



WWE and Our 2008 Initiatives

In the midst of keeping up with numerous teaching/consulting opportunities, Winning With Encouragement is hard at work producing 4 new products which the board and staff believe will bring encouragement and challenge to thousands in the coming days. Here is a brief description of those items:

A book to encourage people to become encouragers



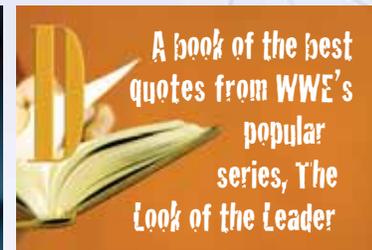
A video series for small groups all about Israel



A state of the art video series produced for small group study



A book of the best quotes from WWE's popular series, *The Look of the Leader*



A. The working title is **Encouragement: The Art Of Giving, The Joy Of Receiving**. This book will remind readers about the importance of encouraging others. It will discuss the 4 ways to be a significant contributor in someone else's life. It will also contain over 20 real-life stories of how everyday, ordinary people used one of the principles discussed in the book to offer to another the very thing they needed more than anything else... encouragement.

B. It's called **Bringing Israel To You**. There are many more Christians longing to go to the land of the Bible than are able to go. This video series will take the viewers to the most popular Biblical sites in Israel where they will hear an entertaining, historical, archeological and geographical explanation of where they are and what they are seeing. And when the Scripture is read accompanied by a devotional thought and challenge, they will be made to feel as though they are standing next to a Bible character in a place they have only heretofore read and heard about. A participant's guide will accompany the series so viewers can discuss their reflections on each site.

C. This video series is entitled **Finding Encouragement In A Discouraging World** and will discuss what and who our society says is important compared to what God thinks. Some of the sessions will be videoed at locations in Israel where Jesus noticed and commented on someone or something He saw as important. The package will feature eight 15-20 minute teaching sessions as well as a leader's guide and participant's guide containing questions for the purpose of eliciting group discussion.

D. A book containing the best quotes from WWE's video series, *The Look of the Leader*. It is called **What The Leader In You Needs To Hear**. It will include everyone's favorite: "Confidence is the feeling you have just before you understand the situation," and countless others that participants have always desired to note. Each thought-provoking, humorous quote will be listed to correspond with the 5 characteristics of Biblical leadership as discussed in the series.



Walt Wiley on site in Israel shooting video to be used for the WWE Initiatives. The second picture from the left is the video crew taking a break in Jerusalem—L-R is Dave McCallister (crew chief), Jeff Aphorp and Curtis Martin. Also, (far right) hard at work behind the scenes L-R are Diane McCallister, Penny Martin, Dave McCallister, Curtis Martin.

Recent Holy Land Tours



SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VISITS ISRAEL AND JORDAN May 30 - June 11, 2008

A group of 45 individuals associated with Scottsdale Christian Academy of Phoenix, AZ, traveled throughout the countries of Israel and Jordan. The tour was led by Walt Wile of WWE and Micha Ashkenazi of Bible Oriented Tours. SCA faculty member Sharon Komar who organized the group already plans to return to Israel with another group in 2011.



WWE'S ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE June 16-26, 2008

Arriving just a few days after the above tour finished was another group comprised of 34 individuals—many associated with Tree of Life Christian Schools in Columbus, OH and organized by their superintendent, Lezlee Knowles. They joined Walt and Patti Wile of WWE along with Micha Ashkenazi of Bible Oriented Tours for a journey around the land of Israel.

WWE invites you to join us on a Holy Land pilgrimage. Check our website for upcoming tours: www.wweministries.org.

Recent Places We've Been...

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1 Some of the participants gather around the gigantic fireplace of The Salvation Army Camp in Jasper, GA where David spoke at a weekend marriage conference.



2 NorthStar Church of Kennesaw, GA hosted a marriage seminar taught by David. The location was the beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA.



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MARCH

1 Walt spoke at the Rutgers Community Christian Church in Somerset, NJ. Walt is pictured with one of the pastors, Wilson Chang.

2 It was Walt's privilege to speak at the student convocation at Charleston (SC) Southern University.

3 Walt had the honor of being the keynote speaker at the Lee County (GA) Employee's Appreciation Banquet. Pictured are the program's organizers: Brent Whiddon (l) and Lee County Administrator Alan Ours.

4 Walt and Patti Wile spoke at "Rock the House" (a seminar on parenting sponsored by their home church—Church at Charlotte). Pictured with them is the family life pastor, Darin Anderson.

5 Walt spoke at the Northeast Christians at Work Conference in Somerset, NJ. Pictured (l-r) are conference leaders: Dr. Louis Ao, Jason Browning, Elaine Kung, Walt, and the organization's founder, Drew Crandall.

6 Walt shared at the employee's luncheon at Joe Gibbs Racing in Huntersville, NC. In attendance were (l-r)



7 long time Gibbs employee Rick Gurr, guest Jonathan Retzma (administrative pastor at First Baptist Charlotte), and Joe Gibbs Racing President J.D. Gibbs.

7 David is seen on stage presenting a marriage seminar for Dogwood Church of Peachtree City, GA.

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1 Walt had the privilege of sharing at the Maximum Man Conference in Raleigh, NC. Some of those who attended paused for this picture with Dr. Gene Getz (third from right) who also spoke.

2 Several WWE friends and board members came out to hear David speak at the Sunday Morning Worship service at Mt. Vernon Baptist

in Sandy Springs, GA. Viewed (l-r) are: David, Chip and Wanda Pohl, Jim and Connie Heiskell, George and Rhonda Molloy, and Barry and Kay Thompson.

3 Walt was able to share *The Look of the Leader* in Florida for The Fechtel Company. Pictured here is company president Jay Fechtel (r) and his father Vincent.

...and the People We've Seen

What We've Got Planned

Check our website at www.wweministries.org for our full schedule and updates.



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MAY

1 David shared *The Encouragement Seminar* with officers of The Salvation Army during the Territorial Officers Institute held on the beautiful grounds of Crestmont College in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

2 It was Walt's privilege to share at the Called to Work Conference regional meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Pictured is the conference coordinator, Paul Jew (l), and newly appointed president of Fellowship of Companies for Christ (FCCI), Doug Hunter.

3 Over the Memorial Day weekend Walt spoke at America's Keswick Conference Center in Whiting, NJ. Pictured is Keswick's program director, Robert Hayes (l), and president, Bill Welte, giving the daily announcements.

4 "Three Traits Every Man Needs" was the theme that David shared at a weekend men's conference at Fair Haven Camps in Brooks, MA.



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1 David spoke on Sunday morning at Crossroads Community Church in Simpsonville, SC. Pictured are staff members (l-r): David Walker, Teresa Cron, Steve Keyes (senior pastor), Hal/Sarah Weber, Brian Woodard, and Rich Butler. Steve also serves as an instructor with *Winning With Encouragement*.



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2 Pictured are five ladies who sat together during *The Encouragement Seminar* at Dogwood Church in Peachtree City, GA (including WWE board member Joy Rhodes). David jokingly called them 'sassy' and yet they seemed to like it!

JUNE

WWE FORMS NEW "COUNCIL OF ENCOURAGERS"

The Board of Directors of Winning With Encouragement has announced the formation of the Council of Encouragers. This move took place at the WWE Board of Directors meeting held in Charlotte, NC on May 16, 2008. Speaking on behalf of the board, Chairman Jo Shippen stated that this hand-picked group is made up of friends of the ministry from around the country. Their willingness to have their names attached to WWE indicates their wholehearted belief in WWE. It also signals their alignment with the purposes of the ministry and their satisfaction with how the ministry is viewed and conducts itself in the marketplace. The group will serve as prayer supporters and advisors. Chairing this group are long time friends of WWE who were directly involved in the founding of the ministry, Brett and Eveline Butler of Scottsdale, AZ. The list of Council members is included on the outside of the newsletter.

In this issue of **The Winner** we have placed an envelope that we hope you will see and use. In order to complete the initiatives described in our lead article, we will need additional funding. If you would like to assist us and encourage us, please use the envelope to send us a tax deductible gift. It would be greatly appreciated.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Jul 15-17	Evans Roofing Company Elmira, NY	CON	DH
Jul 18-20	PAO Great Lakes CTO Detroit, MI	GEN	WW
Jul 23	Joe Gibbs Racing Luncheon Huntersville, NC	GEN	WW
Jul 24-26	Dallas 1 Corporation Leadership Seminar Tampa, FL	ENC	DH
Jul 26	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	W/P
Jul 27	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	WW
Jul 30-31	RHA Howell Care Centers Charlotte, NC	CON	DH
Aug 9-15	Camp Spofford Spofford, NH	GEN	WW
Aug 10	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sandy Spring, GA	GEN	DH
Aug 20	Evans Roofing Company Atlanta, GA	CON	DH
Aug 22	Simpson University Redding, CA	GEN	WW
Aug 22-23	Shoulder to Shoulder Min. Sacramento, CA	HTE	WW
Aug 28	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (1 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 29	Church at Charlotte TotTime Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Aug 29-Sep 1	Monadnock Bible Conference Center Jaffrey, NJ	FEDW	DH
Sep 4	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (2 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Sep 11	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (3 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Sep 11	Evans Roofing (of Elmira, NY) Peachtree City, GA	CON	DH
Sep 17-21	Various events TBA Portland, OR	GEN	WW
Sep 18	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (4 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	TBA
Sep 25	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (5 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Sep 26-28	Priority One Foundation Men's Retreat North Bay, MD	GEN	WW
Oct 2	First Baptist Men's Breakfast (6 of 6) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Oct 4-9	FCCI Int'l Conference Beaver Creek, CO	GEN	WW
Oct 10-12	Southlink Church Centennial, CO	MAR	DH
Oct 14-25	WWE Pilgrimage GREECE & TURKEY		
Nov 2	First Baptist Church Hampton, GA	GEN	DH
Nov 7-9	Church of the Holy Spirit Roanoke, VA	LEG	DH
Nov 7-9	Sandy Cove Conference "Couples Getaway" North East, MD	MAR	W/P
Nov 14	ACSI Teachers Convention- Ohio Valley Region Dayton, OH	GEN	WW
Nov 14-16	Harvest Bible Chapel Lake Zurich, IL	GEN	WW
Nov 18-22	Score International Dominican Republic	GEN	WW

EVENTS KEY:
 CON = Consulting
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 FEDW = Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World
 GEN = General
 SPEAKERS:
 DH = David Hodge
 WW = Walt Wiley

HTE = How to Encourage
 LEG = Leaving a Legacy
 LofL = The Look of the Leader
 MAR = Marriage
 W/P = Walt & Patti Wiley



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The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley

Are you familiar with the word *eschatology*? It's a fun word to say, the kind of word that pops up at a spelling bee. It's also the kind of word that comes in handy when you are trying to impress your friends. Seriously, the next time there is a lull (there's another fun word) in a conversation, throw this out there, "So, Herb, where do you stand on eschatology?" Actually, eschatology is a Bible doctrine, a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of mankind.

To me it appears that eschatology is the most popular of all the doctrines of the Bible. People interested in the Bible get all excited when it comes to studying, investigating, debating, imagining or assuming what will take place at the end of the world. When a group of people are involved in a Bible study and the question comes up of what topic to discuss, inevitably someone will mention the book of Revelation or anything about the end times. There is something surreal, inexplicable, even mysterious about future events. It's an innate thing; how else do you explain the popularity

of palm readers, tea leaf readers, tarot cards, horoscopes or psychics? And have you heard about ouija boards?

Know what? Get ready! Eschatology is my least favorite Bible doctrine. I believe the Bible; in it's entirety it is God's Word, God-breathed, inspired by Him and relevant for today. I have my favorite sections, but the references to end-times are my least favorites. Attempts at trying to draw conclusions about specifics concerning the end times has created schisms in marriages, friendships, churches, denominations and countries. What's really amazing is no one really knows the answers to most of the questions brought on by a study of the end times. However, this has never prevented people from bold conclusions, outlandish declarations and insane predictions. The city of Haifa in Israel is a modern city by Israeli standards. Know how it got started? A German theologian with a hearty following predicted the return of the Lord in 1900, so he and his followers emigrated there to be on hand for when it happened. They settled in and unknowing helped create what has become the third largest city in that country. And during this period they anxiously and confidently awaited what someone had told them was going to happen. Whoops! Their descendants live there today.

A few weeks ago I was standing on the Mount of Olives with a group of people and

was referencing the Bible and the times it mentioned the very place where we were standing. You can't do that there without mentioning Zechariah who 2,500 years ago said, "And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will split in the middle from east to west by a very large valley..." (Zechariah 14:4). Biblical references such as that raise a lot of questions. So does Revelation 16:16, which we read when we were staring at the Valley of Armageddon.

My own position on all of this end-times stuff? When will the events described in the Bible take place? I have no idea! Why has God chosen to do things this particular way? Beats me! Who will be involved when it happens? Your guess is as good as mine! How will God pull this off? This is a question?

Let me tell you what our position should be. We should concentrate on things that are more important. Things like believing these unexplainable events will actually take place, maybe sooner than later. Things like being concerned about our behavior and whether it honors the name of the God of creation, our Savior. Things like being diligent about telling others about their own need of a Savior in order for them to be prepared. As to the details, I'll stop surmising... and leave that up to Him.