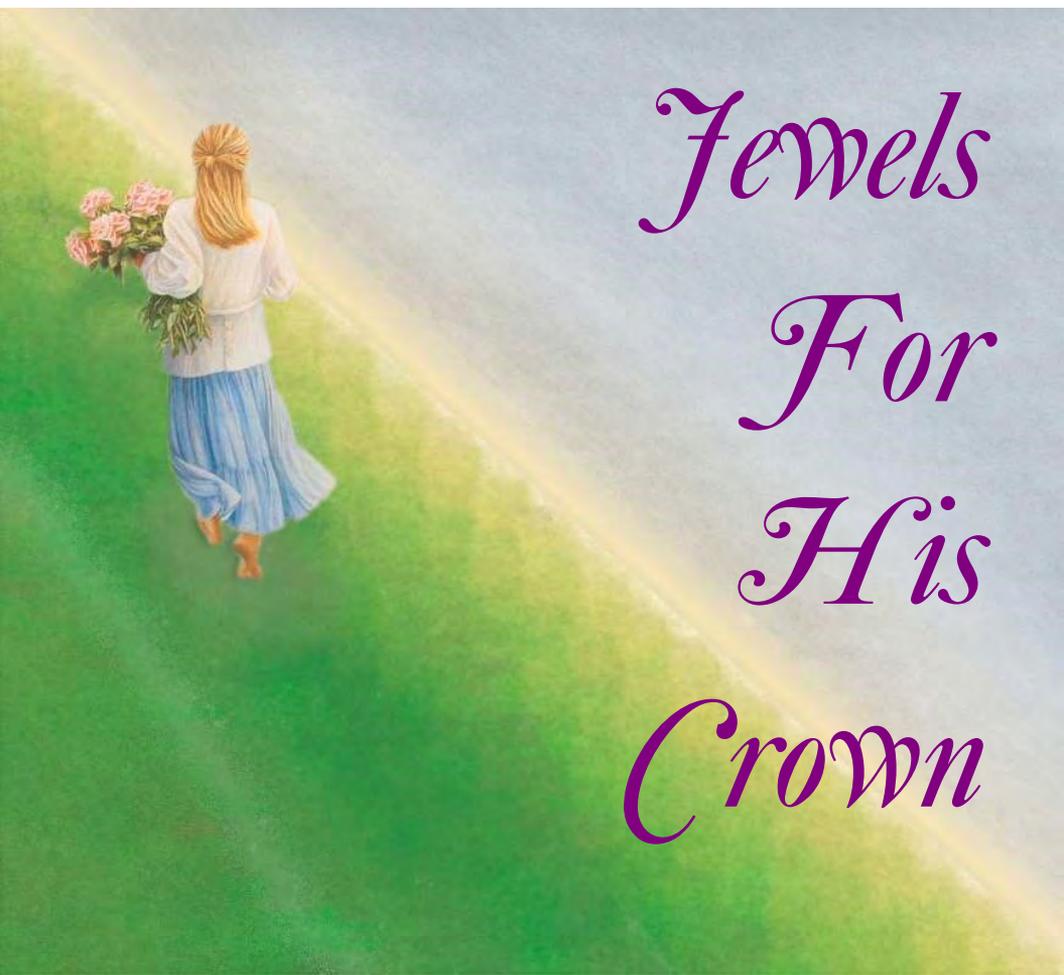


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Happy Anniversary!

It is hard to believe that we have come through an entire year since our first service in our new building! It has been both a challenge and an exciting wonder to see how God has helped and blessed us in our efforts to restore the old building to a better state. There are still many things that need to be accomplished, such as a basement that needs to be sealed and a roof that needs replacing (Gasp! And what a roof!), and a few other things that are cosmetic and can wait a while. In this upcoming year, we want to focus more on our community and encouraging more to come and hear the words of truth from the Blessed Word of God. We would appreciate your prayers for the work here in the Ellsinore area. God has given us more than we know what to do with yet but we have faith to believe that he has a plan for it all. Our days grow fewer! May he find us working and watching when he comes!

~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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(Note: These are now also available through Amazon to order or to download on your Kindle device. When searching, type in book name and author, please.)

*For other foundation
can no man lay
than that is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:11*

*When the
flood arose,
the stream beat
vehemently
upon that house,
and could not shake it:
for it was founded
upon a rock.*

Luke 6:48



Discontent,
blaming,
complaining,
self-pity
cannot serve as
a foundation
for a good future,
no matter how much
effort you make.

Eckhart Tolle

You can't build a great building on a weak foundation. You must have a solid foundation if you're going to have a strong superstructure.

Gordon B. Hinckley

"One of the most important components in building a foundation of trust is to do what we say we will do, especially when reinforcing our commitments with a promise."

—Joseph Rain

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Luke 14:28-30

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.

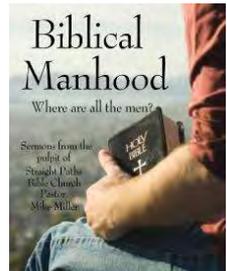


The Ten Commandments

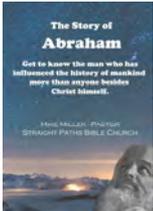
Ten simple commandments but so much more! This study is far from the ordinary and will help you to understand things about the commandments that you never thought about before. These messages are rich with the Word of God and spiritual understanding. ~\$10 MP3

Biblical Manhood

Our most popular downloaded set of sermons on "Sermon Audio". What makes a man? Where are all the men? What can destroy a man? These sermons are certain to bless your life and encourage you and the young men in your family to step up and "be the man" in this ungodly world system. ~\$10 MP3



The following albums can be purchased for \$20 each, or \$10 in MP3 format.

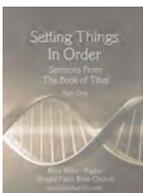
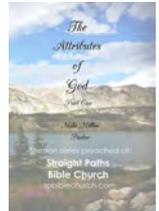


The Story of Abraham

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.)

Foundations

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. Matthew 7:25

Have you ever been in a place where men are building a house or other building? My mother came to live with us a few years ago and decided she would like a little house of her own, so we built a sweet little "nest" for her on the hill above our home. My husband and I did most of the work in the building of the house, but at the beginning he decided to have someone with sharper skills to come and put in the foundation. Great care was taken in making sure everything was level and that the angles were perfect. He hired a mason to come and lay the concrete blocks to be sure that they were put in the right way and would endure the pressure of the house. This man had learned his trade well and had much experience; his work was not finished in one day but had to be completed throughout the week. Because of his skill and careful attention to accuracy, the house that we built on top of that foundation was easier to put together. The corners were square, the size was correct and the level lines were perfect. We were very grateful that we had asked for the assistance of one who knew what he was doing, and we were also able to recommend him to others because of his excellent work.

There have to be foundations in everything that you begin to do in all aspects of life. With every idea that you have, there has to be a starting point where you begin, but before you can begin you must consider what you will need to do first. I am one of those unfortunate people who come up with all kinds of ideas for projects around my house and church. (I say "unfortunate" because most of my ideas involve someone else, who does not always have the time to help with everything I think of!) But everyone will have to admit that when I do have an idea I have already thought out most of the details on how to get it finished, although it may take more than myself to accomplish it. I look at what I would like to do, what it would entail to have it finished, the supplies that I would have to buy or gather and the time it would take to do it all. Then I have to decide if it is worth it to try doing it. If I decide that it is, then I begin to lay a foundation that will eventually result in the accomplished task.

But what if you want to do something that is unsure, has no definite plan of accomplishment and no sure path? For example, our son, Seth, worked a few years ago in a feed store in our home town. From the time that he had moved back from Virginia he had taken up chainsaw carving as a hobby, making and selling some of his name logs and carvings on the side. But he began to have more orders than he could fill while he was still employed in the feed store. Now, the store gave him a check that he could count on every week while the carvings depended on how many orders would come in and how many he could finish. The question arose in his mind if perhaps he could make a better living actually doing the carvings alone. He calculated and prayed about it for many weeks before he decided that to quit his job at the feed store was the thing that he needed to do, at least for the present time. His

business had grown impressively and he felt that he could make a sufficient living that way and could also be closer to his family in the process. His business venture has turned out to be a success, but what if he had started the business shortly after coming home from Virginia when he had no clientele and very few orders coming in. Even though his carvings were selling, he had not yet given enough time for his business to build and become sufficient for the income that he would need to care for his family. That kind of foundation would not have held them up very well and could have caused him much pain, embarrassment and loss.

Every life is built on a foundation. As we are growing up, we discover some of the things that we like to do and are interested in for our life's work. Some will go to college to work for the degrees that will assist them in attaining the job to make enough income to support a family. Others will be able to step into the working force without much effort, depending on the profession they have chosen, while others will have no need of working outside their home while they fulfill the needs of their family. All of these ambitions, although different in character, will serve better if a foundation is laid before the need for the skill arises. From doctors and lawyers to baby-sitters and housewives, the foundation that is laid to build that life upon is important and necessary. The key to success in laying any foundation is the state of your mind and heart. No one goes into a profession of any kind with a lazy idea that it can be done without care or preparation. Even in being a housewife, there are skills that you should have that will greatly improve the peace and harmony of your home. A wife that can not cook, sew, do laundry, and has no set schedule for cleaning or ambition to care for her children will be a source of contention and embarrassment to her husband and family.

A good marriage will be built on the foundation of purity, trust, honesty, love and devotion. If, while you are growing up in your parent's home, you make some bad decisions about your life, thinking to live the way you want and not follow the right way, you will be laying a shaky foundation for your marriage. If you ever want to have a good husband then you will have to be a good "wife" before he ever finds you. A young man who has not "played the field" will be looking for a young woman who has not "been around". What you give to him at your marriage altar should be your best, not your left-overs, and to do that you will have to begin your foundation while you still have a chance to make it strong and true, and that is while you are at home under the watchful care of your loving parents.

Never let the devil tell you that it is too late to begin or that you have wasted your opportunity and the chance to make your life good is gone. Although there are important virtues that can be lost forever, our God is a God of second chances and you *can* begin again. Hebrews 3:15 says, *"To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* If you can understand the concept that this life is given to us only for a short while that we may learn to live in eternity, this may help you to see how possible it is to leave your life in Jesus' hands and go on from today. Ruined foundations take a while to clear away so that new ones can be constructed, but never think that it is impossible. *"For with God nothing shall be impossible."* Luke 1:37 And He means NOTHING!

Never forget that the devil is always there with a counterfeit to confuse you in your "building". It does not bother him that you want to live a better life or even that you go to church, but it is the things to which you make life-long commitments that he will try to make you avoid. For example, if a man builds a foundation with mortar that is not mixed with the right ingredients, it will crumble under pressure and fall apart. *Eze. 13:10-17* In reading these verses, you can see that God gets really angry at the "one" who provides the "untempered mortar". That is because of his great love for us. God desires to see us build strong foundations. So what are some of the things that the devil can introduce to us as "untempered mortar" that can be a hindrance in building our foundation strong? The most deceitful temptation in these days is that you believe a weak doctrine that convinces you that you are subject to the bondage of sin and cannot have victory over sin through Jesus Christ. It is a prevailing heresy in our day and has more people in bondage than you could imagine. These poor people claim a form of Christianity that has no joy or assurance, which are very definite results of a surrendered life in Christ. In 1 Corinthians, chapter three, Paul talks about some who had tried to build on the foundation of different men in their time and were failing, being "yet carnal (worldly)" and walking as men. They had laid their foundations on the wrong base, the doctrine of men (the sand). Therefore, their works were worldly and not profitable to God or themselves. In the chapter, Paul exhorts them to build on the right foundation, which is Jesus Christ, then to go on and continue to build the right things on that foundation. These people thought they were so wise in what they were doing but they were deceiving themselves in believing they were right with God in what they did. Be not deceived, you *must* have the foundation of repentance and true salvation to build your life upon. Anything less will crumble and fall and will fail you in the day of judgment. *"And great (will be) the fall of it." Mat. 7:26*

Building good, strong foundations when you are young is one of life's greatest blessings! Giving your heart and life to Jesus early in your life will help you avoid many foolish decisions and keep your heart and soul from painful regret when you are older. This world is full of temptations, with easy access to any number of sinful practices and vices. To keep yourself pure in such a world is difficult, but not impossible. Temptations will always be there but it is the way that you react to those temptations that makes the difference. Do temptations trouble you? Are you continually drawn away from doing right by your desire to "fit in"? When you really give your life to Jesus, when you see what your sin has done to him and what he had to suffer for *your sin*, when he has truly forgiven and pardoned you and you feel the wonder of his great love, you will find the REASON not to want those things any more. There is no greater life than living in the love and forgiveness of the Lord Jesus. You will find in Jesus the advocate that you need to help you through this life and to give you peace and joy along the way. *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11*

***God uses the encouragement of the Scriptures,
the hope of our ultimate salvation in glory,
and the trials that He either sends or allows
to produce endurance and perseverance.***

Jerry Bridges



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.

Week 1

- DAY 1-1 JOHN 1:1-4
- DAY 2-1 JOHN 1:5-7
- DAY 3-1 JOHN 1:8-10
- DAY 4-GALATIANS 5:13-15
- DAY 5-GALATIANS 5:16-18
- DAY 6-GALATIANS 5:19-21
- DAY 7-GALATIANS 5:22-26

Week 3

- DAY 15-PSALM 32:4-6
- DAY 16-PSALM 32:7-11
- DAY 17-MARK 2:15-17
- DAY 18-JOHN 8:12-14
- DAY 19-JOHN 8:15-18
- DAY 20-JOHN 8:19-20
- DAY 21-ROMANS 2:1-3

Week 2

- DAY 8-ROMANS 7:11-6
- DAY 9-ROMANS 7:7-8
- DAY 10-ROMANS 7:9-12
- DAY 11-ROMANS 7:13-15
- DAY 12-ROMANS 7:16-20
- DAY 13-ROMANS 7:21-25
- DAY 14-PSALM 32:1-3

Week 4

- DAY 22-ROMANS 2:4-5
- DAY 23-ROMANS 2:7-11
- DAY 24-ROMANS 2:12-16
- DAY 25-2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-3
- DAY 26-2 CORINTHIANS 4:4-6
- DAY 27-2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12
- DAY 28-2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-15

Week 5

- DAY 29-2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18
- DAY 30-PROVERBS 21:1-3
- DAY 31-CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSE

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18

September

30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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Week 1

DAY 1- PSALM 121: 1-4
DAY 2- PSALM 121: 5-8
DAY 3- PSALM 62: 1-4
DAY 4- PSALM 62: 5-8
DAY 5- PSALM 62: 9-12
DAY 6- AMCS 4:13
DAY 7- PSALM 93: 1-5

Week 2

DAY 8- MATTHEW 22: 34-40
DAY 9- MATTHEW 11: 25-27
DAY 10- MATTHEW 11: 28-30
DAY 11- ISAIAH 53: 1-4
DAY 12- ISAIAH 53: 5-8
DAY 13- ISAIAH 53: 9-12
DAY 14- 2 TIMOTHY 1: 6-8

Week 3

DAY 29- MATTHEW 7: 24-29
DAY 30- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSE

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Psalm 119:18

October

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Week 1

DAY 1- JOHN 14: 1-6
DAY 2- JOHN 14: 6-10
DAY 3- MATTHEW 6: 9-13
DAY 4- MATTHEW 6: 14-18
DAY 5- 1 TIMOTHY 3: 1-16
DAY 6- MATTHEW 6: 17-23
DAY 7- JEREMIAH 33: 12-13

Week 2

DAY 8- MATTHEW 5: 1-14
DAY 9- MATTHEW 5: 15-48
DAY 10- JOHN 17: 1-11
DAY 11- JOHN 17: 12-19
DAY 12- 1 CORINTH 13: 1-13
DAY 13- 1 CORINTH 13: 14-17
DAY 14- 1 CORINTH 13: 18-19
DAY 15- 1 CORINTH 13: 20-13

Week 3

DAY 20- JOHN 11: 15-18
DAY 21- JOHN 11: 20-45
DAY 22- JOHN 11: 46-55

Week 4

DAY 16- JOHN 8: 28-37
DAY 17- JOHN 8: 38-40
DAY 18- JOHN 8: 41-48
DAY 19- 2 CORINTH 13: 5-11
DAY 20- 2 CORINTH 13: 12-13
DAY 21- 2 CORINTH 13: 14
DAY 22- 2 CORINTH 13: 14
DAY 23- JOHN 16: 1-14

Week 5

DAY 29- JOHN 15: 5-8
DAY 30- JOHN 15: 9-17
DAY 31- JOHN 15: 18-26
DAY 32- MATTHEW 11: 1-19
DAY 33- JOHN 15: 1-8
DAY 34- JOHN 15: 9-17
DAY 35- JOHN 15: 18-26

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Crafts



Jean Seam Bracelet

If you are like me and do quite a few craft with denim, then you might like this idea of using some of the left-over scraps for a pretty bracelet. All you need is the trimmed up seams from a pair of jeans (the double-stitched part that is heavy), ribbon clamps, claw latch and a pretty charm to finish it off. This one will go around your wrist twice, which will make it prettier. Enjoy!

Handwritten Pillowcase

This craft is fun and very inexpensive to do which would make it a great gift idea for your friends and family. White pillowcases may be purchased for less than \$5 for two. You will need a permanent markers with a fine tip.

Write your favorite scripture (perhaps Psalm 4:8 followed by Psalm 3:5, which is actually a song), or the words to a favorite song, poem, or even a short passage from a book. First, slide a piece of cardboard or foam board into the pillow case that has been cut to fit snug. You can either write it freehand or you can use a yardstick to make straighter lines. Add a ribbon with a pretty charm when giving them as a gift.



Headband Holder

Do you like wearing headbands or have a little sister who does? This may be a good project to do for her while she watches (and helps?). You will need a key ring or curtain ring, 1/4" gross-grain ribbon and 1" gross-grain ribbon that matches, 1/2" gross-grain ribbon in a coordinating color and style, small flower or other decoration, and a low-temp glue gun. Start by covering the ring with a little ribbon. Add a 3" piece of small ribbon, folded over, through the ring; glue together. Measure a piece of 1" ribbon to desired length and glue this to the tab on ring. With the 1/2" ribbon, begin at the top and makes even loops down the 1" ribbon, gluing them into place as you go. Take about a 2" piece of the 1" ribbon and cover the top where you began, wrapping it all the way around to glue. Add your flower and you have it!

Recipes



Crockpot Ranch Chicken

- 2 lbs boneless chicken (about 4 chicken breasts)
- 3 T. butter
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 3 Tbl. dry ranch dressing mix (1 packet)

Instructions

1. Place chicken (fresh or frozen) in crockpot.
2. Cut up butter and cream cheese into chunks and place on chicken.
3. Sprinkle the ranch dressing mix over the chicken.
4. Cook chicken in crockpot on high for 3-4 hours or low 5-7 hours.
5. Shred chicken before serving
6. Serve Ranch chicken over vegetables, noodles or rice.

Flatbread

(I love flatbread, and this is the best recipe I have found.)

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of warm water
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 cups butter
- 6 cups all purpose flour

Ingredients

1. Add the water, yeast, and sugar to a bowl. Allow it to sit until it becomes frothy. Add milk and salt. Stir in half of the flour so that the mixture becomes creamy. Add more flour, enough for the mixture to create a soft dough. Knead the dough on a floured surface for three to five minutes. Allow the dough to rest for about five minutes.
2. Divide the dough into six to eight pieces. Flatten each piece of dough with your hands and then use a floured rolling pin to roll out each piece. You want the dough to be about 1/4-inch thick. Heat a grill pan over high heat. Turn the heat down to low and melt 1/4 cup of butter. Brush the melted butter over the dough.
3. Lay the dough face down in the grill pan and cook for about two to three minutes or until golden brown.
4. Flip over and repeat.



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I CORINTHIANS 3:11 

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