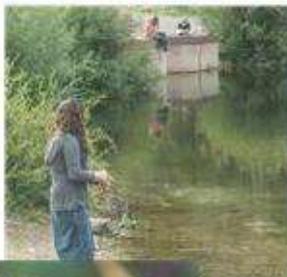


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Holiness

Some people think of holiness as being the description of a certain denomination or how a person lives when they are in a convent or seminary, but what it really means is being set apart, consecrated and sanctified. Those are pretty big words, too, however. When something is consecrated for a certain purpose, it no longer is for any other use. When we give our lives to Jesus Christ, we are then consecrated to him forever and not available for the use of the devil any longer. We are not to speak like him, act or dress like those who follow him, listen to the same music or read the same books that he would approve of. From that day forward, we are set apart from the devil and the world and are in the service of the King of Kings! I testify that it is the best life to live and a possible life, also. You do not have to be strange, unless strange is to be good, to do right and to love the Lord your God will all your heart. Never think it an impossibility, for nothing is impossible with our God! ~T. Miller

(Photo above is of my youngest daughter, Elisabeth.)

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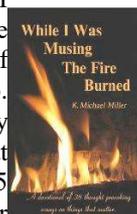
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*Give unto the
LORD
the glory due
unto his name;
worship the
LORD
in the beauty of
holiness.
Psalms 29:2*

*I do not ask that He must prove
His Word is true to me,
And that before I can believe
He first must let me see.
It is enough for me to know
'Tis true because He says 'tis so;
On His unchanging Word I'll stand
And trust till I can understand.
-E. M. Winter*

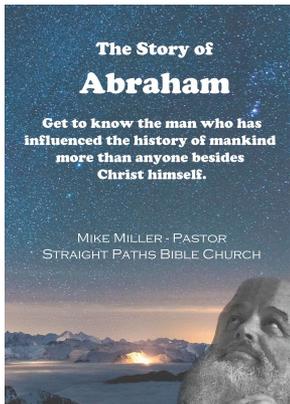
I believe the holier a man
becomes, the more he mourns
over the unholiness which
remains in him.
C.H. Spurgeon

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts
may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too,
may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love
but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all
that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always
may be holy.

(My sweet daughter, Esther.)



Knowing God and understanding his heart is the first step to living a holy and separated life. God gave us "the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I have come to know more about the God that I love and serve through these messages and I highly recommend that you, too, listen to them. They will bless your life.

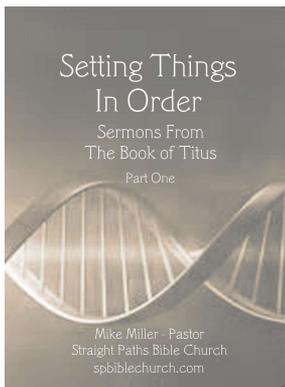
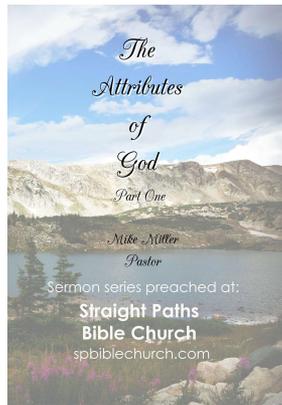


The Story of Abraham

Fourteen messages on twelve separate CDs in a convenient album case that covers the life of Abraham (Genesis 12-Genesis 24). Precious insight into the life of the man that everyone knew as the "friend of God", these messages have already been a great blessing to many others. You may purchase the entire set for \$20, or you can buy all the messages on one MP3 for only \$10. Both come in plastic cases and are perfect for gift-giving.

The Attributes of God

Sixteen messages are gathered into two separate albums in this wonderful study of the attributes and character of our blessed Creator, such as "God is Holy," "God is Patient," and "God is Omnipotent." This set, which comes in two separate albums (part one and part two) can be purchased for \$20 in the CD form, or for \$10 with all the messages on one MP3. Each message will be a blessing to you and your family and is easy to understand.



Setting Things in Order

This set of sixteen messages is taken from the book of Titus. Our God is a God of order which is clearly seen in all of his creation. There is nothing left to question in the way that he expects us to live in this present day, and God blesses those who seek to live according to his statutes. These two albums may be purchased for \$20 in the CD form, or they are also available in an MP3 format for \$10.

(Note: All precedes go back into our CD ministry.)

How to Live a Holy Life In a Sinful World

*Read the Bible.**

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

Psalms 119:11

Talk to Jesus.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them
out of the world, but that thou shouldest
keep them from the evil.

John 17:15

Be willing to be different.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye
transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2a

Be on your guard.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a
roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
Whom resist stedfast in the faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9a

Obtain and use your armor.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able
to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

(*We recommend the King James Bible, the unadulterated Word of God.)

Just Like Me

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months"

James 5:17

The great saints of the Bible are wonderful examples for us to consider and learn from. For instance, Abraham became the father of Israel, the chosen people of God. Through his generations came the promised Messiah, the very Son of God, who would come to earth and give his life for us. Jacob, his grandson, would later be named Israel and raise the twelve sons who would represent the twelve tribes. Joseph, one of those twelve sons, lived a life of suffering and unjustified imprisonment to bring about the means that would save the lives of his people, giving us a clear picture of Christ. Moses was a great man of God. The Bible says; *"Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth," Numbers 12:3*, which means that he was quiet, gentle, easily imposed on, and submissive. Joshua led the children of Israel into the promised land with the power of God and the confidence of his assistance. These are only five men, and the Bible is full of good men and women who were used of God in a mighty way.

When I was a child and thought about these great people of the Bible, I would see them as they were portrayed in the Bible picture books that I had back then. In them, Moses was drawn with the ten commandment tablets raised above his head, eyes fierce and arms bulging with muscles as he flung the stone tablets at the golden calf. Elijah was characterized as a skinny little hermit-type of a man, calling down fire from heaven or sitting on the hill side waiting for the rain to come. Pictures of Jesus were always of this quiet, long haired man who, even with a whip in his hand, did not look like he would have the strength or desire to use one. Above all, with each one of them, I would consider them to be very much different from what I would ever be or what anyone else could ever attain to. These were holy people, people who knew and heard the voice of God, who lived in perfect harmony with the laws of God without fear or dread. In my ignorance, I saw them as perfect specimens of humanity that lived in a way that would never be attainable to any lowly human of today. But I was wrong.

God carefully chose the few people that he included in his word so that we may have the truest picture of his grace and mercy. One of the truest and most faithful men of the Bible was Joseph. If you carefully read the story of his life you will not see a thing that he thought or did wrong, although he went through horrible circumstances; sold into slavery while reported killed by a wild beast, falsely accused by his master's wife of a crime he did not commit, and had violently resisted, forgotten in a filthy prison where he did not deserve to be while he faithfully served his captors. How many of us would have been as enduring as Joseph? True, he was a unique individual, but not because God had given him anything special to make him perfect. The only special thing that Joseph had was a true faith and confidence in the God of his fathers. He believed that what God promised would come to pass and that if it did not in his lifetime, then it would

happen after he was gone. He knew God never failed and that was enough. I used to think that he was a bratty little braggart when he was a child, annoying his brothers with his showy dreams and tattling ways. But, again, I was wrong. He had met the God of Bethel early in his life and God had given him dreams of how he would someday be a blessing to his family. They hated him because they saw that he was good and that he was favored of their father. What parent will not favor a child who does not give them trouble?

So is a life like Joseph's attainable for people like us? Of course, it is! He was a boy just like any other boy that you see today. He had simply settled in his heart and mind early in his life the fact that God was worthy to be trusted and loved above all else. When any person comes to that conclusion, they lay a firm foundation in their mind and heart that cannot be destroyed, no matter how shaken it may be. Did Joseph ever have any doubts? Of course, he did! If you will read Psalms 105:18, it says there of Joseph: *"Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron."* The phrase *"he was laid in iron"* not only indicates that he was chained up but also that it was at this time that his greatest trials and life decisions were made. Have you ever heard the phrase, "The iron entered into his soul"? It is a time when the foundation of great determination is laid in a person's soul and he makes decisions that will never change.

Daniel also made some difficult choices in a trying time. *"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it." Daniel 1:1* Although it does not give any graphic details of what happened in Judah, we know that there were certain of the Hebrew boys that were separated out for a certain purpose. Whether the rest of Judah's people were captured or killed, we are not certain, although back then the Babylonians were not known to take many prisoners so we assume that his people and family were all killed. Daniel and the other boys mentioned (Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, which became Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) were spared from destruction because of their intelligence and wisdom. Fear and grief can make a person doubt and lose faith unless there is a foundation already laid in their heart and soul that will sustain them in times of trouble. Daniel had laid this foundation early in his life, for when he came to decisions that needed to be made in this hostile situation, he was ready. *"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8* How many of us would just have eaten and drank whatever they had given us? Something about the king's meat was not right for them to eat and the Bible says not to drink wine *"when it moveth itself aright." Proverbs 23:31.* (By the way, wine can mean grape juice, also. This reference means that it is fermented and can make you drunk.) God had given this trial to him and the other boys to encourage them for the other trials that would come to them during their captivity, such as the incident of the furnace (Daniel 3) and later under another king, the lion's den (Daniel 6).

Have you ever given much thought to the decision that Mary, the mother of Jesus, had to make when the angel of God told her about what was about to happen to her? Unlike today, women who were found to be expecting a child and not married were condemned to ridicule for the rest of their lives, and sometimes sentenced to death. She knew that, even as the angel was telling her the wonderful news that she was to be the mother of the Lord, for she asked about how it was going to come to pass. Do you suppose that Mary had already laid a foundation for her life before this event took place? I have no doubt. God would not have chosen her in the first place had she not come from a home that was preparing her for a life of following the God of her fathers.

Even a woman who had made a terrible mess of her life was given the opportunity to start again with a new determination in following Christ. Mary Magdalene had seven devils cast out of her by Jesus and from that day she began to follow him, ministering to his needs (probably cooking and helping out with other ladies that would happen to come to Jesus in need). She remained faithful to him even in the dangerous events that took place during and after his death. I believe it was because of her faithfulness that she was honored with the first conversation with her risen Lord, being that she was there when all the rest were in hiding.

Our spiritual examples in God's word were strong, not because they had super powers that no one else had or could have but because they had a determination and abiding faith that is available to all of us today, as well. The foundations of our world are being shaken and not only am I speaking of the underground plates that keep moving and causing earthquakes and volcanoes. When spiritual foundations are moved, changed and compromised, the weakness can become catastrophic. Communities, churches, and even families have no righteous foundation any more, and that was where our peace was founded. There is no way for things to become any better until there are people like you and me who determine that we are going to live holy, separated, and consecrated lives in this mixed up, wicked world that calls wrong, right and right, wrong. We can make a difference. We need to take that stand and we better be doing it soon.

So, can we be like all of these strong examples that God has given us in his word? Of course, we can. When you read the Bible and get to know God like he wants you to, laying that foundation of faith in him is not hard at all. And that is really all that his people have ever done. They needed nothing extra to follow this loving, merciful Father. They needed no super powers to love him and follow him, even unto death. They were just like you...and just like me.

Do You Know Hymn?

Here is an old hymn that I have sang since I was a child. With our newer technology of screens and projectors, we sometimes lose some of the sweet old hymns. There are two different ways of singing this one. Have someone play or sing it for you and see if you recognize the tune. Look for more old hymns in the coming issues!

Take Time To Be Holy

William D. Longstaff

Irish Melody

The musical score is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a staff. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words on multiple lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

System 1: Chords: Eb, Fm, Eb/G, Ab6. Lyrics: Take time to be ho - ly, Speak of - ten with; Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush - es; Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be thy

System 2: Chords: Eb, Bb, F/A, Gm, Eb. Lyrics: God; Find rest in Him al - ways And; on; Much time spend in se - cret With; guide, And run not be - fore Him, What -

System 3: Chords: Cm, Bb/D, Eb, Bb, Ab. Lyrics: feed on His Word. Make friends of God's; Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to; ev - er be - tide. In joy or in

System 4: Chords: Cm, Gm, Ab, Bb. Lyrics: chil - dren; Help those who are weak, For; Je - sus, Like Him thou shalt be; Thy; sor - row, Still fol - low thy Lord, And,

System 5: Chords: Cm, Bb, Eb/G, Eb, Ab6, Cm, Ab6, Eb. Lyrics: get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek. friends in thy con - duct His like - ness shall see. look - ing to Je - sus, Still trust in His Word.

Crafts

Need a few ideas for your room? Here are some things I thought you might like:

Everybody likes pictures and with all the devices we have these days, they are readily available. Have some of your favorites printed off and make a picture wall without tape or too many holes. Put four or five small brad nails on either side of the wall that you want to use, about 6" apart, and string lightweight cord or picture hanging wire across from one to the other. You could even use a string of LED lights! Using clothespins, hang your pictures in groups, according to events or families, or any way you like.



I like switch cover treatments and this one looks like it would be easy. Just take a plain switch cover and cover it with strips of different colors and designs of Washi Tape. You can find Washi Tape in many different styles to match whatever theme you like in your room.

Just make the poms from whatever colors of yarn you have or what will match your room decor. They can be various sizes, too, which makes it easier to do and more interesting. If you do not have a pom pom maker, use toilet tissue tubes



like those in the photo. Make each pom nice and full so it will be soft, slide a 12" piece of yarn between the rolls and tie one loose tie. Slide the yarn ball off the end and tie the center tighter and very



securely. (DO NOT TRIM THE LONG PIECE YOU TIED IT WITH! That will attach your pom to your rug backing.) Now, make lots of poms of different sizes and colors, enough to cover the backing piece that you have. Your backing is simply a piece of latch-hook backing that you can find in any craft store. Cut your backing as large as you want your rug. Now, begin tying your poms onto your backing with the long strings that you made them with. You can trim the ends when you get them tied on, but not too short. Keep adding poms until you have filled up all the space. Now, sink your toes in!

Recipes

Pizza Wraps

Ingredients:

- flour tortillas (white or wheat)
- pizza sauce
- low fat turkey pepperoni
- lean deli turkey
- lean deli ham
- low fat mozzarella string cheese, cut into chunks
- fresh tomato slices
- dried basil
- pan spray (butter flavored is best)



Heat your grill or iron skillet to medium heat. While it heats, fill a fajita sized tortilla with a spoon of pizza sauce, cheese and a few slices of pepperoni, making sure to keep in the center as in the photo. Add a slice each of turkey and ham, top with 3-4 slices of



tomato and then sprinkle with dried basil. Fold up the two short sides and then fold over the long sides until they lap over to form a wrap. Spray your skillet lightly and place the wrap seam side down in the skillet. Lightly spray the top side of the wrap. Place something heavy on top, like another pan or a

press. Cook until the tortilla is toasty brown on both sides, and if you like you can hold them with tongs and brown the edges, too. Have some extra pizza sauce warmed to dip them in, if you like. If using low-fat cheese and lean meats, you are making a good, healthy lunch!

Creamy Grape Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes
- 8 oz package of reduced fat cream cheese
- 2, 6 oz containers of "light" vanilla yogurt or vanilla Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar

Prepare the sauce by mixing slightly softened cream cheese with yogurt. Add brown sugar and mix well. Wash and dry grapes and remove them from the stems. Add them to the "dressing." Mix them all together and refrigerate until serving. You can add a few pecans if you like.



Allclear Facial Shake

Bromelain, the enzymes in pineapple, promote good digestion and good skin. (Bromelain is even applied topically in skin-clearing masks and exfoliants.) Cucumber and apple are skin-purifiers that help boost hydration and alkalinity. They all work together to calm inflammation, which is present with acne.

Few slices or chunks of pineapple

1/2 cucumber

1/2 apple

Whiz in a processor and chill before enjoying.

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