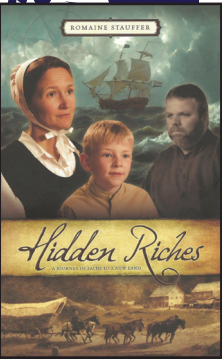


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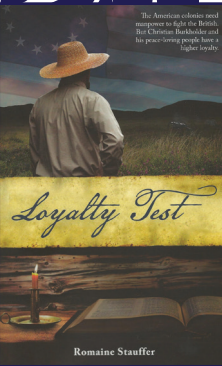
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Hidden Riches
Romaine Stauffer
Softcover, 144 pages - \$7.49

“No, I am not going to get well,” Father said haltingly, with a note of resignation in his voice. “It seems the Lord wants me to live with Him instead of in Pennsylvania. But the children must get to Pennsylvania. They will never be free to be nonresistant Swissers here in Germany. If you promise to take them, I can die in peace.”

We forget the persecution and suffering of our forefathers and how they risked their lives to reach the freedom we enjoy in North America. When we take for granted the freedom they risked their lives to find, we risk becoming comfortable and lazy in our faith. *Hidden Riches* puts a face on history through Christian Burkholder, a real person whose story will help you comprehend the sacrifice of our forefathers and appreciate our faith and freedom.



Loyalty Test | Hidden Riches Sequel.
Romaine Stauffer
Softcover, 179 pages - \$7.49

Christian Burkholder's life followed a peaceful routine of farming, family, and church. This was the quiet freedom his mother had been searching for when she brought her family to Pennsylvania from the Old World when he was just a lad.

Christian watched uneasily as anti-British attitudes bubbled up in the American colonies. Rebellious colonial leaders organized a government and mustered militias to fight against the king. As the war progressed, Christian stood by as the army confiscated his harvest of wheat and drove his cattle away to feed the soldiers.

Christian and his fellow church leaders discussed the new law that required them to swear loyalty to the state. Could their people endure threats from neighbors, double taxes and heavy fines, the prospect of jail time, and having their properties confiscated?

Based on historical characters, *Loyalty Test* describes the trials of a peaceful people in distressing times. Their lives are encouraging examples of a higher

loyalty — one that stands true to God in difficult circumstances.

Young Man, Be Strong
David G. Burkholder
Softcover, 246 pages —

Good character is like steel in a concrete structure. You can't see the steel reinforcement in the concrete, but without it the concrete is weak.

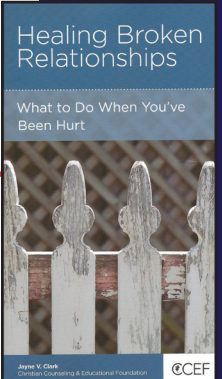
Good character is not what a person says or pretends to be; it's what he really is beneath the surface. It is produced by the principles that you allow to rule your life and put into practice in your everyday living. What you practice is what you will become. If you live nobly, you will have noble character. If you live selfishly, your character will be selfish. So, young man, your character is largely the result of your choices.

This book is written to help you make those choices that will build strong, solid character. Day by day and year by year, your character can be strengthened as you yield to God's training. This brings Him glory, is a strengthening influence to others, and will bring true satisfaction to you with eternal rewards.

Also available: Study Guide and Teacher's Edition



Healing Broken Relationships
| What to Do When You've Been Hurt
Jayne V. Clark
Minibook, 24 pages, \$3.49



Arguments. Betrayal. Inattention. Some of the reasons that relationships shatter. Anger. Confusion. Hurt. Frustration. Some of what we feel when they do.

This minibook unpacks the issues that can lead to a broken relationship and then guides readers to a deeper trust in Christ—the One who died so that our relationship with God could be restored. You can look to Him, the friend who “sticks closer than a brother,” and ask Him for wisdom, help, and the ability to forgive. As you trust in Him, no matter the outcome of your relationship struggles you can be confident that God is good, that He is in this with you and that He will use it for your good and His glory.



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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

These objectives continue to be our goals.

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2018 Seminars

January 23-25, Helping People in Need

Victory Fellowship Church, Dayton, VA

Tuesday, January 23: Church and Interpersonal Relationships

God's Design for the Church — Ben Waldner

Differences: Uniting or Dividing — Dave Snyder

Interpersonal Relationships in the Brotherhood — Bryan Fleagle

Reconciling Differences in Church — Phil Helmuth

Wednesday, January 24: The Way of Holiness

Be Ye Holy — Dave Snyder

Sin and Repentance — Virlin Yoder

Pride and Humility — Bryan Fleagle

Brokenness and Surrender — Ben Waldner

Enabled by Grace — Tim Weaver

Thursday, January 25: Thinking Biblically

Rejection — Ben Waldner

Anger — Virlin Yoder

Depression — Denver Yoder

Helping Others — Phil Helmuth

March 23-25, Marriage Enrichment

Plain City, OH

Friday, March 23

The Gift of Marriage — Ben Waldner

Saturday, March 24

Qualities of a Godly Husband — Dave Snyder

Qualities of a Godly Wife — Ben Waldner

Clean Heart, Clean Hands — Dave Snyder

Cultivating Friendship — Denver Yoder

Sunday, March 25

The Art of Forgiveness — Dave Snyder

A Three-Fold Cord — Ben Waldner

April 13-15, Marriage Enrichment

Arthur Mennonite Fellowship, Arthur, Ontario.

To register, please contact Warren Knicely: 540-271-1331 or by email: wk62@juno.com by January 12, 2018.

This seminar is limited to 30 couples. To register, call DLM @ 614-873-1199 or email to: info@dmlmohio.org by March 9, 2018.

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Staff Opportunities

Deeper Life Ministries has a need for a Domestic house-keeper (January 2018) and a secretary (April 2018). If these service opportunities interest you, give us a call at 614-873-1199.

Current Needs

1. 3x Bedroom Sets – for staff dorms.
2. Volunteers for 2018 Heating and A/C Project – 8-10 men (2-3 with experience to install and setup).
3. 10x 8-foot Lifetime Tables



Jumping to Conclusions

Jumping to conclusions is an exercise in futility, and yet, most of us are guilty of having done it. We gather bits and pieces of information and fill in the gaps by making assumptions. It is much like leaping off a cliff and having no idea how high it is or what is at the bottom. It doesn't usually end well. In fact, jumping to conclusions can undermine and destroy marital relationships, personal friendships, and business relationships, leaving in its wake a path of broken families and divided churches.

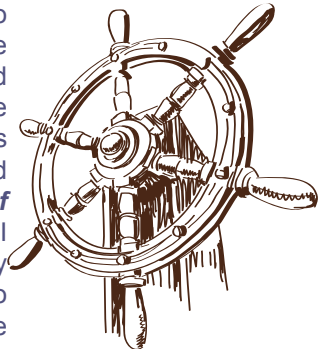
Following is an example from everyday life of how misleading jumping to conclusions can be. Environmentalists promote the idea that the forests are being destroyed by paper mills. Someone unfamiliar with the printing business could quickly jump to the conclusion that forests are being cut down unnecessarily and precious resources are being wasted when they see all the recycled paper. It is true that reducing waste results in increased profits for businesses. However, the person standing on the sidelines making the observation that it is wasteful doesn't have all the relevant information. First of all, the paper industry grows more wood pulp than it harvests. Second, the process of printing, like many other processes, requires a certain number of steps before the actual product coming off the press is properly aligned, up to color and usable. Third, a large portion of the paper going to the recycler is from trimming the sheets to the proper size. Furthermore, the paper going to the recycler is being repurposed, either for pulp or other commodities. In essence the printing industry is self-sustaining and environmentally friendly in contrast to what some environmentalists would have you believe.

We often surmise things and jump to conclusions because our knowledge of the process or situation is limited. We make assumptions based on limited facts and what things appear to be. Sometimes the conclusion is completely opposite of what actually happened or of what the truth is. The illustration of wasted paper is a simple description of what happens over and over in our relationships with people. We see one aspect of an individual and we draw conclusions as to what type of person he is.

Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, said, “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again” (Matthew 7:1-2). Jesus warned against jumping to conclusions and provides a viable test. Are you willing to be measured by the same protocol? Our human tendency is to change the script for measuring others versus measuring ourselves. Jesus says you can't do that; you will be judged using the same standard you use on others.

Later on in the same chapter, verse 20, Jesus says, “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Is that not a paradox? How can we be fruit inspectors and not judge? How can we be faithful in pointing out wrongdoing in a brother or sister's life without being judgmental? Isn't Jesus contradicting himself?

Not at all! Earlier in His sermon, Jesus' call to us is to be meek, pure in heart, and merciful. The answer to this question is found in *the motive of the heart*. Am I pointing out my brother's fault to try and elevate



Financial Report

July – September 2017

Beginning Balance – 7/1/17

Operating Fund \$ -20,525.09

Fire Alarm Fund \$ -10,682.54

Project Fund..... \$ 44,690.86

Balance Total..... \$ 13,483.23

INCOME

Bookstore \$ 8,336.62

Donations \$ 33,267.04

Offerings \$ 14,859.73

Seminars \$ 5,876.00

Rent \$ 2,000.00

OPERATING INCOME \$ 64,339.39

Gifts; Project Funds..... \$ 10,000.00

TOTAL INCOME..... \$ 74,339.39

EXPENSE

Bookstore \$ 5,043.77

Food \$ 971.91

Insurance..... \$ 1,031.00

Maintenance..... \$ 3,124.63

Payroll..... \$ 29,070.86

Printing & Mailing \$ 3,532.75

Seminar..... \$ 4,253.60

Supplies..... \$ 1,082.07

Utilities \$ 5,385.87

Vehicle..... \$ 473.70

OPERATING EXPENSE ... \$ 56,970.16

Maintenance; Projects..... \$ 1,900.00

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 58,870.16

MISC. LIABILITIES \$ 2,430.27

Ending Balance – 9/30/17

Operating Fund \$ -10,725.59

Fire Alarm Fund \$ -10,682.54

Project Fund..... \$ 52,790.86

Balance Total..... \$ 31,382.73

Deeper Life Ministries' daily operations are funded by donations.

Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some upgrades. Additional contributions are needed for the larger projects. We can use funds, materials, or labor. For more information, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.

“Jumping to Conclusions” Continued

myself? Am I drawing attention to his shortcomings to justify my vices? If so, am I any better than he?

A heart that is meek, pure, and merciful recognizes the forgiveness God has granted and the deliverance He has wrought, and in turn desires to forgive and help others find that same joy and peace. It recognizes that the measuring stick of humanness is not trustworthy, and that the truth of God's Word is the only measurement that will pass the test.

When we judge, we usurp the authority of God. We don't have all the facts and so we are prone to make assumptions and jump to conclusions. God says, “Judging others isn't part of your job description. Let that in My hands.” We are, however, instructed to be fruit inspectors. When the fruit being produced doesn't measure up to God's standard, we register concern, all the while remembering that the standard we use to measure God will require of us.

Therefore, we should always consult the heart monitor to test our motive. Is my attitude one of being critical and divisive? Do I have a love for my brother or sister that desires to see them grow closer to God? Am I ready to show mercy to others in the same way God has demonstrated His mercy to me? Can I mirror the longsuffering God granted me, or will I demand justice by jumping to conclusions? Just remember, the measuring stick you use against others is the same God will use when he judges you. That fact alone should guide the motives of our hearts and alert us to the danger of jumping to conclusions. Judge not that you be not judged.

– Merle Gingrich

Administrator's Report

From the Desk of Dave Snyder



Greetings in Jesus' Name.

Fall is a busy time at DLM. Following is brief update.

We hosted the Single Ladies Seminar on August 4-6. The theme was “An Honest Look at Singleness.” There were 118 ladies that attended. One highlight was the formal banquet on Saturday evening.

The Faithful Women Seminar was held on October 7 at the Plainview School with approximately 200 ladies in attendance. The theme was “Life, My Expectations & Pleasing God.” Many expressed appreciation for how practical the topics were.

Ben Waldner and I traveled to Ontario, Canada (October 11-16), and visited 6 Midwest Fellowship churches. We enjoyed fellowshiping with fellow believers and considered it a privilege to share how God has blessed the work of DLM. Many expressed how they now have a better understanding of and appreciation for the work at DLM. We are grateful to the Lord for safety as we traveled.

We want to thank you for how you have supported DLM this past year.

God Bless.

True Life Stories and Recordings that will Inspire You!

Audio

Faithful Women Seminar 2017

Various Speakers

CD Set: \$17.95, Individual CD: \$4.95

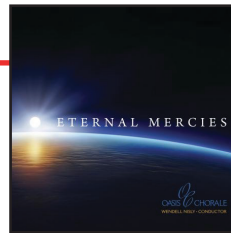
1. A Woman's Life: Joys & Sorrows | [Ruth Miller](#)
2. Expectations: Mine, Others', God's | [Danette Martin](#)
3. Insecurity & Inferiority | [Christine Martin](#)
4. What Does God Want? | [Danette Martin](#)



Eternal Mercies

Oasis Chorale | \$16.99

1. Alleluia Incantation, 2. Come, Let's Rejoice, 3. Psalm 67, 4. I Can Tell the World, 5. A Spotless Rose, 6. Out of the Ivory Palaces, 7. O Happy Day, 8. O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, 9. Give To Our God Immortal Praise, 10. Even When He Is Silent, 11. Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten, 12. Children Of The Heavenly Father, 13. Ndikhokhele Bawo, 14. When We Cannot See Our Way, 15. Like A River Glorious, 16. Angel Band



Favorites

Oasis Chorale | \$16.99

1. Let Thy Holy Presence, 2. Shout For Joy, 3. All That Hath Life and Breath, 4. Day By Day, 5. Our Father In Heaven, 6. Jesus I Adore Thee, 7. Lift Up Your Heads, 8. Make Me To Know, 9. Lord I Need You, 10. I Will Not Leave You Comfortless, 11. Whispering Hope, 12. The Candle of the Lord, 13. O Healing River, 14. Prayer for Strength, 15. I Go To the Rock, 16. Ride On, King Jesus, 17. Goin' Home, 18. Stay With Us

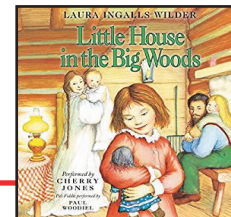


Little House in the Big Woods

Laura Ingalls Wilder, narrated by Cherry Jones

4 CDs, 3½ hrs | \$11.99

Five year old Laura Ingalls and her family, Pa, Ma, Mary and Baby Carrie, live in a snug log cabin in the woods of Wisconsin, a full days walk from the nearest town, Pepin. Laura leads a traditional farm life: spending time churning butter and making cheese and maple syrup. Laura goes to town for the first time, and plays with her sister. Each night, while the wind blows and the wolves howl, the happy sounds of Pa's fiddle, brought vividly to life on this recording, keeps the family safe and warm.

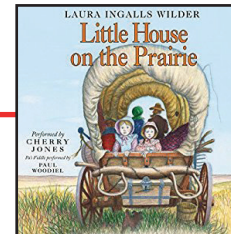


Little House on the Prairie

Laura Ingalls Wilder, Narrated by Cherry Jones

6 CDS, 5½ hrs | \$11.99

Pa Ingalls decides to sell the little log house, and the family sets out for Indian country! They travel from Wisconsin to Kansas, and there, finally, Pa builds their little house on the prairie. Sometimes farm life is difficult, even dangerous, but Laura and her family are kept busy and happy with the promise of their new life on the prairie.



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Vol. 12

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In this CD album:

LOTTIE MOON: Child of Privilege, Woman of China. MARY BETHUNE: Mary Jane's Dream, The Dollar and a Half School. LILLIAN TRASHER: The Promise in the Woods, Mama Lillian. Mayala, the Congo Chief, and more.



Faithful Families

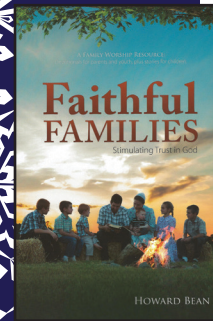
| Stimulating Trust in God

Howard Bean

Softcover, 380 pages - \$10.99

Many parents see the importance of family worship, but struggle to find material suitable for their whole family. *Faithful Families* is part of a series of devotional books that addresses that need. Each day's lesson consists of two parts. The first part is especially for Dad and Mom and older children. It includes a suggested Scripture reading, a theme verse, and a devotional meditation on the topic introduced by the Scripture reading.

The second part consists of a reading from a continued children's story related to that week's theme. Each story is followed by questions for review and discussion, which provide opportunities for applying the theme to life. Each of the thirteen sections in this book focuses on a different character in the Bible. Together these sections provide enough readings for approximately a quarter of a year.



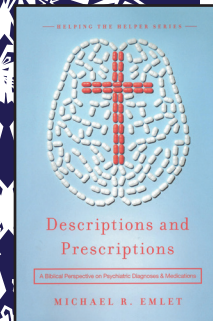
Descriptions And Prescriptions

| A Biblical Perspective on Psychiatric Diagnoses & Medications

Michael R. Emler

Softcover, 102 pages - \$13.99

As Christians, we should neither blindly accept nor entirely dismiss psychiatric labels, diagnoses, and medicines that are prescribed to help those who are suffering. *Descriptions and Prescriptions* provides a balanced, biblically (and scientifically) informed approach that will help us understand and minister to those struggling with mental health issues.



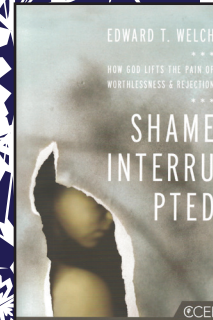
Shame Interrupted

| How God Lifts The Pain Of Worthlessness & Rejection

Edward T. Welch

Softcover, 337 pages - \$14.99

Shame controls far too many of us, but the way out is hard to find. Ed Welch shows us that the Bible is about shame from start to finish and, if we are willing, God's beauti-



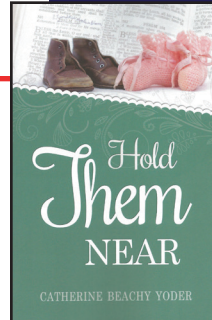
ful words break through our pain. Look at Jesus through the lens of shame and discover the transforming truth that the marginalized and worthless are his favorites and become his people.

Hold Them Near

CATHERINE BEACHY YODER

Softcover, 195 pages - \$10.99

A cold . . . a fight to breathe . . . weakness . . . death. Sara's mother heart was wrenched as one child after another succumbed to a mysterious genetic heart condition. Otherwise an ordinary couple, Noah and Sara Beachy began raising their family in the 1940s. Their trust in God deepened as blow after blow of tragedy rained on them. Despite Sara's grief, her testimony of faith lives on, unsullied by bitterness. May this true story inspire you to lean on God wholly as you face trials, and remind you to treasure the moments you have with your children. Revised and expanded version.

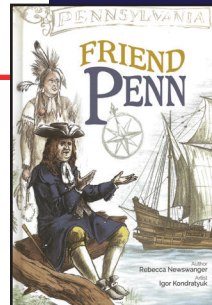


Friend Penn

Rebecca Newswanger

Hardcover, 59 pages - \$6.49

With its fascinating color illustrations, this book is an enjoyable way for children of all ages to learn about William Penn. Instead of stealing the Indians land, Friend Penn wanted to buy it fairly with cloth, mirrors, and other special trinkets from the Old World. This book holds a beautiful message about fairness and respect that resulted in many years of peace between the Indians and settlers in Pennsylvania.

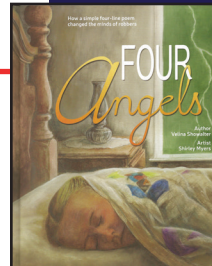


Four Angels

Velina Showalter

Hardcover, 45 pages - \$8.49

Grandma Lizzie and Grandpa Phares froze when they woke up and saw robbers in their bedroom. What do you think the robbers did when they heard Grandma Lizzie saying the prayer rhyme she had learned as a little girl? This is a full-color book for children of all ages.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the DLM board members as they make decisions concerning the renovation of the main building at Deeper Life Ministries.

Welcome

Deeper Life Ministries would like to welcome Kaitlyn Bricker from Chambersburg, PA, who is at DLM for 3 months to help as Domestic housekeeper.

The Anchor is a quarterly newsletter sent free of charge to interested persons or congregations. To receive it, contact Deeper Life Ministries.

– Editor, Ben Waldner

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