



Keep on Reading

Simon Schrock

We welcomed the rare and precious visit of a godly couple from another community. While the wife sat nearer to Polly, we men sat across from each other enjoying the precious moments. The husband was telling a story that involved another person. He paused and remarked, “Right now I can’t remember his name; it will come to me after a while.”

That’s me, I thought, I experience that all the time. Sometime later the name comes to mind (sometimes it’s a long time later).

In a phone conversation with a man hundreds of miles away, I mentioned my age was eighty-one. He commented, “I’m sixty-five, and my memory is not as good anymore.”

In reply to such oft-heard comments, I often relate my own experience. I may be sitting at the counter eating breakfast and want something across the room by the kitchen sink. I get up, take several steps, and then try to remember what I’m going after.

Then whoever is listening to my dilemma, even much younger than I, may comment, “I’m not as old as you are, and that happens to me all the time.”

One subject we seniors discuss when we get together for dinner is how we so easily forget.

We just can’t remember like we used to.

Memorizing Scripture is more difficult.

This seems to be a

fact of life as the years roll by. That is one reason why I should keep up my habit of reading through the Bible every year. Even though I’ve read passages of precious promises over and over again, I still seem to forget. In memorization, I know the verse, but I just can’t say it at the moment.

Even though I’ve read it many times, I read to practice what I preached: “Read it over and over, cover to cover.” Read it from Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth,” to Revelation 22:21, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

We are a forgetful people. My wife tells me repeatedly to pick up certain items at the grocery store. I tell her she needs to write it down because when I get to the store, I won’t remember.

God gave us many precious promises in His Word: words of encouragement and guidance for every age, with a blessed promise of a glorious future. In the midst of the cares of this life and the challenge of survival, we are prone to lose our grip on the promises in God’s Word.

I’ve heard people remark that every time they read the Bible, they see something new, something not seen before. (Maybe they just forgot from the last time reading it.)

During my most recent reading of 2 Timothy 4:8, I got a little worked up. “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and



not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

I still underline verses with my red pen, and that verse was underlined in red and highlighted in yellow. Here I was, past my eightieth birthday, rereading a verse that was so encouraging and actually a bit exciting. Why was it so meaningful this time? Maybe it was because I’m a year nearer home than when I

read it last year. I’ve read it dozens of times. But my “forgetter” reminds me of the importance of reading the Word every day.

Don’t neglect reading the Word of life, over and over. You might see something new and exciting this time.

Selected from *Senior Moments With God*, a devotional book by seniors for fellow seniors. See more information below.

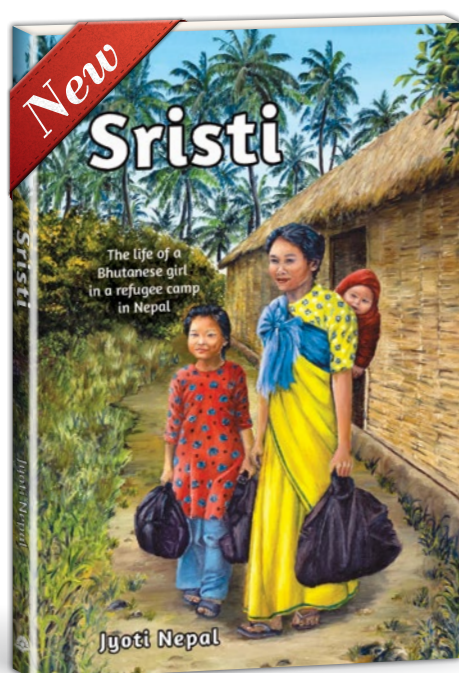
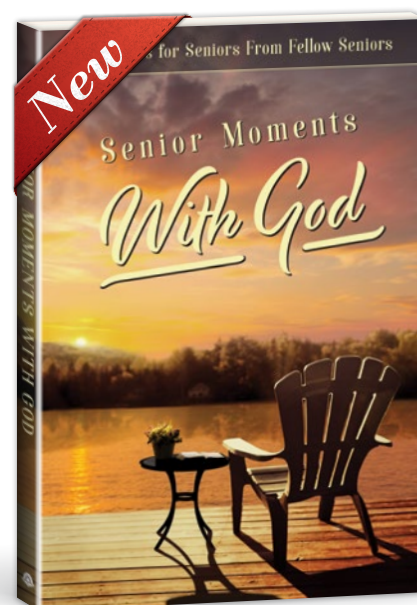
Senior Moments with God

Join the circle as seniors share encouragement and wisdom with each other. This compilation of 101 devotionals brings a blessing for every believer facing the realities of aging. Following is a sampling from two devotionals:

It seems only yesterday that my daughter was born. Now she is old enough to be a grandmother. The distance between yesterday and today seems too close together. Who moved the bookends of time? I won’t live to see my great-granddaughter become a grandmother, but I know my God will be there for her and her children.

Satan has a special set of temptations in his repertoire as we age. I can already discern temptations that might become more pronounced as the years pass. But God says that He will not allow a temptation greater than we can bear. He has always kept His promises, and we can expect that He will continue to do so.

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One day Sristi opened the Bible a friend had given her. There, in the very first sentence, she found a special surprise. Sristi and her mother began learning about the God of the Bible. Was this God better than their Hindu gods and goddesses? Older children, teens, and even adults will enjoy this story from another culture.

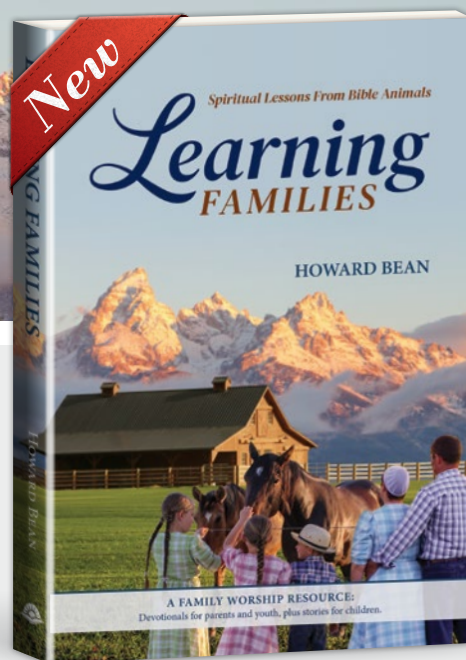
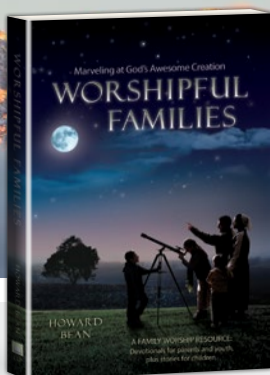
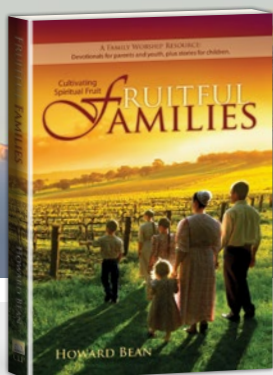
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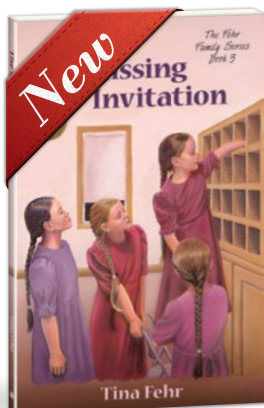
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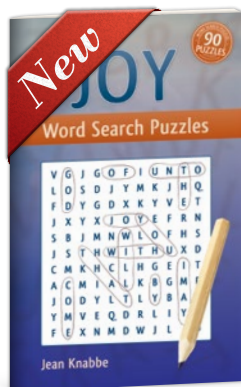


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Caleb Crider

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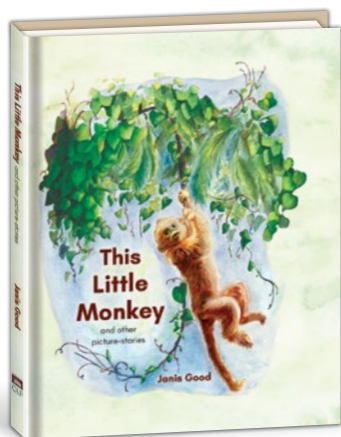


Pull out your pencil!

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING	YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.	FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF	DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.
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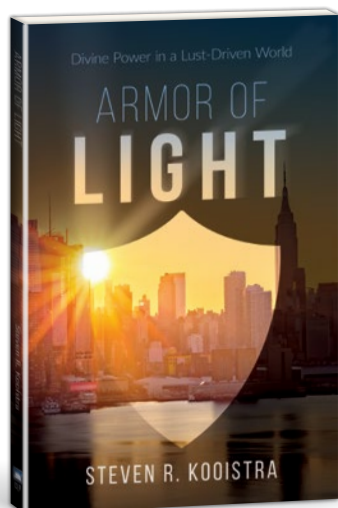
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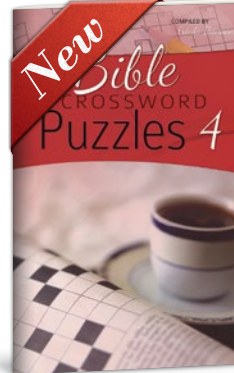


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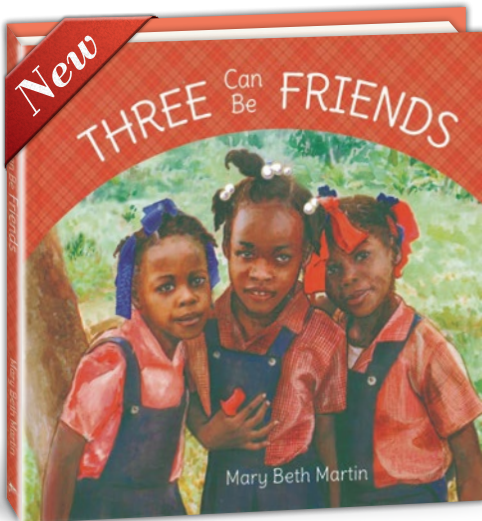
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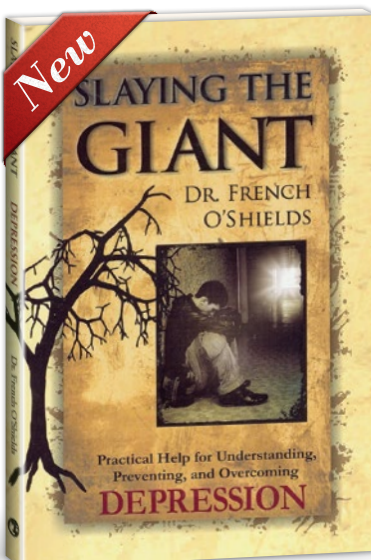
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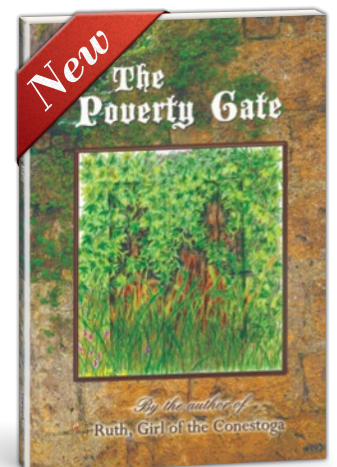
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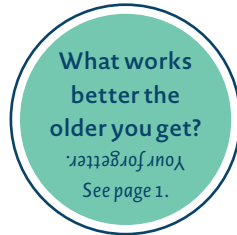


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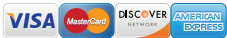
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Janis Good

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