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Wedding Bells Are About to Ring!

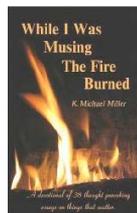
Bro. Mike and I have been blessed with six wonderful children. Seth, our oldest, married a young lady from Virginia named Kim and they have four children. Sarah, our first little girl, married a young man from Tennessee named Ryan Green and they have four children also, and our little Paul who is with the Lord. Then came David, who married a home-town girl named Alisha, and they have one little boy named Jimmy Roy. Our last two were Esther, who married a young man from Bloomfield named Dakota John Lahmann and they are now living across the valley from us, and then, our baby Elisabeth, who married a fellow from Alabama by the name of Garry Wright and are living just down the hill with our little Dorothy and expecting our little Lucas just any day! So they are all married except this guy, who is our number four child, Daniel Paul. This sweet young lady has agreed to be his wife and they have a wedding planned for July 29th! Our nest, which some would say is now empty, is actually filling with more family and blessings than we could ever imagine! Please pray for our son and his lady, Cassaundra, as they start their new life together.

~Teresa Miller

Our Book Store

We still have two books available, “As The Days Go By”, a collection of poems by Teresa S. Miller. The book is a 68-page paperback edition of original poetry. The cost is \$5 shipped free.

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 \$5 plus free shipping.



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*Buy
the truth,
and sell it not;
also wisdom,
and instruction,
and understanding.*

Proverbs 23:23

On the front cover, you will see a plant by the name of Lunaria. The plant got its name from the seed pods, which remind one of the pale light of the moon (Luna in Italian and Spanish means "moon"). It is thought that the title it received as the honesty plant was also because of the seed pods, which are very translucent. Honesty in a person will make them open to others, such as their parents and loved ones. Our lives must be an open book if we are to be honest with others. When we do wrong and never confess that sin, it grows into guilt and can hurt many. King David said, "Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults." *Psalms 19:12* A heart that has nothing to hide is a heart full of joy!

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OUR INIQUITIES BEFORE
THEE,
OUR SECRET SINS
IN THE LIGHT OF THY
COUNTEenance.
PSALMS 90:8

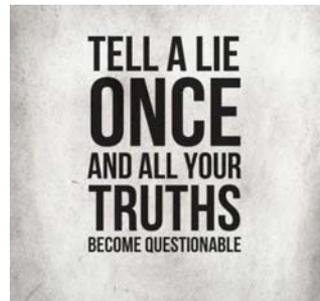


*Yesterday, Rebecca Mason,
In the parlor by herself,
Broke a handsome china bason,
Placed upon the mantle shelf.*

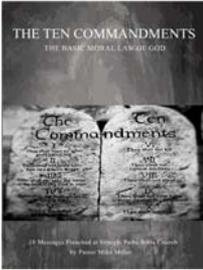
*Quite alarmed, she thought of going,
Very quietly away,
Not a single person knowing
Of her being there that day.*

*But Rebecca recollected
She was taught deceit to shun,
And the moment she reflected,
Told her mother what was done;*

*Who commended her behavior,
Loved her better, and forgave her!*
—Elizabeth Turner



Good, sound preaching is hard to find these days, but here are some CDs and MP3s that will definately 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.

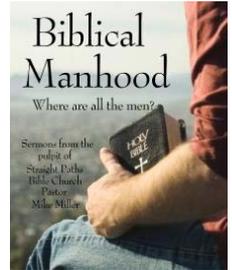


The Ten Commandments

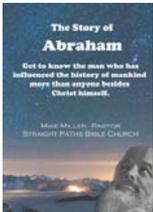
Ten simple commandments but so much more! This study is far from the ordinary and will help you to understand things about the commandments that you never thought about before. These messages are rich with the Word of God and spiritual understanding. ~\$10 MP3

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 \$15 each, or \$10 in MP3 format.

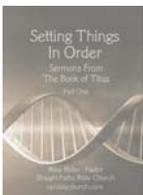
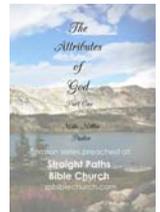


The Story of Abraham

Fourteen messages on twelve separate CDs in a convient 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 procedes go back into our CD ministry.)

How A Woman Can Serve the Lord

Part II: In Truth and Honesty

*"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD:
and be sure your sin will find you out." Numbers 32:23*

When I was a child I loved to play "pretend". I would watch a movie or television program with my parents and then live it all out again in my imaginary world. When a child has very few other children to play with, they have a tendency to make their own world that way. And may I also say that it is not a very healthy way for a child to be. A little imagination does not hurt, especially if the thoughts and imaginations are profitable to their learning and behavior. Jesus used parables to illustrate a truth to those to whom he preached, urging them to use their imagination to see a truth more plainly. But the "pretend" game can become a terrible enemy. There is a time when the pretence has to go and the real world has to be lived in. If you take your "pretend" game into your adult years, "pretends" become lies, deceit, and destruction.

You may think that you are being honest with yourself and with others around you. Of course you love the Lord, and you love to participate in the things of the church and you may even have a desire to live right. I have seen so many young people that have seemed to be so dedicated to the Lord. Their walk, dress and conversation were so perfect, but as soon as they were away from the godly influence of their home and church, their convictions dropped and they now live a worldly lifestyle. How can this be explained? In Luke, chapter 8, Jesus told the people a parable of a man who went out to sow a field with seed. You do realize that none of those people to whom he refereed were saved except the one with the honest and good heart? A person who builds the foundation of their life on principles, laws and convictions is building on sand and will fall. But the one who builds their principles, laws and convictions on the foundation of surrender to Jesus Christ will stand forever. When a house falls, it is ruined. It may be fixed and made better but will never be as good as it would have been with a good foundation. Christ can take a ruined

life and make it good again, but the past is done and cannot be erased and can leave deep regret in your heart and mind.

But there is another "pretend" game that is even more dangerous. How many of you have had a friend or family member who has claimed to love you and care about you and then found that they lie about you and talk about you badly to other people. When they are in your presence, there is nothing in all the world that they would not do for you. They make you think that everything is good and right and fellowship is sweet; you never suspect that a thing is wrong. But when they are with other friends or even other family members, you are the topic of all their bitterness and strife. I have lived long enough to now see that this kind of spirit will not only effect them but will be taught to their children as well. How sad that they do not realize that this spirit of deceit will backfire on them and one day they will be the target of their own bitterness and strife.

What makes a person think that they have to pretend to be something or someone they are not? Normally it is because they are not living according to the laws of God and do not want certain people to know. They try to keep up the appearance of holiness in their life so that they do not have to hear the admonitions of their friend or loved one who cares about their life and soul. They want to live the way they please, most of the time thinking they are deceiving everyone into believing they are doing just fine. The sad truth is, they know they are not living right because they have been taught the right way but have never surrendered their life to Christ. They are not only trying to deceive others but are also deceiving themselves. They are letting the devil convince them that they have a right to be bitter when the only cause for their bitterness is actually their own selfishness.

A woman who lives for God must be honest. I was a good pretender and could blend into any situation that I needed to. Most of my life was spent in church and with people who claimed to be Christians. I have a tender heart and it was easy for me to be caring and tender toward people who loved me and my family. But I never showed the real me. I never allowed anyone to see how very selfish I was (everyone thought I was most unselfish), how devious I could be and how angry I could become. But there came a blessed day that the

Great God of Honesty and Truth showed me the end of my deceitful path and called me unto himself once more. Thank God I listened!

Being deceitful and bitter can only lead you to destruction, in this life as well as in the life to come. I realize that there are things that can happen in your life beyond your control that can be hard to deal with, but I also realize that God can take the difficult things of our past and turn them into ways of blessing in our future if we would only give them to him. When you let go of bitterness, forgive the one who has offended you or hurt you and turn to Christ in surrender to his will, he can take your heart and cleanse it from all bitterness and hurt and use you in a way that you never dreamed of before. There are no mistakes with God, and although we can really make a mess of our life, he can take the things we have experienced and use them to help someone else. I have always believed that if God could have mercy and compassion on me when I was so deceitful and guilty in his sight, then I should be willing to live for him in any way that he sees fit. There are others in this world who feel the way I felt and need my help to see the true joy of living in the peace and love of God.

And if you are on the receiving end and have a friend or loved one like this, stay true to the Lord and keep loving and praying for them. It does matter how we live before others for this is the only way that others can see the love and compassion of our Savior and the way he wants us to live. *"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God. 1 Peter 2:12* You see, there have been people like this even back in Jesus' day, so do not lose hope. God sees your faithfulness if you follow after righteousness in love and mercy. *"Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." 2 Corinthians 8:21* *"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out." Numbers 32:23*

Someone Sees You

Once upon a time a man decided to sneak into his neighbor's fields and steal some wheat. "If I take just a little from each field, no one will notice," he told himself, "but it will all add up to a nice pile of wheat for me." So he waited for the darkest night, when thick clouds lay over the moon, and he crept out of his house. He took his youngest daughter with him.

"Daughter," he whispered, "you must stand guard, and call out if anyone sees me."

The man stole into the first field to begin reaping, and before long the child called out, "Father, someone sees you!"

The man looked all around, but he saw no one, so he gathered his stolen wheat and moved on to a second field.

"Father, someone sees you!" the child cried again.

The man stopped and looked all around, but once again he saw no one. He gathered more wheat, and moved to a third field.

A little while passed and the daughter cried out, "Father, someone sees you!"

Once more the man stopped his work and looked in every direction but he saw no one at all, so he bundled his wheat and crept into the last field.

"Father, someone sees you!" the child called again.

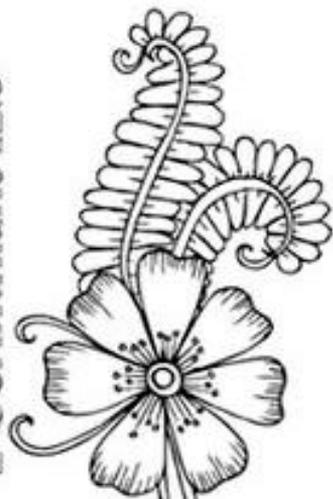
The man stopped his reaping, looked all around, and once again saw no one. "Why in the world do you keep saying someone sees me?" he angrily asked his daughter. "I've looked everywhere and I don't see anyone."

"Father," murmured the child, "Someone sees you from above."



My grace is
sufficient for thee;
for my strength
is made perfect
in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9



Crafts



Bean Bags

Fun and versatile, bean bags are easy to make. You will need two squares of fabric the size you want your bag plus 1 inch both ways (like 8" squares for 7" bags). With nice sides together, sew three sides of each square. Turn bag right side out and fill each a little over half way with filling (corn, beans, rice, or poly beads). Squish the filling to one end and pin the open end close to the filling (see photo).

Turn the raw edges of the fabric to the inside and sew the open end closed. You can sew around the other edges again to match that end if you like, which will make the bags stronger. These little bags can be used for so many games, outdoors and inside. Targets can be holes in boards or foam board, buckets set up in the yard, even doggie dishes (clean ones, please) with score markers in them.



Sun Catcher

Sun catchers in any season are fun to make a beautiful to enjoy. The Swarovski brand beads are the best to use but any faceted beads will work. The large chandelier beads can be purchased at most hardware store that sell lighting. String them on any kind of thread and make a loop for hanging on the top end. Pin them to a curtain in a morning window and watch the show! I have a prism cube sitting in my room that catches the morning light that is just beautiful. Think of making some of these for folks in your local nursing home or other elderly who are home bound. Your visit as well as your gift will bring them joy.

Repurposed Gift Boxes

Little gift boxes can be turned into pretty decorations in your room. They are inexpensive to buy, especially around Christmas, or you can use some that you have saved. First, either paint the edges or cover them with a decorative tape. Then line the inside with paper or fabric. Lay your boxes out on a paper covered table or other flat surface and arrange them as you like, then begin gluing the edges together, keeping them secure with clothes pins until dry. Decorate your boxes as you like, with small toys (which can be spray painted), collections, Bible verses, silhouettes, etc. These make great gifts!



Recipes



Strawberry Cheesecake Lush

Ingredients

- 1 package Golden Oreos (36 cookies)
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 (16-ounce) container Cool Whip, divided
- 2 packages (3.4 ounce each) instant cheesecake pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- 3½ cups sliced strawberries

1. Crush the entire package of Oreos with a rolling pin or in a food processor. Mix in 6 tablespoons of melted butter. Press the cookie mixture into a 9x13 pan and refrigerate while you prepare the remaining layers.
2. Beat together 1 cup of powdered sugar, cream cheese, and 1 cup of Cool Whip. Spread over cookie layer.
3. Next layer, mix together the pudding mix, milk, and another 1 cup of Cool Whip. Spread over the cream cheese layer.
4. Layer the sliced strawberries on top, and spread the remaining Cool Whip on top.
5. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.



No Bake Lemon Cheesecake Icebox Pie

- 1-15.25 oz. pkg. Lemon Creme Sandwich Cookies
- 6 Tablespoons Butter Melted
- 2-8 oz. pkgs. Cream Cheese
- 3/4 of 14 oz. Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 3 Fresh Lemons

1. Crush cookies with rolling pin or food processor; add melted butter and mix well. Press mixture in the bottom and sides of pie plate.
2. With electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth and fluffy; mix in sweetened condensed milk, about 1/2 cup lemon juice and the zest from two fresh lemons and beat an additional 5 minutes.
3. Pour mixture into cookie crust and smooth. Top with additional zest if you like. Refrigerate for two hours uncovered; serve cold.

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