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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

These objectives continue to be our goals.

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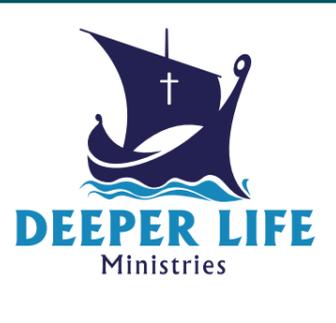
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Deeper Life Ministries' daily operations are funded by donations. *Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some upgrades. Additional contributions are needed for the larger projects. We can use funds, materials, or labor. For more information, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.*

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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

My Brother's Keeper

by Roger Schrock

“Am I my brother's keeper?” This is a question with many implications. Today's society is more connected than ever: we have hundreds of friends on Facebook, and thousands of followers on Instagram. But does this translate into closer relationships and better community? People in the virtual world don't know the real me, and it's very easy to present myself in the best possible light. To push back against shallow relationships based on faulty impressions, we need to keep church community relationships close and real.

We will look at two Biblical examples that shed light on the question, “Am I my brother's keeper?” Our first example is the tragic account of Cain killing Abel. How could it be that one generation removed from creation, one step away from parents who walked with God, we have sibling hatred that led to murder? God instructed Cain to resist the sin that he was facing (Gen. 4:6). He told him how to overcome sin and thus remain in right relationship with God. God warned Cain that sin was ready to pounce and overwhelm him. God was near and would help him. If he chose to let sin reign in his heart, it would master him. Instead of being open with God and his brother about his problem, he chose to do it alone. In Cain's mind, Abel was an enemy rather than an ally against sin. This led to the first murder in the history of man.

Goliath. Jonathan, a brave soldier, is the likely heir to his father's throne. What transpired that they shared this close relationship? Why wasn't Jonathan jealous of David? We actually observe Jonathan pleading David's case to his father, the king. Jonathan could simply have waited for his father to kill David, and then waited in line for the throne. Instead, Jonathan put his life on the line for David.



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Our second example is not of biological brothers, yet these two men had a closer relationship than many brothers do. 1 Samuel 18 records the story of the unlikely relationship of an anointed, future king and a prince. David, a young shepherd, rises out of obscurity, and becomes the hero when he defeats

So how do we answer the question, “Am I my brother's keeper?” These two examples have starkly different outcomes. In the first example, we have one brother who is jealous of the other.

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~ 2019 SEMINARS ~

April 19th - 21st • Family Life Seminar

Hosted by Moorefield Mennonite Church, Moorefield, ON

- TOPICS -

God's Design for Family - Ben Waldner • Teaching Moral Purity - Ben Waldner
Family Worship - Denver Yoder • Technology in the Home - Dave Snyder

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Please call (519) 570-6740 or Email: brknarr80@gmail.com by April 5th to register.

August 2nd - 4th • Single Ladies Seminar

Theme: Commissioned • Held at Deeper Life Ministries, Plain City, OH

October 5th • Faithful Women Seminar

Theme: Walking Alongside • Held at Deeper Life Ministries, Plain City, OH

November 9th • Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: Rebuilding • Held in Lancaster, PA

Financial Report

October – December 2018

Beginning Balance – 10/1/18

Operating Fund\$ - 32,059.09
 Fire Alarm Fund.....\$0.00
 Project Fund.....\$125,762.73

Balance Total\$93,703.64

INCOME

Bookstore\$14,699.84
 Donations\$34,879.50
 Offerings\$31,942.00
 Seminars\$8,872.01
 Rent.....\$1,495.00

OPERATING INCOME\$91,888.35

Gifts; Project Funds.....\$2,250.00

TOTAL INCOME\$94,138.35

EXPENSE

Bookstore\$9,494.82
 Food.....\$1,942.44
 Fire Protection\$776.45
 Insurance.....\$1,058.00
 Maintenance.....\$6,746.56
 Payroll.....\$40,323.11
 Printing & Mailing\$5,755.70
 Seminar\$4,850.44
 Supplies.....\$2,018.94
 Utilities\$8,752.47
 Vehicle\$1,664.67

OPERATING EXPENSE...\$83,383.60

Maintenance; Projects.....\$8,674.18

TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$92,057.78

MISC.....\$3,210.70

Ending Balance – 12/31/18

Operating Fund\$ - 20,434.64
 Project Fund\$119,338.55
Balance Total\$98,994.91

Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



Psalm 113 begins and ends with these words: "Praise ye the LORD." Although this is a relatively short Psalm, the theme of praise to the LORD is mentioned four times. If someone says something four times, it must be really important, and the hearers may be likely to forget it. As if repeated mention isn't enough, we're urged to praise the LORD "from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same" (v. 5). The Psalmist gives three reasons for praising the LORD. First, we should praise the LORD because He is exalted in honor, might, and authority beyond all nations, higher even than the heavens (vv. 4, 5). This calls for praise. Second, we should praise the LORD because He humbles Himself to help the poor and needy (vv. 6, 7). The distance from the highest heaven to earth is unfathomable. That the exalted One would reach down to the ash heap calls for praise. Finally, we should praise the LORD because He lifts the needy out of their predicament and exalts them (vv. 8, 9). From beggar to prince, from sterile to motherhood: now that's something for which to praise the LORD. 🙌

My Brother's Keeper Continued

Cain wanted acceptance from God, but he wanted it on his terms. This attitude led to wrong actions resulting in a life of loneliness and exile, banished from people, and fearful of community. Consider some of Cain's final recorded words, "It's too much ... I can't bear it ... If people find me they will kill me." In our second example, we don't have record that Jonathan and David ever saw each other after the farewell in 1 Samuel 20. However, in that farewell, there were tears, blessings, and promises made. There was sorrow, but they had peace with each other.

Which one of these examples shows true brotherhood?

From these examples we see that a proper relationship with God is essential to brotherhood. Struggles in relating to brothers often indicate a struggle with God's plan. Sin waits to overtake us. Bad attitudes toward God often result in harming those we fellowship with. Jealousy of what God is doing in someone else's life will result in resenting their successes, or worse, hating them. Jealousy was not an issue between Jonathan and David. Why not? First, Jonathan recognized that God was using David to fulfill His plan. Second, Jonathan rejoiced that God delegated him a role in the kingdom. In Galatians 5:5 we learn that tearing down a brother only leads to our own demise. So, the next time you face the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" evaluate your relationship with God and your relationship with your brothers. Seek God's vision for the Kingdom, fulfill your role, and rejoice that He called you to be part of His plan. 🙌

True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

Available from our bookstore now! Order at www.dlmohio.org or call Deeper Life Bookstore 8AM - 5PM, Mon. - Fri. at 614-873-1199

*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.75 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax. Shipping to Canada as quoted.

GOD, OUR CHILDREN, AND THE FACTS OF LIFE

Steve & Sandra Ebersole | Paperback, 87 pages, \$6.49

We know we should teach our children about their God-given sexuality, yet the thought of doing so may make us uncomfortable. Discreetly written, this short book offers an encouraging, practical perspective on sensitive issues. As parents of fourteen children, Steve and Sandra Ebersole give guidance for those important conversations with sons and daughters.

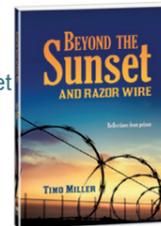


BEYOND THE SUNSET AND RAZOR WIRE

Reflections from Prison

Timo Miller | Paperback, 87 pages, \$6.49

Timo Miller was kidnapped in broad daylight on a street in his hometown in Nicaragua, deported to the United States, and imprisoned for nearly eight months. His crime? Being a Good Samaritan in a situation where man's laws opposed God's laws. Separation from family and church was painful, but Timo discovered that God was with him. These meditations from prison encourage us that a person who knows Christ can be free in spirit even when he is surrounded by razor wire.

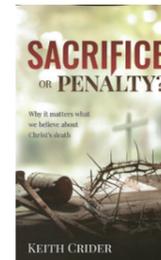


SACRIFICE OR PENALTY

Why it matters what we believe about Christ's death

Keith Crider | Softcover, 114 pages, \$6.49

This in-depth study of the Scriptures exposes some of the false ideas about salvation permeating churches today. It explores the implications of misunderstanding how Christ's death brings us forgiveness, and calls us back to a simple New Testament understanding of atonement through Christ's sacrifice.



NO MISTAKES

Phyllis Miller | Paperback, 211 pages, \$8.99

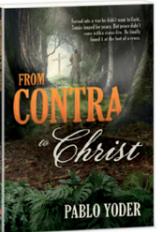
Lurking below Phyllis Miller's apparent good health, odd and sinister symptoms began to invade her daily life and hamper her ability to teach school, enjoy youth mission trips, and pursue her childhood dreams of serving God. Eventually, unexplainable pain in nearly every part of her body sapped her energy, forcing her to give up her dreams one by one. As Phyllis sought help from doctor after doctor, she found herself submitting repeatedly to the reality that God was withholding physical healing even as He polished her character and revealed Himself as her ever-present refuge and strength.



FROM CONTRA TO CHRIST

Pablo Yoder | Paperback, 195 pages, \$9.99

Despite having a conscience against killing, Tomas was forced to join the Contra rebels in Nicaragua and was swept into a maelstrom of fear and battle, hunger and loneliness, and grief for fallen comrades. When it was over, Tomas drifted far from God, failing to keep promises he had made during moments of wartime terror. He became enslaved to drink, which nearly destroyed his home and wrecked his life. Then visitors arrived in Waslala, bringing the Gospel of peace. Little by little, their words and prayers began to affect Tomas's cold heart. At the foot of the cross, he found forgiveness and true peace. This is his story.



HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED SEMINAR

CD's Complete set- \$48.95, Individual CD \$4.95

1. God, His Will, and You –Ben Waldner
2. Fear, Worry, and Anxiety –Denver Yoder
3. Self Worth, Self Esteem, Self _____? –Ben Waldner
4. Forgiveness –Tim Weaver
5. The Call to Discipleship –Dave Snyder
6. The Role of Scripture in Discipleship –Tim Weaver
7. Key Elements of Discipling, Session 1 –Bryan Fleagle
8. Key Elements of Discipling, Session 2 –Bryan Fleagle
9. Case Study Discussion –Tim Weaver
10. Discerning the Spirits –Dave Snyder
11. Theories of Helping People –Phil Helmuth
12. Practices in Helping People –Phil Helmuth
13. Lessons from the Ministry of Christ –Denver Yoder

Pocket seminar books will be available in a few months (excluding the Case Study Discussion). They may be purchased at \$4.49 each or the set of 12 books for \$48.49

2018 FAITHFUL WOMEN SEMINAR POCKET SEMINAR BOOKLETS Various Speakers

Set of four - \$16.49, Individual booklets - \$4.49

1. When Dreams Come True – Corleen Bean
2. As Reality Dawns – Carolyn Weber
3. When Dreams are Shattered – Amy Hershberger
4. As Twilight Approaches – Mary Ann Brechbill



Ontario PR Trip Itinerary September 26-29, 2019

FRIDAY 9/27/19 – TBD

SATURDAY 9/28/19 – TBD

SUNDAY AM 9/29/19 – TBD

SUNDAY PM 9/29/19

Countryside Mennonite Fellowship, Hawkesville, ON

Prayer Requests

- Funds for operating costs.
- Another Single Ladies Counselor.
- Chelsea as she learns the role of a secretary.
- Wisdom for the counselors in handling the many requests for help.
- Discernment and perseverance for counselors in relating with struggling people.
- Tom & Diana: "Growth as a part of the team, develop skill in doing our jobs, and promoting the vision of DLM. Also, that we would be able to wisely produce the Pocket Seminars in a form useful to those who will read them."

~ Welcome New Staff ~

Tom & Diana Johnson

Program & Pocket Seminar Series Development

Ruth Raber

Domestics

Chelsea Miller

Secretary

~ Farewell ~

Debbie Shrock

Secretary

Served at DLM for 2 years.

Thank you for your faithful service!

2018 Project Updates

Installation of Windows / Doors Completed
Carpenters needed to install trim.

6015 House Renovations
Volunteers needed to remodel bathrooms.