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Letter From Mable Dunbar

Observer Feb 5 2007, 03:45 AM Post #1

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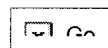
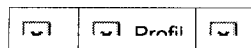
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In Christian love

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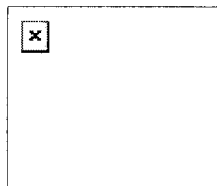
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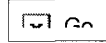
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Observer

Feb 5 2007, 05:43 AM

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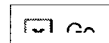
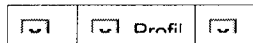
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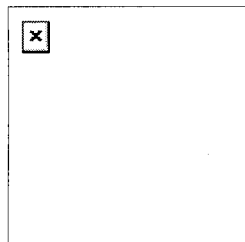
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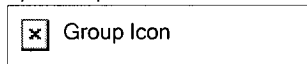
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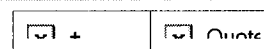
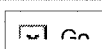
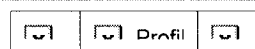
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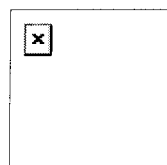
Thank you again, Dr. Dunbar.



Grace

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Post #5



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in control. "It sometimes seems hard to wait patiently till God's time comes to vindicate the right. But I have been shown that if we become impatient we lose a rich reward. As faithful husbandmen in God's great field, we must sow with tears and be patient and hopeful. We must meet troubles and sorrows. Temptations and wearisome toil will afflict the soul, but we must patiently wait in faith to reap with joy. In the final victory God will have no use for those persons who are nowhere to be found in time of peril and danger, when the strength, courage, and influence of all are required to make a charge upon the enemy. Those who stand like faithful soldiers to battle against wrong, and to vindicate the right, warring against principalities and power, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, will each receive the commendation from the Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant:... enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 327. 21.

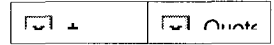
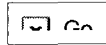
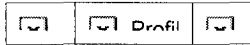
Gailon, Gregory and Bob, be encouraged. If what you are doing is wrong, God will discipline you, but if what you are doing is right, He will certainly vindicate you. To everyone reading this, it is my sincere prayer that "God will dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages....A-men. Ephesians 3:17.

In Christian love

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Thank you, Dr. Dunbar. Praise the Lord for courageous people like yourself, dedicated to the service of God by helping his suffering children and who are well prepared to do it in the best possible way. God's blessings for you and your team!

Grace



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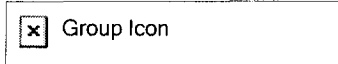
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Post #6



Thanks for coming forward with this. I appreciate your letter very much. Hope others in higher up positions will do the same now as well.

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My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first one being -- hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint.

-Erna Bombeck-

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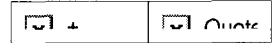
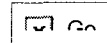
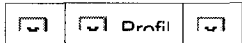
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Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out. But I can usually shut her up with cookies.

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Post #7

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QUOTE(Observer @ Feb 5 2007, 04:45 AM)

(From statement by Dr. Mable Dunbar)

Being fearful and intimidated by individuals who seem to have power, control or wealth indicates that we have more confidence in them than in God. We have been advised, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men, (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) -men ((women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who will not be bought or sold; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who their innermost souls are true and honest; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) will stand for the right, though the heaven's fall." - Ellen G. White, Education, p. 57.

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Along with others, I am thankful for Dr. Dunbar's integrity as demonstrated by her willingness to take a stand on such serious issues as surround 3ABN. And I thank her for allowing her statement to be posted here.

I was particularly impressed by the statement excerpted above, perhaps because I had had the same thought: "Being fearful and intimidated by individuals who seem to have power, control or wealth indicates that we have more confidence in them than in God."

Again, thank you, Dr. Dunbar!

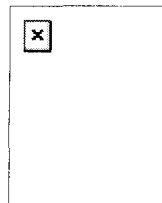
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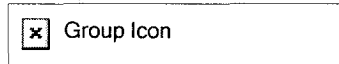
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QUOTE(inga @ Feb 6 2007, 08:17 AM)

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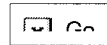
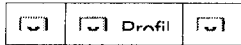
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Yes, Dr. Mable Dunbar is doing a marvelous job for abused women. It is unbelievable what an urgent need there is for the work she is doing, also among Christian people.

It is a work of faith. It is only faith in Jesus that can set us free from the oppression created by people who seem to be Christian, but use their power to intimidate and control others.

The truth shall make you free
www.save3ABN.com

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it"
(Martin Luther King)



joyce

Feb 26 2007, 07:00 AM

Post #9

Dr. Dunbar,

Welcome Newbie



Thanks for coming forward on this matter. It takes a lot of courage to put your name out there for taking a stand for truth and justice.

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It is true that abusers can go many years appearing to be God-fearing and upright members of the church and society.

I too have worked with child molesters. The startling thing to me at first was what a nice bunch of men they appear to be. They are Bible carrying, soft spoken, kindly, clean cut, and of course deny the allegations against them. They claim that their accusers have made it all up. They just have a vendetta of some kind against them.

It is difficult to know how to protect our children today. After my experiences I am much more cautious and not as trusting of appearances.

Of course, the perpetrators need help as well. Something happened to them most likely when they were young that started this behavior, They are not happy folk either.

As with all sins we all our powerless to reform ourselves. Only God is the restorer. Although, Biblically, Jesus had pretty strong words for those who hurt children. We need to be proactive so we can give needed aid and counseling to those who have problems while young so this vicious cylce may be broken

You become much more aware of this issue when it invades those close to you. There is sorrow for both the child and the perpetrator who obviously is crying out for help.

Keep up the good work in helping folk with these serious problems.

Joyce

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