

# Sowing Seeds of Faith Newsletter

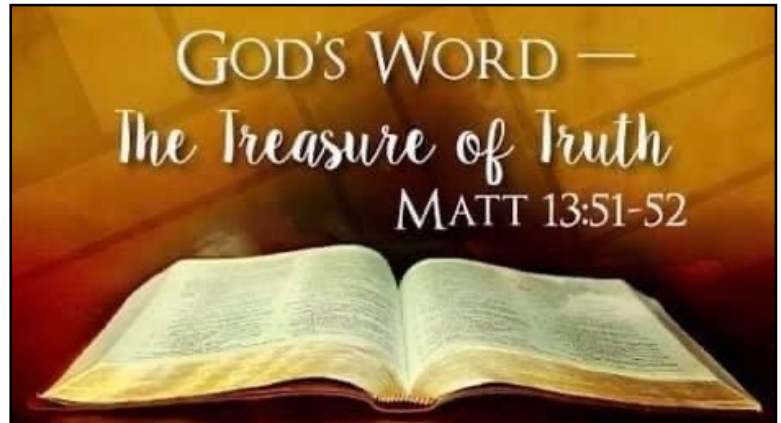
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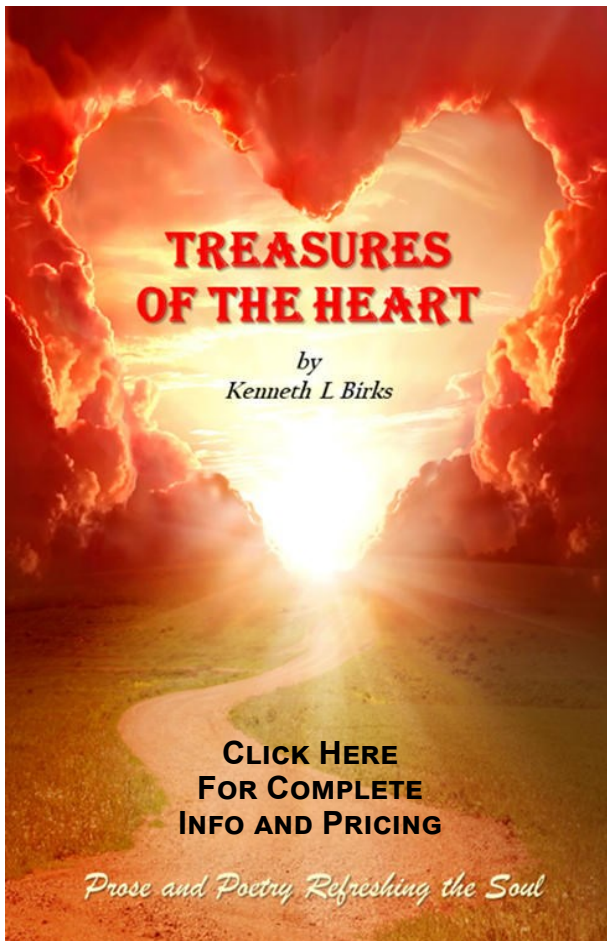
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### Featured Item

Latest Book by Ken Birks



### God's Word, the Treasure of Truth

*Matthew 13:51-52* Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out his treasure things new and old.'

Many spend their whole lives looking for lost treasures, only to come up empty. Yet, searching for hidden treasure is a God-given desire that lies in most of us. One of my granddaughter's favorite games to play with me is looking for buried treasure. It shows that something in us delights in looking for buried treasure even at a young age. The remarkable thing is we have all the treasures we could ever ask for at our disposal. All we must do is look to God's word and the heavens above with a seeking heart.

*Proverbs 2:1-5* My Son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, <sup>2</sup>so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup>yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup>if you seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup>then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

As we give ourselves to studying God's word while focusing on what is above rather than earthly pleasures, we discover His word is the treasure map to all the wonderful treasures He has in store for us. As we dig deep into His Word and the revelation of who He is, we discover hidden gems that are much more valuable than gold, silver, rubies, or sapphire. Moreover, the gemstones we discover from His treasure house are eternal and lasting.

As seen from the above Scripture, the fear of God is the key to unlocking these treasures once found. When we embrace the fear of God, we gain an understanding of all that He possesses. Therefore, we should seek it with all our hearts. Writing to the Colossians, Paul

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## God's Word — The Treasure of Truth Continued

encouraged them to attain the riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both Father, and Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We will never know what treasures await us until we seek the Lord with the same enthusiasm as we would look for earthen treasures.

As we seek God and walk on the path He has laid before us, He brings people into our lives with hidden gems. These are often the gems that hold the keys to further unlocking our destiny and purpose. Sometimes, these people are not the people we would typically associate with. But God sees something in them we do not understand. Therefore, He considers them hidden gems until discovered through a bond of fellowship.

We have much to discover as we give ourselves to the mysteries of His word and Spirit. Let us go forth with hearts captivated by the discovery of all that the Holy Spirit desires to reveal in us as He searches out the heart of the Father.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, I lift my heart with a desire to know You and Your word in a way that helps me comprehend the great treasures that await me. Help me to value what's eternal more than what is temporal. Help me dig deep into Your Word so that I may know You more intimately. Teach me to fear Your great name so that I will have a greater understanding of Your eternal love that flows freely from Your magnificent treasure chest.

To View more of Ken's Devotional Poetry, Online, Click the graphic below.



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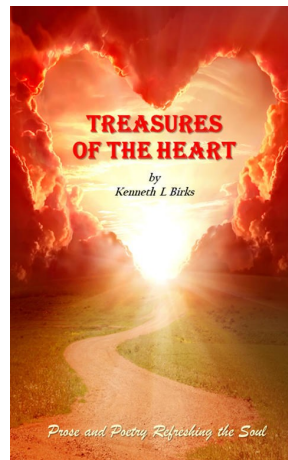
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## Details on Ken's Book



As you read through the devotional prose and poetry found in this book, you will find a beautiful blend of timeless truths fitly applied to today's culture and challenges that fill your heart with treasures from above. "The Heavenly insights will challenge you to grow in the knowledge of the Son of God as He transforms you into the image of Jesus Christ."

"The majestic flow from one poem to the next contains powerful prophetic wisdom and revelation that will fill your hearts and minds." — Ed Becker

## About Ken Birks



Ken Birks is an ordained Pastor/Teacher in the Body of Christ. He functions as an elder, and one of the teaching pastors at The Rock of Roseville in California. He also functions as a wedding officiant in the Sacramento region. Prior to this, Ken was the Lead Pastor of Golden Valley Christian Center, a Spirit-

filled, non-denominational, church in Roseville for twelve years. Ken has been married to his wife, Lydia for almost 45 years. They have two adult children and consider them their highest calling, along with the many teens and children to whom they've been foster parents to over the past 40 years.

## Video Sermon

Honey in the Rock—Abiding in the Wilderness



God has given us an anointing that we may know all things. In other words, whatever we may be going through, we have the anointing within to teach us how to draw honey from the rock amid all that we may be going through.

*1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

Our life in the Lord is a Journey – a journey that takes us through the many stages that encompass times of wonderful blessings to times of trials and temptations that have the potential of creating in us a wilderness complex.

Whatever stage we are involved in, we must learn to draw honey from the Rock, otherwise we may end up with a wilderness complex.

*Psalm 81:16 He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; and with the honey from the Rock, I would have satisfied.*

Our life is a journey or a pilgrimage that will eventually lead us into wilderness periods at various times, just as it did for Jesus and countless others who have gone before us.

*Psalm 84:5 “Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.”*

## Devotional Poem

Treasures of the Heart Unlocked

### Treasures of the Heart Unlocked

by Ken Birks

Hidden away in obscurity, desires unachieved lie in wait.  
As areas of the heart remain locked, destiny lingers.  
Hidden deep in the recesses of the heart, treasures await.  
In obscurity, that which begs to be opened unlocks.  
Eyes of understanding enlightened, discovery inflates.

Holding the heart's keys, insight reveals the kingdom within.  
As questions seize, light breaks through the cracks therein.  
Insight giving way, that which was locked opens.  
With treasures glimpsed, hope appears for what's exposed.  
Undetected areas uncovered; treasures appear disclosed.

With destiny no longer lingering, divine abilities unearth.  
Faith moving forward, all things about life disperse.  
With treasures opened, the heart presses forward in fervency.  
Forgetting the past, it reaches forward, laying hold fearlessly.  
Free from chains of darkness, the heart rejoices in discovery.

As seasons come and go, treasures appear when required.  
With each season, new treasures lie waiting to be opened.  
Faithful is He who holds, giving keys needed or desired.  
Unlocking abilities, innate and divine, new treasures appear.  
That we might know Him, who has the keys to the kingdom.

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*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what the hope of His calling is, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*

*Ephesians 1:17-18*

## About Straight Arrow Ministries

Straight Arrow Ministries is a ministry of sowing seeds of faith. It is a Bible Teaching Ministry, both online and offline. It is dedicated to balanced Biblical teaching

The online ministry reaches over 2000 unique visitors a week from all over the world. It offers Books by Ken Birks, Bible Studies, Seminars, Sermon Outlines and other resources to help build and strengthen the body of Christ. Most materials are free of charge so that the body of Christ can be equipped for the work of the ministry.

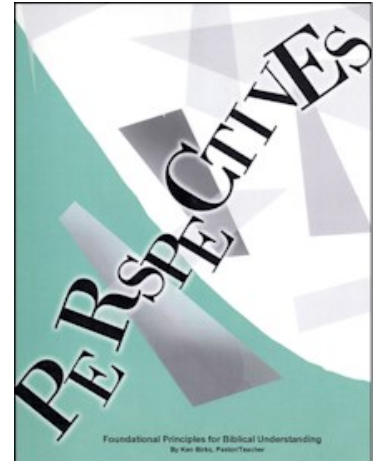
## Resources from Straight Arrow Ministries

### Perspectives Course & Class

The Perspectives Course includes foundations for biblical understanding that were developed for providing believers lessons that are designed to give solid Biblical foundations in the elementary truths of God's Word. They are designed with three things in mind—building a doctrinal foundation, developing godly character and discover and finding their destiny and purpose God has for them.

This workbook is available in both Teacher and Student Manuals. If you are buying for Bible Study only, just order the Teacher's Manual.

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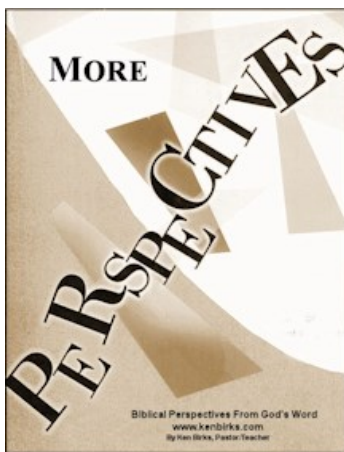


### More Perspectives Course and Class

This course features lessons that are focused on three major areas of our Christian growth—doctrine, character and destiny. It includes more advanced subjects for the believer that are designed to give a deeper Biblical understanding of God's Word that will strengthen the Christian foundation.

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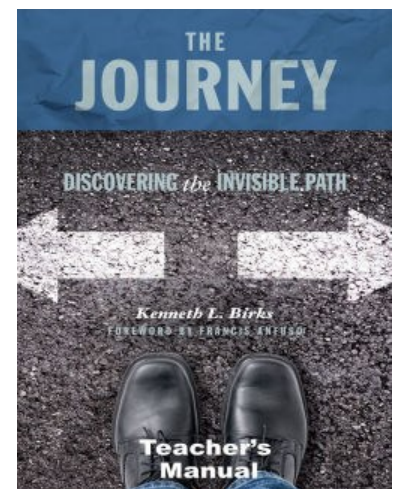


### The Journey Workbooks & Class

This class is designed to go along with the book that Ken has written on "The Journey." It includes ten lessons.

The goal of the class is to give you a glimpse into the path God has purposed for your life and to help you seize your destiny and purpose. In doing so, you will be able to live the role created for you. Whether you're just starting out on your journey, anywhere in the middle, or have become de-toured and lost your way, this practical seminar will help shine the light on the invisible path that not only leads to God's goodness and experiencing His kingdom within, but also to the greatest adventure of your life!

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**Please Note:** All of these workbooks come in both Teacher's and Student's Manuals. You can order both Teacher and Student manuals if you want to incorporate them into the life of your church or ministry or you can order the Teacher's Manual only for personal Bible study.