



The Most Wonderful Time of The Year!

A few weeks ago, I had the sense my season of impact might be over, or at least winding down. Even though I know the Truth doesn't become irrelevant, I thought *maybe I am*. It's possible that being a round, white, mature (LOL) Californian isn't in demand anymore, and someone else needs to take up the torch. To be honest, I've never **stopped** looking for someone to become the face of PW after me -- I just haven't been successful persuading anyone to volunteer to strip naked emotionally and then face a firing squad. I wonder why?

(CONTINUED)

A Win: Balenciaga Ad Campaign Pulled

There don't seem to be very many "wins" against a culture which overtly sexualizes children, but this one went too far for even the most libertarian. Luxury fashion company Balenciaga issued an apology for their recent ad campaign using pictures of children posing with teddy bears in bondage outfits, and displaying the US Supreme Court decision, *United States v. Williams*, upholding part of a federal child pornography law displayed in the background.

The company claimed there were "unapproved" elements in the pictures and they are "taking legal action against the creator." In an interesting twist, however, they deleted their entire Twitter account after the ad campaign backlash, citing concerns about Elon Musk's content moderation policies. The one redline Musk has expressed as far as automatic banning on Twitter is **child abuse or exploitation**.

This type of advertising along with cultural events like "Drag Queen Story Hour" and "Family-Friendly Drag Shows" are intended to normalize fetish behaviors. Children enjoy seeing life-size versions of favorite fictional characters in costumes (called "Big Heads" at theme parks). Its just a hop and a skip from Mickey Mouse to Ms. Penny Cost, the first drag queen certified candidate for ordination in the United Methodist Church.



The number of adults who are acting out their sexual fetishes with or in front of children is increasing, and often with adults advocating for it over parents concerns. That there have been enormous changes in the makeup of school boards across the country to combat this trend is also a win worth noting. But let's not get complacent — cutting off the head of the hydra of child porn, abuse and exploitation we cut off, seems to grow two more in their place.

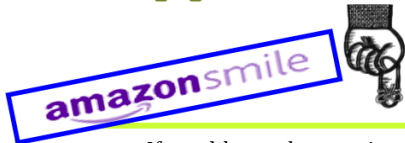
However, as God has done many times before when I thought I was being put out to pasture, that feeling was just a bend in the road. I'm happy to report that I'm mentoring again, meeting regularly with several young people to help them grow in relationship skills.

They each may lack the ability to assess character (what I refer to as "having a bad picker") but all have stepped through the veil of self-centeredness into self-awareness. Knowing what you don't know, and wanting to make changes, is a rare quality — whether its in CA and AR! I'm honored to be able to help them make those changes in practical ways.

It wouldn't be possible without the encouragement and supporter of **Positively Waiting!** So, on a personal note, let me say, THANK YOU! I'm humbled that you have stuck with us, and grateful to be of service.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and abundant blessings in the New Year!

We Appreciate Your Help!



If you like to shop on Amazon, please LOGIN at smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0222447

When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Positively Waiting.

**All financial gifts are tax-deductible,
and used to serve communities
with limited resources.
Tax receipts will mailed by 1/31/23.**

**To schedule a PRESENTATION, SINGLES
SEMINAR OR MARRIAGE RETREAT.
CALL 1-501-358-1172 OR EMAIL
justask@PositivelyWaiting.com
VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE ALSO AN OPTION!**



COACH'S CORNER

Knowledge is revered and exalted, but Wisdom is an elusive element when you are a teen. Being able to google the answer to virtually anything, gives adolescents the illusion that they "know more" than the previous generation.

But **HAVING** information and **APPLYING** information *correctly* are two very different things. For example, you may know the tools you need to change a tire are in your trunk, but competently changing a tire is a whole other operation.

Which is why there is a vast audience of young people watch, "Dad, How Do I...?" on YouTube. Growing up without a dad, Rob Kenney had to teach himself how to do tasks that are typically passed father-to-son: changing a tire, shaving without nicks, and knotting a necktie perfectly. He has millions of subscribers. There's a lesson here.

If you are an available man in a teen's life (dad, teacher, pastor, friend of a friend) you have a treasure trove of wisdom to share. Life experience is often a much better teacher than many institutes of higher learning. So whenever and wherever possible, with grace for the foolishness of youth, please pass on your life lessons!

It's not that women don't also have much to contribute, but young people spend a majority of their time in female dominated environs. Every man can be a fountain of wisdom to **somebody**.

When you turn up with the squad but you got responsibilities

