

Jewels For His Crown

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Our Latest Project

If you have ever raised baby wild animals of any kind you can imagine how much fun we had raising three baby squirrels these past few months. Being a logger can sometimes be hazardous to squirrel nests and since their home was destroyed by Bro. Mike, he decided to bring them home to us! It was amazing to realize what unique characters that they had and how God enabled them to recognize dangers even when they had no mother to teach them. It was hard to set them free for fear they would not be fully prepared for the wild. If we care so much for the little creatures of God's creation, how much more He must care about what happens to us! (Mat. 10:31)

~Teresa Miller

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The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God.

Robert M. McCheyne

But depend on it, bad company in this life, is the sure way to procure worse company in the life to come.

J.C. Ryle

Holy Mr. Whitefield, when someone observed, "I should like to hear your dying testimony," said, "No, I shall in all probability bear no dying testimony." "Why not?" said the other. "Because I am bearing testimony every day while I live, and there will be the less need of it when I die."

C.H. Spurgeon

Most men will

determined to be the best little heartsease



proclaim

every one his own
goodness: but a
faithful man
who can find?

Proverbs 20:6

JA story is told of a King who went into his garden one morning, and found everything withered and dying. He asked the oak that stood near the gate what the trouble was. He found it was sick of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes like vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the peach tree. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac; and so all through the garden. Coming to heartsease, he found its bright face lifted as cheery as ever. "Well, heartsease, I'm glad amidst all of this discouragement, to find one brave little flower. You do not seem to be the least disheartened". "No, I am not of much account, but I thought if you wanted an oak, or pine, or a peach tree, or a lilac, you would have planted one; but as I knew you wanted a heartsease, I am



that I can".



The flower symbolism associated with the pansy is merriment and "you occupy my thoughts." The pansy is also called the heartsease or Johnny Jump Up.

The name pansy is derived from the French word pensée meaning "thought", and was so named because the flower resembles a human face. In August the pansy is thought to nod forward as if deep in thought.

If you are a Christian, you can expect folks to criticize, but you ought to live so nobody will believe them.

~ Author Unknown

The minister had a special filing drawer for his bills. It was labeled:
"Due unto others."

her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible... Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

*On the day that the kids were scheduled
to recite Psalm 23 in front of the
congregation, Bobby was so nervous.*

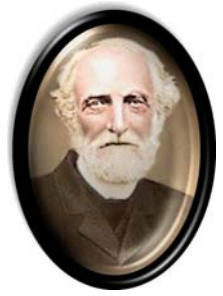
*When it was
his turn, he
stepped up to
the
microphone
and said
proudly,*

*"The Lord is
my
shepherd...*

and that's all I need to know!"



A.T. Pierson



Arthur Tappan Pierson (March 6, 1837 – June 3, 1911) was an American Presbyterian pastor, early fundamentalist leader, and writer who preached over 13,000 sermons, wrote over fifty books, and gave Bible lectures as part of a transatlantic preaching ministry that made him famous in Scotland and England. Throughout his career, Pierson filled several pulpit positions around the world as an urban pastor who cared passionately for the poor.

Pierson was also a pioneer advocate of faith missions who was determined to see the world evangelized in his generation. Prior to 1870, there had been only about 2000 missionaries from the United States in full-time service, roughly ten percent of whom had engaged in work among Native Americans. A great movement of foreign missions began in the 1880s and accelerated into the 20th century, in some measure due to the work of Pierson.

Pierson was the ninth child of Stephen and Sallie Pierson, a family with strong Christian and abolitionist roots. Born in New York City, he was named after Arthur Tappan, the famous New York abolitionist. While attending a Methodist revival meeting in 1850 at the age of 13, he first publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ. In 1860, he had married Sarah Frances Benedict; they had seven children, all of whom professed conversion to Christianity before the age of 15 and later served as missionaries, pastors, or lay leaders.

He was lithe, tall, stern, and even severe person in appearance, with the burning eyes of a prophet. But behind his formidable appearance, was a heart of concern and prayer. When he spoke a hush fell over all in the tent, and the convicting work of the Spirit was felt.

At the age of forty, while serving as pastor of the largest church in Detroit, he attended a series of evangelistic messages and realized he was prideful and greedy, and had sought the approval of the rich. As a result, he led his wealthy congregation to reach out to the poor of Detroit. He then moved to banish the practice of pew rents and committed to accept his salary on a faith basis.

When Charles Spurgeon's illness with *Bright's Disease* kept him from preaching, he asked Pierson to substitute for him while he recovered; but when Spurgeon unexpectedly died on January 31, 1892, the people of the Metropolitan Tabernacle invited Pierson to stay on, which he did for the next two years.

Pierson died on June 3, 1911. On his gravestone was a picture of an open Bible. On the Bible were engraved two verses. I John 5:11 "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Are You Following Me?

“Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.” Philippians 3:17

People follow examples and patterns. I can take a pattern and make something fairly easy and most times it will turn out right. But I find that when I can watch someone while they are making the same thing, someone who understands the pattern and can make it well, it is so much easier to do a better job when I make it myself. The world understands this, also. That is why there are so many instructional videos that can teach you how to do just about anything you want to learn, from making a craft to playing an instrument.

In the same way, people will follow the example set by someone else, whether it be for righteousness or for wickedness. We learn from everyone around us; our parents and family, our teachers, pastors, and even people we do not know. People will mimic the lifestyle of their favorite singer or movie star. It is a form of identification. When you do, you are saying to others that this is the way you are and what you want everyone else to think of you. No matter who you are or what you are doing, there are countless eyes watching and imitating you in one way or another.

You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read, and your life is under scrutiny every day. What do others learn from you? Do they see an accurate picture of your God?

~John MacArthur~

I was always watching other girls in school and, if I liked certain things that they did, I would try to imitate them. One time, I recall watching a more “popular girl” sign her name and since her name started with a “T” like mine did and it was prettier than my “T”, I practiced making it like she did until I was satisfied that it was just as pretty. I would watch how these “popular girls” walked, talked, and acted and would try to do the same. The reason is obvious; I wanted to be popular. Now, we all know that this desire is not really a good desire, for most “popular girls” have that title for bad reasons. But I was trying to identify with those kinds of girls so that people would think better of me, which, by the way, did not work. Someone who tries to imitate another in this way only gains disdain from their peers, for they can see that it is hypocrisy.

When Paul gave the people of Philippi the challenge, “*be followers together of me*”, he was putting himself in a position in which most people do not want to be. He was saying, in a sense, “Watch me, and follow me, and I will be a good example for you to follow.” Paul was making a promise to the people he was preaching to, a promise that he would be faithful to follow the path of righteousness close enough that others could follow him and find God. How could he make such a promise? Because he was following closely to the example left for him by the *Great Example*, Jesus Christ. “*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for*

us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” (1 Peter 2:21) Few people could give such a challenge, for their commitment normally is not strong enough for their example to be such that anyone else could follow.

From a child and up into my young adulthood, I looked to other people for examples of what a Christian should be. If a man was a preacher, I believed that he just naturally was a good man that would tell me the truth from God’s Word. His wife would be the kind of woman that I would want to emulate. When Brother Mike was first called to preach I was terrified to think that I would be a preacher’s wife, thinking I was just not good enough for such a position. So I started watching other preachers’ wives to see how they conducted themselves, but that was not as encouraging as I thought it would be. Although there were many ladies that were worthy of imitating, I found that not all were taking their position as seriously as they should have. Their conversation was not always helpful and their everyday walk was close to discouraging.

Of all the ladies that I have considered and in which I had hoped to find a good example, there is only one that stands out in my mind. She is always kind and loving. No matter what is happening in your life she will always speak to you in a caring way. Although she has troubles and pains, she always has a smile ready for whomever she meets. She loves to talk about the Lord and to tell you how good He is. I have never seen her dressed in immodest clothing and when she is out in public she always looks nice and neat. She says that it is because she represents not only her blessed Lord but also her preacher husband, whom she seeks to honor. I admire this dear lady and have followed her example in many ways in my lifetime because I have found that she lives her life to honor God and her husband.

I have also met a few ladies who were a great discouragement to me. One was a pastor’s wife, also, but I do not recall having any kind of conversation with her for she never cared to talk to me. She was very reclusive and had an attitude that told you something was not right in her life. Her pastor husband was always having to deal with problems that came up in their home because of her, and eventually her daughter turned to the world and ruined her life. Her testimony and actions reminded me of the verse, “Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.” (Proverbs 14:1) She was not happy and she made everyone else around her miserable.

What you do, what you say and how you act make a bigger impression on other people than you would imagine. I am thinking of another pastor’s wife who is a good woman but who was always very outspoken. It was a habit of character that she would have been better off without for there were times that she would say something harsh without thinking and do more harm than should have been done. A misplaced devotion to a gossiping friend caused untold damage and heartache in the church and in her own family.

Someone has said that more is learned from what is “caught” than “taught”...Though it is certainly important to communicate God’s Word (instructionally), it’s what people see in our lives that gives weight to our words.

~Gene Getz~

We are all apt to do things wrong as we go about our business from day to day. We get impatient and tired, and even pain can sometimes cause us to be snappy and unpleasant. But have you ever noticed that the times that these things happen to us are mostly when we are in our home? We want others to think better of us so we are more patient and longsuffering with other people than we are from those of our own household. This should not be, for what better place should you be a good testimony? If you can not be a Christian at home, you are not a Christian at all. Since my salvation, one thing that has been most important to me is to show to my family the difference that God has made in my life. I am not always successful, for I have had a long history of habitual discontent and selfishness. Habits are very hard to change, but knowing how much Jesus loves me and wants me to be an example of His salvation has helped me to look at myself more carefully. Jesus saved my soul, not only from hell but also from sin. Just saying these words will not make it real to those who are most familiar with me; those with whom I live day by day.

Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks!

The sad thing is, people will not only follow *good* examples but are more apt to follow *bad* ones. We can be shamefully lead about by what everyone else is doing. Fashions and fads change all the time and they seem to be going in a downward spiral more and more, but what is more disturbing is when we see some of these fashions and fads in the teens and young adults who attend our local churches. For example, “Facebook” is full of profile pictures. A profile picture is suppose to show another person who you are and give that person an idea of what you are. When you portray yourself as sexy, flirty, and bold, they will think of you that way. Some are just trying to imitate the look of certain popular singers or movie stars. You reveal the secrets of your heart by whom you idolize, envy, and try to emulate.

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 1:32

Bad character traits are as easy to catch as a disease. You have to be careful to maintain good health, and good character must be maintained for it to thrive. If the people that you admire and want to imitate are worldly and do not honor God, you will soon embrace their likes and dislikes in your devotion to them. But when your goal is to follow those whose lives are a testimony of the grace of God and there is evidence that they have a true relationship with Jesus, your spiritual life will be strengthened.

My question to you is what kind of example are you? Do you call yourself a Christian? If you do, then take the time to really look at yourself and what your testimony is telling everyone around you. What kind of language do you use? What kind of clothes do you wear? What do you spend most of your time thinking

about? God encourages you to “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.*” (2Cor. 13:5) You can lead someone else in the wrong direction by being a bad example to them. There is nothing more condemning than to know that your bad example caused someone to turn away from Christ. On the other hand, there is nothing more humbling than to hear that your good example of Christian love and faith helped someone seek to know the God that you serve. The truth is, we will not always know the influence that we are on others until God reveals all things in the final judgement.

Set your goals high. Strive to be a good example. Follow the commandment of Jesus to, “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,” and your testimony will always be pleasing to God and to everyone around you.

The Greek word translated "example" is tupos, which means model, image, or pattern...When you set an example, you are giving people a pattern to follow. Someone once said, "Your life speaks so loud I can't hear what you say." Your lifestyle is your most powerful message.

~John MacArthur~

A Sister's Plea

Walk carefully, my Sister, dear,
And watch the road you take,
For your own good and safety, too,
And also, for my sake.

You are my older sister, see,
My rival and my friend.
So what you do, be good or bad,
I'll follow to the end.

I'll watch each thing you say and do,
And try to imitate it,
I'm striving to be just like you,
E'en though at times I hate it.

If you are tender, kind and sweet,
Chances are, I will be, too.
If you flirt with every guy you meet,
You know I'm there with you.

“No man is an island,” I have heard,
There's no exception with siblings,
They follow each other like ducks in a
row,

Each one with increasing failings.

So sow your oats, do what you please,
It's your life, you may say.

But my eyes are watching, you're
teaching me well,

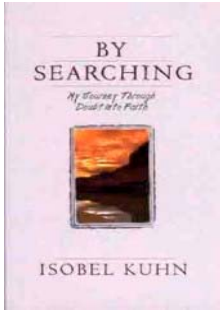
You'll be sorry you did it someday.

Please, show me how to do things right,
And follow Jesus, too.

Walk carefully, my Sister, dear,
For I am following you.

~T. Miller

By Searching-Isobel Kuhn



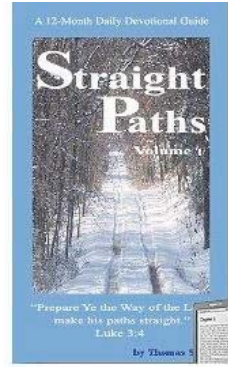
Isobel Miller gave up God for worldly pursuits. But as graduation approached and her engagement was broken, she questioned that decision.

“If You will prove to me that You are, and if You will give me peace, I will give You my whole life.”

God heard Isobel’s prayers and responded. He reached out to her, ending years of searching and building her up for decades of fruitful missionary service with her husband, John Kuhn, in China.

Straight Paths (Vol.1)– Pastor Tom Smith

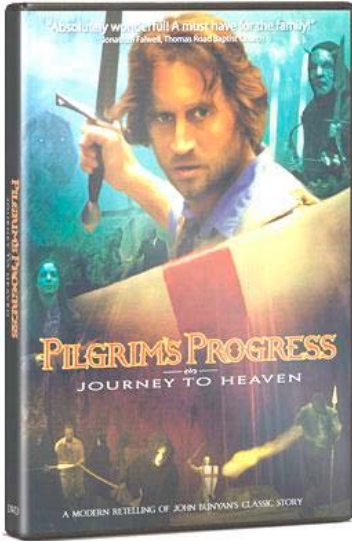
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Pilgrim’s Progress, Journey to Heaven – taken from the book written by

John Bunyan

We strive to be very careful of what we as a family watch, let alone of what I recommend to others. My son saw some reviews of this movie on Vision Forum, usually a very trusted source. However, I was still not convinced that it would be good to watch because of the goulsh creatures that portray Apollyon and his demons. The only difference in these and other portrayals of Pilgrim’s Progress that I have seen is that these are played by real people instead of being a cartoon. The movie follows the story closely, however, and brings out truths of the Christian life that are very instructional. It would be fine for older children and adults, but maybe a bit scary for smaller children. It would be a good movie to watch as a family with



discussion throughout.

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Making Flowers!

Here is a variety of ideas for making flowers for blouse or purse embellishments, hair bows, flip-flops, and much more!

Ripped Fabric Flower

This fabric flower is made in two variations from scraps of sun damaged silk curtain lining. This type of flower really works best with cloth that rips easily and is a great way to use antique or fragile fabric that is too weak to use for anything else.

1. Rip or cut a strip of fabric, the length and width will determine the size of the flower.
2. Fold your strip into even sections.
3. Sew the middle together (your cloth should resemble a bow at this point).
4. Make evenly spaced slits at the outside loops (go through all layers). Rip from slit to center. If you are not using fabric which rips easily, just cut all the way to the center, being careful not to cut through stitching.
5. Add a center (beads or buttons or a combination of the two).
6. This last step is optional. I left the loops uncut on the flower shown on the purse. If you want your flower to resemble the one shown on the jacket, snip each "petal" loop.



Felt Flowers

Materials

- 6" strips of felt in varying widths from 1 1/2" to 2 1/4" (1 or 2 per brooch)
- Straight pins
- Small sewing scissors
- Sewing needle and thread
- Hot-glue gun and glue sticks
- Buttons
- Pin backings



1. Fold one of the wider strips of felt in half lengthwise and pin the long edges together. Cut a series of slits along the length of the folded side; space them about 1/3" apart and leave a 1/3" uncut border along the pinned edge. Thread the needle with 36" of thread (in a color that matches the felt strip), double it and knot at the ends. Start to sew the felt together along the pinned edge, using small running stitches about 1/8" long.
2. As you sew, gently tug the thread so the sewn edge gathers tightly and the strip begins to form a circular shape. Continue until circle is completed. Cut off any excess felt, leaving the needle and thread still attached. To keep gathers in place, sew a running stitch back through them around the sewn edge.
3. Join the two ends together by folding the circle in half, forming a U shape with the ends matching up. Sew a few whipstitches along the raw edges (see illustration below), starting at the center of the circle and ending where the slits begin. Knot the thread securely and cut.
4. Unfold the flower and press it flat, adjusting the petals so they're evenly spaced. If desired, make a smaller flower from one of the narrower felt strips and hot-glue it onto the front of the first. From the same color felt as your bottom flower, cut a circle that's at least 1/3" larger in diameter than the center hole. Hot-glue the circle to the back of the bottom flower; let dry.
5. Sew a button onto the front of the flower, stitching it all the way through the felt circle on the back. (If your button is too small to cover the center hole, cut a circle the same size as the back circle from a contrasting color felt. Glue it to the front, let dry, then sew on the button.) Glue a pin backing to the back of the finished brooch; let dry.

αRecipesβ

Tator Tot Casserole



1 lb. ground beef or turkey
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 bag tater tots

Brown meat; drain. Mix in undiluted soup and grated cheese. Top evenly with tater tots. Bake at 375° for 30 to 35 minutes or until tots are toasty brown.

Beans and Franks with Cornbread Topping

2 1/2 lb. can pork 'n beans
1 lb. can stewed tomatoes
1 c. water
1 can tomato sauce
1 lg. green pepper, chopped
1 lg. onion, chopped
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tbsp. honey
6 franks, cut into bite size pieces
1 box Jiffy cornbread mix

1. Into large saucepan, add the pork 'n beans, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, chopped pepper, onions, brown sugar and honey. Heat through thoroughly; add franks and simmer for about 5 minutes. Turn off heat. Transfer to a deep casserole dish.
2. Preheat oven 400 degrees. Mix cornbread mix according to package directions. Spoon over the pork 'n beans mixture evenly. Bake until golden brown.



Jello Easy Patriotic Flag Dessert

3 cups boiling water, divided
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) JELL-O Berry Blue Flavor Gelatin
2 cups ice cubes, divided
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) Cream Cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 tub (8 oz.) Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) JELL-O Strawberry Flavor Gelatin, or any red flavor
2 cups halved strawberries
1/2 cup blueberries

1. Stir 1 1/2 cups of the boiling water into dry blue gelatin in medium bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add 1 cup of the ice cubes; stir until ice is completely melted. Pour into 13x9-inch dish. Refrigerate 20 min. or until gelatin is set but not firm.
2. Place cream cheese, sugar and half of the whipped topping in large bowl; beat until well blended. Spoon over blue gelatin layer in dish; spread carefully to evenly cover gelatin layer. Stir remaining 1-1/2 cups boiling water into strawberry gelatin in separate bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add remaining 1 cup ice cubes; stir until ice is completely melted. Let stand at room temperature 5 min. or until slightly thickened. Spoon over cream cheese layer in dish. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set.
3. Spread remaining whipped topping over dessert just before serving. Decorate with strawberries and blueberries to resemble a flag. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator.



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