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<http://www.christiantopnews.com/articles/new-nbc-miniseries-d-follows-bible-hobby-lobby-curriculum-cancelled-church-denies-funeral-lack-tithe/> 1/12/2014 (Edited by DCB) - **Hobby Lobby Bible Curriculum Cancelled** While Islam is being taught in some California public schools “A Bible curriculum created by Hobby Lobby chain has been cancelled by a public school district in Oklahoma.” The “Mustang Public Schools in Mustang, Oklahoma originally approved the Bible course in April, but reversed their decision after receiving complaints from the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) and the ACLU.” The Superintendent of the schools said “The topic of a Bible course in the Mustang School District is no longer a discussion item nor is there a plan to provide such a course in the foreseeable future”. If the Lord tarries what does the future for Christianity in the USA hold?

[http://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-worlds-5-most-corrupt-countries-2014-12-02?mod=MW\\_story\\_recommended\\_default](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-worlds-5-most-corrupt-countries-2014-12-02?mod=MW_story_recommended_default) 3 December, 2014 **The world's 5 most corrupt countries** “The Berlin-based corruption-fighting organization polled experts across 175 countries and territories, using a dozen different surveys to rate perception of corruption. The index scores from 0, the most corrupt, to 100, which is the cleanest rating.

North Korea and Somalia were tied as most corrupt, unchanged from last year. Afghanistan shared the title of most corrupt in 2013, but this year it edged up 4 points.

The biggest declines in the index compared with last year came from Turkey, China, Rwanda, Malawi and Angola. St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Swaziland, Mali and Afghanistan showed the most significant improvements.

Denmark took first place, as least corrupt, with a score of 92. New Zealand, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland were the next cleanest countries.

The U.S., which last year ranked No. 19 with a score of 73, edged up to No. 17 this year with a score of 74.”

<http://www.apologeticsindex.org/4554-closer-look-stephen-covey-7-habits> **A Closer Look At Stephen Covey And His 7 Habits** (Edited by DCB) - Personally I had never heard of this book but it seems it has been used by several churches and denominations to fill what I assume they believed

was a void in their spiritual lives. “One of the most popular personal development training programs today is The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey. Many church and religious organizations are using this program to train ministers and leaders. One of the reasons they find this program attractive is because it gives a prominent place to spirituality in personal growth.”

<http://www.sbclife.net/Articles/1996/08/sla4> August 1996 Issue **The 7 Habits of a Highly Successful Mormon: Stephen R. Covey - (Edited by DCB)** - Some churches using this book are in the Southern Baptist Convention for “It may come as a surprise to many Baptists, but the popular personal training programs written and promoted by Stephen R. Covey are also meant to subtly promote his Mormon beliefs. Ironically, one of the reasons his materials, such as The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, are so popular among many Christian leaders is because they give a prominent place to spirituality in personal growth.”

[http://www.baptistbanner.org/Subarchive\\_9/999%20Habits%20or%20Heresy.htm](http://www.baptistbanner.org/Subarchive_9/999%20Habits%20or%20Heresy.htm) 9/10/199 **Habits or Heresy? A Book Review** (Edited by DCB) - “Since so many churches and Christian organizations (including my own state denominational agency) are using 7 Habits leadership materials, I have been compelled to research it for myself to see if it is biblically based-or at the very least, compatible with sound doctrine. What I found was disturbing. Not only is Covey a Mormon (even authoring religious works), but 7 Habits is blatantly full of heresy.” This man was the pastor of an SBC church in Maryland.

<http://www.kingsgrantbaptist.com/classes/class7habits.htm> “In The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Signature Program, participants learn how to: take initiative, balance key priorities, improve interpersonal communication, leverage creative collaboration, and apply principles for achieving a balanced life. “

What You Will Receive: Participant Guidebook. This 174-page manual is filled with examples and exercises, a CD and a DVD that continue to enhance the learning process after the workshop is over.

The 7 Habits Seven-Week Contract. This reinforcement will help the concepts you learn become truly habit forming

Experiential training featuring over 30 award winning videos

What it Will Cost: Franklin Covey normally charges \$2,095 per person to attend this three-day, (21 hour) workshop. Since Bud Livers is a Covey-certified facilitator, they will allow him to offer the training to the church for only the cost of materials. The materials and paperback of the classic book will be \$100.” This church also has Awana and its web site states it “is in partnership with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board and the Bridge Network of Churches” which are linked with the SBC. 2Timothy 3:13 “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived”.

The BEST BOOK for obtaining healthy habits is to make it a habit to be in THE BOOK regularly!  
Have a good Christmas and New Year!



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