

# Jewels For His Crown

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Ladies.*



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## Graduates



I am starting this school year with only one student! Daniel and Esther have both graduated this past year, Esther having put three years into two, so it looks like Elisabeth is going to have my undivided attention from now on. Honestly, I am looking forward to working more with her and I think she is, too. It is a special time for us all and we thank the Lord for the precious fellowship that we enjoy with them. May you all have a very prosperous and enjoyable school year! ~T. Miller



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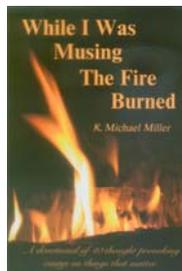
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(Note: Please read following, substituting "man" with "woman". The meaning remains.)

Death is never the last word in the life of a...man. When a man leaves this world, be he righteous or unrighteous, he leaves something in the world. He may leave something that will grow and spread like a cancer or a poison, or he may leave something like the fragrance of perfume or a blossom of beauty that permeates the atmosphere with blessing.

James Moffatt





*Thy testimonies  
have I taken as an  
heritage for ever: for  
they are the rejoicing of  
my heart.  
Psalm 119:111*

*My Mother's Garden*

*My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life it's start.*

*She turned me to the sunshine,  
Encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem...*

*And when the winds and rain came,  
She protected me enough--  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to be strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong--  
Markers for my pathway that  
Will last a lifetime long.*

*I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy-  
I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me*

*Author unknown*

*Let's Talk About You, Mom!*

How old was your Mother when she and your Dad got married? When did she lose her first tooth as a child? What were her parents' names and where were they born? Did she live in one place all her life or live in other cities? There are hundreds of things about your parents that would be interesting and helpful to know, that would be a treasure to have written down someday. Thankfully, a few years before my Dad passed away, I asked him to record on tape some of his memories. My Mom did not like to talk into a machine so she wrote down the things that she wanted to say on notepaper. It is a sad reality that most everyone will not think of asking these questions until their parents are gone. Here are some questions you could ask:

1. What is her favorite memory?
2. Have her tell about her conversion.
3. What did she want to be when she was a child?
4. Who were her friends in school and what were some of the things they did?
5. What hobbies did she have then? How about now?
6. What was her favorite vacation and why?
7. What special memories does she have of her siblings?
8. What can she remember about her parents' families?

These are just a few questions you could ask and there are many more. Take time to fill out a family tree. Do this with Dad, too. Your family is your heritage. Enjoy your time together!

*The lines are fallen unto me*

*in pleasant places; yea,*

*I have a goodly heritage.*

*Psalm 16:6*



## *Sarah Edwards*

Sarah Edwards was born Sarah Pierpont in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1710 to a distinguished family of educated preachers. Few details are known about her early life. When she was thirteen years old she attracted the attention of Jonathan Edwards, who described her extraordinary piety in his essay "On Sarah Pierrpont." Sarah married him four years later on July 28, 1727, at age seventeen, shortly after Jonathan Edwards was ordained a minister in Northampton, Massachusetts. A woman of "uncommon beauty," Sarah was known for her gentle spirit, kindness, and deep devotion. Jonathan and Sarah were as different in personalities as they were similar in convictions. Jonathan was the introverted scholar, content to spend 13 hours daily in his study. Sarah thoroughly enjoyed conversation with others. Both were deeply committed to Christ; in fact, it was Sarah's devotion to the Lord which drew Jonathan to her. She occupied a special status in the community because of her loveliness, intelligence, virtue, and piety. Her husband also used her as an example in his sermons, as he often identified spirituality with beauty.



The Edwards had 11 children, 3 sons and 8 daughters. Sarah prayed consistently for their children. She disciplined her children with gentleness and firmness, without force or raising her voice. The children demonstrated great respect for their parents, rising from their seats whenever their mother or father entered the room. Jonathan also took part in the rearing of their children, but the remarkable torrents of revival and his proclivity toward studying often occupied his time. He was always available for his family, but Sarah bore the greatest load in rearing the children.

Sarah's testimony displayed the real struggles of a minister's wife. On one occasion, she wrestled over the temptation to be envious of other ministers. After revival came to their church, Jonathan would occasionally journey for weeks at a time to preach in other churches. In 1742, a Rev. Buell came to fill Jonathan's pastorate while he was away. Sarah worried that God might bless the ministry of the visiting minister more than her husband. She finally yielded her will to God's, saying: "I had to bless God, for the use he had made of Mr. Edwards hitherto; but thought, if He never blessed his labors any more, and should greatly bless the labours of other ministers, I could entirely acquiesce in His will." Following this confession, Sarah could rejoice that God indeed blessed the ministry of brother Buell, saying: "I rejoiced when I saw the honour which God put upon him, and the respect paid him by the people, and the greater success attending his preaching, than had followed Mr. Edwards." She added, "the sweet language of my soul continually was, 'Amen, Lord Jesus! Amen, Lord Jesus!' Can there be any doubt that the example of Sarah Edwards to accept and encourage this guest minister aided the continual work of the Spirit? What an example to us, in a day in which competition or recognition among believers often drive our involvement in the Lord's church.

Sarah died in 1758 of rheumatic fever, just 6 months after her husband, Jonathan Edwards, died.

## *A Legacy Lost*

*Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying,  
As is the mother, so is her daughter. (Ezekiel 16:44)*

*Thou art thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and  
thou art the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children:  
(Ezekiel 16:45)*

There was a time when the greatest blessing that a mother could realize was to see her daughters married with families of their own, raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It gave great peace to a father's heart to know that his daughter was a good wife that loved her husband and family, one that would be a help to her man and care for the home with a glad heart. Her mother had trained her well in caring for her home; cooking meals to satisfy the body but easy on the budget, washing and caring for the family's clothes in a proper way, the importance of keeping the house clean and reasonably tidy, and doing all with an attitude of joyful servitude. The thought of being a wife and mother did not sound like a derogatory term of a life-long sentence of doom but was planned for and looked forward to with excitement.

Does all of this sound strange to you? If it does, that is not surprising to me. In the past few generations, girls have grown up thinking that if they are "dominated by a husband" they are weak and simple-minded. They are programmed while very young not to respect or depend upon a man and that they can live without one just fine. Their college education is being saved for from the cradle so that they can have a career to help provide for a "well-to-do" household. The mother's goal is that her daughter can be self-sufficient, strong-minded, independent, and that she can have a beautiful home, nice car, and hold her head up in society. Dad looks on the whole situation with a sad heart, knowing something is wrong with this picture but hating to say anything, especially since his opinion usually is treated as if it is not worth hearing. Mammamas who have walked in the counsel of the ungodly try to create in their daughters the dream of a perfect life according to the world's philosophy without regard for God's Word, and God's order. They do this while thinking that they are giving their daughters the best that they can give them. If anything sounds strange, this idea should.

As our society becomes more and more fast-paced, the family gets left in the dust. Mothers are called upon these days only to be the means of getting their children from one place to another, making sure they have something to eat and that their clothes are clean but "get me to the game on time!" They barely see their children in the morning before they are whisked away by the school bus where someone else teaches and trains them all day in worldly, humanistic values, then it is off to one practice or another and evenings are taken up with ball games or recitals. When the children are at home for a while, homework fills the evenings along with their

favorite television shows. There is never time to sit and talk, and never time for family meals. To suggest that we all sit down every evening to read the Bible and have a time for family devotions is an unheard of intrusion into the only "free" time anyone has.

As young ladies who are interested in following God's order, one of your greatest priorities right now should be to find out what makes a godly mother. If you are one of the blessed ones who has been raised by a God-fearing, God-loving mother, you have a great advantage over most girls raised in Christian homes today. But many mothers have failed in giving to the next generation of mothers what they need to raise God-fearing, husband-reverencing, home-loving women capable of training and teaching children to follow Christ. It is not because they are not good mothers but that the generations have so failed to see the weightier matters in raising children that they were never taught themselves. The legacy has been handed to you to carry into the next generation; to create what your mother strove to create in you, a godly Mother. But the need to go beyond even what your good mother taught you is great.

There is no set formula on "How To Be A Godly Wife and Mother", although we have many good examples in God's Word, some of which we will be discussing in the following issues. There are some very good training books on how to raise children, but children are different and have different dispositions and what may work for one will just not give the same results with another. The same is going to happen when you marry. Husbands are not the same. One may be extremely dominant while another may be less involved in things and leave you to yourself. And although these are two extremes, there are many different levels of character in between. What "works" for someone else may not be the answer for you. The only sure guide that we have is God's Word and His blessed order. There are some definite guidelines there that, if followed, will give you peace and stability that you will find no where else.

Every woman was created to be a mother. Although not all of us marry or even have children of our own, the rule still applies. There are children everywhere, and although you must be cautious when interacting with someone else's children, there are many ways that you can be influential in their lives. Whether you raise your own or are effectual in the lives of the children of your family or friends, how you live before those children and what you put into their little minds will play a big part in where they spend eternity.

In the following issues of "Jewels", I will be bringing a series of studies that will encourage you to think about who you are, what you expect, and where you could use some improvement. At this time, I am fifty-two years old and, believe me, there is always room for improvement no matter how old you are. Rearing children has never been an easy job, but is one that without dedication and Godly influence will end in failure. I know that all of you want to succeed in having a home that reflects the peace and love of the Lord, a place of refuge for your family from a wicked and perverse world. There are many things that the Lord has helped me to see and learn

through the years by my own shortcomings and failures. My prayer is that you will take seriously the challenge that I wish to give to you and make a difference in a world that is going the wrong way.

*He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.  
Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 113:9)*

In the following issues, I will be listing some questions for you to search out and think about after each devotion. You may want to purchase a notebook (a composition book works well for this) and keep it for a study booklet. I suggest that you write the questions first and then the answers so that in the future when you read back over your work, you will know what question you were answering. Keep the notebook with you when you study. (Keeping a notebook with your Bible encourages you to write verses and quotes that are a blessing to you.) Write whatever thoughts, ideas, and verses that you like and in the future issues, you may be challenged to look back and see if your answers to some of the past questions have changed. (The idea for the first question was taken from "The Help Meets Journey" by Debi Pearl, a workbook to accompany "Created To Be His Helpmeet", exclusively for married ladies.)

1. Let us start in God's Word. Look up the following words in a concordance to see how they would relate to a woman of God (KJV). It is helpful to consider what the words mean in the Greek and Hebrew sometimes, if you have that available.
  - a. Virtue
  - b. Graciousness
  - c. Wisdom
  - d. Prudence
  - e. Goodness
2. Read Titus 2. There are many things to be said about both men and women in this chapter. List some traits that you think a godly woman should have. Now, list the traits that a godly man should have.
3. What are some of the things that you think would make a godly mother? What should be her priorities?
4. Why do you think that women want to have children? Can it be a selfish desire?
5. How early should a mother begin to teach her child?
6. Find five godly mothers in the Bible, list them and write some of the things that they did to raise their children for the Lord.
7. See how many examples of wicked mothers you can find, list them and write some of the things they did to make their children falter.
8. Make another list of some of the children of these two types of women. Where possible, search their names in a concordance and see what happened to them in their lives.

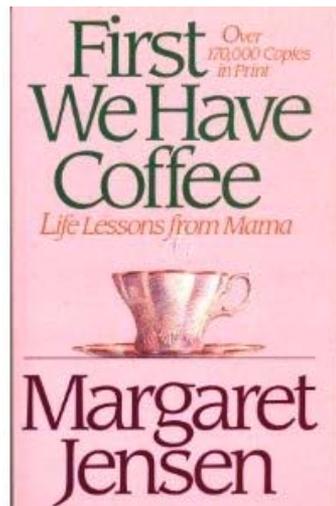
## Book Review

### “First We Have Coffee” – Margaret Jensen

(From the back cover)

For 68 years Margaret Jensen’s father preached to the Scandinavian settlers while her mother put the coffee pot on, teaching young and old lessons about living through her wonderful stories and songs. Margaret Jensen lovingly brings to life the stubborn faith and courageous love she experienced while growing up in an immigrant family. You’ll

love “Mama,” the indomitable matriarch of the Tweten clan; “Papa,” the preacher who loved books; “Uncle Joe,” who came halfway around the world with Mama to America, and a host of other wonderful characters. From a Norwegian Christmas Eve to summer picnics by the lake, you’ll enjoy moments with this close-knit family and the people they encountered.



This heartwarming and humorous collection of real-life stories is filled with godly wisdom, rich humor, and family togetherness. You will be encouraged and inspired by this immigrant Norwegian Baptist pastor’s family, and you will never forget the tender and joyous lessons these stories teach. Sit down with a cup of coffee and savor these gentle insights on living.

“I have enjoyed this book many times over, to which the condition of my own copy will testify. This dear lady has such a gentle faith and courageous strength through the trials of being the ‘Pastor’s Wife’, and living with a man who loved ‘God, the library—and you—in that order.’ Her compassion for others and love for God are a wonderful testimony of a godly mother. It is quite a book. You will find it available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.biblio.com](http://www.biblio.com).”

### Little Eyes Upon You

There are little eyes upon you  
They’re watching night and day.  
There are little ears that quickly  
Take in every word you say.  
There are little hands all eager  
To do anything you do;  
And a little boy who’s dreaming  
Of the day he’ll be like you.

You’re the little fellow’s idol,  
You’re the wisest of the wise.  
In his little mind about you  
No suspicions ever rise.

He believes in you devoutly,  
Holds all you say and do;  
He will say and do, in your way  
When he’s grown up just like you.  
There’s a wide-eyed little fellow  
Who believes you’re always right;  
And his eyes are always opened,  
And he watches day and night.

You are setting an example  
Every day in all you do;  
For the little boy who’s waiting  
To grow up to be like you.  
~Author Unknown

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### *My Mother*

*Who fed me from her gentle breast,  
And hushed me in her arms to rest,  
And on my cheek sweet kisses pressed?  
My mother.*

*When sleep forsook my open eye,  
Who was it sung sweet lullaby?  
And rocked me that I should not cry?  
My mother.*

*When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye  
And wept, for fear that I should die?  
My mother.*

*Who ran to help me when I fell  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the part to make it well?  
My mother.*

*Who taught my infant lips to pray,  
To love God's holy word and day,  
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?  
My mother.*

*~ June Taylor*

To be a mother is by no means second class. Men may have the *authority* in the home, but the women have the *influence*. The mother, more than the father, is the one who molds and shapes those little lives from day one.

John MacArthur

### **A Godly Mother:**

- A**lways reads her Bible, for daily nourishment.
- B**elieves God's promises without fear.
- C**overs each child with diligent prayer.
- D**isciplines her little ones spiritually.
- E**njoys her family to the uttermost.
- F**orgives her children when they fail repeatedly.
- G**oes to church joyfully and tithes faithfully.
- H**olds her children accountable and truthful.
- I**s not afraid to ask forgiveness of her children.
- J**udges all things fairly and Biblically.
- K**nows that Christ is her Savior!
- L**oves and respects her husband exceedingly.
- M**odels a Christ-like spirit always.
- N**ever calls her children bad names.
- O**ppresses no one with her selfish desires.
- P**leases the Lord above all others.
- Q**uietly commands, never shouting orders.
- R**edeems her time daily with each child.
- S**ets boundaries for her children's behavior.
- T**ries to listen to her children intently.
- U**nderstands her limitations and need for rest.
- V**ery regularly speaks words of love and encouragement to her children.
- W**orks and labors without complaint.
- X**spects her rewards from God, not others.
- Y**earns to help her children succeed in life.
- Z**ealously tends to her family's health and well being.

### **Help!**

Do you know of any good biographies of Godly mothers? I know of only a few, so if you have some good suggestions that we can post in "Jewels", please let us know. Write, call, or email your suggestions. Please, be sure that you have personally read the book and can recommend its spiritual soundness. Thank you for your help!

## Crafts

### Christmas Bracelets

Here are two great ideas that you might like to try for the Christmas



season. They would be great for yourself or as gifts to friends, family, or teachers.

(Note: The red berries on the bracelet as right are seed beads threaded on bead pins, grouped in

threes in between the green leaves. The bracelet at left is done with two strands of beading wire instead of one.)

### Thumbprint T-shirts

Here is a great idea for sleep-overs, clubs, birthday parties, you name it! All you need is a white t-shirt for each girl (make sure there are sizes that will fit everyone), cardboard big enough to fit tight inside the shirt, wax paper, fabric paint, paper plates, and a fabric paint marker in green or any other color you would like.

Place a piece of cardboard covered with wax paper inside each t-shirt. Squirt a little of each color paint that you wish to use in your paper plate. Using either your finger or thumb, make a yellow center for your flowers. Then, choose the color of the flower and thumbprint those around the centers. After they are dry, use the green paint marker to make the stems and leaves.

You can also make animals with thumbprints. This really works well for baby onesies and children's shirts. Have fun and be creative!



### Up-Cycled Toy Boxes

You will need spray paint in colors desired, metallic is a good choice. Boxes may vary from shoe boxes to plastic coffee cans, or even empty baby wipe boxes. Paint schemes such as camouflage pattern for an army men box, black with stars for space toys, scales for dinosaurs, and pink polk-a-dots for dolls. Stencils work well for these out-of-the-box decorations. Look for boxes that have hinged tops that will not get lost. You can use this idea for larger containers or toy boxes as well.

(Note: Do not glue toys on the sides of the boxes. They will only get torn off.)



# Recipes

## Barbecued Meatballs

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
  - 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
  - 1 cup quick-cooking oats
  - ½ cup finely chopped onion
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon chili powder
  - ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
  - ¼ teaspoon pepper
  - 1½ pounds ground beef
- SAUCE:
- 1 cup ketchup
  - ¾ cup packed brown sugar
  - ¼ cup chopped onion
  - ½ teaspoon liquid smoke, optional
  - ¼ teaspoon garlic powder



In a bowl, combine the first eight ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into 1" balls; place on a greased 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350° for 18-20 minutes or until meat is no longer pink. Meanwhile, combine the sauce ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Pour over meatball. Bake 10-12 minutes longer. (Note: These meatballs also make good sub sandwiches. Omit the sauce and marinate them in spaghetti sauce.)

## Creamy Hash Brown Bake

- 1 can (10 ¾ oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 can (10 ¾ oz) condensed cheddar cheese soup, undiluted
- 1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 package (28 oz) frozen O'Brien hash brown potatoes
- ¾ cup crushed potato chips

In a large bowl, combine the soups, sour cream, butter, onion and salt. Add potatoes; mix well. Pour into a greased 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Sprinkle with potato chips. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

## Salsa Strips

- 1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- ¾ cup salsa
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- Minced fresh cilantro

Unroll crescent roll dough and separate into four rectangles. Place on greased baking sheets. Spread mustard and salsa on each rectangle.

Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; bake 8-10 minutes longer or until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut each into four strips; sprinkle with cilantro. **Yield:** 16 appetizers.



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