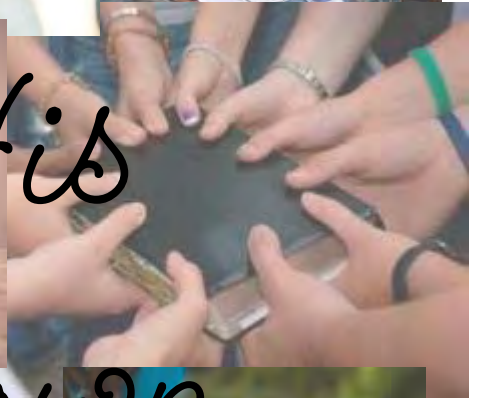


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## *A Good Life*

Another year has rolled around and we find ourselves looking at a whole new year...with no mistakes in it. As always, we want to reflect back over the past year and consider the things that have happened and what was said and, of course, not said or done. Most people, however, will continue on their way in a head-long plunge into life without giving a thought to any goal for tomorrow. As women who follow the Lord Jesus, we should be of a different mind-set. The world shouts and calls, doing everything it can to draw us away from our joyful end, which is to be more like the women that would please God. Some who do not understand think it is a dull life, that all you ever do is read the Bible and mumble prayers, but that is so far from reality! The blessed freedom that comes from following Christ and living an honest and good life is beyond better than anything the world has to offer! But I see so many failing to reach that goal because they do not know where to start or how to accomplish it. So in this new year, I want to encourage all of you, young and older, to be the kind of woman that will please God, please your family and, someday, your husband. May God bless you all is my prayer!

~T. Miller

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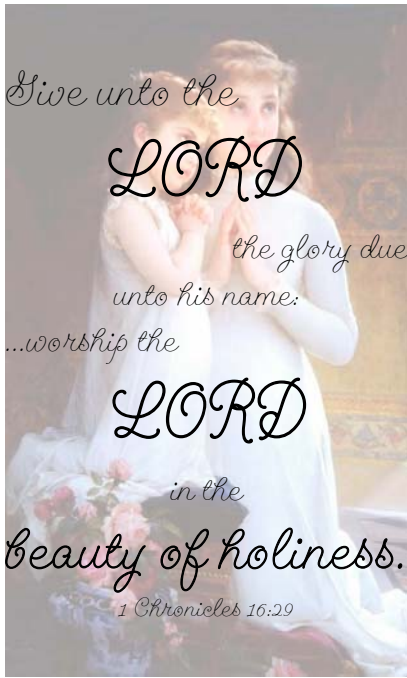
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beautiful home, filling it with  
love and prayer and purity, is  
doing something better than  
anything else her hands could  
find to do beneath the skies.*  
J.R. Miller



*Favour is  
deceitful, and  
beauty is vain:  
but a woman  
that feareth the  
LORD, she  
shall be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

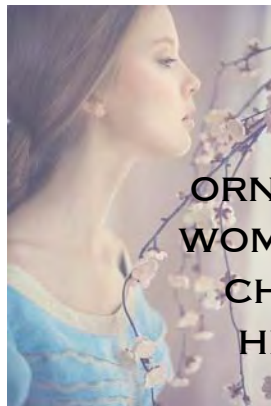
**WOMEN WHO SEEK  
TO BE EQUAL  
WITH MEN  
LACK AMBITION.  
TIMOTHY LEARY**

**A pure heart is  
superlatively rare  
and even more  
attractive.**

**Morse**

*Earth has nothing  
more tender than a  
woman's heart when  
it is the abode of  
piety.*

*Martin Luther*



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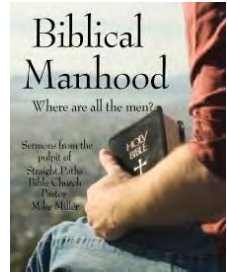
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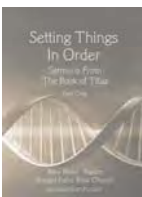


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# *How A Woman Can Serve the Lord*

## Part I: In the Beauty of Holiness

*"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."  
Philippians 4:5*

Hello, Beautiful! This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! There is no greater blessing in the world than to wake up to a new day and know that you are on good speaking terms with the God of heaven. What a mighty and wonderful God we serve! And what better way is there to show him that we love him than to give him our heart in every way possible, right?

In the past few months I have been thinking about how to have a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Being a conservative woman does not mean that we have so few options of serving the Lord. It seems that the more that I desire to be a godly wife, mother, and follower of Christ, the more that the Holy Spirit shows me how that can be accomplished. The key to learning these wonderful truths of God is to have a willing heart. I have to be willing out of love for my Lord Christ to accept what the word of God says that I must do. Do you suppose that would be easy for someone like me? Well, not always. This world is a very distracting place and although I have a new way of living now, I can get so busy that I find no time for the things that are most important, such as reading my Bible and doing my daily writings, positive prayer time that is more than just a, "Good morning, Lord!" There are definite ways that we as women of God can serve the Lord in the way that will glorify him and bless our lives.

One of those ways is to be beautiful. No, I am not talking about an exercise plan that will give you a great body, or a new way to style or cut your hair, or expensive makeup. You can do all of that and it will not really make you beautiful in the true definition of the word, and it will certainly not improve your walk with the Lord, and may even be a hindrance. There is an old saying that reads, "Beauty is only skin deep." A woman can be born beautiful or do things to her form and face that make her very attractive to look at, but if her heart and soul

are selfish, self centered and hateful, there is an ugliness that can never be hidden.

Each day that we live the Lord is looking for beauty in his bride; the beauty of holiness. Every one of us has the potential of being beautiful in the eyes of Christ. Beauty is of the heart. *"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:" Romans 7:22* Have you ever known a lady that had no real beauty about her physically but whenever you were with her you thought her beautiful? What was it that made her seem beautiful to you? It was what she had in her heart, showing itself on the outside.

What are some of the ways that we can learn to be holy? First, if you have given your all to Christ Jesus, then he has given you a new heart that desires to please him above all else. Just as a child must learn the right things to do, we are to learn in the same way. This is called sanctification, where the grace of God works in your life bringing you into a closer relationship with him. God is not going to force you to live holy; it is as much of a decision on your part as was your decision to follow him in the first place. *"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification," 1 Thessalonians 4:3* As much as he wanted you to love him enough to follow him, he also wants you to love him enough to please him and learn to be the bride that he died for. This world is full of influences that will draw our attention away from him and the good things that will sanctify our hearts. Just think of the things that fill your day and take away your time. How much time do you spend on your cell phone? Can you wake up in the morning without having to see who has messaged you? How many hours do you spend watching movies or playing games? Compare that time to the few minutes that you read your Bible or do any kind of devotions or prayers. If you spent as much time eating as you do reading your Bible, how healthy would you be? That may be why most people are so spiritually anorexic, do you suppose?

When you feast on God's word you will grow in the knowledge of God, which means you will begin to understand his thoughts and how he feels about you and the world around you. He uses everything around us to teach us what is good and right, just as he did when he preached to the people in parables. The Bible is a spiritual book that

will open to your understanding as you seek the Lord Jesus in spirit and in truth and the more you understand, the closer you will walk in the ways of the Lord. This is what is meant by walking in the beauty of holiness.

One of the best ways to know how to walk in the beauty of holiness is to know what true holiness is. What better way to know that than to look to the one that is holiness personified; our Lord Jesus Christ. I looked in a concordance to see what the Bible listed for, "God is..." The Bible says that God is merciful, gracious, faithful, true, good and holy. He is a refuge from trouble, no respecter of persons, angry with the wicked every day, very high and my rock. I realize that to be like God seems to be impossible, but if it was, he would not have said, *"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God."* *Leviticus 20:7* On the following page I have listed some of the above words that describe the character of God. My challenge to you is to look these words up in a dictionary and write what you find on the lines provided as you think about him and who he is. God is a loving and patient God and will not fail to see your efforts. *"For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."* *Psalms 103:14* This does not give us an excuse not to try. He blesses our efforts but will reprove our shortcomings and failures at every turn, just as a father will guide and correct the son that he loves in the effort to make him a better person. Always remember that God is also the strength of our heart and our refuge, a very present help in trouble, and our salvation and glory. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* *1 Corinthians 10:13*

The conclusion is we all want to be pretty, but let us not be so consumed with outward beauty that we forget the beauty of holiness on the inside, the beauty that pleases our God the most. Do not let the world steal away the best beauty secret of all! Walk in the beauty of holiness!

# Mind Challenge

One of the greatest ways to dig into words is to look them up in a dictionary! Do not take a word for granted! It will amaze you and open up your understanding of the scriptures when you know what all those words mean. Keep these discoveries and ponder them in your heart.

1. Merciful: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Gracious: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Faithful: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. True: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Terrible: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Mighty: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Kind: \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Holy: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who can find  
a virtuous  
woman? for  
her price is  
far above  
rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

# Crafts

I would like to encourage all of you to consider filling at least one box for Operation Christmas Child this year. OCC is a branch of Samaritan's Purse International Relief, whose founder is Franklin Graham. It was a great pleasure to participate in this mission last year and our church has pledged to do more in the coming year, also. I will be including a craft each issue that will help you with some ideas. Happy Packing!!!



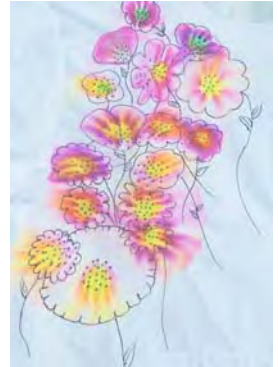
## Drawstring Bandana Bag

Bandanas are available almost anywhere and in varying colors. You only need two for this craft, and about a yard of twine. Sew two bandanas together on three sides with the right sides facing; turn them right side out. Now turn the open edges down about 1" and sew the casing around the top for the string,

leaving about 1" not sewn for the string to go in. Tie a knot on one end of the string and insert a safety pin. Push the safety pin through the casing until it comes back around and comes out the hole where you started. Remove the pin, snip off the knot and tie the ends of the string together. There you have it! A great little bag to put some things in for your box.

## Sharpie Dyed Pillow Case

Cold winter days call for indoor fun crafts and this one looks like it would be a fun project. You will need a white pillow case that has been laundered without fabric softener, some colored Sharpie Permanent Markers, one black Sharpie Marker (fine tip for outlines), and a spray bottle of alcohol. You will also want to find a piece of cardboard or foam board to slide into the case while you are working on it so that the colors do not bleed through. First, decide where you want your design and do the colored areas (Be careful, a little goes a long way. Check out chart below). Keep the bright colors separated from the dark colors by at least 1/4" to give room for the color to spread.



After your colors are on, lightly spray the colored areas with the alcohol. You will begin to see the colors spread and mix. Continue to spray a little at a time until you have the desired color flow. Allow the case to dry completely. Now you can take your black marker and make the fine details around your designs. You can use this idea on shirts, napkins and other cotton items. Have fun!!!



## Recipes

### Pizza Casserole

- 1 tube Grands Buttermilk biscuits
- 1 stick of unsalted butter
- 1/2 c. shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. onion powder
- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce
- 2 c. mozzarella sauce
- 1 lb. cooked sausage
- pepperoni slices
- other favorite pizza toppings



#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9x13 pan.
2. In a microwaveable bowl melt the butter and stir in the seasonings and Parmesan cheese. Open the biscuits and cut each biscuit into six pieces each. Drop them in the bowl and toss to coat in the butter mixture.
3. Layer the coated biscuits on the bottom of the pan. Layer on half of the pizza toppings, spaghetti sauce, mozzarella cheese and the remaining toppings.

Bake uncovered for 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

### Black Forest Dump Cake

#### Ingredients

- 1 box of Devil's Food Chocolate cake mix
- 2 (20 oz) cans of your favorite cherry pie filling
- 1 and 1/2 sticks of butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups of chocolate chips

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a greased 8 x 8 baking dish, dump both cans of pie filling and level it with a spoon.
3. Dump dry, unmixed cake mix on top of the cherry pie filling.
4. Pour melted butter on top of the dry cake mix.
5. Top with chocolate chips.
6. Bake 1 hour.

Serve topped with vanilla ice cream or your favorite whipping cream



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