



It's Your Choice!



A woman who knows who she really is in Christ Jesus seeks wisdom and knowledge from His words in the Bible, and spends time with Him in her thought life and prayer time.



She uses the power of the Name of Jesus to resist the devil (Satan) when he tries to tempt her, in her thoughts, to do something she knows is wrong.

She develops strong faith by using her faith in all the small things as well as the big things she faces in life.

She has courage to be brave in the face of adversity because she trusts in Jesus to help her, and not in her own strength to get what she wants or needs.

She walks in the spirit seeking the things of God before seeking the things of the world because she knows that the things of God are eternal, but the things of this world will all pass away.

She walks in love because she knows that God loves her and that He is the source of all love.

She discerns good from evil and makes wise choices and good decisions about herself and others.

She worships God and praises and thanks Him for His goodness and mercy to her and her loved ones.

She forgives everyone who has ever hurt her, or wronged her, and she forgives herself for any wrong choices she has made in the past, no matter how painful the consequences may have been.

If you are living your life in less than these things, then you don't yet know the strength and power you have inside of you for a life of blessing – a life that does not depend on changing circumstances, or hopes of a romantic love to come your way and solve all your problems.

Don't feel that you are missing out on life because you are a single mother trying to survive and take care of your children. This is your life. All of your experiences and choices have brought you to this day, and raising your children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord is the most important thing you will ever do in your life.

In His eyes it is the most holy ministry a woman can have. It is a ministry that is just as important as any TV or radio ministry because you are the care taker of the souls of your children.



Your children are going to live forever, just as you are, and the powerful influence you have on them now is a holy calling that will determine their eternal destiny.

They did not cause the problems you have, but they are the ones who suffer from the consequences of them if you allow those problems to dominate you and your time with the children. The day will surely come as they grow older that you will wish with all your heart that you had been content with what you had and devoted your complete attention to them.

You may be feeling overwhelmed by all of the responsibilities of raising your children as a single mother. There may be times when you wish you had what it looks like other people have – a nice home, more money, someone to love you and help raise the children. But, in real life, some of those people who look like they have all those things, would gladly trade places with you for the freedom of choice that you have.

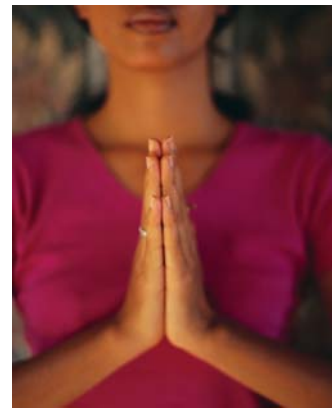
Jesus knows you feel all alone sometimes and He gave you, and all believers, this beautiful promise in the Bible: *“Let your character and your moral conduct be without coveting (wishing you had what other people have); be content with your present circumstances and with what you do have; for Jesus Himself has said: ‘I will not in any way fail you or give you up, or leave you without support. I will not in any way leave you helpless, or forsake you, or let you down, or relax My hold on you! So you can boldly say: the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man can do to me!’”* Hebrews 13:5,6 AMP

Now, you have a choice to make. You can either believe what Jesus has said – and live a life of confidence and trust in Him, or you can refuse to believe Him and stay in bondage to your circumstances with tormenting thoughts and emotions.

To believe what He has said is faith – to refuse to believe what He has said is unbelief in God.

God doesn't test your faith by allowing difficulties and hardships in order to judge you, He allows the trials of your faith in situations so that you can strengthen your trust in Him no matter what you face.

It is essential that you build up your faith because women who are single moms standing alone are a prime target for the devil to deceive by planting thoughts in your mind that are contrary to the Word of God. He is so sneaky about it that those wrong thoughts he gives you can make something that is wrong for you or your children seem O.K. to go ahead and do, even though you know God said not to.



There is no agony more painful than after you have committed that sin that seemed so exciting at the time, when it has turned bitter and failed, and you realize you have chosen to deny God and violate His love.

The good news is that Jesus came into the world to give you the power to destroy the works of the devil. Jesus gave you the power to overcome temptations to do wrong, and the only thing that can ever defeat you in life, is your own thoughts that you choose to think on in victory or defeat. What you choose to think and believe, and build your life on is what will determine your success or failure in life.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, the Bible says God has already made a choice about you: *“For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.”* Ephesians 1:4 NIV

It's your choice. Will you chose Him?



It's Your Choice

1. Whose name gives you the power to resist being tempted to do something wrong?

2. How can you always have courage and strength when you need it?

3. As a mother, what is the most important thing you will ever do?

4. Why is how you raise your children so important to God?

5. As a believer, why are you never really alone?

6. Why does God allow difficulties in your life?

7. If your wrong thoughts cause you to sin, what have you done?

8. What will determine your success or failure in life?

9. Why can't other people help me all the time?

10. What is your memory verse? (Ephesians 1:4 NIV)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

It's Your Choice

1. Whose name gives you the power to resist being tempted to do something wrong?

The Name of Jesus.

2. How can you always have courage and strength when you need it?

Put my trust in Jesus to help me.

3. As a mother, what is the most important thing you will ever do?

Raise my children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

4. Why is how you raise your children so important to God?

Because I am the caretaker of their soul.

5. As a believer, why are you never really alone?

Because Jesus promised He would never leave me or forsake me.

6. Why does God allow difficulties in your life?

So I can learn to strengthen my faith by trusting Him.

7. If your wrong thoughts cause you to sin, what have you done?

I have chosen to deny God and been unfaithful to His love for me.

8. What will determine your success or failure in life?

My own thoughts of victory or thoughts of defeat.

9. Why can't other people help me all the time?

Because it's my choice!

10. What is your memory verse? (Ephesians 1:4 NIV)

MEMORY VERSE "For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight."