

# String Of Pearls

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## In Times Like This

We are living in perilous times, but are we supposed to allow the signs of the time to cause us to fear? Jesus told us that in the last days (that's now gals) that the hearts of mankind would fail them for the FEAR of things coming on the planet. The Lord warned us exactly what to expect in these days. We should NOT be surprised that things are the way they are!

Ok, so how do we deal with the mess on the planet? The same way they did back when the Lord was living in the flesh on this tiny blue marble, by and with faith in full force.

I have been hearing for days now, 'This is the confidence we HAVE IN HIM'. I think we get out of the habit of putting our trust in God and put it back in ourselves. We need to make a habit of checking out whether we're leaning on the arm of the flesh or the arm of the Lord. Our Messiah, Lord and Savior is where our complete trust should be. He is the strength of our lives and our portion forever!

I get mad at myself when I realize I'm back trusting in my own abilities for whatever reason. I have to reign in my flesh and get back to putting all my trust in God. To be carnally minded (focused on the flesh and its weaknesses) is death, BUT to be spiritually minded (focused on the kingdom of God and heaven) is life and peace. Listening to our flesh is the road to a slow and tortuous death.

*Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In ALL your ways acknowledge HIM and HE will direct your steps.*

Selah!



Time to sit, rest, listen, and focus on God. Let HIM fill your cup!

### Special points of interest:

- The enemy is insane
- He knew he had a little time back when Jesus walked so he knows his time is shorter every day
- He comes and goes
- He attacks without provocation
- He is a corrupter of truth
- Behind every negative thing and every lie is a truth that God spoke and the enemy has messed with
- The enemy steals, kills and destroys
- We can keep ourselves and he can't touch us
- God manifested His son to destroy his works
- The enemy has almost 6000 years experience in deceiving mankind
- The enemy has no power, but the power to deceive (Matt 28)
- He uses what we desire more than God to trip us up
- Greater is He that is in us than the adversary who is in the world
- We can resist him if we submit to God

## Spring Cleaning

As women of faith we find that we are feeling “domestic” the closer we get to spring. Domestic is a word that expresses a homeward focus. In Russian “doma” is home. There are so many clichés and idioms that deal with the home, but the home is truly the sanctuary we all look for when we need rest and a hiding place.



Your body is the home or “temple” of the Holy Spirit. Believers should do a regular purging or cleaning of the temple. Whether going to the throne and talking to the Father about old habits that need overcome, or just dealing with a pesky sin, we all need to do a little “spring cleaning” in preparation for a productive year.

I function much better at home when I take the time to clean up and organize areas of my home. If I know I’m going to balance the checkbooks, I have made a practice of cleaning up my desk. If I’m about to cook a meal I work better when I have NO dishes in the sink, the counters are clear and I have all the things I need to prepare the meal I’ve planned.

Romans 12 is all about preparing for a productive life.

*Romans 12: 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Here we see that we need FIRST to see our bodies as living sacrifices to the God of love. Then we have to make a choice. That choice is to NOT conform to the world; BIG challenge to the soul and the flesh! The world is constantly working to flatten us into the cookie cutter slaves of mammon and material goods. If we continue reading in Romans 12 we learn that each of us has a job and gifts to do those jobs. We are also instructed to not think more highly than we ought. In the original text “of himself” doesn’t exist. Paul is telling us that we shouldn’t try to compare ourselves to one another or to think beyond where our faith is for our individual callings. God gives us grace for our individual jobs and callings. That means we are equipped to do what HE asks of us. He doesn’t put us in any situation where we can’t overcome or excel. He first equips us with righteousness by supplying “himself” a sacrifice. Next He fills us with His Holy Spirit so we have power available for those who we reach out to touch those He wants touched.

We can’t clean up ourselves, so we should have peace in the knowledge that He is the one

## Spring Cleaning.....continued

who does the work.

He is the one who is working in us both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. He just asks us to ask for grace and mercy to help in time of need!

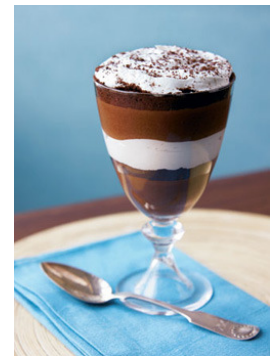
When you're doing your natural "spring cleaning", take time to allow the Lord to clean up the places where you feel unclean. He has purged ALL of your sin. It isn't out there in limbo land just waiting to pounce on you. All if your flaws, faults and sins were judged in Christ Jesus on Calvary. God has wiped them from His memory. The only one who remembers them is the adversary and he delights in trying to convince you that God is one step away from remembering them again. You are really a clean house, a purified temple; cleansed by God Himself.

### Quick Mousse or Trifle Parfait

Small package of instant pudding (your favorite flavor)

1 Cup of milk

1 Cup of thawed non-dairy whipped topping



In a bowl put the pudding mix and add 1 cup of milk. Stir until mixed. Folk in whipped topping and chill. You can either put in ramekins and serve an hour later. Top with crushed cookies or chocolate shavings. You can also layer with angel food and left over whipped topping in a parfait glass and make a small trifle! Top with fresh strawberries or maraschino cherries!

### Woman, A Second Class Child of God?

There is an underlying sense of worthlessness that women struggle against most of the time. Sadly this deception has come to the Body of Christ and is believed and acted upon by many. Once again, like every negative thing on the planet it has not taken God by surprise. He saw the end from the beginning, so no matter the lie He prepared for it's obliteration. We're told in 1 John 3:8 that God manifested His son to destroy the works of the adversary. The enemy has never had a creative thought or created a thing. All he can do is corrupt what God has done. Woman wasn't part of a "plan B" that God came up with. Woman was in man, joined and very much part of the original creation of God. God pulled woman from man so that He could bring forth the "last Adam".



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Isaiah 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

## Second Class?



Without woman God could not have brought forth Yeshua. He breathed life into by His Spirit and brought forth our Lord.

Woman is highly prized and honored by God. She continues to be very much a part of what He is doing in the world today. We are looking forward to the marriage feast of lamb. You can't have a real marriage without a man AND a woman. The parables and pictures all through the word demonstrate the importance of the woman's part in the plan of God.

We as women must never take an inferior place to men; not in thought or in deed. We don't have to be like men to please God. God has given us distinct gifts and jobs. We may take the second place, but never an inferior place to men. We are created by God to play a very important part in His perfect will. We may not see our place when we look in the world, but God told us NOT to conform to the world or to love the things in this world. We are women and that's a great blessing. We can do that which no male can do, but they do that which no woman can do either. We need each other and were created to work together for the will of God to be accomplished.

*The blessing of the Lord maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22*