



# Out of My Mind...

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## FROM THE FIELD...

Dr. Dan Taylor teaches at Bethel University and is an engaging proponent of the concept of passing on one's spiritual values (which are more important than financial bequests) to family members. Following numerous Biblical precedents (Jos. 4: 20-24; Ps 71:17-18, 102:18), Dr. Taylor contends that:

1. Everyone has a story to tell and the right to tell it
2. Everyone has the responsibility to pass on wisdom
3. Stories are the single best way to do so
4. Everybody has the ability to tell their own story.

He recommends first, determining your audience; next, listing the values you want to communicate and then, reflecting on stories from your life that serve to exemplify those values. With this groundwork laid, one can set aside four hours a month for writing up the stories and at the end of one year you will have developed a good collection of accounts which will serve as an interesting and valuable legacy for your descendents.

Dr. Taylor has published his stories in book form entitled Letters to My Children, which I am thoroughly enjoying at this time and is available at Amazon.com.

## Out In Cyberspace

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## For Your Consideration...

Joan & I have just returned from the BGC Annual Meeting on the Bethel University campus. It was a great week for learning and catching up with friends, but it was also very convicting.

The conference theme centered around John 12:20-26, "... unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies...". I was convicted about areas of my life in which self-centeredness has control. I don't know about you, but when you are in vocational Christian ministry it is easy to allow yourself to be lax in a couple areas when you are disciplined in so many others.

Certainly, God wants us to enjoy life as we are able to experience it, but not at the cost of becoming lethargic in matters of faith which would lead us closer to Christ and more effective in His service.

Paul warns Timothy "Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them..." (I Tim 4:15). I need to take that advice to heart and maybe you do as well.

## On the Mend

**Natalie Eaton:**  
recovering from surgery

**Dell McCann:**  
recovering from surgery



## Leading from the Second Chair

by Mike Bonem &  
Roger Patterson  
Godless  
by Ann Coulter  
Life@Work  
by John Maxwell

## In My Briefcase



## IN THE FOLD:

We want to welcome Dave Scull to his permanent position as Associate Minister for Camping and Student Ministries. We are grateful for Dave's interim work at Camp Burton and rejoice that he is now joining our staff full time. Please pray for Dave, his wife, Jennifer and their three sons, Tyler, Mick & Ryan.

## SURROUNDED IN LOVE:

As a district, we need to be praying regularly for our Filipino pastor in Columbus, OH, Butch Badar and his children, Keisha, Deion and Denzel, as they seek God's grace in adjusting to life without their wife, and mother, Ruth, after her tragic death last month. Let's not forget them!

Selah: "When others are telling you to read more, I want to tell you to read less; when others are telling you to do more, I want to tell you to do less. The world does not need more of you; it needs more of God."

Marva Dawn