

## Giving is the Good Life

“Page turner” is a phrase often used to describe a bestselling novel. In this case, it applies to Randy Alcorn’s *Giving is the Good Life: The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy*. He includes countless inspiring stories of how generous giving changed not only the recipient of the generosity, but also the life of the giver.

Citing clear scriptural principles, Alcorn leads the reader to reconsider what it means to “live the good life.”

He tells the story of Riley, age 10, who raised thousands of dollars to buy specially built bicycles for disabled persons. After giving bicycles to three girls for Christmas, Riley remarked, “This is the best Christmas I ever had.” That’s the point: Giving *is* the good life.

“[W]e’ll explore the good life as God defines it,” Alcorn writes, “and discover what Jesus meant when He said, ‘I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.’” (John 10:10).

He shatters the Western concept of what it means to be wealthy. He writes, “[I]f you are living on more than \$5.50 a day, you are richer than 3.4 billion people. That kind of blessing isn’t something to take lightly; it comes with responsibility.”

It is an encouraging, informative, and challenging read, well worth the time.

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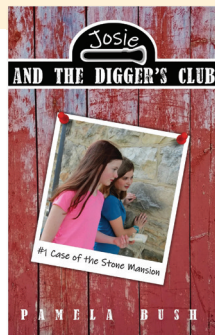
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## Josie and the Digger’s Club

A mansion rumored to be haunted, clues, talk of a hidden treasure, and a small band of youngsters with a newly formed club organized to dig up facts and solve problems merge to create an exciting adventure. Written by Pamela Bush, *Josie and the Digger’s Club: Case of the Stone Mansion*, is the first in a series of three books that detail the experiences of Josie, Charlie, Lily, and Amy. Teens and preteens alike will enjoy reading about the club’s exploits as they brave danger and adversity to solve mysteries. Along the way they will also learn some important truths about the Lord and His love for them as well as His purpose and plan for their lives.

The *Josie and the Digger’s Club* series and other books by Pamela Bush are available at [pamelabushauthor.com](http://pamelabushauthor.com).

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## Guide to Shop and Engineering

This practical introduction to the industrial arts is the creation of Kent Misegades, an engineer with more than 40 years’ experience. The North Carolina author and his wife lamented the demise of many of the basic skills once taught at the high school level to prepare students for the working world. Hence, he set about compiling *Guide to Shop and Engineering: For Secondary School Students*, a resource to fill that gap.

The introduction is titled “So, You Want to Learn How to Make Things and Fix Things?” The book is 219 pages – 17 chapters filled with exercises from fun projects such as making a giant paper airplane to practical ones such as building a workbench.

In addition, Misegades includes

short biographical sketches of many American inventors and entrepreneurs. For example, he writes about ventriloquist Jeff Dunham, who taught himself how to make his own dummies. He tells of David Goode who launched one of the nation’s most successful snow and water ski companies in 1975 when he was only 19 years old. The book is adaptable to any educational environment – Christian, public, private, or home schools.

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## Beyond Betrayal

Betrayal. It’s something almost everyone experiences in life in one way or another. Moving beyond the betrayal, however, can be very difficult. For many, it takes wise counsel to help them through the healing process. That is exactly what author, speaker, and evangelist Phil Waldrep hopes to offer in *Beyond Betrayal*.

By sharing his personal story of being betrayed by an employee and friend, Waldrep seeks to guide readers through the difficult journey of processing the hurt, overcoming resentment, and ultimately finding healing and wholeness.

“Though betrayal can feel like the end – and it is the end of some things – it doesn’t have to be the end of you,” Waldrep writes. “It doesn’t have to color every relationship you have for the rest of your life. It doesn’t mean God has turned His back on you or is punishing you. ... I promise you, the sun will shine again in your life. You can trust again.”

Available at online book retailers.

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