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# Jewels For His Crown



A periodical for Christian Young Ladies.

# Jewels

Christian Girls Club

## Attention Everyone!

In an effort to provide my granddaughters with some productive activity, I have compiled a booklet similar to other girl's club manuals that will give girls an incentive to learn skills that will be helpful to them as Christians, wives and mothers. As I was considering materials for this issue, the Lord impressed me to make this available to all of you. In the following issues, I will feature at least two pages out of the handbooks that you may complete. You can do this on your own or, if you would like to receive an embroidered badge for each goal accomplished, you can send your information of completion to me. May it be a blessing to many!

~T. Miller

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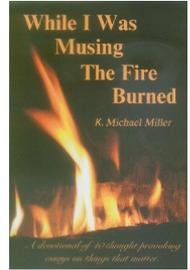
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I saw more clearly than ever, that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord. The first thing to be concerned about was not, how much

I might serve the Lord, how I might glorify the Lord; but how I might get my soul into a happy state, and how my inner man might be nourished. For I might seek to set the truth before the unconverted, I might seek to benefit believers, I might seek to relieve the distressed, I might in other ways seek to behave myself as it becomes a child of God in this world; and yet, not being happy in the Lord, and not being nourished and strengthened in my inner man day by day, all this might not be attended to in a right spirit.

George Muller





You can no more blame your circumstances for your character than you can blame the mirror for the way you look.

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Character is a victory, not a gift.

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Character is not made in a crisis - it is only exhibited.

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Character is made up of small duties faithfully performed--of self-denials, of self-sacrifices, of kindly acts of love and duty.

Anonymous

*Character is made  
by many acts;  
it may be lost  
by a single one.  
Author Unknown*



We are only what we are in the dark; all the rest is reputation. What God looks at is what we are in the dark- the imaginations of our minds, the thoughts of our heart, the habits of our bodies; these are the things that mark us in God's sight. Character is what you are in the dark.  
Oswald Chambers

*Most of us know  
perfectly well what we  
ought to do; our trouble  
is that we  
do not want to do it.  
Peter Marshall*



# Bible Memory

*“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

Psalm 119:11

The Sword of the Spirit is your best weapon against the fiery darts of the devil. It gives the Holy Spirit tools to work with during our times of searching, trials and testings. It gives Him words to recall to our memory just when we need them the most. God’s Word can also be a comfort to our hearts in time of sorrow or fear. It is so very important to hide God’s Word in our hearts!

## Badge Requirements:

- Quote to a leader the Bible memory verses assigned during the year.
- Try to know the passages word perfect. (Three prompts are allowed.)
  - Learn to recite only one assigned passage/chapter at a time.

<b>Year 1 – Bible Memory Passages</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1 Corinthians 13	
Psalm 103	
<b>Year 2 - Bible Memory Passages</b>	
John 15	
Romans 12	
<b>Year 3 – Bible Memory Passages</b>	
Psalm 37	
Psalm 139	
<b>Year 4 – Bible Memory Passages</b>	
Philippians 1	
Philippians 2	
Philippians 3	
Philippians 4	

Gather the riches of God's promises. Nobody can take away from you those texts from the Bible which you have learned by heart.

Corrie ten Boom

(The badge requirements on Bible Memory extend into four years, as does the Bible Reading. If you wish to do the requirements for the badge, you will need to quote the scripture passages to an adult and have them sign and date a card with the passage you quoted, along with your name, and send the card to me. Please include \$5 for first badge and an additional \$3 for each other badge being sent to the same address at that time. Thank you and may God bless your efforts!)

# *Being A Wife God's Way*

*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.  
(Proverbs 31:10)*

Blueprints and diagrams are given for everything that you choose to do. Recipes are written for certain foods so that another may follow that recipe to make the same dish. Patterns are printed on tissue paper in certain sizes so that another seamstress can cut out a garment that will fit the one for which it is being made. Instructions come with any gadget that “needs assembly” so that when you buy the item you can make it work.

If everything in life was so easy we could have a perfect world, but unfortunately it is not. There are no hard, fast rules that will insure you a perfect, happily-ever-after future with no problems or heartaches. That kind of life left us at the Garden of Eden. Sin came into this world and ruined everything, even those things at which we work so hard. But the Lord gives us guidelines to go by for the best possible results in any endeavor in our lives. If you are serious about having a happy marriage and giving it the best possible chance of survival then you are on the right track.

I asked a few ladies the question, “What is something that you wished you had known before you got married that would have helped you in your marriage?” The very first response I received was, “I wish that I had learned what submission really means. The post-women's-liberation-movement girls are taught not to be submissive to anyone, especially a man, since it is demeaning and *not* womanly. The truth is, it is a very womanly thing in your marriage.”

What is submission? Mr. Webster says that it is the act of yielding to power or authority; humble or suppliant behavior; obedience; resignation; a yielding of one's will to the will of a superior without murmuring. In every aspect of life, there must be someone who is in control. Every job has a boss, every state has a governor, and every country has a ruler of some kind. This is so that operations run smoothly and in order. There is no confusion when everyone knows their place and does not try to usurp authority over the one that is in charge and responsible. God gave us an order of authority in the home as well. “*But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*” (1 Corinthians 11:3) This does not mean that one is more important than the other, only that there are definite positions that we are called to fill to keep everything in order. So, what are some of those words he used to describe submission? Yielding. Suppliant (asking humbly, not demanding). Obedient. Humble. If you are a follower of Christ, do you not follow him in this way? We are to regard and love our husbands with the same regard and love that we have for Christ. No, this will not anger God, for we are to be the perfect picture of a Christian in a relationship with God and that is what marriage is all about. Treating

your husband with respect and trust is being in submission to him. To get a better picture, imagine what you would do if you were talking to Jesus. Would you tell Jesus that you do not have to obey him or listen to what he says? Do you dare to call God , “My old man”, or put him down in front of others the way some women do their husbands? Do you argue with God about things that you do not want to do, or about things that you *do* want to do, when his will is plain? If you have no respect for your husband, you have no respect for God and his Word. Lack of respect and submission will tear at your marriage until it falls apart.

Another response that I received was, “learning how to not take every disagreement between you and your husband as a personal attack on yourself.” Just because he does not agree with you does not mean that he thinks you are stupid or cannot do anything right. This is a very childish attitude and if you think this way, this kind of spirit will bring contention and strife between you and your husband. Learn from what he says to you and in the decisions that he makes. If his decision is wrong, *never* say, “I told you so!” If you are married, you are supposed to grow up and be adults, not stay in the nursery throwing toys at each other. What peace you will bring into your marriage if you realize that you are his “help”, not his antagonist!

“Some things can only be learned through trial and error, but being selfish is one of the biggest problems when you are first married. If you learn beforehand to do things for others out of love instead of on demand, I believe it will save a lot of problems later on.” Marriage must be founded on real love. This kind of love is not something that you fall into. It is choosing to give your devotion, respect and life to one person forever. There is not room for selfishness in a decision like that. You may think that it would be so easy to be unselfish to the one that you love, but you must remember that he is a human, too. He is going to be thoughtless at times and hurt your feelings. Are you mature enough to take that without becoming angry? Can you remember that you love him because he does love you and be able to “go on”?

“Men should never have to demand that their wife do something, and the same the other way around. It should always come from the heart.” We once knew a wife who *never* cleaned her house. The home was always a terrible mess, the bathroom was worse than an outhouse and even the floors began to rot away. The husband did not like to live that way and it became a matter of contention. He would even take it upon himself at times to go from room to room cleaning, only to have his home back in the disgusting mess again within a few days. Her selfish and lazy attitude toward his desires made him eventually give up and leave her. “*Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.*” (Proverbs 14:1) Everyone likes a clean place to live and your husband will love and appreciate you more if he sees your effort to keep things neat and in order. Some men will even help you with some things when they know you are doing your best. It does not have to be spotless, but a clean home has a more peaceful and loving atmosphere. Your home will reflect the honor and respect that you have for your husband. You cannot love without respect and honor along with it.

It is not a sign of weakness to give in to someone else's needs and desires but actually more of an indication of strength. Like every other sin, the easiest thing to do is just whatever you feel like doing. But life is not a continual party. It is working day to day, making things good for those around you. In return, you find that things are good for you, too.

“Learn the importance of making your husband your best friend and confidant, and that what is spoken or done in private should remain in that sacred circle.” Some girls have had best friends to which they would always tell everything. When you marry, your best friend is your husband, not *anyone* else. This does not mean that you have to shun your friends when you get married, but it does mean that now there are no more sharing of secrets with others or telling private things (whether good or bad) to your best bud. The “garden enclosed” in Song of Solomon 4:12 belongs to your husband and is not to be shared with others.

Many young people these days are coming from broken homes. Mom is with someone other than their father and Dad has a new wife and other children, and this is not only common in worldly families but is profuse in our churches. Example is our greatest tool for learning and though we have depended on our parents to show us the right way and they have done their best, everyone makes mistakes. Children are being raised in homes that have selfish parents, therefore they are producing children who become selfish parents themselves. But you *can* be different! If you have decided that you want to be a godly wife and mother, there is no reason why you cannot. God has given us the Bible in which we can study and find answers to every need we have. Glean from godly mothers around you, always keeping in mind that they are human, too, and apt to do some things wrong. Learn from their successes and mistakes, pray for wisdom and guidance from the Lord and live your life the way that you would have your children live theirs. Remember, one day you will be the one that they will either want to look up to or will have no confidence in. Which kind of mother do you want to be?

Your best guarantee for a good marriage is to love and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Be willing to have Jesus be your judge and guide in everything that you face in life. There is no friend that will be more honest with you about yourself and your situation than he will be. One lady put it this way, “If someone always agrees with you and tells you you're right, you may wind up making some very unfortunate, costly decisions. For wise counsel, instead talk with someone who will offer a different perspective and help you work through a situation to a positive resolution.” No one will give you the truth like the Lord, and we should follow his steps.

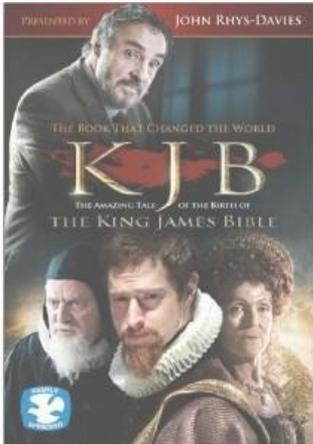
Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.  
Proverbs 27:6

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.  
Proverbs 4:13

Here are some more things that you can write in your notebooks. Remember to write the question first and then your answer so that you can read them again later.

1. Read again the definition of “submission”. In your own words, write what you think “submission” means.
2. What do you think is most important in a godly marriage?
3. I have always told my children that it takes two to disagree. When you are in an argument with someone, what is the best way to remedy the situation? (For a good idea, read Proverbs 15:1.)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13. In your own words, explain what love (charity) is. Use the dictionary to look up words that you may not fully understand, such as “vaunteth”. (Remember, you may have to look up the root of the word, “vaunt”.)
5. Many people these days, including “Christians”, believe that when you marry you should still maintain your individual life, such as separate checking accounts, vacations apart with family and friends, clubs and such things that are exclusive, etc. Look up verses that speak of marriage to see if they support this idea. Write in your notebook: “The Bible says that a man and wife...”
6. Do you have some character problems that are a problem now and could end up being a bigger problem when you are married? These problems include temper, griping, laziness, answering in a sassy manner, dominating behavior, etc. Make a list of these problems that you see in yourself, or that others have said that they see in you. Decide to focus on one at a time, asking the Lord for help in conquering each particular problem and thanking him for each victory over that problem. Leave room after each one to write dates of victories and notes of how God helped you overcome them.

# Recommendations



**"KJB: The Book That Changed the World"** takes us on a historical survey of the years preceding 1611 and the political and religious landscape which confronted the new King. The story follows James I from his birth to his ultimate ascension to the English throne. Particular focus is placed on the role the King James Bible would play in James' strategy to unify the landscape, politically and religiously.

Director and producer, Norman Stone does a fantastic job of capturing the life of Jacobean England with all of its

intrigue. The plot of Guy Fawkes is detailed in memorable fashion. Filmed on location in England and Scotland, the film takes one inside Westminster Abbey and Oxford College to some of the actual rooms where the translators labored over their charge. The photography and quality of the film is superb, countrysides and cathedrals alike are displayed in all their evocative power.

John Rhys-Davies exudes energy and vigor in his lively narration. His booming, deep voice adds to the grandeur of the story. At one point he climbs up into the pulpit of a centuries-old church to read from the pages of the King James Bible.

The documentary focuses almost exclusively on the historical setting and making of the King James Bible, only briefly explaining its lasting impact. While acknowledging the place the Bible has for Christians, the film aims at a wider audience. At times some historical license seems to be taken to make the story fit the producer's goals. While Puritans and Anglicans worked together on the various translation committees, it should be noted the Puritans were at a decided minority. More detail on translation techniques and practices could have been expected, too. Still the film does not disappoint. It brings to life the world of King James and the creation of his most lasting monument.

(Editor's Note: I have always had a deep love and respect for the King James Bible. I acknowledge it as the only translation of our day that is pure and right, tried and proven, and so much the more since I have seen this film and know the history of its birth. James was a king, not a saint, which fact is actually brought out well in the film, but his intentions for the translating of the Bible into the English language were commendable. He was straightforward, not a push-over or intimidated by others, and very much a king. His work has been blessed by God in more ways than can be recorded. The historical value of the film alone makes it worth watching.)

# Candlewicking

*"She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."*  
Proverbs 31:13

Candlewicking is a form of whitework embroidery that traditionally uses an unbleached cotton thread on a piece of unbleached muslin. It gets its name from the nature of the soft spun cotton thread; which was braided then used to form the wick for candles. Motifs are created using a variety of traditional embroidery stitches as well as a tufted stitch. Subject matter is usually taken from nature - flowers, insects, pine trees, and so on, Other traditional motifs resemble Pennsylvania Dutch or Colonial American designs. Modern designs include colored floss embroidery with the traditional white on white stitching.

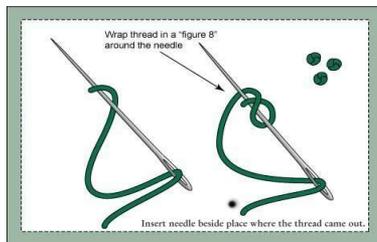
## Badge Requirements:

Finish a candlewicking project for a small pillow, sachet or pin cushion. A purchased kit is acceptable, or you can collect your supplies on your own.

If doing the project on your own, you will need:

1. Cotton fabric the size sufficient for your project.
2. Pattern of choice for your project.
3. Candlewicking yarn.
4. Lace or other trim of your choice.
5. Stuffing.

You must do all the work yourself. When complete, gently wash any pattern markings from the piece. To press, lay face down on a clean towel and press gently, moving the iron in an up and down motion. DO NOT press the top of the crewel knots as this makes them look bad. Complete construction of your project and present it to your leader.



*Don't waste your time waiting and longing for large opportunities which may never come. But faithfully handle the little things that are always claiming your attention.*

F.B. Meyer

(For badge requirements, complete a project and have an adult inspect it according to the list above. The project must be clean and neat. Send me a card with the girl's name, the project they have completed and the adult's signature. Please include \$5 for first badge and an additional \$3 for each other badge being sent to the same address at that time. Thank you and may God bless your efforts!)

# Homemaking

*“She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.” Proverbs 31:27*

A little poem once read, “Man may work from sun to sun, but women’s work is never done.” Sometimes it feels that way, but the rewards of being a homemaker much outweigh the work involved. Where else could you work where everything that you did was out of love for your husband and children? Habits and schedules make work much easier and more productive, so make good habits of working now to make your life easier. A clean house helps to make a happy family.

## Badge Requirements:

With adult supervision, complete the tasks for the various requirements in each category below.

**Ironing-** Know the different settings on an iron for different types of fabric.

Neatly iron the following:

1. Two man’s shirts.
2. Two pair of pants.
3. Two skirts.
4. Two blouses
5. Two dresses

## Cleaning-

1. Vacuum all carpeting in your house.
2. Sweep and mop the kitchen.
3. Clean the bathroom thoroughly.
4. Dust everything in all rooms.
5. Make your bed with clean linens.

**Laundry-** Know how to properly operate a washer and dryer and complete the following requirements:

1. Wash and dry two loads of permanent press colored clothes in warm or cold water. Hang all clothing that must be on hangers immediately as dryer stops. Fold and put away remaining things.
2. Wash and dry two loads of white cotton laundry in hot water with ½ cup bleach. Fold or hang and put away.
3. Wash and dry two loads of sheets and pillow cases. Fold and put away.

## Kitchen-

1. Empty dishwasher and/or dish drainer every day for a week.
2. Load the dishwasher the way Mom likes it or wash the dishes after one meal a day for a week.
3. Set the table properly\* for dinner every day for a week.
4. Help clear the table and put the dinner things away properly for a week.

*For Candlewicking and Homemaking badges, send items according to the requirements on “Bible Memory”. Thank you, and God’s Blessings!*

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