

BE THAT WOMAN

We have 24 hours in a day and we must use our time wisely because before we know it, time will slip away. We must be still and know that God is God! Granted, when you are dealing with the pressures of life that seem to never cease, it's not always easy to wait and to center ourselves around God. We want it when we want it and nothing else matters when we are waiting and waiting and waiting.

As women of God we are often intimidated by others because our self-esteem is low or totally washed away. Our minds say all kinds of things, "you will never be anybody or have anything." "You're ugly." "Nobody likes you." "Why can't I be pretty like her?" "Will I ever get married?" And, the questions continue and we end up not liking ourselves and having the mind set of someone else.

It takes effort and determination to reach beyond what the devil says. The devil is a liar and a deceiver too. The devil will wage war against our minds and our emotions to get us so discouraged and overwhelmed that we will let go of our faith and give in to failure. However, we must "Be That Woman" who will not give up, back down or walk away from the promises of God." And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." (Philippians 4:7)

"Be That Woman" that thinks highly of herself. We must have the attitude that no one can be me! There is only ONE me! No one can snatch what is mine. No one can have my identity and I cannot be who I am not. In other words, you will not be intimidated because she has what you want and she lives where you want to live and she drives what you want to drive and she is married to the man that you always dreamed of having. Instead of fixing our minds on what we don't have or what we should have, we need to "center ourselves around God" and allow Him to order our steps. He is love (1 John 4:8) "To live is to live in love." We must abide in His love (St. John 15:10) as God gives us the desires of our heart.

Many women see flaws in themselves. Therefore, they don't even love themselves. It can be challenging sometimes to believe that God loves you when at the same time you are aware of your shortcomings. But when we accept who we are and love who we are, blessings follow. WOW! What a blessing it is to be ME and not YOU! WOW! What a blessing it is to appreciate MY talents and abilities and not get all caught up in YOURS!

So many women live their lives in the shadow of others and never really get to know themselves. We must "Be That Woman" who takes a stand and centers herself around God. Only HE can make the difference. No matter who else we want to be, we can't! We can dream. We can pretend. We can change our voice, hairdo and even our name, but in the end, who are YOU!

"Be That Woman" who will not give up on her marriage, a healthy body, wonderful Christian children, a good career. "Be That Woman" who can look in a mirror every day and say, "I love ME" because God made ME and there is ONLY one ME. Have the attitude that you are not letting go until you get what is yours according to the Word of God. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 28:2)

By centering ourselves around God we have the assurance that everything will be alright. We will be blessed beyond measure. Our faith will be strengthened. Our lives will be enriched and our ups and downs in this life will make us stronger as we stand on our faith. Oh! The goodness of the Lord! You are beautiful and getting more beautiful every day. Don't let the devil make you think that you are anything else. He cannot take away what the Lord has already done ... unless you allow him to do so.

God made you to "Be That Woman" who is different from anyone else. He set you apart. Successful. Happy. And, most importantly, special to Him. You don't need to wear skimpy clothes or have a lot of friends or live in a big house to feel good about yourself. Being different is not a negative - but a positive, You were born to stand out and to stand up for God. You are more valuable than rubies! (Proverbs 31)

Your trendy clothes. Your elegant style of living. The luxury care you drive. Your proper speaking and educated children. Your husband's fine job nor your male friend's expensive gifts on your birthday or during the Christmas holidays, do not define who you are. The transformation of who you are comes from the Lord. No one can make you as beautiful, from the inside/out except the King of Kings!

So, Women of God, grab hold of the fact that we have the victory when we walk in our purpose, our destiny, our calling, ourselves!!! Let's center ourselves around God, pray and stay in fellowship with Him, read His Word, look for God everywhere because He is everywhere! You are filled with meaning, dignity, and value. The Lord is carving a path for you to be a light for someone else. He won't ask for accolades, just say "thank you, Lord!"

WAKE UP and decide to have a "good" day. "Today is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

DRESS UP and put a smile on your face and be happy in your heart no matter how you may feel. "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 17:7)

STAND UP for what you believe. "Be That Woman" who centers herself around God; expecting nothing less than the best. Not one miracle but many miracles. Go forth fearlessly.

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

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