




## Can You Be Trusted?

“The Lord looks down from heaven on all people. He wanted to see if there are any who understand. He wants to see if there are any who trust in God.” (Psalm 14:2 NIRV)

As we observe the state of the world today it's challenging to discern where, in whom or what we can confidently place our trust. There are a number of people, places and things in which we can place our trust. It should be known that our trust is one of the most precious gifts we possess. It is also one of the most fragile gifts we possess as well. It is something that does not instantly manifest or develops overnight. Genuine trust comes to fruition over a period of time. Once established, trust opens us to experience and receive either the best and/or the worst of in whom, what or where we've placed it.

It's insightful that when we examine the word, “trust,” we find the word “faith” as a synonym for it. As women of God, in whom, what or where are we placing the priceless gift of our trust in? Or better yet, can we be trusted and in particular, can we be women that God can trust? Take a few moments to ponder that inquiry in your mind. Is it your heart's desire to be a woman that God can trust? Can you be trusted with the living Word of God; to share it boldly, honestly and compassionately? Can you exercise the discipline to consistently study, pray and fellowship with the Lord? Can you be trusted to avail yourself, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, to go where others may not desire or be afraid to? Will you embrace the woman snared by drugs whose eyes you look into and see pain, hopelessness and the desperate desire to be set free? Can God trust you to comfort the woman and her family who have experienced the loss of a loved one to war, suicide, disease, or domestic violence? Can you be trusted by God to give your last few dollars to someone who is in need or even to someone who does not readily appear to be in need solely because the Holy Spirit is leading you to do so?

I pray the essence of our hearts earnestly desires to be women that God can trust. Think of the glorious honor bestowed upon us by our sovereign Lord to trust us as His divine ambassadors. When and wherever there is a need in the earth, all He need do is direct the Holy Spirit to prompt us to action; and we, in turn, in humble submission and complete obedience come forward to serve. To be one among this humble number of servants is what enables us to enjoy life as promised by Jesus Christ in John 10:10(b): “I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.”



Our lives, as sisters in Christ, become joyous and fruitful when we purpose to live as Christians trusted by God. Please don't get it twisted ... this does not mean that all will be perfect in our lives. We will experience trials and triumphs. However, as trusted daughters of the Lord, we can rest in His promises, experience His peace, worship and praise in His presence, and be light in dark places offering hope, assurance and the opportunity for salvation to all who would receive it. You see, a wonderful exchange occurs when we purpose in our hearts to be women God can trust. We change our desires to align with His desires. We come to realize the depth of our love for the Lord and, in exchange, He reveals more of His unconditional love to us. Ultimately, we are better equipped to share the grace and mercy of God we've received with others, even on occasions when we may personally experience persecution, rejection and ridicule.

In conclusion, I pose the question to you once more: "Are you a woman whom God can trust?" If your answer is "yes," praise God! If your answer is "no" or you're "not sure," praise God! Why, because the initial step to answering "yes" is to decide in your heart who you are and whose you are. Our God, in His infinite and unfailing love, is not turning you away right now but is seeking to draw you closer to Him so that He may forgive, renew and transform you into one of His "trusted" daughters and trophies of grace.

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