

Wisdom From The Bible Projects Wealth Of Knowledge In New Book

In the 1970s and 1980s, a plethora of religious self-help books came out promising health, wealth and happiness by following a simple set of principles derived from the Bible.

Healing Wisdom from the Bible, a new book by James Gibson, at first glance seems to follow a well-worn path offering biblical passages followed by advice on topics ranging from sex to careers.

But similarities with works promoting the health-and-wealth gospel end with the flower-and-quilt design of the front cover. The book, like the Bible itself, does not gloss over the harsh realities of life.

While other self-help books focus unrelentingly on self-esteem, Gibson's book asks people to also look at the demons within themselves. An alcoholic who denies his problem is confronted with Pilate's washing his hands of the innocent blood of Jesus, while a man looking to save his job by blaming someone else is asked to listen to Matthew's harsh teaching that it is better to pluck out an eye that causes you to sin "than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire."

"The easy way out of Christianity a lot of people desperately wish for and need—who doesn't—is a ruse," Gibson said in a recent interview. "Life isn't like that."

Gibson, an assistant professor in the intellectual heritage program at Temple University, is a founding member of the Mimesis Institute, a center for integrating religion, art and healing in Yardley, Pa.

One of the things that separates the Bible from other forms of literature is its ability to be relevant to the lives of individuals for thousands of years over different cultures and epochs, Gibson said.

"What makes the Bible so absolutely wonderful is it is a repository of stories that have survived,"

Gibson said. "I don't think 2,000 years from now, we're going to be reading about 'Magnum, P.I.' We've already forgot it."

Gibson admits it is difficult to take a frank look at the Bible, a book filled with accounts of the slaughter of innocents and great

sacrifices made for love even amid evil.

"When you read the Bible, it's sometimes disconcerting: Life can be brutal," Gibson said. "Jesus prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane and He didn't get an answer."

But it is in confronting the darker side of life and human nature that one is able to understand and come to terms with pain, suffering and anxiety, according to Gibson.

"When you start to grow, then you start to heal," Gibson said.

FOCUS ON WAKE FOREST

BY ELIZABETH ARCHER

A CELEBRATION, AND MEN OF DISTINCTION

The beautiful sounds of LeMonte Mitchell's voice singing "There's no break, ain't no end, jes' a-goin' on; wide awake with a smile," this time was unheard in song, but rather with a different pitch, as he and 15 other "Men of Distinction" hawked their wares in the form of dinners, on the grounds of the Southgate Mall, and in the shadow of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, where I'd gone on my weekly visit to do business and to give the charming young ladies there a copy of The CAROLINIAN.

The location is Rock Quarry Road and Cross Link Road. Seeing the tent and smelling the cooked food wafting over the area of the bank's parking lot, my physical craving for food was heightened to the point that I simply walked across the grounds and stood waiting with a noontime crowd, and was finally handed a prepared plate of food, of which the crisp fried fish was fit for a king.

But one thing I learned too late. I should have eaten it in my car alone, but instead, I foolishly took my plate inside, as I visited relatives a short distance away, and had to share it with my brother, whom I urged to go out to the site and buy another for himself. At least I tried, men. If you didn't see a short, little, fat fellow out there, it isn't my fault, okay? Or maybe you had a lot of little fat fellows come out. If you did, one of them must have been my brother, Burnice Hayes.

Guess what, though? I was indeed disappointed when one Mr. LeMonte Mitchell told me that he is president of the "Men of Distinction" and that our own James Giles, whom they call Jimmy, is one of them, and he (Mitchell) had not read what I'd written about him in The CAROLINIAN, of which Giles is a vital part. And Giles had not sold at least "the president" and part of the 15 others a subscription to a really great black publication. Allow me to ask you a question, men: How can you consider yourselves distinct, if you don't take time to read the paper? Did you at least know that one of your number, Jimmy Giles, is an eminent sportswriter?

Not only is he a "sports writer," he is also a hard worker, who could very well be called "a boy Friday" around The CAROLINIAN's office.

It was early last year that I got to meet another of your members, Charles Peppers, while he stopped to have lunch at "Ann's Place" on United States 1 in Franklinton. Peppers told me that occasionally, Giles would bring a CAROLINIAN to a meeting of club members to which they both belonged. Peppers, by the way, was shocked to hear that our mutual eating place is now sporting a "For Rent" sign, which was placed there on that very day of their plate selling. One needs to live in Franklin County to know the full printed details, that were in our local paper.

The same fate happened to Carol's Grocery in Bunn. The two places that were a paper drop-off for me, Peppers, as it turned out, is a relative to my friends and

weekly customers in Wake Forest, Fred and Pearl Peppers, who live next door to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Mitchell, who are relatives to club president LeMonte Mitchell.

Having a fundraiser by selling candy bars for their community club the same day, Peppers told me that they were gathering in Raleigh that weekend for a family reunion. To all of you Peppers, keep things hot, for the country folk, and city dwellers of whom I am finding more and more that Raleigh and Wake Forest are in-bred.

The officers of the "Men of Distinction" are as follows: president, LeMonte Mitchell; vice president, Golden Umphrey; secretary, James Jones and Eugene Jones. Others are Nord Jones, Willard Daughty, Charles Peppers, Carl Horton, Carl Jones, Levi Burt, Harold Miller, Sam Jones, Richard Evans, James Giles, and Cardell Lewis.

If that ain't right, men, blame your president. I'll make a bargain with you, okay? If at least five of the 16 of you will subscribe to The CAROLINIAN, in Elizabeth Archer's name, I'll come all the way over to Raleigh to your next event, and instead of attempting to rouse you to start reading the paper, I'll write only the pretty things that you do such as specialize in working with the elderly, and about your sending money to the Hamlet crisis, okay?

By the way, how many Joneses can one community group have?

The following is a message that the daughter of one of my favorite Wake Forestites wrote about her mother, Ms. Beulah Boone.

Mother's Day weekend was a tremendous experience for Ms. Beulah Boone, who turned 84 years old on Friday May 8. Her youngest daughter and granddaughter, Aulia Markland and Rhoda Markland, arrived on Thursday at noon to celebrate the wonderful occasion with us. She carried Mother to Your House Restaurant, Raleigh, for a birthday breakfast. It was truly fabulous. All of us enjoyed the celebration.

On Saturday, Rhonda Markland drove her mother, Julia, and aunt, Bessie Shaw, to Fayetteville to Cumberland County Arena, where her cousin, Classie Yvette Shaw, Aunt Bessie's daughter, was graduating from Fayetteville State University. It was a beautiful affair and after the reception, we carried the graduate out to lunch and later, visited her new apartment. It was a second proud event.

Now Mother's Day was really special. Mom, Ms. Beulah Boone, received flowers from Ms. Julia Markland's family for her birthday, and again for Mother's Day. She received so many cards and gifts that none of the celebration lost its charm and excitement. There were numerous phone calls also. Then we dressed and visited our church services at Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Ms. Julia Markland and her daughter Rhonda left early Monday morning and arrived home (Brooklyn, N.Y.) at 11:30 p.m. the same day. We truly enjoyed their visit.



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A MARRIAGE REQUIRES A LOT OF PREPARATION TO SUCCEED

The day you both say, "I do," is not really the beginning of your marriage, but it should be the culmination of a lot of preparation and discussion of the issues that are likely to become points of contention after the ceremony. These can include a wide range of topics, such as how many children, money matters, working wives, religion, division of household chores, recreational activities and a host of other things. All of these should be ironed out beforehand, so that the only surprises that await you newlyweds will be pleasant ones. However, if some problems do arise, go to your House of Worship, which you should do in any case, and talk to your clergyman about them. After all, he performed your marriage; perhaps he can help you save it.

A marriage without conflicts is almost as inconceivable as a nation without crises.
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TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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CHRIST IN US

It has been well said that if there is anything good in any man it is because it was put there by God. And something good—a new nature—has been imparted by God to every true believer.

While there is still within us "that which is begotten of the flesh", there is also "that which is begotten of the Spirit", and just as the one "cannot please God", so the other always pleases Him.

Adam was originally created in the image and likeness of God, but he fell into sin and later "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image" (Gen. 5:3). It could not be otherwise. Fallen Adam could generate and beget only fallen, sinful offspring, whom even the law could not change. But "what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin," accomplished, "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk

not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:3,4).

As Adam was made in the likeness of God, but fell, so Christ was made in the likeness of sinful flesh—though without sin—to redeem us from the fall, that by grace, through the operation of the Spirit, a new creation might be brought into being, a "new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

Thus in addition to our fallen Adamic nature true believers, through faith, have also become "partakers of the divine nature" (II Pet. 1:4). This is the "inner man" of which Paul speaks in Ephesians 3:16, and this "inner man" delights to do God's will (Rom. 7:22).

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...Ye MUST be born again" (John 3:6,7).