Veggie Tales the same way ever again. I personally thought it made watching that show hilarious!"

The most ironic portion of the episode occurred when the teacher who leads the glee club asked the health and wellness teacher on a date. She replies that he shouldn't date her because she's "damaged goods" because she's never had a relationship that's lasted for more than 36 hours.

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If only that were the moral of the story, but instead, it's quickly skimmed over and we see how much she has "helped" the students who have discovered themselves sexually as she spends the episode basically telling them that anything goes as long as they're "informed."

While *Glee* makes a point of ignoring the physical and emotional consequences of promiscuity, it instead becomes a catalyst to one of the worst social (and spiritual) problems of our day. Mike Huckabee was targeted recently for mentioning an unwed pregnant actress when he spoke of the problem of the many single mothers in our nation. He made the point that, while Natalie Portman can take care of herself, women who don't make movies for a living have to rely on the government to meet their needs. This is at tremendous cost to the taxpayer, plus it subsidizes irresponsible sex.

The solution that *Glee* puts forward is the all-powerful condom. However, as acclaimed abstinence speaker Pam Stenzel will tell you, condoms do NOT always prevent sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy – (and they certainly offer no emotional protection). Therefore, FOX is also responsible for the STDs and other consequences of teens who took *Glee* at its word and assumed they were protected when they used a condom.

*Glee* has no problem attacking traditional morality while championing perversion like homosexuality and promiscuity. Yet, of the millions of people watching network television Tuesday night, the largest block of them was watching *Glee*. *Glee* had 12 million viewers just in the 18-49 age demographic. I would guess that that includes quite a few people who would identify themselves as Christians.

And what about the preteen/teen audience? The Yale Herald article referenced earlier also states:

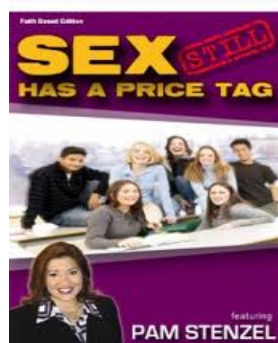
*"The main demographic for Glee is tween girls. A tween is anyone of the first wave*

*of conscious consumers, anywhere from preteen to young teenagers. This group subconsciously absorbs the show and applies it to their own understanding of morality. While not a psychologist, I believe that this group is particularly vulnerable and susceptible to social pressures."*

And *Glee* creator Ryan Murphy certainly gets that. He is blatantly targeting children with his propaganda. Last year when the band Kings of Leon refused to allow Ryan Murphy use one of their songs on *Glee*, Murphy ranted: "*F--- you, Kings of Leon. They're self-centered a-----s, and they missed the big picture. They missed that a seven-year-old kid can see someone close to their age singing a Kings of Leon song, which will maybe make them want to join a glee club or pick up a musical instrument."*

Actually, those 7 year olds are more apt to pick up the immorality of *Glee*. And each week as 7 to 77 year olds tune in, these viewers are absorbing those harmful messages of *Glee*. And those viewers of *Glee* who also claim the name of Christ should ask themselves how Philippians 4:8 or Ephesians 5:11 would apply to their choice of entertainment.

One step you can take to help combat the false messages of *Glee*. Order Pam Stenzel's powerful DVD "Sex Has a Price Tag" for your teens or the young people at your local church or school which gives them the Truth and the consequences regarding sexuality. (faith-based and public school versions available) Call us at 1-888-733-2326 to place your order.



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