

# Crimson & White Connection

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## Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 50% of the mailing list is students, middle and high school and college, and 25% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 25% since, well, they're old. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

Our goal is mail in your mail box about 15 times a year. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk. We also distribute a daily email devotional.

Another part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for those on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. -- If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

**If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.**

**You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.**

**John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!**

I feel like all I'm doing is making excuses for not getting the C&WC in your mailboxes.

Have you tried moving to Windows Vista? First it was move the files. That wasn't TOO big a deal. I bought a 160G portable drive, a "super flash drive," and copied and copied again. - Software. Most of it reinstalled without a big problem. Some didn't. Most I can deal without. But what I use to publish the C&WC has been a real problem. ... AAARRRRGGGHHH!!! .... I finally reverted WAY BACK to old software on my old computer and WILL get this put together. - - Pray for the C&WC computers and software, seriously.

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## Apologetics

by Rich Dymmel, Ed.D.

We took a group to the National Conference on Christian Apologetics last weekend. This week I got a letter from someone and they didn't understand what "apologetics" was. I wrote them with an explanation. Maybe you're confused, too. Let me give you the explanation I gave them.

Apologetics. It's defending what you believe. It's having a knowledge base for your faith. 1 Peter 3:15 says, here's 7 translations; they say the same thing in slightly different words (sometimes just a slightly different word bring out just a bit more emphasis. Young's Literal Translation (YLT) is supposed to be an accurate word-for-word translation. The Message is Peterson's paraphrase, often interesting emphasis in current vernacular English. The New KJV is the KJV slightly updated. The New Century Version, the New Living Translation, and the Contemporary English Version are all attempts to translate into ~1990-2000 American English. Remember, the KJV was a translation into contemporary, at that time, 1611, English English.)

**YLT:**

<sup>15</sup>and the Lord God sanctify in your hearts.


And *be* ready always for defence to every one who is asking of you an account concerning the hope that *is* in you, with meekness and fear;

**TMSG:**

<sup>15</sup>Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.

**NKJV:**

<sup>15</sup>But sanctify \*the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the

 **From the mailbox** (Letters may be slightly edited. We also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too. *Rich*

We've had some decent rain the last couple days. And then now it's breezy. The leaves are falling by the millions in our yard. When we sat at breakfast and watched out the window it was almost like it was "raining leaves." "Clunk." another branch came off the giant, 100' tall oak shading the front of the house onto the roof. I'm sure it is littered with oak twigs. The lawn, which was clear of leaves on Wed reminds me of the piece from Robert Fulghum, I think it is in *All I Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. He writes how 'his neighbor rakes up all his leaves but he leaves them on his lawn. His yard has this beautiful carpet of red and yellow and orange and brown.' Our yard is carpeted with color today.

## It's hard to stumble when you are down on your knees God answers knee- mail

"I make it a rule never to go  
to a place where there is not room  
for my Master as well as myself."

A true friend  
warms you with their presence,  
trusts you with their secrets,  
and remembers you in their prayers.

An atheist is a man with no  
invisible means of support

hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

**NCV:**

<sup>15</sup>But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have,

**KJV:**

<sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

**NLT:**

<sup>15</sup>Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

**CEV:**

<sup>15</sup>Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.

So. Apologetics is about explaining or defending your faith. There were speakers there on the historical accuracy of the Bible. On defending creation and intelligent design vs. evolution. Others spoke on what we are doing or not doing to pass the Christian life on to the next generation - depending on which research study, from 70 to 95% of teenagers in church, between the ages of 18 and 23 will leave the church and later only as few as 10 to 20% are ever returning. They aren't seeing the relevance to life; they don't know why it can be accepted and defended as truth.

*On Christ, Rich*

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Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? If not, and you want that, call me at 336-674-7564. - With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

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## If you're passionate about Jesus everything else will be right.

## From my sermon (and other stuff) notebook...

5 words describe how the stars were created and 2 of those were supplied by the translators. 50 chapters describe the creating of the Tabernacle, a tent. - God is more interested in meeting you and me and how to provide salvation.

“A new heaven and a new earth.” Just a couple statements at the end of the book. - What?! How?! - Never said. But God told us how to get there.

Birds and fish and whales migrate 2200 miles from Hawaii to Aleutian Islands in the Spring. (I know people who can't find their way home in the dark or get around town. Heck, even I get lost without a map. I had kids ask, “Which interstate would get me to California?” “There's a pattern. Odd numbers go North and South, even numbers go East and West.” “So should I take 85 or 40 to get to California?!” he asked again.

Moses wrote that the Sun was bigger and the moon was smaller - not what it “appears” to be

Salvation is free... but not until you ask for it.

Holiness is not the way to God. God is the way to holiness. - The will of God is not something you learn to do, it's something you *get* to do. When you learn to be obedient you'll get the joy of living His way.

-- Adrian Rogers

When the disciples were in the storm on the Sea of Galilee... even when you can't see God, He can see you. Jesus was up on the mountain overlooking the Sea. He saw them. He came to their rescue... walking on the water.

When you love Jesus, you don't care how they get there, just so they get to come and meet Jesus.

-- Irwin Lutzer, Moody Church, 5/27/08

If you give the Devil an inch, he'll be a ruler.

Jesus gives and forgives. Others take and forget.

## *When you feel like you're sinking, God will keep you afloat. Take the plunge with Jesus.*

- This goes with the Stephen Curtis Chapman song, “I'm jumping in, I'm going deep...”

If not now, when?

If not you, who?

Strive for a level of excellence - not perfection - We're a work in progress.

Christ-like-ness can only be lived through the power of God.

2 Thes. 1:12 - Our purpose is to worship God, to glorify God.

People want to see how Jesus works and changes lives.

Be more concerned about them than they are about themselves - so they will want what we have, Jesus.

“I want to change”

(1) Changing the environment doesn't necessarily change the person. The problem isn't *around* us, it is *in* us. Gen 1:31, Luke 15:11-19

(2) Change by digging up the past.

Jesus makes us a “new creation.” (No PAST.)

(3) Change through self-discovery

Maslow and Rogers say we are controlled by our choices. Too many believers think they have the power to change themselves. - Let God change you!

Rom 8:6-8 Human choices, human values, or God loves me, not based on my worth. Rom 12:13, John 3:16

(4) Faulty thinking #4 - Legalism - Rules - They don't change the heart. Matt 15:18-20 ... out of the heart...

\*\* To change, change the way you think. Paul in Rom 12:1-2 change your mind. - Sin happens long before the action.

## Relationships, Love, and ... HAS character, or IS a character?

Part of a series.

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**STUPID** - The ultimate stupidity is withholding from yourself the respect you deserve. ... **To refuse to learn anything that could prove beneficial to yourself is a working definition of STUPID.** (From *Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives*) **Smart people** always look and listen for advice from good friends and authorities. Notice the emphasis on "good." But the Bible doesn't give any advice on dating, does it? I mean dating was not the practiced then. There were arranged marriages.

Really. You probably would not have even met or seen your wife or husband before the wedding!! You probably didn't get much input into the selection process. I mean they did arranged marriages and the veil thing in that culture. And kissing and all that on a date at the local camel races? Never happen! And sex!?!?! Well, that was a capital offense even if she didn't get pregnant. And her father and brothers would execute BOTH of you without even a trial!!! - It still happens *today* in some of those countries that way. - In Song of Solomon, a pretty sexy book in the Bible, he pursues the Solomite woman. (I'm currently reading *A Marriage After God's Own Heart*, David Clark, ISBN: 1-57673-755-1, and as a marriage counselor he thinks it is a book about love and marriage and sex and not an allegory about Israel and God. The people who say that are afraid to talk about sex according to Clark.) What intrigued Solomon? In Hammond's book *The Secrets of an Irresistible Woman* she reveals what would attract the most powerful and wealthy man in the world. (For President Clinton it only required that they would have sex, by one of any definition.) Why did he pursue and desire her? It was *not* that she was a willing sex partner. Her brothers ask her, "Are you a gate or a wall?" (Do you let men in or keep them out - they're talking about having sex.) "If she are a gate then we will build panels of cedar around her." (Song of Solomon 8:8-9) Translated - if you're having sex, we will build a coffin - of cedar panels - around you and bury you. - These guys were serious about sex. She had to have *other* qualities to attract Solomon.

Well the Bible doesn't say much about dating, but it has a lot to say about relationships and marriage and character. Let's see if we can sort this out.

Character - That's one thing that the Bible does talk about. What about the people you are dating, will date, or have a 'serious relationship with', or are even just friends with? Friends influence you. Are you picking your friends and dates by looking for people "with character" or are you running around with "characters"?

Everybody has character traits. Some good. Some bad. And nobody's perfect. There was only one perfect man - and he made enough people so angry that they killed him! Good people can really irritate your conscience if you're not doing what's right.

Have you taken the time to look at the character, and the time to learn about the character of the people or person you're dating? This person could be the person you marry! Will you be stuck with for life - or get divorced from and fight over custody with - someone who thinks nothing of lying, is deceitful by hiding life information from their parents, has a casual attitude toward marriage vows and fidelity and purity, is suspicious of how you spend your time when away from them (not trusting nor trustworthy)?

I had lunch with someone recently who told me they have tried to tell their friend that the guy she's dating is a rat. He slept with his old gf recently (he's not loyal); he's tried to hit on and sleep with her other

friends (sleeps around); probably means she's sleeping with him since he's demonstrated that what he seeks out exposing himself to all kinds of possible consequences (STDs, pregnancy, emotional ... - love is supposed to protect and value) and she won't accept that she could do sooo much better. He's her first real bf. She hasn't learned what is out there to choose from, - that she can do better, is worth more, and there are better guys out there. He's the first guy who's paid much attention to her and she's been "suckered" to accept the trade off of getting attention for her worth, sex, being put at risk, ..., etc.

On a teen bulletin board a couple years ago I found a posting by a girl who had thought about what she'd like in a boyfriend. She had 114 characteristics listed of the ideal boyfriend. They ranged from "#1 Must always respect me" to "#105 Doesn't have weird posters in his room." Others included "Has morals, Cares about his family, Talks to my parents, Has to be trustworthy, Is well-educated, Is romantic, Doesn't worship Satan," - and 100 more - you get the idea?

On a piece of paper put this heading: "**Dating, Mating, and Character.**" Then draw a line down the middle. At the top of the left column write: "**Desirable Character Traits:**" and at the top of the right column write: "**Things to watch and to watch out for:**" Now think - "In picking someone I would want to spend the next 2, 25, or 50 years, the rest of my life with, what should I look for and what should I avoid?" If you pick wisely and carefully, you may very well be one of those people who stay married till, as the vows spoken before God in a church wedding say, stay married "till death do us part." Or you can easily be one of those couples that divorce after five years because of a number of character flaws that you will no longer put up with. Don't think of people (or the person). Think of character and behavior traits, like: gets along with their parents, never loses his temper even in bad traffic, is a solid Christian, polite and considerate of others, he opens doors for me, isn't too shy, has high moral standards, would never do anything to hurt me in any way. (Would sexual purity keep you from being hurt? Ask someone who has had an STD, incurable Herpies, AIDS, pregnant and aborted, pregnant and gave it up for adoption ... ask them if they were hurt. In an episode of *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* they are counseling 3 pregnant teenagers. One says to her bf, "If you really loved me, you wouldn't have had sex with me and I wouldn't be in this mess now.")

After you've made your lists, on another page I have two lists that you may want to read and consider.

In His love, *Rick*

Are you a "romantic"? Are you interested in having a great "romantic life"? Have I found the book for you. It's written by a GUY and his wife. It is really good. - *When God Writes Your Love Story* by Eric & Leslie Ludy, Loyal Publishing, 1999, ISBN 1-929125-00-3.

*How to Know If Someone Is Worth Pursuing in Two Dates or Less*, 1999, Neil Clark Warren [The chapter that first caught my eye was "Making the deal." What do you have to offer in the deal?]

*Date or Soul Mate?*, 2002, Neil Clark Warren, ISBN: 0-7852-6539-2 (re-titled, 2nd printing of *How to Know...*)

*If Men Are Like Busses Then How Do I Catch One* Hammond [Yea, it's written to gals, but the same principles apply and guys can read it too.] ISBN 0-7394-1324-4

*The Secrets of an Irresistible Woman*, Michelle McKinney Hammond, ISBN 1-56507-843-8 [This one is primarily a 'chick book.']

*Boy Meets Girl*, Harris

*What To Do Until Love Finds You*, Michelle McKinney Hammond, , 1997, ISBN 1-56507-531-5

*Wait For Me, Rediscovering the joy of purity in romance*, Rebecca St. James, 2002, ISBN 0-7852-7129-9 Chap 6 is "Second Chance"

## Relationships and Character - - -

## (“Suggested Possible Lists”)

### Dating, Mating, and Character

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Every date is a potential mate. You might marry them if you start dating them!

You'll never marry someone you never date (we don't do arranged marriages here).

Are you picking your dates and friends carefully?

Do you look for and select your friends and dates by picking people with character — or are you running around with “characters”?

#### Desirable Character Traits

Respect for people, respects you, values you

Considerate, polite, courteous

Attends church; Compatible religious values and behaviors

Similar spiritual values

Similar religious beliefs

A “saved,” “born again” Christian

Honesty

Honors and obeys parents

Happy person, Joyful, Smiles,

Sense of humor

Gentle, Kind, Patient

Helpful, Generous

Positive attitude

Open to new things, ideas

Makes good decisions

Makes good financial decisions

Has goals and direction

Is he family leadership material (or is a wimp)

Faithfulness to obligations, duties (fidelity)

Has values, ethics, and morals

Similar life philosophies

Purity of mind

Purity of body (alcohol, drugs, tobacco)

Virgin or “secondary” virgin

Trustworthy

Loyalty; Honors commitments

Doesn't have weird posters in their room

Romantic

Touches, holds hands, appropriate PDA

Gives compliments

Gives little thoughtful appropriate gifts

Mature behavior and attitudes

Educated (can think and communicate)

Talks with my parents and other adults

Is fun to be around

Would never hit me

Feel secure to be around – isn't ‘crazy’

Honors, respects, protects you (I know, sounds very anti-feminist)

Cherishes, values you (this comes as the relationship grows)

Have you considered making a pledge of chastity? Regardless if you've had sex or not in your past, you can make a pledge like, **“Before God and witnesses, I have promised and made a commitment to myself, my family, those I date, and my future mate that from this day forward, I will keep myself sexually pure until I have sex with and only with my life partner and within marriage.”**

*C&WC has pledge cards available, free for the asking, and can direct you to sources to purchase a ring if you'd like one.*

#### Things to watch and to watch out for:

Lies, Deceit, Cheats

Lies to parents

Doesn't get along with their parents

Your parents don't like them

(they are experienced, find out why)

No true religious or spiritual values

Doesn't/won't attend church with you

Immature, clingy, “into themselves”

He or she is a “wimp”

Drinks or does drugs, even just “once in a while”

Unfaithfulness to obligations, duties (fidelity)

Has a temper

Low morals, sleeps around,

wants/willing to have sex “on 2nd date”

Pressures you for sex, get too physical

**Settling**  
on what's  
available is in  
no way  
making a  
noble  
choice.

*“So-called sexual freedom is really just proclaiming oneself to be available for free, and therefore without value. To “choose” such freedom is tantamount to saying that one is worth nothing.”*

“Subversive Virginity” by Sarah E. Hinlicky, age 22, published in [FirstThings](#).

“Watch how his father treats his mother because that is how he will treat you.” (Marie's mother told her to do this.) We are taught by our role models. Observe the parents, they were the teachers by example of roles and relationship expectations; loving, committed, generous, permanence, attentive, PDA, divorce, discipline. The son usually turns into the father, the daughter usually turns into the mother. In general, we turn out like our parents unless we make conscious choices and changes. You can make choices and pick new role models, from rock stars, neighbors, friends, etc., but these are hard patterns to change.

If they ‘hide’ you from or lie about you or where they go or what they do to their parents, (a) they lie and (b) they disrespect their parents. How can you expect him/her to be truthful, loyal, respect you, and stand up for you in the future when needed?

Is he or she loyal and committed to being celibate till marriage? If not, then what makes you think they will be loyal and committed to you later? If they played around before, ... if sex was just a toy and not valued as a treasure to be a shared intimacy between two people with a lifelong covenant, what makes you think they will treasure your relationship and commitment and be monogamous? (Loyalty, fidelity, faithfulness) Someone can learn and change and make a commitment to purity “from this point forward” in their life, and recover from a mistake or bad choice/decision. But if they haven't, why should you take the chance. Read chapter 10 in Harris' book *Boy Meets Girl* about having made a change but then when you have to tell the most important person in your life about your past – it's better if you decide early that you don't want to have a “past” at all.

~~Save~~ **Safe Sex** for my mate

When someone wants me to compromise my values and my purity and have sex, I tell them, “That's not good enough for me. I'm more valuable than that. I'm worth waiting for!”

From *CampusLife* magazine ...

## Party Fatal

by Mark Moring

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When I think about some of the risks I took in high school, I sometimes stop and say:

It's a wonder I'm alive.

I liked to party in high school. And I mean really party. Beer was the thing. Often, lots of it.

I drank to fit in, because everybody else was doing it. In my circle of friends, drinking was cool. And I wanted to be just as cool as everybody else. But sometimes I took it way too far. Sometimes, I simply got wasted. And when I was wasted, I did some very stupid things. Things that could've gotten me killed. Or gotten somebody else killed.

There were times when I'd drink at least a six-pack and then get behind the wheel of a car. Incredibly stupid. But when you're bombed, you don't think you're doing anything stupid. (Actually, you don't really think at all. You just do things. Stupid things.)

Then there was the Friday night some of us got drunk at a football game. I drove home, and made it just fine. But a friend of mine didn't. He was in a terrible accident, and spent the next month in the hospital in a coma. He's lucky to be alive, but he's never been the same since.

And then there was the one—and only—time I smoked pot. I did it because I thought it would make me cool—and because my date that night happened to have a joint. I had been asking her out for months, and she'd finally said yes. So if she was gonna smoke pot, then I had to impress her by doing the same.

We were on our way to a concert when she lit up. We passed it back and forth, and before long, I was stoned. And I was driving. Mega-stupid.

So there I was, stoned, driving down the highway. We came to a tunnel. The speed limit was about 45. The tunnel was about a mile long. I'd driven through it a hundred times before. But never in this condition.

Then the paranoia set in. Suddenly it seemed the tunnel had no end, that it went on forever, and that we were barely moving. I checked my speedometer. We were still doing 45, but it felt like we were standing still. I turned to my date and screamed, "God, are we ever gonna get out of here?"

Funny that I would say "God," because in those days, I really didn't think much about God. But apparently God was thinking about me—and protecting me all those times I took such foolish risks.

About a year after the "endless tunnel" incident, I met someone at college, a girl I initially thought was something of a "Jesus freak." She always had a Bible with her, and she always said religious things.

But as I got to know this girl—we sat next to each other in a college psychology class—I realized that what she had was real. She had this deep-rooted peace, an incredible contentment that I didn't have. So I asked her about it.

And she told me about Jesus.

Oh, I figured I already knew Jesus. I grew up going to church, and I knew he had died for my sins and all that. But that was just Sunday stuff. My friend, however, lived her life like those things made a difference every day. And she told me I could too.

So that's what I decided to do. I wanted to experience the same peace and joy that she knew. I wanted to take that extra step of faith.

I didn't quit drinking right away. For another year or so, while I was still so young in my faith, I had some lapses.

But things were definitely changing. I started taking faith seriously. I

went to church not because I had to, but because I wanted to. I joined a Christian group on my college campus. I met people who knew how to have serious fun—ridiculous, fall-on-the-floor, gasping-for-breath-because-you're-laughing-so-hard fun.

Soon I was saying to myself:

### ***Now THIS is a party!***

"Don't drink too much wine," the Bible says, "(but) be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by him" (Ephesians 5:18).

I had learned to replace the buzz of booze with the thrills of this exciting adventure called faith.

So, why am I telling you this?

Because you're no doubt facing the same things I faced in high school. Substance abuse is real. You may have friends who struggle with it. You may be struggling with it yourself.

The stuff is there, it's readily available, and, to some degree, "everybody else is doing it." It can be mighty tempting, even if you are a Christian. But you can say no. Check this out:

"Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for he has promised this and will do what he says. He will show you how to escape temptation's power so that you can bear up patiently against it" (1 Corinthians 10:13, The Living Bible).

Wow.

And the best part is this: While you're saying no to one substance, you can say yes to another. If you're a believer, you have access to the best "substance" of all:

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1, NKJV). Hmmm. Faith is substance.

And that's a substance you can't get enough of.

**Jesus turned water into wine ... but He can't turn your whining into anything —**

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings." Philippians 2:14

**Happiness is the result of circumstances, but joy endures in spite of circumstances. —**

*... in thy presence is fullness of joy ...* Psalm 16:11

# Mostly just for fun...

Subj: Fwd: New Math ?? Date: 2/26/2002 From: Fred M P@\_\_\_.com To: ....., RDyimmel@AOL.com, .... This spam is worth reading - from Fred Penner

## MATH EVOLUTION

I never was very good at math but I finished elementary school before this time!

=> Teaching Math in 1950: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

=> Teaching Math in 1960: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

=> Teaching Math in 1980: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

=> Teaching Math in 1990: By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees? There are no wrong answers.

=> Teaching Math in 2000: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$120. How does Arthur Andersen determine that his profit margin is \$60?

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From: Tim Dymmel Date:10/07/97 (found while cleaning the desk) From: Geoff Kane LSMTP: rhoda@imap2.asu.edu (old, probably not right any more) To: GEOFF'S JOKE LIST Subject: This frog (PG) Submitted by: Jennifer L. Dular

This frog was really down on his luck. All he had left in the world was this little ceramic figurine his mother had willed him when she croaked. So he decided he'd go to the bank and get a loan so he could improve his lot in life.

He wrapped up the figurine and hopped on down to the local bank. When he got to the bank, the bank receptionist directed him to a loan officer by the name of Mr. Paddywack. Mr. Paddywack took one look at the frog and knew his day was ruined. "Ok, he said, what can I do for you?"

"Well, I'd like a small loan," the frog said, "so I can get back on my feet."

"We don't usually loan money to frogs," Paddywack said. "Do you have anything in the way of collateral?"

The frog held up the figurine and said, "Well, I have this."

Paddywack rolled his eyes and said, "I'm going to have to ask my manager."

He went to find the manager, and told him, "You're not going to believe this. There's this frog out here, who wants money. He has this," he holds up the figurine, "for collateral. Have you ever heard of something so dumb?"

The manager scowled at him and said, "... It's a knickknack, Paddywack, give the frog a loan!"

**You cannot make anyone love you.  
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**A – Admit** that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

**B – Believe** that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes in Him should not perish (that's saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that's "salvation" or to "be saved")." John 3:16

**C – Confess** your sin to God. – The Bible says, "If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us..." 1John 1:9.

**S – Submit** yourself to His commands and control.

**Want Jesus in your life?** Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I confess to You my sin and need to be saved. I turn away from my old sin and place my trust and faith in You as the only way to be saved." Now contact your pastor, or contact us at 1-336-674-7564, or call 1-888-NEED-HIM, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

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