

*"contending earnestly for the faith ..." Jude :3*

# Responsibility

Kids are cute. Not only that, they come out with the funniest things.

"May I have a lolly?"

"What's the magic word?"

"Err, abracadabra."

But kids, especially the very young ones, have no sense of responsibility. "I did it 'cause little sister told me to. It's not my fault."

Fortunately, little kids grow out of that stage and become big kids. They become aware of responsibility. They learn to make excuses - these days it's all high tech. "Yes sir, I did email my homework. I must have accidentally sent it to another address." "Sorry, but the computer has been playing up..."

And big kids develop into older youth - adults. More responsibility. Greater expectations. A knowledge that excuses are useless.

Someone said "Make an effort, not an excuse." Because it's no secret - you will have to give account - to Father.

Well now, why these words? It's quite simple. Your Contender means you need to contend. So do it. This is a call for interesting, relevant articles.

As young adults (but adults nevertheless), you are required to make an effort. Don't know what to write about? Contact the editors - there is a "topic list" available. Don't have the ability? Nor did Moses, and he led a nation through a wilderness for 40 years. Afraid of your peers and afraid for your reputation? Find me someone who isn't.

This magazine will "encourage it's readers to earnestly contend for the faith, and to think and act Biblically..." If you disagree with something written, we welcome your letter. By all means, call a spade a spade, provided it isn't a toothpick. Be open, honest and above all Biblically based. And then we'll have an interesting magazine, one meeting its stated aims.

Welcome to Contender, 2004.

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Aim:

Romans 12:2 teaches all of God's people:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

This magazine will encourage it's readers to earnestly contend for the faith, and to think and act biblically, in the good traditions of the Church of all ages. It's basis is God's word, as the Church confesses in the Three Formd of Unity. It is intended for the younger members of the Free Reformed Churches of Australia, and is produced in co-operation with the Una Sancta. Subscription to the Contender is automatic with subscription to the una Sancta.

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