

BEING A GODLY WOMAN AT ALL TIMES



Have you ever been around women who say they are a Christian, but at the same time do things which are not very Christ like? They spread gossip, use God's name in vain, they are mean to others. Even cruel sometimes! Say with their mouth they believe in God but at the same time they are checking out horoscopes and turning to everything but the Bible to predict the future.

The trouble with these women is that they give Christianity a bad name. It reflects badly on God and his followers.

In Titus 1:16 it says: "they claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good."

Wow, the Bible is very clear here. No room for your own interpretation.

So how can we become women of God? What can we do, so the whole world watching us, can see that we are a daughter of God? A daughter of the King.

1. MAKING GOD A PRIORITY

Our priority must be to have a relationship with God. In Matthew 6:33 it says: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Putting God first in your life. Making God a priority. I love the fact that the Bible has so much to offer to us. But we will not know that unless we read God's word and listen to him when he speaks to us. We will not be changed or transformed by God if we do not know him.

I love the story of Mary and Martha. Where Martha complains to Jesus because Mary is not helping in the kitchen but is sitting at Jesus feet listening to Him. What does Jesus say:

" Martha, Martha, the Lord answered. You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her. Luke 10:41-42

We are to put God above all else and to seek Him first and foremost.

2. GIVE IT TO GOD

Whatever is going on in your life, good or bad, give it to God in prayer. Maybe it is your mental or physical health. Maybe it is your children, maybe you are struggling financially. Give it to God. Make a habit of placing everything into God's loving hands. 1 Chronicles 16:11 says: "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually". I can assure you that miracles still happen.

We were very worried as parents that our children had not made a commitment to God. We prayed and prayed. And this is the part that sometimes gets difficult. We want things and we want them now, but God's timing may not always be our timing. Then something happened which was totally unexpected. Our eldest son had an opportunity to go to Singapore with a pilot friend. It was 13-hour flight. 2 hours into the flight our son became very ill. When he arrived in Singapore his friend took him to hospital. He spent 10 days there, I got in touch with Linda Koh at the General Conference and asked if she knew anyone who would be willing to visit my son. My friends everyday he received visitors from the church. Sometimes more than one person. They prayed with him, talked about spiritual things. When he got back, he said mum and dad I want to be baptised. And he was. I could not have written this script or even thought up anything like it. But God used a terrible thing and changed my son's life forever. And ours.

So, give it to God. We know he loves us and wants the best for us. Build up your relationship with Him.

3. SERVE GOD

In John 12:26 we read: "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me."

Elisabeth George had a post on her website which I found very interesting. I quote:

"Think about these chilling facts: To be cold-hearted means to be decidedly below normal, to be emotionally, unaware, unconscious of God. Imagine being unemotional about the things of God!

And then there is the lukewarm heart. It is only moderately warm. It is indifferent! Imagine being indifferent toward God!

Hot - the third option - is where we want to be. That is having a high temperature, characterized by violent activity, emotion, or passion. It is fiery and excited. Now that's the heart of someone committed to God!"

How true this is. I want to be hot for God. How about you? I do not just want to talk about Jesus I want to live like Jesus. That means daily reading his word, which will keep me on the straight and narrow. It means praying every day and giving all my worries and happiness to Him. And means serving Him in a way that will benefit others and bring them closer to Jesus.

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