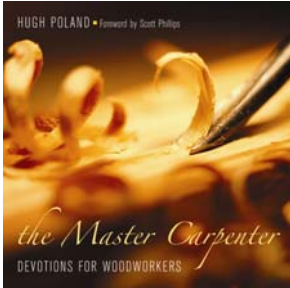


Inspiration for the Nation's Two Million Amateur Woodworkers



Valley Forge, PA – Hugh Poland, author of the Judson Press best seller *Steal Away: Devotions for Baseball Fans* (2006), has published his second book, *The Master Carpenter: Devotions for Woodworkers*. The nation's estimated two million amateur woodworkers will find inspiration, perspective, and even bits of humor when they sit down with *The Master Carpenter*.

Throughout the Scriptures, references to builders and craftsmen, tools and plans, and the example of Jesus the Master Carpenter have instructed Christians on living purposeful lives. Poland weaves together these verses with his own experiences in the woodshop to offer these devotionals along with "apprenticeship challenges" in which he encourages readers to go deeper with their faith.

Those in the industry have praised *The Master Carpenter*. Scott Phillips, woodworker of *The American Woodshop* on PBS writes in his foreword to the book: "Hugh Poland is the master of parable. His words are brilliant, connected, and timely. His stories captivate...Every library and woodshop should have this book!"

Bob Hunter, Tools & Techniques Editor, *WOOD Magazine* writes in the Preface, "Hugh Poland does an exceptional job of connecting faith and life in Christ to every aspect of woodworking." And Joanna Takes, Senior Editor of *Woodworker Journal* notes that "Tons of Scriptural references and quotes, along with Poland's insights, recharge a woodworker's spiritual batteries with a power even greater than lithium-ion."

About the Author: Hugh Poland, MDiv, is a member of the Woodworkers' Club of Houston and the Society for American Baseball. He has utilized many of the illustrations in *The Master Carpenter* and *Steal Away* during his ministry in Texas churches. He is a regular contributor to the men's devotional magazine, *Stand Firm*, as well as *PreachingToday.com*, and has also been published in *The Student and Church Musician* and *Leadership Journal*. The author has degrees from Houston Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His third book, *Intentional Walk: More Devotions for Baseball Fans* will release in February 2009.

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