

# Sowing Seeds of Faith Newsletter

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### Featured Item

#### A Recent Book by Ken Birks

### Beware Cultural Shifting

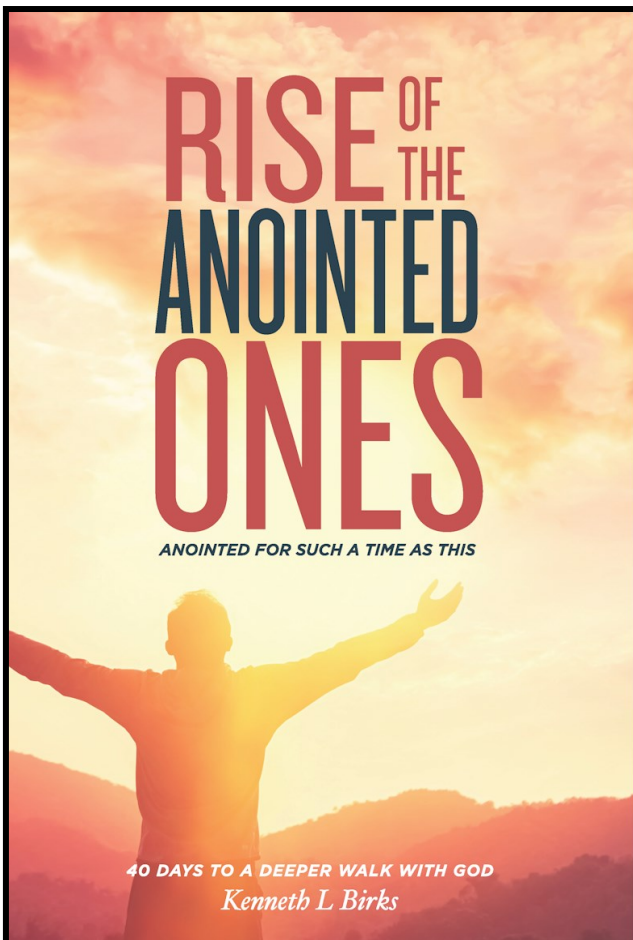
With the vast majority of humankind blinded by the lies of the devil, our world is bound in deceit, which has given birth to the destruction that comes with it. As Christians, we must be aware of the cultural deception surrounding us, as the Psalmist warns us lest we become blinded by fool's wisdom.

*Psalm 36:1-4 I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: there is no fear of God before their eyes. <sup>2</sup> In their own eyes, they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. <sup>3</sup> The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. <sup>4</sup> Even on their beds, they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong.*

The Psalmist's message from God expresses the mass deception taking place in the cultures of the world today. In every arena of our societies, we experience what the Psalmist has to say in areas such as the entertainment industry, education system, government—both parties, economy, arts, media, religion, and family. Fool's wisdom is ravaging our world.

Cultural Deception and destruction have crept into the inner sanctuary of the Lord's house as well. Jesus intended His Church to be the pillar and ground of all truth. The Church is to be a place for the wisdom of God to flow out of rather than the wisdom of fools. Unfortunately, since truth has been replaced by the knowledge of fools, truth has fallen in the streets with the cultures throughout our world lying in ruin and blinded by the devil's lies. With this in mind, Paul warns Timothy about the importance of how he should conduct himself as a preacher and teacher of God's word.

*1 Timothy 3:15 But if I am delayed, I write to you so that you may know how you are to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*



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## Beware of Culture Shifting Continued

In the passage on the previous page, Paul urges his son in the faith, Timothy, the importance of conducting himself with absolute integrity towards the truth of God's word. Paul recognized the importance of maintaining absolute integrity when preaching God's word. He understood the responsibility given to the Church. The Church is to be the pillar and ground of all truth so that God can distill His truth throughout the world's cultures rather than fool's wisdom. When the Church compromises and waters the truth down to make it more palatable, it opens the doors for fool's wisdom to creep in. James, the Lord's brother, goes so far as to say that teachers and preachers who do not maintain integrity towards God's word will receive a stricter judgment.

When God's ambassadors do not boldly proclaim His unadulterated truth, justice turns back while righteousness stands afar off, resulting in God's people finding themselves prey. Unfortunately, this is the predicament many Christians have found themselves in as Satan has his way in today's world. We live in perilous times as the world turns against us as Christians. We can blame the devil all we want, but it is our responsibility to restore truth in the streets by fearlessly proclaiming and living the truth of God's word with boldness and ferocity as deep darkness descends upon the world. During this season of darkness, it's time for His anointed ones to arise by allowing our lights to shine brightly in the manner the prophet Isaiah speaks prophetically of in the passage below.

**Isaiah 60:1-2** Arise Shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

To View more of Ken's Devotional poetry, Online, Click the graphic



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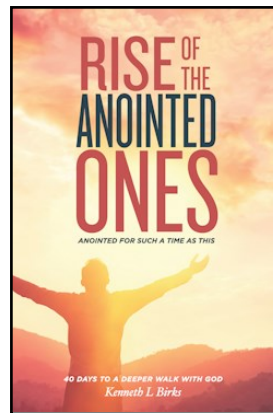
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## Details on Ken's Book

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Each devotional in this book stands on its own, but together they propel you into a rewarding journey of experiencing God's presence in tumultuous times

"Ken's book is like a voice in the wilderness calling God's beloved away from all that distracts to Him who is jealous for His bride. The reader who hears and responds will bring joy to the heart of God and encouragement to others who have put their hand

to the plow."— David Fredrickson, Senior Pastor (Retired), Evangelical Christian Fellowship, Sacramento, CA.

"Ken Birks has written a masterpiece of superb continuity. The majestic flow from theme to theme contains powerful prophetic revelation, as God calls His end-time warriors to arise. I was also amazed by the poems that followed each devotional – the words were Davidic and musical – they flowed like delightful streams with heavenly impartations."

— Edward Becker, Senior Pastor, Yakima, WA.

## 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, plus. 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 25 years.



## Video Sermon

Hope for Runaway Believers Everywhere



In one way or another we've all been runaway believers from time to time.

Because we have all failed God from time to time as "Runaway Believers," **We are all in need of hope that only God can give,**

Think about your life! Is it built around the cross of self-denial or is about pleasing yourself? We must examine ourselves daily.

What does the overall testimony of your life say? This sermon deals with the Hope we have as "Runaway Believers" everywhere.

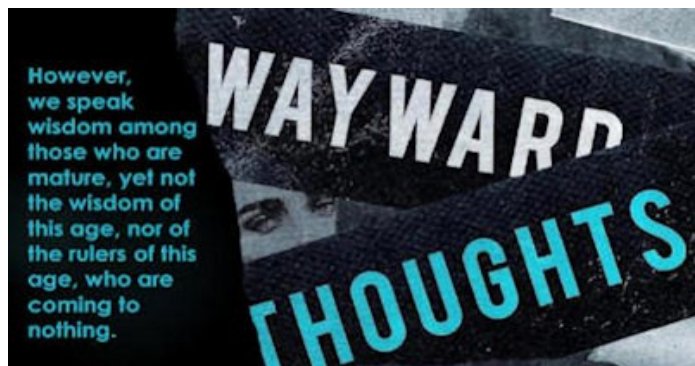
## About Straight Arrow Ministries

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. Pastor Ken Birks is also available for speaking engagements such as Bible Seminars, Men's Retreats and other avenues of ministry to help build the local church.

## Prophetic Poem

Lost in Wayward Thinking



## Lost in Wayward Thinking

by Ken Birks

Lost in wayward thinking, feeding on lies, they lie in wait.  
Their own folly, leading to ruin, they rage against truth.  
Wise in their own eyes, they boast in unrighteousness.  
Using their wealth to attract, they bribe to spread lies.  
Deceived, marching on as fools, they plunder to survive.

Drinking their own poison, they fall deeper into the abyss.  
Losing all thought of right and wrong, they proclaim.  
Expecting multitudes to follow their folly, they scrutinize.  
Those refusing their poison, they castigate without reason.  
The antichrist spirit in force, lies and deceit become the norm.

In bed with deceitfulness and foolishness, darkness covers.  
Demonized by lies and deceit, the righteous ones awaken.  
No longer bound in intimidation they rise to proclaim.  
Strapping on belts of truth, they begin to roar like lions.  
Shaking off their slumber, fully awakened, they stand ready.

The day at hand, casting off all darkness, they rise to fulfill.  
Filled with the knowledge of the Father's will, they embrace.  
With the spirit of revelation engaging their minds, they feed.  
Fed and nurtured by the Word of truth, they gain strength.  
Fully armored for spiritual warfare they engage to expose.

In the spirit of unity, they stand as one body to engage.  
In His power, adorned in beauties of holiness, they proclaim.  
Proclaiming God's goodness and severity, many repent.  
No longer drinking their poisonous drinks, sanity returns.  
Clothed in truth and purity of thought, righteousness reigns.

No longer lost in wayward thinking, thoughts are purified.  
Captivated by His word, surrendered, they're refined.  
Sounding the alarm, they come, great and strong, in Him.  
Multitudes in the valley of decision they come, repenting.  
The Day of the Lord near, decisions made, they commit.

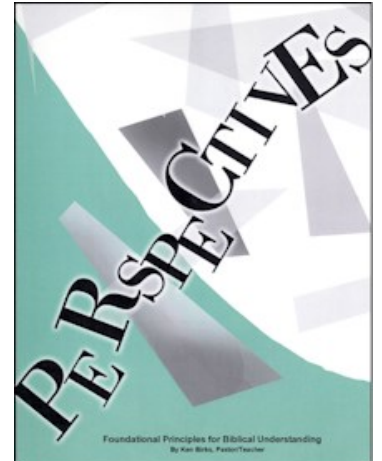
## Resources from Straight Arrow Ministries

### 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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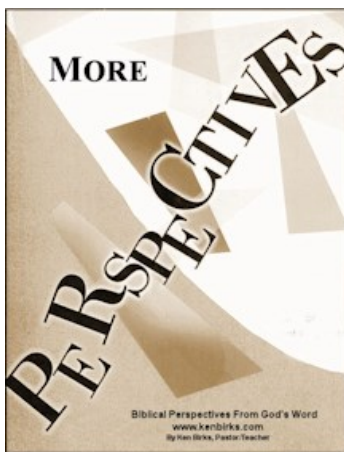


### More Perspectives Course and Class

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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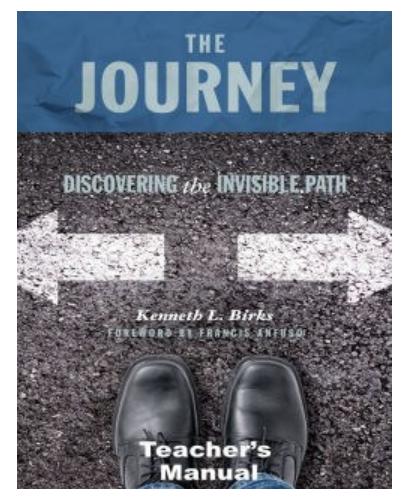


### The Journey Workbooks & Class

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.