

Joy of Living

Bible Studies

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through the study of
God's Word

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HOW JOY OF LIVING BEGAN

Have you ever wondered how **Joy of Living** began? We hope you'll be blessed to read what God can do through the life of one woman with a yielded heart.

Joy of Living began in the fall of 1970 when Doris Greig had a severe heart problem and had to resign as a teaching leader in her home church. She was facing a year in bed when a Christian neighbor challenged her, "You're not just going to lie there and do nothing, are you? Why don't you write?"



It was at that time that a close friend called and indicated that they wanted to start a Bible Study group in Newhall, California. They asked Doris if she would consider teaching a course the following fall (1971). After much prayer and the commitment of a friend to drive her the 70 mile round trip, she agreed.

A graduate of South Dakota State University, Doris had taught many Bible study groups through the years using a variety of materials. This time, however, Doris disposed of all her other course materials and tapes and began to write her own material—just for the Newhall class. With help from several other women, she was able to produce the first course with questions and commentary, for use in the fall of 1971. After that, Doris wrote six additional **Joy of Living** studies and participated in editing many other **Joy of Living** courses. In 1987 Regal Books released her book, *We Didn't Know They Were Angels*. **Joy of Living** obtained the rights and released an updated and expanded edition of the book in 2007 under the title, *You Can Do It, Too!*

Doris went home to the Lord in 2001, but her legacy lives on. **Joy of Living** continues to develop new studies and includes courses in both the Old and New Testaments. Guidelines and special helps have been developed to assist teaching leaders. Children's material, audio lectures and foreign language studies are also available.



There are **Joy of Living** classes throughout the United States and many foreign countries including Germany, Nepal, and Mexico. There are also, numerous individuals studying the materials independently.

You can learn more about Doris' life in her book, *You Can Do It, Too*, available from **Joy of Living**. An excerpt from this book is included in this newsletter.

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FEATURED

The **Joy of Living** featured teacher for January 2012 is Janice Gleason of Estill Springs, Tennessee. Janice has graciously allowed **Joy of Living** to use her class lectures to update several *Audio Lecture Series*.

Janice became a Christian when she was 8 years old. She says, "The LORD awakened me as a young girl to my sins and thus my great need for Him as my Savior". As she grew He gave her not only a love for His Word but a love for teaching His Word to others. She was trained and served as a teaching leader for 12 years in Dayton, Ohio and Murfreesboro, TN.



She says, "I am an ordinary woman with an extraordinary husband! We have three godly sons and daughter-in-'loves'. And we have been blessed with seven perfectly wonderful grandchildren!"

Janice and her husband are members of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee. This church hosts their community wide Bible study and provides them, as Janice says, "with loving care and lots of help!"

Of **Joy of Living** Janice says, "I would love to hear all the ways our LORD has led each of us to this godly organization called **Joy of Living**. I was introduced to it by a friend, as we were asking the LORD to give us His direction for our ladies Bible study, which is called "Morning Glories Community Bible Study". Since that time, we have used the **Joy of Living** studies. We continue to thank the LORD for this wonderful resource and the faithful staff who manage it."

If you have a leader/teacher you would like to have featured, please submit their name and how they have blessed you and/or your group. Please include their phone number or address. We will contact them for permission before writing about them.

PRAISE!

*We live in a small town in Northwest Arkansas. I started a ladies Bible study last year. I was writing it myself and teaching -- very time consuming! I was so thrilled to learn about **Joy of Living**!*

*We have 47 women signed up for James! We began with the Psalms study to introduce the **Joy of Living** approach. The response was tremendous. We have NINE new women signed up for James.*

It is a blessing to see our participants inviting others to come. One of my small group leaders rode her bike to a garage sale and, after returning home, sensed the Holy Spirit prompting her to get on her bike and go back with one of our post card invitations to the lady hosting the garage sale. She is coming!



This same leader ran into a friend she hadn't seen for years at a local restaurant. They made lunch plans where she learned that this friend has been out of church for eight years -- she is coming to Bible study!

Our hearts are stirred with excitement and anticipation for how God will use His Word to change lives this fall!

Thank you for these great studies!

Thank you for letting us, as **Joy of Living**, know what God is doing in your lives as you study His Word!



YOU CAN DO IT, TOO!

I'll never forget preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for my four-year-old Kathy and her five-year-old friend Louisa. My 15-month-old son was sitting in his high chair, banging his spoon against the tray to capture my attention.

Louisa was looking at me very seriously as I spread the peanut butter on one slice of bread and jelly on the other. She seemed a little worried; I wondered if her mother did it differently.

Then Louisa asked, "Mrs. Greig, are you going to have a baby?" I replied that I was.

Still in a serious mood, she looked at me and said, "Do you know that your baby will be Chinese?"

What did she say? I wondered if I had heard her correctly. I had been so involved in making sandwiches that I had lost the trend of conversation. "Why is that?"

And Louisa said, "Because every third baby born into the world is Chinese, Mrs. Greig! Didn't you know that?" "Well," I said, "I didn't know that. But Louisa, I think that means that one out of every three babies in the whole wide world are Chinese, but in our family we will probably have another little girl just like Kathy, or a little boy just like Billy."

"Are you sure, Mrs. Greig?" And I could see the wheels turning in her head. I knew that she would go home to her mother and ask for an explanation, so I ignored the topic of conversation.

When Louisa attended school in the fall with my daughter, she came to our home every morning one half hour early just to sit at our breakfast table and have family devotions with us. We would read a Scripture, and discuss what the Lord had in mind for our day. We would pray together as a family.

Louisa participated in our family devotions and joined in discussion and prayer all the way through sixth grade. When she married and had her own little one, she and her husband began bringing her to Sunday School, just as she had come to Sunday School and church with our family.

I am reminded of the Lord Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40 which challenge every Christian to minister to the children: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

The above excerpt is adapted from Doris Greig's book, *You Can Do It, Too!* (Joy of Living 2007).

In this warm-hearted book Doris shares personal family stories from the growing up years of her children and the unexpected ways God used her, an ordinary woman, to touch the lives of others with His love. The questions for reflection or discussion at the end of each chapter will help you see how you, too, can open your home, your heart and your life to share God's love.

Included are 250 quick and easy recipes and household hints to make touching your family and others with love a little easier. For easy access and use of the recipes while you cook, the book is in 8^{1/2} by 11 spiral bound format.

You Can Do It, Too! also features a chapter about Doris' adult children and what God has done and is doing through their lives. Pictures throughout the book of Doris and her family through their growing-up years are an added bonus.

You Can Do It, Too! is easy and pleasurable to read and makes a great gift for women, young and old.

Portions of this book were previously published by Regal Books as, *We Didn't Know They Were Angels*. For pricing and ordering information see our current order form, check our website at www.joyofliving.org, or call our toll free number: 800-999-2703.



Foreign Language Adult Studies

Spiral bound or digital —Not Reproducible — Order 1 per student.

Quantity	Lessons	Price	Quantity	Lessons	Price
ARABIC LANGUAGE:			JAPANESE LANGUAGE:		
_____	1 Thessalonians	6 lessons..... 7.50	_____	John, 1-3 John & Jude*:	
_____	James	8 lessons..... 9.50	_____	(Printed).....	28 lessons..... 35.60
GERMAN LANGUAGE:			_____	(Digital computer file).....	28 lessons..... 29.50
_____	Genesis	28 lessons..... \$29.50	SPANISH LANGUAGE:		
_____	Judges & Ruth*	7 lessons..... 8.50	_____	Genesis*	28 lessons..... 29.50
_____	Nehemiah	13 lessons..... 14.50	_____	Judges & Ruth*	7 lessons..... 8.50
_____	Esther*	6 lessons..... 7.50	_____	1 Samuel.....	22 lessons..... 23.50
_____	Selected Psalms†	8 lessons..... 9.50	_____	Nehemiah**	12 lessons..... 12.00
_____	Gospel of Luke†	28 lessons..... 29.50	_____	Gospel of John*	22 lessons..... 23.50
_____	Gospel of John*	22 lessons..... 23.50	_____	Acts*	26 lessons..... 27.50
_____	Romans*	14 lessons..... 15.50	_____	Romans*	14 lessons..... 15.50
_____	Ephesians*	7 lessons..... 8.50	_____	Ephesians*	7 lessons..... 8.50
_____	Colossians*	5 lessons..... 6.50	_____	Philippians*	5 lessons..... 6.50
_____	Hall of Faith*	10 lessons..... 11.50	_____	Hall of Faith**	9 lessons..... 9.00
_____	James	8 lessons..... 9.50	_____	James*	8 lessons..... 9.50
_____	1-3 John & Jude*	7 lessons..... 8.50	_____	1-3 John, Jude*	7 lessons..... 8.50
_____	Revelation	24 lessons..... 25.50	_____	Leadership Training Guide* <i>free with any order</i>00
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE:					
_____	John, 1-3 John & Jude*	28 lessons..... 29.50			

* Differs from English version. † English version discontinued ** Lesson 1 contains commentary and questions. Lesson 2-end contain questions only.

Audio Lecture Series

Audio quality varies and may not be suitable for use as a "substitute teacher" for a group. Rentals are for one year, however, contact us if you need additional time. Lectures may also be purchased as downloadable mp3 files at the rental price, and may then be played on an iPod, MP3 player, computer or a set may be burned to CD for use in a CD player.



Adult Studies (Old Testament)	Purchase CD	CD Rental or Download	Adult Studies (New Testament)	Purchase CD	CD Rental or Download
_____ Genesis	☐ \$58.80.....	☐ \$29.40	_____ Mark (Part 1)	☐ \$31.50.....	☐ \$15.75
_____ Exodus	☐ \$54.60.....	☐ \$27.30	_____ Mark (Part 2)	☐ \$35.70.....	☐ \$17.85
_____ Judges & Ruth (6 lectures)**	☐ \$12.60.....	☐ \$ 6.30	_____ Gospel of John.....	☐ \$44.10.....	☐ \$22.05
_____ 1 Samuel.....	☐ \$44.10.....	☐ \$22.05	_____ Acts	☐ \$52.50.....	☐ \$26.25
_____ 2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings	☐ \$58.80.....	☐ \$29.40	_____ Romans.....	☐ \$37.80.....	☐ \$18.90
_____ 2 Samuel (only)	☐ \$18.90.....	☐ \$ 9.45	_____ 1 Corinthians	☐ \$35.70.....	☐ \$17.85
_____ 1 Kings (only)	☐ \$21.00.....	☐ \$10.50	_____ 2 Corinthians	☐ \$25.20.....	☐ \$12.60
_____ 2 Kings (only)	☐ \$18.90.....	☐ \$ 9.45	_____ Ephesians.....	☐ \$44.10.....	☐ \$22.05
_____ Nehemiah	☐ \$27.30.....	☐ \$13.65	_____ Philippians & Colossians	☐ \$18.90.....	☐ \$ 9.45
_____ Esther (5 lectures)**	☐ \$10.50.....	☐ \$ 5.25	_____ 1 Thessalonians (4 lectures)**.....	☐ \$ 8.40.....	☐ \$ 4.20
_____ Job	☐ \$25.20.....	☐ \$12.60	_____ Hebrews.....	☐ \$44.10.....	☐ \$22.05
_____ Psalms of Faith.....	☐ \$33.60.....	☐ \$16.80	_____ Hall of Faith	☐ \$21.00.....	☐ \$10.50
_____ Ecclesiastes	☐ \$18.90.....	☐ \$ 9.45	_____ James	☐ \$14.70.....	☐ \$ 7.35
_____ Isaiah	☐ \$29.40.....	☐ \$14.70	_____ 1-3 John & Jude	☐ \$12.60.....	☐ \$ 6.30
_____ Daniel Chapters 1-6.....	☐ \$14.70.....	☐ \$ 7.35	_____ Revelation	☐ \$50.40.....	☐ \$25.20
_____ Jonah (2 lectures)**	☐ \$ 4.20.....	☐ \$ 2.10			

** Lectures go along with looseleaf lessons from a discontinued study. Spiral-bound study length differs and divides the chapters differently.

Adult Bible Studies

(Extended Payments available on most spiral-bound studies. See page #1)

Quantity	Lesson #	Price	Quantity	Lesson #	Price
Genesis			Mark Part 1		
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-28.....	\$29.50	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-15.....	\$16.50
Exodus: From Egypt to the Promised Land			Mark Part 2		
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-26.....	\$27.50	_____	Spiral bound study..... 15-32.....	\$19.50
Judges & Ruth			Gospel of John		
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-8.....	\$9.50	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-22.....	\$23.50
1 Samuel			Acts		
_____	*1 Samuel (loose-leaf) 7-28.....	22.00	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-25.....	\$26.50
2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings			Romans		
_____	Complete loose-leaf set 1-28.....	\$28.00	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-18.....	\$19.50
_____	First quarter 1-7.....	7.00	1 Corinthians		
_____	Second quarter..... 8-14.....	7.00	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-17.....	\$18.50
_____	Third quarter..... 15-21.....	7.00	2 Corinthians		
_____	Fourth quarter..... 22-28.....	7.00	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-12.....	\$13.50
_____	*2 Samuel..... 1-9.....	9.00	Ephesians		
_____	*1 Kings 9-19.....	11.00	_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-21.....	\$22.50
_____	*2 Kings 19-28.....	10.00	Philippians & Colossians		
Nehemiah			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-9.....	\$10.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-13.....	\$14.50	1 Thessalonians		
Esther			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-6.....	\$7.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-7.....	\$ 8.50	Hebrews		
Job			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-21.....	\$22.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-13.....	\$14.50	Hall of Faith: Study on Hebrews 11		
Psalms of Faith (1,8,19,20,22,40,42-43,45,50,51,73,84,90,95,107,109)			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-10.....	\$11.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-17.....	\$18.50	James		
Psalms from the Heart (23, 34, 139) 1-4.....			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-8.....	\$ 9.50
	Available free-of-charge on our website	\$ 0.00	1-3 John & Jude		
Ecclesiastes			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-7.....	\$8.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-9.....	\$10.50	Revelation		
Isaiah			_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-24.....	\$25.50
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-14.....	\$15.50			
Daniel: Chapters 1-6					
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-7.....	\$ 8.50			
Prophecy in the Book of Daniel					
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-9.....	\$10.50			
Jonah					
_____	Spiral bound study..... 1-5.....	\$ 6.50			

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Digital studies **may not be returned** for credit.



**Single Book Studies are portions of a longer study that may be ordered separately.*

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Teacher's Starter Kit * _____ **\$30.00**

Kit includes:

- Guidelines for Preparing a Lecture (audio CD)*
- Leadership Training Guide
- Planning & Leading a Bible Study (DVD)* †
- Adding Dramatic Elements to Your Teaching (DVD)
- Reproducible Maps, Charts, Timelines and Illustrations

Purchased individually:

Guidelines for Preparing a Lecture (audio CD)* _____ **\$ 4.00**

Or as a downloadable audio file (mp3)

Leadership Training Guide* _____ **\$ 3.00**

Planning & Leading a Bible Study (DVD)* † _____ **\$ 5.00**

45-minute training video
Reproducible handout in PDF format
Leadership Training Guide in reproducible PDF format

Adding Dramatic Elements to Your Teaching (DVD)* _____ **\$ 5.00**

Reproducible Maps, Charts Timelines & Illustrations _____ **\$21.25**

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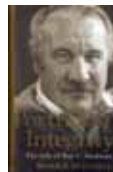
Filled with reproducible maps, charts, graphs, outlines, timelines, and much more, this resource clarifies Bible understanding for both the teacher and student.

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† Video may be viewed online at no charge at: www.joyofliving.org.

Portrait of Integrity

The Life of Ray C. Stedman



by **Mark S. Mitchell** (From Discovery House Publishers)

Abandoned by his father when he was a young boy and emotionally cut-off from his mother, Ray Stedman had a ruggedly independent upbringing. Yet, through faith, he matured into one of the great pastors, expositors, and spiritual leaders of the twentieth century.

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Joy of Living Studies by Ray Stedman include: *Job, Psalms of Faith, Nehemiah, Prophecy in Daniel, Mark Parts 1 & 2, Romans, Ephesians, Acts, Romans, Ephesians* and *Revelation*.

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Youth & Preschool

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Printed (single-sided looseleaf), or Digital (on CD or by Email)

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___ 2 Samuel	8.55	___ Phil. & Col.	8.55
___ 1 Kings	10.45	___ 1 Thessalonians	4.75
___ 2 Kings	9.50	___ Hebrews.	19.95
___ Esther	5.70	___ Hall of Faith	9.50
___ Psalms	10.45	___ James	7.60
___ Ecclesiastes	8.55	___ 1-3 John & Jude	6.65
___ Daniel: Chapters 1-6 ..	6.65	___ Christ in the O.T.	5.70

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Luke(28 lessons)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$26.60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33.60
Acts(26 lessons)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$31.70
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- 8 1/2" x 11" Poster
- sample news releases
- ideas for using the posters, clip art & news releases

Downloadable free of charge on our website: www.joyofliving.org

Organize Loose-leaf Lessons

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