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# Jewels For His Crown

*A periodical for Christian Young Ladies*



## *Our 75th Edition!*

We are happy to announce that this issue will be our 75th edition of *Jewels For His Crown*! It is hard to believe that we have been publishing the paper for so long! For those who do not know, *Jewels* was started as a homeschool learning project for my two younger girls. The idea came from a young lady in our area who started a one-page mailing to the homeschooled girls that she knew, naming the paper, "The Rose Garden Club". Since then, we have sent the *Jewels* paper to many different states, mailing as many as 50 copies at a time. It is my burden for the young girls growing up in such a difficult time that keeps me working on the devotions, hunting up interesting quotes and trying to find things that are interesting to you all. I think the Lord for this great opportunity to touch your life! Thank you for your gracious support and for reading "*Jewels For His Crown*"!

~T. Miller

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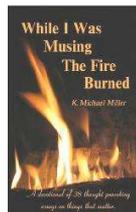
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**(PS. Watch for our next issue! Our new baby is due any day!)**

**Then shall we know,**

*if we follow on*

**to know**

*the*

**LORD:**

Hosea 6:3

*Human things*

must be known to be loved;  
but

*Divine things*

must be loved to be known.  
*Blaise Pascal*

What were we made for?

***To know God.***

What aim should we have in  
life?

***To know God.***

What is the eternal life that  
Jesus gives?

***To know God.***

What is the best thing in life?

***To know God.***

What in humans gives God  
most pleasure?

***Knowledge of Himself.***

J.I. Packer

*A man may study because his  
brain is hungry for  
knowledge,  
even Bible knowledge.  
But he prays because  
his soul is  
hungry for God.*

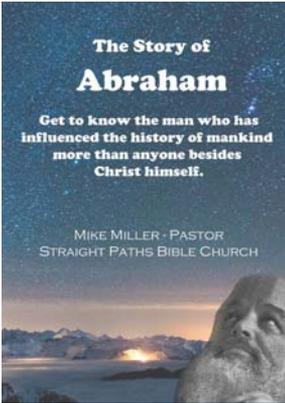
*Seanort Ravenhill*



*Before we can know God and  
understand his great plan it is  
first necessary for us to believe  
that he exists and that he  
rewards all who diligently seek  
him.*

J.F. Rutherford

**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.**

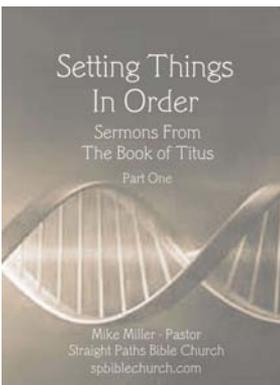
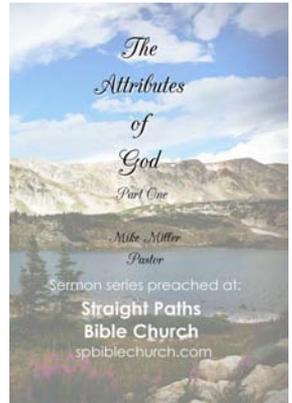


## *The Story of Abraham*

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.

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## *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 proceeds go back into our CD ministry.)

## *Getting to Know You*

*And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.*

*Jeremiah 24:7*

*And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

*Jeremiah 31:34*

*Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? John 14:9a*

Have you ever wondered just how much you know the people with whom you live? Getting to know someone is more complicated than just living in the same house with that person. It takes time and open hearts and minds to really get to know another individual. That is why when two young people are courting with marriage as their intention, they should be very open in their conversations about their faith, convictions, past experiences and their future hopes and ambitions. But even in the best of circumstances, most go into marriage only knowing very little about the person with whom they will spend a lifetime.

Not only spouses but parents and grandparents are worth getting to know, also. When we are little, we normally do not notice things about our parents or get to know their likes and dislikes. Our concept of them does not go much further than that of disciplinarian. But if you can grasp the idea of them being a young adult not so long ago, perhaps even a teenager, you would soon see that there is a person there that would be great to get to know better. And grandparents are full of stories and wisdom that only years of living can give you. What a shame that so very often we do not realize the importance of what they know until they are gone.

And what of your brothers and sisters? Do you really know what is in their heart? Do you share in their troubles and joys, or do you just tolerate them and sometimes become annoyed at them for being in your way? Or are you, like me, born so much later than the others that they do not know you and you do not know them? My brothers were nine and ten years old when I came into their world and by the time I was old enough to know enough to care about who they were, they had joined the Air Force and were gone. It is only of late that I have been reacquainted with my older brother and found out what a wonderful person he is and he has actually become one of my closest friends. I now know enough about him to know his needs and pray for him, which I believe is one of our greatest obligations as a child of God.

So, how do we go about getting to know others? Spending special time with them is a good way. When you want to know someone else, the first thing you do is begin a conversation. Older people like to talk about the past, that is true, but they also like to know your feelings and ideas about the things going on in your life. Taking some time to sit and communicate with that person is just as important as

being still and listening. Time is a very rare commodity, so when you give some of your time to another person, you are giving them a part of your life. The older you become the more you will see how time becomes more precious, since you do not have as much free time in your day as you did when you were young. Parents do not always have time to sit while they are visiting because of their busy schedules. But if you care enough to want to be with them by working beside them in their household chores just so you can talk to them, it will let them know that you are sincere about wanting to know them. Let them know how you feel about things, too, and be open enough to listen to what they have to say.

There is an old saying that reads, "Grant that I not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins." Sometimes we think that a person is just an old grouch or has no need for anyone else. Many times that is because no one has put forth the effort to befriend them or know them. You do not know what that person has had to endure in their lifetime, or for even that particular day, for that matter. The devil likes nothing better than for us to ruin our testimony with our friends and family by a harsh incident or some unkind words. As Christians, this should not be common for us, but there are times that pressures and responsibilities can cause us to snap, giving others the wrong impression of our true character. All good people have bad days sometimes so be very careful to have charity and forgiveness, just as you would have them have toward you.

Taking the time to know someone lets them know that you really care about them. When we become familiar with the things that please them we will find ourselves doing our best to make them happy, especially those that we love. We sometimes get in the rut of thinking about ourselves and what makes us happy and we lose sight of those other people in our lives that are important to us. When I was a girl, my world was all about me and what I was doing and the things I was having to deal with in my life. I wasted so much time that I could have been thinking about my mom and dad, and even my brothers. They all did very special things for me but, sadly, I cannot remember doing many good things for them. Now my mother is old and alone (she lives beside me), my dad has been gone for ten years now, and my brothers are grandfathers with families to spend time with and enjoy. I know that we can always look back over our lives and wish we had accomplished more. My desire is to try to inspire you to look at your life now while you have time to do something different with your thoughts and motives. Now, while you are young, look at those around you as temporal, someone you may not have with you tomorrow, and treat them as if you only have one more day to know them and love them. You never know when that day will actually come.

My greatest desire for this year is to get to know the Lord better than I have before. With everything that we have already discussed it should be fairly obvious to see how I could accomplish that. Knowing how to get something done and having enough character to do it is two very different things, however. The things that matter most in life are done on purpose, not just when you find the time or when you feel like it. I have a few definite problems that I must work on to be able to reach that kind of a goal and one of the greatest problems I have is time. It is one of

those commodities that slips away from you before you realize where it all has gone, especially for me. I can carefully arrange my day so that I would have some time in the morning to do the extra scripture writing that I have committed to do but I must leave the space open enough that I do not get flustered and cross when my family needs me for something else, and they very often do. And even when I try to prioritize my day, my priorities have to change quite often to accommodate my duties. That is why in the above paragraphs I have tried to emphasize the importance of giving your time to get to know a person. When you are young, you have more time to spend in visiting others, reading your Bible and learning the scriptures that will be such a help and comfort to you when you are older.

I have to take "little sips" here and there to be able to get the things done that need doing. *"Pray without ceasing." 1Thess. 5:17* I talk to the Lord all day long. I watch for an opportunity to sit for a few minutes to write the daily scriptures from the charts like the ones I have posted in this paper for you. Our family has a regular time in the evening that we come together and read a chapter from the Bible and pray. You might try to encourage your family to do the same or you can do that on your own. Set a certain time each night, such as eight or nine o'clock, go to a quiet place in your home and read a chapter from your Bible. Take your time when doing this and think about what you are reading and how the Lord speaks to you through what you are reading. Ask the Lord to help you to understand those verses and to show you what he wants you to learn from it. That is one thing that he loves to do for he wants our life to be full of joy. *"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24*

So, get to know your family. Write down some of the things that they tell you, especially the stories from their past. Get to know your mom and dad, ask them about their salvation story and some of their hopes and ambitions. Get to know your brothers and sisters and spend some precious time with them now while you can. Learn about your family tree, where your ancestors came from and who was married to whom. You could even ask your parents to help you make a family tree that you can keep, writing down all the names and dates that they can remember. But, most of all, take more time this year to get to know the King of the Universe, the Lord of Love and Prince of Peace. *"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13*

That I may  
know him,

and the power of his resurrection,  
and the fellowship of his sufferings,...  
Philippians 3:10

My year's challenge for myself is to follow a monthly chart of Bible verses that I can write in a journal. I completed one for the month of December and found that the verses of prophesy and of Christ's birth were so very helpful in keeping my heart and mind focused on the true meaning of the season in the midst of all the commercialism. So, I looked up one for January, also, and found that there were many more for the other months of the year. I would like to challenge you to join me in this blessed endeavor. It only takes a few minutes a day to write the few verses that are listed, although some are more lengthy than others. The first list (below) is for February, and I have included on the next page a list for March and April. May the Lord bless you as you strive to know him better in the coming year!

Perfect Peace  
Topical Bible Reading Challenge  
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1. Psalm 29:1-11	16. Psalm 39:1-13
2. Romans 5:1-11	17. Romans 14:1-11
3. Psalm 37:10-19	18. Romans 14:12-23
4. Proverbs 16:1-7	19. 2 Thess. 3:10-18
5. Psalm 4:1-8	20. Isaiah 54:1-10
6. Job 5:17-27	21. Romans 15:1-13
7. Psalm 120:1-7	22. Philippians 4:1-7
8. Eccle. 3:8-22	23. Isaiah 55:1-13
9. Psalm 85:1-13	24. Matthew 5:1-12
10. Proverbs 3:13-22	25. 2 Cor. 13:7-14
11. Isaiah 9:1-7	26. Psalm 119:161-168
12. John 14:23-31	27. James 3:10-18
13. Isaiah 26:1-13	28. Romans 8:1-6
14. Proverbs 12:15-23	29. Proverbs 16:1-7
15. 2 Thess. 1:1-12	

## March Bible Reading Challenge

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1. Hebrews 1
2. Hebrews 2
3. Hebrews 3
4. Hebrews 4
5. Hebrews 5
6. Hebrews 6
7. Hebrews 7
8. Hebrews 8
9. Hebrews 9
10. Hebrews 10
11. Hebrews 11
12. Hebrews 12
13. Hebrews 13
14. James 1
15. James 2
16. James 3
17. James 4
18. James 5
19. I Peter 1
20. I Peter 2
21. I Peter 3
22. I Peter 4
23. I Peter 5
24. II Peter 1
25. II Peter 2
26. II Peter 3
27. I John 1
28. I John 2
29. I John 3
30. I John 4
31. I John 5

## Trusting God

### April Topical Bible Reading Challenge



1. Psalm 20:1-9
2. Psalm 62:1-12
3. Isaiah 26:1-13
4. Psalm 37:1-13
5. Psalm 37:14-26
6. Psalm 37:27-40
7. John 14:1-10
8. John 14:11-21
9. John 14:22-31
10. Psalm 46:1-11
11. Psalm 118:1-13
12. Psalm 118:14-29
13. Proverbs 30:1-9
14. Psalm 5:1-12
15. Psalm 86:1-9
16. Psalm 86:10-17
17. Luke 12:24-31
18. Proverbs 3:1-8
19. Isaiah 50:4-11
20. Psalm 91:1-16
21. Jeremiah 17:5-10
22. Psalm 78:1-11
23. Psalm 78:12-29
24. Psalm 78:30-42
25. Psalm 78:43-55
26. Psalm 78:56-72
27. Psalm 115:1-9
28. Psalm 115:10-18
29. Romans 15:1-13
30. Isaiah 43:1-12

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# Crafts



## **Ceiling Fan Fun**

Now is the season to do some things in your bedroom, while the weather outside is still frightful! Ceiling fans can be decorated to match your other decor making everything in your room bright and cheerful. Here, someone has taken colored duct tape and added stripes to the blades. My daughter, Esther, and I took

the blades from her fan, painted them black and white, alternately (there were four blades), and painted music motifs on them. Elisabeth covered hers with a purchased camo border. After receiving permission from your parents for the project, remove the blades from the fan and thoroughly clean and dry the blades. Lightly rub them with alcohol, allow to dry, and apply paint, tape, or whatever you wish. After they are dry, remount the blades. (Note: when removing your fan blades, try to keep them in order so that you put them back up the same way to make sure they stay balanced.)

## **Paint Chip Calendars**

These perpetual calendars will keep your busy schedule well in order. You can obtain a few paint chip cards from any place that sells paint, in a variety of beautiful colors. You will need a 12"x16" picture frame with glass, 35 paint swatches (the large kind, not the strips, and try to use colors that are not really dark so your writing will show up), clear tape, ruler, scissors, and dry-erase marker. Find a piece of paper that will fit your frame (you can use the back of the picture paper that came in your frame if you purchased it new). Cut your paint swatches 3-1/4 inches square. Lay out five squares in seven rows across your paper.



You can either glue them on or simply roll a piece of tape and tab them in place making it possible to change the colors at a later date. Once they are secured, place it inside the frame. Finally, take your dry-erase marker and label your calendar. The glass of the frame acts like a dry-erase board so you can customize your calendar and change it every month!

## **Tic-Tac Bobby Pin Organizer**



Keep those bobby pins handy! Purchase a large container of your favorite flavor of Tic-Tac candy and empty it. Remove the labels and separate the top from the bottom. Spray paint the top the color of your choice and let this dry for at least a day. With a small dowel, dip the end in matching paint color and make dots on the clear bottom half. When this is dry, fill your container with all those bobby pins that seem to never be where

you want them. But do not forget to put them back when you take them out of your hair.

# Recipes

## **Honey Lemon Ginger Chicken**

### Ingredients

- 3 boneless chicken breasts, (about 1½ pounds)
- salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger
- ½ cup honey
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- zest from one lemon
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon low sodium soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch



1. In a medium saucepan, add olive oil, minced garlic, and ginger. Sauté over medium heat for 2-3 minutes and add honey, lemon juice, lemon zest, apple cider vinegar, soy sauce, and cornstarch. Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer. Let simmer and thicken while cooking chicken.
2. Cut the chicken into bite sized pieces and add to a medium skillet. Cook about 4-5 minutes until no longer pink in center and the outside is starting to brown. Add the sauce to the chicken and toss to coat.

**Apple Crisp:** pictured above

### **For the crumb topping:**

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- dash of salt
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter, diced into small chunks

### **For the Apple filling:**

- 3-4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced thin
- 3 Tbsp butter, melted
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- dash of salt

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In a medium size bowl combine the crumb topping ingredients with a fork or pastry blender until it resembles small crumbs. Refrigerate while you prepare the apple filling.
3. For the Apple Filling: In a small bowl, combine melted butter and flour until well blended. Add lemon juice, milk and vanilla and stir well. Stir in brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Pour butter mixture over apples and toss to coat. Pour apple mixture into an 8x8-inch baking dish and spread into an even layer. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and top is set. Remove from oven and allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Note: You can bake this in a pie crust for an amazing pie!

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