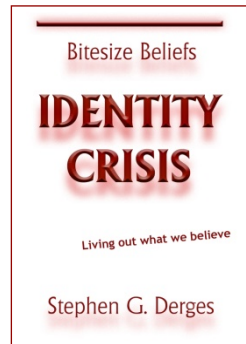
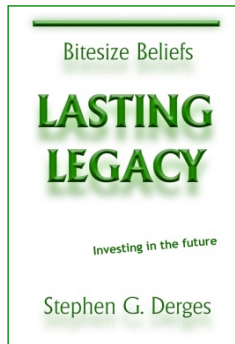
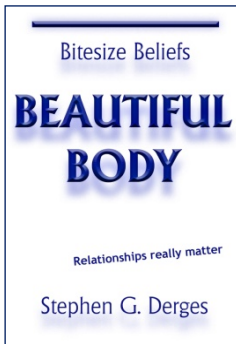
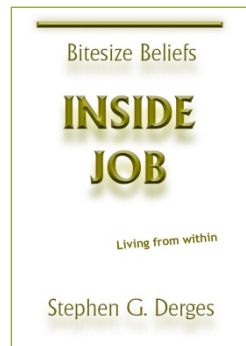
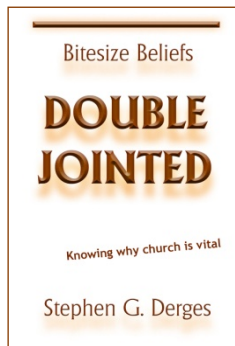
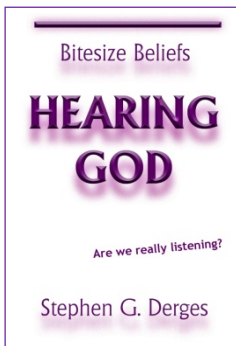


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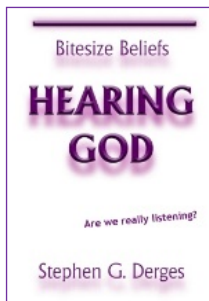
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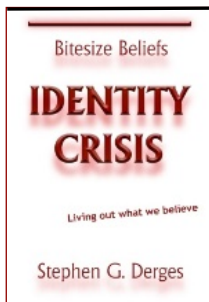
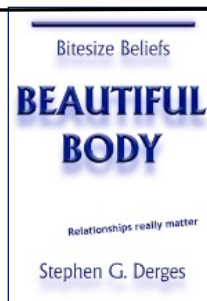


We are bombarded by 'messages' all the time but how can we find out what's important, what can be trusted and what is real? Does God really 'speak' to people in this day and age and if He does, how and when and where? And how would you know it was God anyway? Why is it that some prayers are answered but others seemingly fall on deaf ears?

If you've ever struggled with questions like this (and many others) then 'HEARING GOD' will help you discover the answers. It's written in a practical, no-nonsense style, not as a theological treatise but in a convenient 'pamphlet-style' book you can read in one sitting.

If Jesus said people would know we were His followers because of the way we love each other, why is Church attendance declining? Has Christianity lost its attraction because people see division and discontentment in the Church? How can we solve age-old disagreements and misunderstandings 'making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace'?

'BEAUTIFUL BODY' looks at these and other questions in an attempt to outline clearly what the Bible has to say about relationships in a simple, practical manner. It's not good enough to sweep problems under the carpet otherwise we'll soon be tripping up every time we walk into church.



Too many of us have become 'schizophrenic Christians' – people who say they believe one thing but often practice something entirely different. What do we really believe? Can we trust the Bible to help us in practical ways so that we're not dismissed by other people as being weird or cranky? What does it mean to be 'in Christ' or how about those passages that tell us we can do virtually anything?

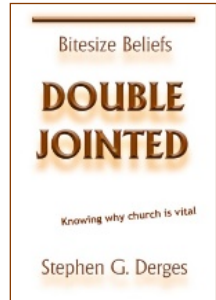
'IDENTITY CRISIS' looks at questions we're often afraid to ask publicly and helps us recognise that we can live meaningful, purposeful lives once we align ourselves with God's Word. As the Holy Spirit reveals God's ways and we allow Him to guide us, He enables us to impact those around us without having to shout from street corners.

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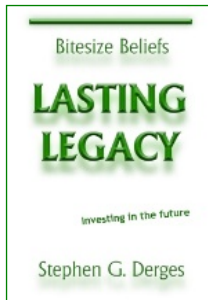
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Ever felt that it would be great to be a Christian on a desert island because too many pressures are put on you by being part of 'Church' – whatever form that might take? And what about the fear of getting too involved with other people? Will you end up doing things you don't want to do? Is it okay to be a lone-ranger Christian or someone who flits between different churches?

'**DOUBLE JOINTED**' looks at the whole issue of involvement in the Body of Christ and why it is that some Christians don't want to be part of a local expression of God's family or start getting involved and then back off? As we begin to understand God's original purpose in setting up the Church perhaps we'll recognise that He actually knows best and that it's our ways that have to change if we're going to enjoy an abundant life.



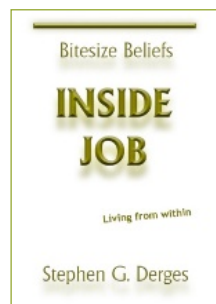
We spend our lives investing in so many different ways – building our reputations and careers, accumulating money and possessions, as well as developing personal and family relationships. But have you ever thought what people will say about you when you finally leave this planet? It may seem a morbid thought, but what will be written on your tombstone?



'**LASTING LEGACY**' explores the impact and influence of our lives and what, if anything, we leave behind. Our footprints on earth mark a trail for others to follow and provide a launch pad for those who will succeed us. Wisdom can, and should, be imparted from generation to generation. Invest now – the future depends on it!

Every day the choices we make affect us and the people around us. How and why we determine those decisions has both implications and consequences. So what measures do we use when it comes to assessing ourselves and other people? How can we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God? What does it mean to 'see' from heaven's perspective?

'**INSIDE JOB**' examines how our attitudes can be aligned to God's Kingdom purposes and what it means to achieve our God-given potential. It also considers the interaction between our attitudes, beliefs and thought processes and where accountability for our behaviour begins and ends especially when we're under pressure or facing turbulent times. Beginning today each of us can make positive choices benefitting ourselves and those around us.



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What other people are saying about 'Bitesize Beliefs'

"It is always more effective to speak from your heart than from your notes. Clearly Stephen's heart comes through every time he puts pen to paper. Not only are these books great study guides on relevant, practical living subjects, but you can't help feel that Stephen is sitting down with you personally as you read. Practical, biblically sound and relevant!"

Dale Plante, Church Planter, & Consultant,
"Time to Plant Ministries"

"These books link Biblical teaching and personal experience to realise the everyday longing of God to speak with us and the simplicity of hearing Him. It will give new insights to all who long to hear God in their lives."

Revd. Sarah Cawdell,
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New Testament Studies

"Brief and to the point – that's communication at its best. 'Bitesize Beliefs' pack in all you need to get to grips with knowing God better."

Revd. Graham Poland, Senior Pastor,
Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple

"With lots of humour and grace, without telling us what to do and without using theological jargon, Stephen encourages us to open up to God's loving guidance in what is sometimes a difficult and confusing world. 'Bitesize Beliefs' are accessible books both for individuals seeking guidance and for groups wanting to help each other in listening to God."

Revd. Brian Nicholls, Senior Pastor, South Parade Baptist Church Headingley and former Regional Minister Team Leader, Heart of England Baptist Association

"Stephen has a way of 'scratching people where they itch'. The subjects he tackles are always important to people and the concept of 'Bitesize Beliefs', with their excellent layout and presentation, means the message comes across loud and clear."

Lynn Green, International Chairman,
Youth With A Mission (YWAM)

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