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Self-help books can be trouble

You may remember the story about the husband who had read one of those self-help books called “How to be a Real Man.” After finishing the book, he stormed into the kitchen, pointed his finger in his wife’s face and said: “From now on, you’d better realize I’m the man of the house and my word is law. I want you to cook three meals a day for me, complete with dessert. When I finish my supper, I want you to prepare me a bath so I can relax. And, when I’m finished with my bath, who do you think is going to dress me and comb my hair?”

His wife replied: “The funeral director would be my guess.”

That husband learned that some of those self-help books can land a fellow in big trouble.

There’s one book we can always count on to point us the right direction. That’s the Bible. It’s the best-selling book of all time with billions of copies in circulation.

Within the Bible is the book of Proverbs, which is an amazing compilation of truths to guide us in our

daily lives.

You may have heard that the late evangelist Billy Graham made a habit of reading a chapter of Proverbs every day, along with other scriptures from the Old and New Testaments. He wanted the wisdom of Proverbs to lodge in his heart and mind.

King Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, had asked God for wisdom. God answered that prayer in abundance, and Solomon shared his wisdom in the book of Proverbs so that others could benefit.

Some of the greatest scriptures in the Bible are found there, covering just about every issue or situation you might encounter in life.

I love the verses from Proverbs 2:10-11 that says, “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.”

Perhaps you remember those



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School House Rock TV spots that declared: “It’s great to learn, because knowledge is power.” Solomon was essentially saying that very thing long, long ago. When we have knowledge and the wisdom to use it, we can deal with whatever life throws at us.

When Solomon said wisdom, knowledge and understanding “shall preserve thee” and “keep thee,” he’s saying they allow us to make decisions that can save our lives or someone else’s.

Newspapers routinely publish articles about people who learned CPR or the Heimlich maneuver and saved lives because they knew exactly what to when someone collapsed or choked.

So, Solomon was absolutely right: Knowledge is power. But unlike that husband who pointed his finger in his wife’s face, we need to make sure we’re getting that knowledge from the right book.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Berea Baptist Church



Sunday
9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday
6 p.m.

310 Chestnut Street A, Berea, Ky. 40403
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Pharmacy: Berea Drug, U.S. 25 N. Phone: 986-4521

INDICTMENTS

Madison Circuit Court Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jonathan Lewis: public intoxication, controlled substance, 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (buprenorphine – schedule III-controlled substance); 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam, schedule IV-controlled substance); persistent felony offender I
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Collins: 2nd degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts); persistent felony offender I
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sarah Thomas: possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shyler Merida: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin); tampering with physical evidence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Vice: kidnapping; 4th degree assault; 1st degree persistent felony offender; 2nd degree criminal mischief

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jeffrey Nester: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (tramadol); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Melissa Putteet: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Victor Dezah: 1st degree strangulation; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jacob Weaver: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine); operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st degree; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of open alcohol container in motor vehicle; careless driving; failure to wear seatbelts
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Rodney Dean Hunt: 1st degree wanton endangerment (2 counts); 1st degree assault; attempted murder; 2nd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Wyatt Kelley: 1st degree criminal mischief (2 counts); 4th degree assault (2 counts); 3rd degree terroristic threatening

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Christopher Pennington: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (ketamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shawn Lear: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lewis Barnett: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sheila Patterson: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ugo Esponzoza Cruz: 1st degree rape; incest; 1st degree sexual abuse (2 counts); distribution of obscene material to a minor

Misdemeanor Indictments

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Walters: possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (gabapentin)

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Regular Inspections with no follow up due		Score
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M.C. Freshman Academy Cafeteria	705 N. Second Street, Richmond	100%
El Macho	Mobile Unit	96%
Towneplace Suites Food	2018 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	100%
Long John Silvers	200 Brenwood Dr., Berea	100%
Seabury Center Concessions	Berea College	100%
The Juicy Burger	Mobile Unit	100%
Donut NV	Mobile Unit	100%
Caudill Middle School Cafeteria	1428 Robert R. Martin Bypass, Richmond	100%
Glenn Marshall Cafeteria	1442 Robert R. Martin Bypass, Richmond	100%
Starbucks	102 Jane Street, Berea	97%
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Outback Steakhouse	400 Highland Park Dr., Richmond	99%
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Richmond Raceway Concessions	328 Green’s Crossing, Richmond	100%
White Hall Elementary Cafeteria	2166 Lexington Road, Richmond	100%
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