

The STEWPOT

A POTPOURRI OF PRACTICAL IDEAS *to help you become a better steward*

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DAYDREAMS, NIGHTMARES, AND VISIONS

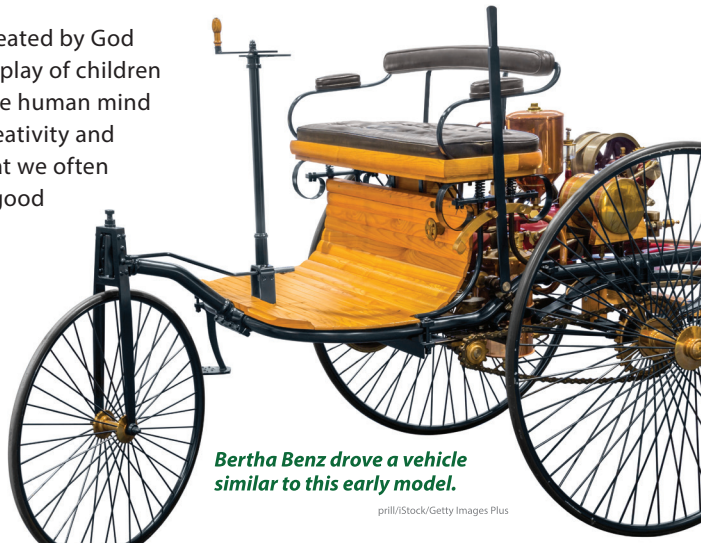
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It was the summer of 1888, and Karl was slipping into depression. He had worked so hard on his dream but, alas, his good idea was recognized by hardly anyone except his own family. He had worked tirelessly on his invention and was sure it would revolutionize the world; yet it went largely unnoticed.

Karl's wife, Bertha, knew she had to do something because she believed in Karl's dream and had witnessed his hard work. She arose early one morning and took her two sons to visit her mother—a harrowing journey of 120 miles round trip in two days. This excursion proved to be the answer to Karl's problem. Until then, the longest trip by "horseless carriage" had been a mere 40 feet! Bertha's daring stunt brought Karl Benz's invention to the attention of the world and turned his dream into a reality that has changed the course of history forever.

Our human brains were created by God to be idea factories. Even the play of children reveals the great beauty of the human mind as ideas pile upon ideas of creativity and originality. The problem is that we often never fulfill our dreams. Our good ideas get stuck inside and are never expressed, or we begin to work toward achieving them only to set them aside as other things become a priority.

Peter Drucker, a great writer and thinker on business management,



Bertha Benz drove a vehicle similar to this early model.

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