

By Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Still Trying to Change Your Family Members?

The first time I remember seeing my wife-to-be, she was playing Eliza Doolittle in the musical production "My Fair Lady." When she sang "I Could Have Danced All Night," I was entranced.

This is not a column about my wife of thirty years, however. It is about trying to change someone. In the play "My Fair Lady" Professor Henry Higgins tries to remake Eliza, a poor street woman, and pass her off as royalty at the ball. He bets his friend that he can succeed. (To find out whether or not he does, rent the movie starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews.)

In real life changing another person is a very difficult thing to do. In fact it is impossible, but that does not keep many people from trying. Consider the case of Emerelda. (All characters are fictitious.) Emerelda was attracted to Herman because of his good looks and his charm. He was fun-loving and carefree in a way that had never been. Proving that the old saying "opposites attract" has some truth to it, Emerelda fell in love, and they were soon wed.

It was soon after the wedding that Emerelda began her reclamation project on Herman. She decided he needed to play less, work more and be more responsible. She began to point out to him how he should change. She put pressure on him to change. She expected him to change, but he did not.

What Emerelda did not realize was that, if Herman changed, he would no longer be the man with whom she had fallen in love. If he were not the man with whom she had fallen in love, would she still be attracted to him?

Obviously to these potential problems, she pressed on doggedly with her project to remake Herman the way she thought he should be. She

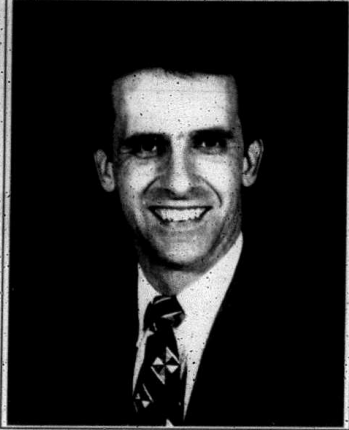
was trying to make him in her own image, quiet, sedate and responsible, when that is not what attracted her to him in the first place.

Herman was not immune to this malady of reformation either. He and Emerelda had a son, William. William was tall, lanky and the "spitting image" of his father, as everyone said. Having been a high school athlete of some note, Herman wanted his son to excel in athletics as well. He started young William in tee-ball, soccer and basketball as soon as he was old enough. He practiced with William in the back yard to improve his athletic skills.

The problem with Herman's planned scenario for his son was that William was not interested in athletics. Not one whit. He liked music. In fact, to say that William liked music was an understatement. He loved music! It was his reason for being. He played piano as an early age, learned the guitar from his grandfather and was in the school band. As a teenager he began his own band. Herman tried to be proud of his son, but there was a part of him that was sad that William did not follow in his footsteps as an athlete. William was somehow aware that he was not living up to his father's expectations.

Emerelda not only tried to change Herman but her strong ambitions for her daughter led her to tamper with her daughter's natural interests as well. Emerelda was very dignified and ladylike. She did not know what to think when her daughter showed an interest in NASCAR and the WWF! Wrestling and stock cars were not Emerelda's idea of what it was to be a lady, so she put pressure on young Hermione to change. This caused conflict every time Emerelda tried, and Hermione was also a bit of a troublemaker. She was not what Mom wanted her to be.

Trying to change another person is a futile endeavor.



Ernie Perry will be the Evangelist at First Christian Church's Gospel Meeting March 25-28.

First Christian Church to hold Gospel Meeting March 25-28

"Seeing the Unseen Christ" is the theme for First Christian Church's gospel meeting March 25-28. Services will start at 11 a.m. on March 25th and continue at 5:45 p.m. on the Jubilee Echoes in concert. Monday through Wednesday night services will be at 6:45 p.m.

Whether we realize it or not Christ is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit and His word. His promise is that He will never leave us nor forsake us and that He would be with us even unto the end of the age. We must learn to see Him at work every day of our life, to do so will bring a fresh amazement that is needed in our relationship with Him.

To help us do that we've invited Ernie Perry, Minister of Small Groups/Men's Ministry at the growing Southland Christian Church in Lexington will be the Evangelist.

Raised in the minister's family of Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul Perry, Ernie is originally from Lawrenceburg, Ind. He attended grade school in Paoli, Indiana and graduated from Henry County High in 1976, and from Kentucky Christian College in 1979 (where he was a teammate of Bro. Eddie's for the Knights basketball team), receiving the Master of Ministry in 1983.

From 1979-89 he served with Operation Evangelize Ministries.

Four of those years he was an associate evangelist and sang baritone with the Watchmen Quartet. Then, for six years, he was the Associate Director of the Ministry. In 1985, Ernie and his wife, Pam, began a senior high/college age youth ministry at Chesapeake Christian Church and witnessed that group grow from 4 to 60 in attendance, 45 baptisms for a three year period, fifteen of those young people went on to attend a Bible College.

In 1989, Ernie began working for his alma mater, KCC, as its first full-time Director of Alumni Relations, and Ministry Placement. He also served as the college interim Vice-President in the area of Student Life (Dean of Students) from 1992-94, and as Campus Minister for three years.

In July 1998, he became and presently serves as Minister of Small Groups at the Southland Christian Church in Lexington; a congregation that has grown from an average of 3,700 to nearly 7,000. Ernie works alongside Mike Breaux (Mike preached here last year for a Big Monday).

Sunday morning, March 25th is Friend Day. For a ride to services call 256-2876 or e-mail at firstchristianchurch@peoplepc.com



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Especially mine
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And say it'll be alright
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Church News

Revival

Copper Creek Holiness Baptist Church will have revival beginning March 25th at 7 p.m. with evangelist Doyle Lester from Williamsburg. Pastor Kenneth Thompson welcomes everyone.

New Pastor

Town Hill Holiness Church has a new Pastor, Bro. Tim Singleton. Church services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Ladies Conference

Lighthouse Assembly of God Ladies Conference March 30th and 31st. March 30th at 7 p.m. and March 31st at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Karen Johnson will be the key speaker. Lunch will be on Saturday. Music by: New Frontier. Specials by: Becky and

Angie Daugherty, Robin Parkerson, Cindy Noe, and Wanda Farley.

Singing

Third Saturday night gospel singing at McNew Chapel Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 17th at 7 p.m. featuring David Highway Singers.

Pastor Bro. Jerry Ballinger and church welcomes everyone.

Pine Hill Cemetery Note

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please contact Lorene Ponder at 859-986-7756 or mail your donation to: 143 Mason Lake Rd., Berea, KY 40403.

Cards of Thanks

Ada Johnson

Thanks to all those who assisted in any way.

The family of Ada Johnson

Dee Sandlin

The family of "Dee" Sandlin would like to thank Cox Funeral Home and the Doan Family for their singing. We appreciate Bro. Shawn Madden for the comforting words.

We also want to thank friends, neighbors, and family for the prayers, flowers, food and money sent.

The family of Dee Sandlin

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the descendants of the people whose graves were disturbed during the recent vandalism

of the Davis-Witt Cemetery to say thank you to the people who helped put the graves back in order.

We say thank you to Rockcastle County Judge Buzz Carothers for your swift assistance and the crew under your supervision for the wonderful and willing job they did.

This incredible act means so much to us and we appreciate it. We thank you Johnny King from Disputants for your help.

We also want to thank Dwight Brown from the Sheriff's Office for his prompt response to our call and investigating the area. We also thank Harold Shearer and Ralph Shearer.

Sincerely,

Descendants: Dorothy Martin, Benny Gay, George Dault, Sr.

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Good job! Jenny, Shakerba, KaShenna, Chastity and Beckah. Girls, Oh Girls!

Just a snap to let you see, how you looked after you Spins! Splashed From, Guess Who!