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Christian Young Ladies*

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(Bro. Mike Miller, Sis. Teresa, Elisabeth, Daniel, and Esther)

Greetings from the Miller family! Our “Jewels” publication is starting its sixth year, so we are celebrating with a face-lift. You will find a few changes here and there but we still pray that you all enjoy it. Our upmost goal is that you receive a blessing in some way through this little paper. To us, it is “bread upon the water”, and we pray to hear that it has been an encouragement to someone. If you have any questions or comments that you would like directed to us, please feel free to write to the address on the back cover, or you may email me directly at:

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God’s richest blessings to you all!
~ Sis. Teresa Miller

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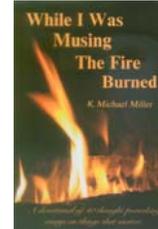
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Also available, “While I Was Musing, The Fire Burned”, a book of devotions written by Bro. Mike Miller, which many have already found a great blessing. The cost is \$9.95 plus sh/hdl charges. You



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Be careful what books you read, for as water tastes of the soil it runs through, so does the soul taste of the authors that a man reads.

~John Trapp~

The printed page never flinches, it never shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise. The printed page never gets tired; it never gets disheartened. The printed page travels cheaply- you can be a missionary for the price of a stamp. It requires no building in which to operate. The printed page works while you sleep. It never loses its temper in discussion. And it works when you are gone from the scene. The printed page is a visitor that gets inside the home and stays there. It always catches a man in the right mood. It speaks to him only when he is reading it. It never answer’s back and it sticks to the point. ~Author Unknown

Fun Winter Party Game

Balloon Stuff

Buy two of the biggest long underwear shirts or sweatshirts from your local Goodwill or rummage sale. Have the kids blow up fifty to one hundred balloons. [Use the first kids to arrive to help with this chore.] Separate the kids into boy and girl teams. Suggest they put the smallest kid on each team in one of the massive shirts. Give the kids a set amount of time (say, two or three minutes) to stuff as many balloons into the shirt as possible. Count the balloons using a thumbtack to pop them. Make sure you have someone present to take pictures!

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days (days of trouble) come not ...Eccl.12:1

Experience tells me that people's hearts are seldom changed if they are not changed when young. Seldom indeed are men converted when they are old. Habits have deep roots. Once sin is allowed to settle in your heart, it will not be turned out at your bidding. Custom becomes second nature, and its chains are not easily broken.

Stop being so sure that you are always right, and others wrong. Don't trust your own opinion, when you find it contrary to that of older men, and especially to that of your own parents. Age gives experience, and therefore deserves respect.

J.C. Ryle

Answers to last "Match 'Em" Quiz

- 1.C.(Gen.16:8); 2.C.(Gen.3:16);
- 3.C.(Gen.16:3); 4.B.(Luke2:34);
- 5.A.(Gen.25:20-25); 6.B.(Gen.16:10);
- 7.B.(Gen.4:1); 8.A.(Gen.20:12);
- 9.C.(John19:26-27); 10.A.(Gen.24:1-4,22,30)

Diary of an Unprepared Housewife

It's fun to cook for Tom. Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbors were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.

A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. It seemed kind of silly, but I took a bath anyway. I can't say it improved the rice any.

Today Tom asked for salad. I tried a new recipe. It said prepare ingredients; lay on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving. Tom asked me why I was rolling around in the garden.

I found an easy recipe for cookies. It said put the ingredients in a bowl and beat it. There must have been something wrong with this recipe. When I got back, everything was the same as when I left.

Tom did the shopping today and brought home a chicken. He asked me to dress it for Sunday. I don't have any clothes that fit it, and for some reason Tom keeps counting to ten.

Tom's folks came to dinner. I wanted to serve roast, but all I had was hamburger. Suddenly I had a flash of genius. I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for roast. It still came out hamburger, much to my disappointment.

Good night dear Diary.

This has been a very exciting week! I am eager for tomorrow to come so I can try out a new recipe on Tom. If I can talk Tom into buying a bigger oven, I would like to surprise him with a chocolate moose.





James Russell Miller

J.R. Miller was born near Frankfort Springs, Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Big Traverse, which according to his biographer, John T. Faris, is a merry little mill stream which drains one of the most beautiful valleys in the southern part of Beaver County. His parents were James Alexander Miller and Eleanor Creswell who were of Irish/Scottish stock.

James Russell Miller was the second child of ten, but his older sister died before he was born. James and his sisters attended the district school in Hanover Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, until, when James was about fourteen, his father moved to a farm near Calcutta, Ohio. The children then went to the district school during the short winters and worked on the farm during summer.

In 1857, James entered Beaver Academy and in 1862 he progressed to Westminster College, Pennsylvania, which he graduated in June, 1862. Then in the autumn of that year he entered the theological seminary of the United Presbyterian Church at Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

After the first battle of Bull Run, on November 14, 1861, the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) called a convention in New York City and, along with the help of Protestant Ministers, outlined and organized the United States Christian Commission. Volunteers were called delegates; some were seminary students but many were just concerned Christians. As civilians on the battlefield, they did not have weapons but were sustained by sharing the love of Christ with soldiers and sailors. Five thousand volunteer delegates served during the war. They distributed more than \$6 million worth of goods and supplies in hospitals, camps, prisons and battlefields. In March 1863, James Miller promised to serve for six weeks as a delegate of the USCC, but at the end of this time he was persuaded to become an Assistant Field Agent and later he was promoted to General field Agent. He left the Commission on July 15, 1865.

Mr. Miller finished his studies at Allegheny Theological Seminary in the spring of 1867 and was ordained and installed on September 11, 1867. The Old and New School Presbyterian Churches were reunited as the Presbyterian Church (USA) on November 12, 1869, and Dr. Miller became pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia just nine days later. When he became pastor at Bethany the membership was seventy five and when he resigned in 1878 Bethany was the largest Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, having about twelve hundred members. He then accepted the pastorate of the New Broadway Presbyterian Church of Rock Island, Illinois. He also had a part in writing at least sixty-two books, of which he sold two million copies in his lifetime alone.

On June 22, 1870, James Miller married Miss Louise E. King of Argyle, New York, whom he had met two years earlier. They had three children; William King Miller, Russel King, a fairly well known music teacher and composer, and Mary Wannamker Miller.

The end of life on earth came without warning on the afternoon of July 2, 1912. JR's wife, Louise Miller, and their only daughter, Mary Wanamaker Miller (Mrs. W.B. Mount), were present, but it was impossible to summon the sons — William and Russell. One moment Dr. Miller seemed to be resting quietly; the next he was at rest.

Think!

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; - 1 Peter 1:13

In this issue, I would like to give you a very important challenge. The subject we are about to cover is one that the devil loves to use to prosper his way. It is one of his best tools and is used more and more as the years go by.

My challenge to you is *learn to think!* Now you may suppose that is not such a challenge, but if that is what you are thinking, then you have a greater problem than you can imagine.

In the world that we live in, everything is geared to think for us. Certain stores play special music to put you into the mood of your surroundings. Retail stores have proven that if they play the soft, light “elevator music” that puts you in an “easy” mood, you will take more time there and buy more things. Magazines and books are another fine tool that the devil uses to control your mind. Have you ever noticed how that when you are reading a book, your mind is there and you are a part of it? It makes a tremendous escape from reality, but from what are you trying to escape? Walking in their council will only bring you hurt, shame and ridicule. The devil wants to fill your mind with all of these things to keep you from thinking about your soul and about Jesus Christ. *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night – Psalm 1:1-2* You should read all of Psalm 1. It is a brief testimonial of what happens when you follow worldly council.

Television is one of Satan’s most favorite tools to capture your mind. Here he not only has audio, which you can hear, but now he can add video, so you can see what is going on, too. The pulpit that the devil uses to preach his doctrine is the television and now he has a generation or two conditioned to listen and teach their children to listen as well.

Because we have let the devil do our thinking for us, it is increasingly difficult to think on our own. Schools are filled with children who cannot think about what they are doing unless you put their lessons in song or drama form. Children are learning English rules to rap beats. Schools have increasing numbers of discipline problems that are being treated with Ritalin, which is only a form of cocaine. We get up in the morning and have to be listening to music or the television. Every time we sit down we have to have a book to read or magazine to look at. If we do go to church and hear anything that may help our souls, we have to turn the radio or CD on in the car going home or talk about the preacher or someone else in the

church until all that we have heard has been erased from our mind. We give ourselves no time whatsoever to just be still and “think”.

Not thinking not only causes you to sin but can cause problems in your home as well. Did you ever forget to do something that you said that you would do? Why did you forget? Because you were not thinking about the promise that you made, you were thinking about something else. People have to train themselves to think. You have to learn to think on purpose.

When a baby begins to crawl around and sees this wonderfully full world that he wants to explore, the first thing he encounters are things that he cannot touch. He learns the word, “No!” second only to his name. But every child will try his limits. His little mind that is still too young to think very well begins to reason, “Can I get it? Is it worth the pain of not obeying? Will a cute little smile get me what I want? How many times will she say no before she smacks my hand?” Maybe he is not actually thinking those things literally but that is his reasoning. Is that sin? No, of course not. He is learning to think and process the consequences of his actions. He is being trained that you need to think about what it is that you are wanting and decide if you really want the punishment.

God’s punishments are very different from the little smacks or swats that we received when we were children. When you get in the big world, your wrong actions and bad decisions cost you extremely more. Our loving Heavenly Father is not sitting on His throne with a lightening bolt ready to throw at us when we do something wrong. He has set boundaries around our heart and soul to help us in temptation to overcome and stay pure. But because we have a will of our own, we can destroy those boundaries and allow the devil space in our lives to which he has no right. God has told us how to overcome those temptations: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.* – *Philippians 4:8* YOU allow your mind to think on something and only YOU can do something about it.

Think! What are your actions going to cost you? Who else are you going to hurt by doing the things that you are thinking about? If anyone could read your mind, how would you feel about that? Do you think things that you would be ashamed of? The biggest danger that you face is that with a lifetime of living and not thinking of the consequences of your actions, you never think about your eternity, either. You will face God someday and what will you say? “I just did not think!”

There are great consequences for not thinking. Young girls have such a great desire to be loved that they give away their purity to some guy that has no intention of marrying them, and the only thing they think there is to worry about is an unwanted baby. But they do not think that the price they may have to pay for being immoral could be a lifetime of battling a disease that will never go away. Marriages start out wrong when two people decide to marry for the wrong reasons and then shortly

after the honeymoon, they find that they do not even know each other and really are not fond of what they do know. To be popular, people have smoked, drank, taken illegal drugs and any number of other things only to find that they have not only spoiled their reputation but have also ruined their health. Once you have crossed the natural boundaries that God has placed in your body to keep you pure the wall of protection has been breached and will never be the same.

People do not fall into sin. There is a progressive pattern of thought that comes before sin. *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.* – James 1:14 It starts out as something that you see or hear that excites you and makes you want to look for more. You dwell on it until you have to look at it again. The thought crosses your mind that it would be wrong to do but you reason those thoughts away until even the voice of your conscience is stilled. Then your thoughts take on a new direction; planning to do the thing that you have been thinking so much about. You have thought that just thinking about those things would not hurt you but there is a point that just thinking about them is not enough. It is a pathway, and it leads to death; the death of a purity in your soul that cannot be regained.

So, now that we know the problem, what can be done about it? One good way to help you to think is to get alone with yourself and God. In Mark 6:31, Jesus told his disciples that they needed to rest awhile. They had been so busy with teaching and ministering to the people that they did not even have time to eat. He knew the importance of having some quiet time to pray and meditate with God. There are times that you just have to find a place to get alone where it is quiet and think. Find a place that is quiet; in your room, on a walk, wherever you can get alone for a while. Push away the things in your mind that crowd in and start thinking about God and His great love for you, the world that He made for you to enjoy, your home and family. Tell Him how much you love Him and appreciate all that He has given you and how He has helped you. Tell Him your problems and frustrations and ask Him to clear your mind to think right things. Try to do this every day. I promise you that it will not be easy for the devil does not want you to talk to God and to realize what a help He can be to you. It will amaze you what a difference it will make in your life.

The challenge is to think. You have to do it yourself, no one can do it for you, not even God. You purpose what you think about each day. It is up to you. *What you think about is what you are.* If you really examine yourself and discover what it is you do think about, it can be very sobering. That is why Paul emphasizes in 2Corinthians 13:5, “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.*” Take heed if you find that your heart and mind are set on things of this world and not on God.

If you are a child of God, your heart and mind should be set on Him, our Heavenly Bridegroom. If you were engaged to be married and every time your young man came to see you, all you could talk about or think about was someone else, would

you expect him to just understand and get over it? Of course not! Why would you treat your Heavenly Bridegroom that way? It breaks His heart just as much as it would break the heart of our earthly sweetheart. So, think on Him. Consider Him and how great and wonderful He is. Learn to think on good things, true things, lovely things, pure things, and shun those things that are not.

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Do Not Hope...Decide!

Do you hope to live life well,
Shun pathways broad and wide?
If this is your desire, friend,
Do not hope...decide!

Do you hope to truthful be,
Folks may in you confide?
Then purge your lips and hate a lie!
Do not hope...decide!

Do you hope to walk upright,
Then, friend, I must confide,
If you just hope you will soon fail.
Do not hope...decide!

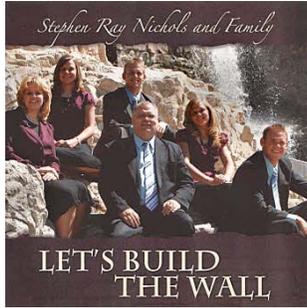
Do you hope to honor keep
When others round you chide?
Keep feelings in the hand of Christ;
Do not hope... decide!

Do you hope for purity
When down the isle you glide?
Set boundaries while you have good sense;
Do not hope...decide!

Do you hope your soul to fill
With fountains deep and wide?
Remember, Jesus loves you still!
Do not hope...decide!

Do you hope to Heaven gain
At life's dark even-tide?
Confess your sin and mercy find!
Do not hope...decide!

~T. Miller



Recently, a friend of ours sent us a link to a song by Pastor Stephen Ray Nichols. The song was, “Keep Eternity in View,” off of their 2007 release by the same name. The song was a real blessing to us, so we investigated and found he and his family have five projects, available at:

www.oldchristianmusic.com

Just click on the album like the one shown here. Below is the message on the inside of this particular CD cover. He writes most of the songs that they sing. The phrases in bold are titles to some of the songs on the CD.

“In 1995, God gave me a thorn in my flesh to humble me and teach me of His Grace. I have spent most of the past 13 years bedridden, in a wheelchair, or using a walker or cane. Together, my wife Jeanne and I and our children have learned to **Stand Still** and trust God as He moves in our lives. We have learned that **God Wanted It That Way**, and His mighty hands are once again carrying us **Through The Storm** and giving us the strength to not only **Fight On**, but to praise Him for all His goodness to us on the Journey.

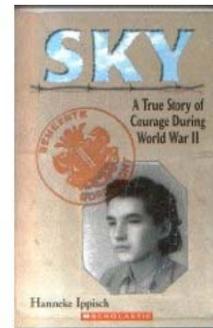
We have been blessed with an incredible church, who instead of griping and complaining of the shortcomings of their Pastor, have rallied together and carried on the cause of Christ with honor and dignity. I was bedridden for 49 days straight in 2007. They never complained, but only prayed, loved, cared for and strengthened their preacher and His family and served the Saviour with Holy Spirit filled power. With deep love and a debt we can never repay, we want to dedicate this CD to all of our church family at Regency Baptist Church. We Love you!

It is our prayer that this CD will be an encouragement to all who claim the name of Jesus, to "**Build The Wall**" strong and true for the cause of Christ. America is dying and it is time for us all to stand and be counted.”

Sky, A True Story of Courage During WWII by Hanneke Ippisch

This is a true story of a fifteen-year-old girl living in Holland in 1940. Step by step Hanneke is drawn into the Dutch Resistance, a group of brave men and women who risk their lives to help Jews escape certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

Hanneke changes her identity and makes secret trips across the border, leading Jews to safety. Then one morning she is captured by German soldiers and thrown into prison. Now she must find a way to survive.



“Sky” is an incredible true story you will never forget.
(Available at www.abebooks.com , many copies for \$1.00 plus shipping.)

Crafts

EMBELLISHED CLIPBOARD

9-inch x 12-inch Clipboard
Scroll stamp or stencil
Cream line paper (card stock weight)
Ribbon of choice: Black, Cream
Craft glue and styrofoam plate
Small sponge or sponge brush
Spritz bottle of water
Hole punch
Scissors

*Trace clipboard on the back of lined paper and cut to fit.

(You may want to measure down and cut a space for the top clip, also.) Lightly dampen sponge or sponge brush, squeezing out all excess water. Squeeze out some craft glue on the plate and gently pound glue into the sponge. Smooth glue on the front side of clipboard until completely covered. (You may want to wire the clip up to get it out of your way while you are gluing.) With the spritz bottle, spray back of paper lightly with water. Carefully apply paper to board, making sure to smooth out all air bubbles as you go. Let dry. With ink of a corresponding color, stamp or stencil design. Cut a pocket as large as you wish of the lined paper, as wide as the board. With the hole punch, make a row of holes $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart and about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of pocket; run a piece of ribbon carefully through the holes. With the craft glue, run a small bead of glue along the very edge and bottom of back of pocket and position this at the bottom of the board. Tie two little bows from ribbon and glue them to the top side corners of pocket. For clip fringe, cut 5" lengths of ribbon, as many as you desire. Fold each in half, pass folded edge through hole in clip, open folded end and pass the cut ends through the loop; pull tight. Add additional stick-on flowers or jewels, if desired.



FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

4mm lilac fire polished beads (64)
6mm green fire polished beads (14)
Three different message beads of your choice
1x2mm crimp tubes (2)
Clam shell bead tip (2)
10mm round trigger clasp (1)
Sterling silver closed jump ring (1)
Braided thread

*Cut one yard of braided thread. Fold it in half and slide a crimp tube over the folded end, leaving a small loop of thread at the end; crimp

tube with pliers. Apply clam shell bead tip to crimp tube. Slide a 6mm green fire polished bead onto both strands at once, from here you will separate the strands and string two 4mm lilac fire polished beads on each strand. Now add another 6mm bead by passing both strands through the bead, in opposite directions. The pattern is traced in red here for you. Every fourth center bead is a message bead. Make about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long; end with a 6mm green bead. Add the bead tip before crimping the crimp tube on this end. Crimp and close the bead tip. Make this bracelet your own by choosing message beads that reflect meaningful things to your friend.



Recipes

It's a great time of the year for baking! I love to bake and in the winter no one complains about the oven being on nor of the smells coming from the kitchen. Here are a few of my favorites for you to try.

Pizza Crust

- 1 package dry active yeast (1 tablespoon)
- 1 ¼ cup warm water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 ½ -4 cups flour



Dissolve yeast in warm water; add salt and begin adding flour, stirring in the first cup or two with a fork. When dough becomes workable, turn it out on a floured surface and knead, adding flour just until dough is not sticky. Knead dough for about 2-3 minutes more and shape into a ball. Divide in half and press/spread dough into two prepared pizza pans. Top with sauce and any other pizza topping that you desire, adding cheese and pepperonis last. Bake at 400° until crust is golden brown around the edges and cheese is toasty. This recipe can easily be doubled for a larger crowd.

Chocolate Chip Cookies



- 1 stick butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- 1 package instant vanilla pudding
- ½ package semi sweet chocolate chips

Combine butter and sugars, mixing well. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda, salt and dry pudding; mix until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by tablespoons on a greased cookie sheet; bake at 350° for 9 minutes. Let set on cookie sheet for 5 minutes before putting them out to cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

Lambert's Cafe Throed Rolls

- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons dry active yeast
- ½ cup warm water
- 2 cups warm milk
- ½ cup melted butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 tablespoon salt



8-9 cups all-purpose flour (can be half whole wheat, half all-purpose)

*Combine sugar and yeast in warm water and let stand while you warm milk. Into warm milk, mix butter, sugar, eggs and salt. Add to yeast mixture and begin adding flour until workable. Turn dough onto floured surface and gently knead for 4-5 minutes, adding flour if necessary, until dough is smooth and silky. Let rise in buttered bowl until doubled. After it has risen, you can either divide the dough into three equal portions and make three loaves of bread, or you can make rolls out of some or all of the dough, depending on what you need. If making rolls, spray muffin tins or baking pan; pinch off pieces about 1 ½" in diameter and roll into smooth spheres. Put two balls per cup for muffin tins, or place barely touching on baking pan. Let rise again for about 30-45 minutes. Bake at 350°; rolls for 20-25 minutes, loaves for 25-30 minutes or until well browned. Brush butter over tops as soon as you remove them from the oven. Cool on racks. Slice bread only as needed to keep fresher.



*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your
Lord doth come.*

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