



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Misguided Individuals

Sometimes Misuse Religion
Sarah (not her real name) came to the abuse shelter because her husband had beaten her. This was not the first time this had happened. Sarah was a Christian and very confused about what God would have her do in this situation. "My pastor told me that I should give him another chance," Sarah told me. "But I don't want to! If I don't, am I going against God?"

Sarah is one of many battered women who have run into a brick wall when trying to discern what God would have them do. "After I left him, John (not his real name) has started going to church," she added. "Last Sunday he got saved, and I hear he is getting counseling with the pastor now. My mother told me he bought a new Bible and carries it with him everywhere."

Batterers will use any means possible, even religion, to convince the spouse to come home. Many abusers have gotten saved or rededicated their lives or confessed sin in front of the church the first week their wives moved to an abuse shelter.

Christians and even pastors are sometimes fooled by this display of religion. How could they not believe a man who stands in front of the church weeping and confessing to abusing his wife? They see this as an indication the batterer has changed and implore the wife to "give him another chance."

Most of the time these people do not know the history of the relationship. They do not realize that the victim has kept the abuse secret, hidden from the public. She has covered her bruises and her emotional hurts so well that no one knows what she has endured. They do not know that she has already given him a second chance "at least a hundred times." They do not know that she has heard these same promises over and over again, only to have them broken every time.

Immediately after an abusive incident, the abusive relationship often goes through a "honeymoon stage." In the honeymoon stage the abuser will say he is sorry and make promises she cannot keep. He may bring home flowers and candy. If she has left him, he will write her letters or

try to find her. He may promise to stop drinking, to see a counselor or never to hit her again. Most victims of abuse have heard these promises many times before.

If the victim believes the promises and returns home, the honeymoon stage will last for a little while. Gradually, though, the abuser reneges on his promises. He stops going to church and refuses to see a counselor. He begins to show more and more anger, and soon he abuses her again. Then comes another honeymoon stage and the cycle continues. Many abuse victims have reported that cycle literally hundreds of times.

Batterers are often good cool men and can make a person believe the

sky is red. They seem so sincere when they make their promises. Perhaps they are sincere, but the real question is: do they have the ability to keep their promises? Most do not. For those who believe the abuser's words, women should always stay with her abuser and try to "work it out." I have a question: do you really think that God wants a woman to continue to be abused and to raise her children in the midst of that abuse?

I lead an ongoing support group for victims of domestic violence. The group is sponsored by Bethany House Abuse Shelter and there is no charge. Please call Bethany House for more information at 679-8852 or 1-800-755-2017. Group membership is confidential.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Burley Tobacco Lease Date

April 2nd is the first date producers shall execute a lease for the 2001 quotas. Leasing will end on July 1, 2001. Any producer wishing to post their name to the Tobacco Lease for Lease Out Listing may do so now. You do not need to wait until April 2nd. If you are unable to come to the office, you may notify the office staff to post the listing by calling 606-256-2525.

Burley Tobacco Acreage Reports

New legislation requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to report acreage planted to burley, including zero acres.

Farms with an effective burley quota that will not plant burley or lease quotas from the farm MUST report a zero acreage for burley tobacco, or the farm will be subject to quotas forfeiture for the applicable burley marketing quotas next established for the farm, unless the State Committee and the County Committee determine that the reduction is not applicable.

Grained 2001 Wheat, Barley, Oats (Graze-Out)

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000 and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000 provides for Graze-OUT payments instead of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), for the 2001 crop year only, to eligible producers who elect to use

acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats, for the grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the 2001 year.

Graze-OUT is available to producers who are otherwise eligible for marketing assistance loans and LDPs according to regulations to W-LP, graze 2001 crop acreage planted to wheat, barley or oats; do not harvest the same crop on the same acreage.

Applications for GRAZE-OUT begin on the first day of mechanical harvest, May 14th, as determined by COC and ends on August 31, 2001. Producers may file an application for GRAZE-OUT anytime during this application period.

Regulations for GRAZE-OUT are available on the PSD home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd>. USDA Announces Programs for Apple Growers

USDA can now begin payments to eligible producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats to graze livestock and give up any other harvesting. The payment will be determined using the loan deficiency payment rate in effect as of the date of the agreement.

The new deadline date for filing WAMLAP applications is extended to May 3, 2001. The WAMLAP II sign-up period provides extended time for producers who produced and sheared wool and mohair during the 2000 marketing year to sign applications for payment.

USDA announced that payments

of more than \$1.1 billion is now available under USDA's Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000 year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their application.

Signups for the CDP began on January 18, 2001 and the deadline to file an application will be announced later.

Burley Tobacco Designation Announced

Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Kentucky Farm Service Agency, has announced that Burley tobacco farmers will be required to report to FSA the pounds and specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer where they intend to market their tobacco this season. The initial designation period will begin June 1, 2001 and end on August 1, 2001. Farmers will be allowed to re-designate pounds and sale locations at various times throughout the marketing season.

The Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture, recommended on June 14, 2000, that a method be developed that would enable a better allocation of tobacco graders and warehouses sales opportunity. Warehouse designation has been in place for Flue-Cured tobacco for several years.

FSA is making this change in the tobacco program in response to a request from Burley tobacco growers and the industry," Hall said. Begin-

ning with the 2001 marketing year all Burley tobacco marketing cards will be issued for the specific pounds and selling location designated by the farmer. Only those pounds designated on the marketing card to a specific buying location may be presented for sale at that location," Hall said.

Farmers selling at traditional auction warehouses will receive a marketing card similar to cards they have used in recent years. These cards will indicate the producer's designated warehouse. Marketing cards for producers selling at non-auction sites will be issued by thermal bar coded card. These cards will indicate the designated buyer.

For additional information contact your local FSA County Office.

Dates to Remember

• CDP (Crop Disaster Program) began January 18th.

• Crop Reporting: Small Grains (WHEAT) by May 31st.

• Tobacco Leasing: April 2nd through July 1st.

• Crop Reporting: required for ALL burley tobacco farms by July 1st.

• Enrolling CAB's released from CRP: April 2, 2001 for CRP-1's that expired in FY2000.

• Enrolling farm into FPC after reconstitution: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.

• Requesting farm constitution: June 1, 2001.

• Designating payment shares on FPC and meeting signature requirements: August 1, 2001.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

In 2 Cor 2:17 we read, "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God, but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." Paul speaks about those who corrupt the word. The word corrupt means according to Mr. Strong's dictionary, "from kapelos (a huckster), to retail, i.e. (by implication) to adulterate." Yes, they had their religious hucksters who were peddling religious error, like a huckster who peddles "genuine Rudez watches for the low price of \$19.95." They are not true bonafide Rudez watches, are more than the religious hucksters who peddle their erroneous ideas in the true gospel of Christ. Paul alerted the brethren in Gal 1:6-8, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have received unto you, let him be accursed." Next time we shall look at some of the perverted doctrines of men who adulterate the word of God, religious hucksters.

Providence church of Christ

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