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Dottie Has Arrived!

After much waiting and great anticipation, our little Dottie has made her appearance into the world! Dorothy Carolyn Wright was born January 28th, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. She was named after her two great-grandmothers; Dorothy after Bro. Mike's mother and Carolyn after Garry's Dad's mother. As you can see in the photos below, she is beginning to smile and show a bit of her personality. Her arrival was a bit rocky and we are so very grateful to the Lord that she is here and doing well. Congratulations, Garry and Elisabeth Wright on the birth of your first baby girl!

~T. Miller

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Also available, "While I Was Musing, The Fire Burned", a book of devotions written by K. Michael Miller, which many have already found a great blessing. The cost is \$8.95 plus free shipping. Order both for \$12!



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*He that received seed
into the
good ground
is he that
heareth the word,
and understandeth it;
which also beareth fruit,
and bringeth forth.*
Matthew 13:23



Anyone can count the seeds
in an apple, but only God
can count the number of
apples in a seed.
R.H. Schuller

The greater part of our happiness
or misery depends on our
dispositions and not on our
circumstances. We carry the seeds
of the one or the other about with
us in our minds wherever we go.
Martha Washington



The focus is what is right
before you - to give it your
best. It sows the seeds of
tomorrow.
Kiran Bedi

*"It always amazes me to
look at the little, wrinkled
brown seeds and think of the
rainbows in 'em," said
Captain Jim. "When I
ponder on them seeds I
don't find it nowise hard to
believe that we've got souls
that'll live in other worlds.
You couldn't hardly believe
there was life in them tiny
things, some no bigger than
grains of dust, let alone
colour and scent, if you hadn't
seen the miracle, could you?"*

*L.M. Montgomery
- "Anne's House of Dreams"*

**"What are you
planting today to
harvest
tomorrow?"**

Good, sound preaching is hard to find these days, but here are some CDs and MP3s that will definitely bless your heart and life when you listen to them. They are food for your soul and help for your understanding of God's Word. The messages are all from the pulpit of Straight Paths Bible Church in Ellsinore, Missouri;
 Pastor Mike Miller.

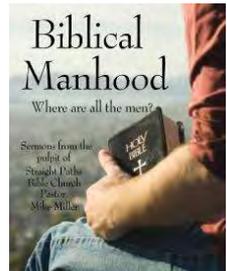


The Ten Commandments

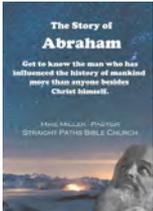
Ten simple commandments but so much more! This study is far from the ordinary and will help you to understand things about the commandments that you never thought about before. These messages are rich with the Word of God and spiritual understanding. ~\$10 MP3

Biblical Manhood

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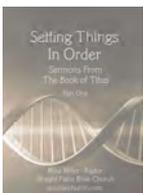
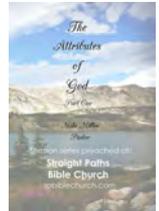


The Story of Abraham

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".

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."



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.

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

Seeds to Sow---Roots That Grow

"Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:" Mark 4:3

Spring is finally here! Oh, the joy of this time of the year when things that were so bear and dead start showing the mist of color and life on all the hill sides around! The sun takes on the warmth that the ground needs to make all those roots and seeds begin to come alive. It always makes me start looking through my seed box to see what can possibly be planted right now and what has to wait. I have to be very careful not to get too impatient and sow the wrong seeds too early or my efforts will be in vain and I have to plant all over again...and wait longer.

One of the most exciting things to me is to discover things growing in places where I had not seen them before. I love to see the lovely Bluebells grow and bloom on the banks of the roadside. I look for them every year. Last spring, as I was entering our chicken pen, I noticed a small plant growing about three feet away that looked just like Bluebells and on closer inspection I found that it was. How it came to be there, I am not sure at all, but I was very happy to have it close enough at hand to enjoy. One spring a few years ago, I noticed something growing in the back yard that I did not recognize so I dug it up and planted it in a safe place to watch what it became. It turned out to be a really pretty holly hock with purple flowers. Somehow a seed from somewhere was dropped in that spot and grew; perhaps a bird brought it in. However it got there, it gave me much joy just to see it bloom by my back door.

Seeds and roots are everywhere and can come up in places that you never expected. I have found in my gardening through the years that if you do not want a certain plant in your garden, you had better not put it there in the first place. I made the mistake once of planting Day Lilies (the pretty orange ones that last only a day and then die) in a flower bed by our shed. Although they were pretty while they bloomed, they spread and multiply quickly and were becoming a problem for my other plants. I tried digging them up and moving them, but the next spring found them coming up in the bed again. I went through the entire bed and removed every little red root that I could possibly find, but they are still there to this day. Wherever there had been a root, another plant sprouted and I was never able to get rid of all of them. I have had similar problems with a Crepe Myrtle bush that insists on coming up in the middle of my rose bush bed in my front yard. I dug the bush up and tried to keep it alive to transplant it and it died, but the roots of what was left will not go away.

Seeds are another wonder that can be a great thing if used in the right way but a real problem when they are not. The earth is full of seeds, which makes it different than any other planet that God created. You can take a handful of soil from almost anywhere, put it in the right environment and things will grow that you never even knew were there. When God created the birds, he knew they were going to have to have a lot of food to keep them going, so there is always plenty of seeds for the birds and plenty more that will grow and produce more seeds. This is not always

pleasant when you have a garden that has to be weeded every few days to make sure that your vegetable plants and flowers do not become overwhelmed. We try all manner of things to keep the weeds and grass from growing where we do not want it, from laying down paper to spraying chemicals on them to kill them. And no matter how hard you work and what method you try, they always have a way of coming up anyway. That is because weeds produce so very many seeds! They just must reproduce for that is their orders from the King. There are just times that we wish they would not take those orders so very seriously.

Seeds come in a large variety of sizes and shapes. There are tiny little seeds that the Violet explodes into the air that are extremely difficult to see, and then there is the Coco de Mer, which is a giant fern palm that grows in the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean that can weigh as much as 44 pounds! Some seeds are smooth and pretty, like apple seeds and flax seed, and there are some that you wonder if they are really a seed at all because they look like just a little wad of bark, like beet seeds. But they are all seeds and they will all grow, given the right place to grow with just the right water, soil and sunshine.

There are also different ways to plant seeds. In my father's day, the fields were sown by hand by the farmer. He would plow and harrow the field to prepare the soil to accept the seed, then he would walk from one end of the field to the other with a bag tied to his side that he could easily dip his hand into. He would then take the wheat, millet or oat seed into his hand and fling it from the ends of his fingers in an arching fashion, throwing the seed in a uniform way to cover the ground evenly. It had to be distributed over the field so that it would grow and produce the best that it could. Necessity made them careful and those fields were usually very even and productive. But even as careful as they were, some seed would fall into places where the plow had not broken the ground and those seeds never amounted to anything.

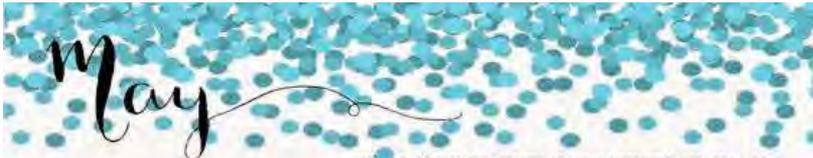
This was the kind of sowing that Jesus was speaking of in the gospels. Even when they were very careful, the seeds would sometimes fall in places in which they could not grow. In this instance, Jesus was trying to motivate the people to not only listen to the words of truth but to accept them, think on them, and eventually live them in a productive way. Unlike the seeds in the parable, most good seeds of God's Word are falling into "stony places" where they will never grow and the "birds of the air" come and take them away before they can "take root". In simpler terms, most people will sit in church and think about literally everything else and they hear nothing of what the preacher is saying. Before they even stand up at the end of the service, their minds are chasing after their own desires, they visit with their friends and run out to the car to turn on their "music". Those kind of people are generally the ones that become angry at God for the way their life is going so wrong even when they go to church. Then some will hear what is being preached and even agree with it, but would never try to live the truths they are hearing. They count it as hopeless and unattainable and live defeated lives. Some people may even try to live right, do better and clean up their behavior but without giving their heart and life to Christ completely, but when troubles and trials come they get discouraged because

they failed to continue as they wanted to and therefore quit altogether. It is only the people who come to church ready and willing to hear the Word of God preached who will ever receive the light and understanding of the Word and live productive, blessed lives in the Lord. These people desire to walk closer to the Lord and live a life that would be pleasing to him.

There are other seeds in our lives that we plant every day without ever knowing it, some that are honorable and some that are condemning. Your character and the One that you follow and love make a great difference in the type of seeds that you sow. Before I was saved I would get up in the morning with a bad attitude. Of course, when this happened, the children were fussy and would not behave, which would cause me to be in a worse sort of mood, and so the day would go by. When the Lord gave me a different reason to start my day, I began waking the children up with smiles and hugs, letting them know I was glad to see them, happy to feed them and encourage them in their day of school or play. The difference in our home was amazing! I began to see how the seeds of contention had made my home a nightmare, the seeds of selfishness had taken away our peace, and the seeds of discontentment were sown in everyone. Although this fact will be a continuing burden on my heart, I thank the Lord Jesus that even they can see there is a difference in their mother and in our home. The seeds I strive to sow now are those of love, patience, and encouragement. I do not always succeed and I must watch myself when these old nerves get thin or this body begins to hurt that I do not fling out "seeds" that will cause my harvest to be tainted.

Roots are the foundation of any plant. Roots are not seen but without them the plant could not thrive or maintain its position. Sometimes the plant can look as though it were doing very well but suddenly will fall over and die because the root has rotted away. The foundation of our life should be planted deep in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus, through his word and communication with him, we find the substance to keep us healthy spiritually in this ungodly, upside-down world in which we live. God provides us with good things that will help and encourage us when our roots are in him. But remember that plant that looked so good on the surface but one day fell over because the roots were rotten? The devil is extremely cunning in offering you counterfeit methods of "following God". He has no objection to you going to church and even thinking about living a good life, just so long as you have this root of gall and wormwood in you that will make you believe you are right with God when you are living a worldly lifestyle. Deuteronomy 29:18-20 tells of the curse that comes upon one who knows what is right and decides he can live the way he wants to and still call himself a Christian. Hebrews 12 gives us good instruction on how we should behave and even warns us of another root to avoid; the root of bitterness. (v.15) So, beware of the roots that can take hold in your heart and cause you to be a curse to others instead of a blessing, as the Lord would desire. Plant good seed that your harvest will be a blessing to you, to the Lord and everyone else around you.

To all of you persevering young ladies who kept up with the last three writing charts, I salute you! I had not noticed that they were Bible READING charts until I tried to accomplish them myself. My apologies. If you did not keep up, do not be discouraged. Know that there were others also that fell sadly behind, myself included. I found another set of charts that are much more attainable to include in this issue. I pray they will be easier for you all to achieve. I have also been posting these on Facebook to my friends and family there and many have joined us in our writing challenge. May the Lord bless your efforts in this endeavor and that you learn more about our God and how to love and serve him in the coming year!



31 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

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| <h3>Week 1</h3> <p>DAY 1- COLOSSIANS 1:3-7 DAY 2- COLOSSIANS 3:15-17 DAY 3- 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 15-22 DAY 4- DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 DAY 5- JOHN 14: 1-4 DAY 6- JOHN 14:15-21 DAY 7- PSALM 27: 1-5</p> | <h3>Week 3</h3> <p>DAY 15- ISAIAH 55:8-13 DAY 16- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-14 DAY 17- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15-21 DAY 18- JOHN 15: 1-5 DAY 19- JOHN 15:6-11 DAY 20- JOHN 15:12-17 DAY 21- PSALM 126: 1-6</p> |
| <h3>Week 2</h3> <p>DAY 8- PSALM 27: 6-14 DAY 9- PSALM 91: 1-8 DAY 10- PSALM 91: 9-16 DAY 11- PSALM 23: 1-6 DAY 12- PSALM 121: 1-8 DAY 13- PSALM 67:1-7 DAY 14- ISAIAH 55: 1-7</p> | <h3>Week 4</h3> <p>DAY 22- PSALM 19:1-6 DAY 23- PSALM 19:7-14 DAY 24- PSALM 73: 21-26 DAY 25- ISAIAH 40: 1-6 DAY 26- ISAIAH 40:7-11 DAY 27- ISAIAH 40:12-17 DAY 28- ISAIAH 40: 18-21</p> |
| <h3>Week 5</h3> <p>DAY 29- ISAIAH 40:22-26 DAY 30- ISAIAH 40: 28-31 DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES</p> | |

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalms 119:18

June

30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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Week 1

- DAY 1 - JOSHUA 4:5-7
- DAY 2 - JEREMIAH 31:3-6
- DAY 3 - 2 CORINTHIANS 11:8-20
- DAY 4 - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-24
- DAY 5 - LUKE 12:22-26
- DAY 6 - PSALM 42:1-5
- DAY 7 - PSALM 42:6-11

Week 2

- DAY 8 - PSALM 143:1-5
- DAY 9 - PSALM 143:6-12
- DAY 10 - PSALM 150:1-6
- DAY 11 - PSALM 147:1-6
- DAY 12 - PSALM 147:7-11
- DAY 13 - PSALM 147:12-16
- DAY 14 - PSALM 147:17-20

Week 3

- DAY 29 - PSALM 139:13-18
- DAY 30 - PSALM 139:19-24

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July

31 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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Week 1

- DAY 1 - PHILIPPIANS 11:4-4
- DAY 2 - JOY 114:23-27
- DAY 3 - JOY 14:28-31
- DAY 4 - 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-12
- DAY 5 - PSALM 94:12-15
- DAY 6 - PSALM 94:16-19
- DAY 7 - JOSHUA 1:5-9

Week 2

- DAY 8 - PETER 5:5-8
- DAY 9 - PETER 5:9-11
- DAY 10 - LUKE 12:22-26
- DAY 11 - LUKE 12:27-30
- DAY 12 - LUKE 12:31-34
- DAY 13 - LUKE 12:35-40
- DAY 14 - PSALM 55:1-8

Week 3

- DAY 29 - ISAIAH 26:4-13
- DAY 30 - LUKE 12:6-10
- DAY 31 - CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES

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Crafts

Explosion Mini Scrap Book

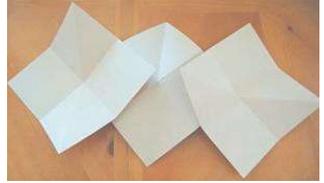
This is such a good craft that I decided to post it, even though it takes most of the page. Use your imagination and creativity on this one and save some special photos, autographs from your friends, I am even going to make one for Operation Christmas Child boxes for a witness book. The ideas are endless. Here goes:



1. First, cut three 12" squares of cardstock. Fold all three vertically and horizontally. Make one fold diagonally. Your papers should look like the photo to the left.

2. Lay all three papers together, fitting the unfolded corners

together as in the photo to the right, and glue them in place.



3. Cut two 6 1/2 inch square pasteboards (the heavy back on a notebook). Cut two 8 1/2 inch squares of patterned paper and glue these on the pasteboards. (The photo shows how to miter the corners to glue more neatly. Glue all four sides down.)



4. Take an 18" ribbon, fold in half to find the center and glue this on ONE of the pasteboard ends that you made. This will be the back of your book.



5. Glue these ends on the front and back of the book that you have when you have the book folded. (The book folds back and forth.)

6. Now, on the inside spaces, cut pieces of printed paper a bit smaller than the spaces to make them look a bit like windows, as in the photo. You can make them plain for autographing or printed, whichever you prefer.

You can even make pockets for keepsakes. When you fold it up, the ribbon ties on top to keep it all together. These are great as gifts for new babies, weddings, graduations, any big event in life. Hope you enjoy!



Summer Memories Jar

The possibilities for this one are virtually endless! Just purchase a large clear canister from Wal-Mart right before you go on vacation this summer and then while you are enjoying sight-seeing and all your family fun, keep in mind a few things that will look good in your jar. This one is of the beach. You can collect rocks from the mountains, Spanish moss from down south, post cards and photographs. Add a few cardstock figures to help add a fence or a tree if you like. You can even add a short string of lights to your jar to dazzle it up on your dresser!

Recipes

CANDY APPLE BAR



Candy Apple Bar

If you are having friends over and want something special that is yummy and fun, too, here is a pretty good idea. All you need is:

Apples, probably one for each friend

Skewers or sucker sticks

Kraft Caramel Bits, one bag

Various toppings: mini marshmallows, mini chocolate chips, mini M&Ms, coconut, chopped pecans or walnuts, crushed toffee bars or Oreo cookies, etc.

Just melt the caramels in the microwave or on the stove, adding a bit of milk to keep it thin (but not too thin or it will not stick to the apple). Cut and core the washed apples just before eating, inserting a stick in each. Remember, no double dipping! 😊

French Bread Pizza

2 loaves of French Bread

1 jar of pizza sauce (if you like more sauce, you may want 2 jars)

Any toppings your family likes: Pepperoni, Canadian Bacon, green peppers, onion, pineapple, mushrooms, olives, tomatoes, etc

2 C Mozzarella Cheese shredded

1. Pre-heat oven to 500 degrees. Cut the french bread in half length wise, put the halves on a cookie sheet open faced, spread a 1/4 of the jar on each side.

2. Put on your favorite toppings, and top each half with 1/2 C cheese. Prepare and bake two halves at time and repeat.

3. Bake for 5-7 minutes till the cheese is melted and slightly browned. Cut into 2 inch wide strips and serve.



Wendy's Frosty - Requires an ice cream maker.

1 Can of 14-oz Sweetened Condensed Milk

1/2 Gallon of Chocolate Milk-purchased is best

1 Tub of 2-oz Cool Whip

1. Stir together sweetened condensed milk and chocolate milk until blended. Gently fold in Cool Whip.

2. Run your ice cream maker according to directions until it is the consistency of soft serve ice cream.

3. Serve in glasses with straws and spoons. Enjoy!!



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