## The woman who fears the Lord ...is free

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"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue....

Charm is deceitful, beauty is vain, but a **woman who fears the Lord is to be praised**."

Prov. 31: 25, 26, 30



"...I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law woman" so that I could be God's woman. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with Him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine", but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. I am not going to go back on that."

"Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an **abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God?** If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then **Christ died unnecessarily**"

## Gal. 2:19-21

"Answer this question: does The God Who lavishly provides you with His own presence, His Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does He do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust Him to do them in you? ... Christ redeemed us from that self-defeating, cursed life by absorbing it completely into Himself... He became a curse, and at the same time dissolved the curse... We are all able to receive God's life, His Spirit, in and with us, by believing..." Gal. 3: 5, 6, 13, 14 "Earlier, before you knew God personally, you were enslaved to so-called gods that had nothing of the divine about them. But now that you know the real God – or rather since God knows you – how can you possibly subject yourselves again to those things? For that is exactly what you do when you are intimidated into scrupulously observing all the traditions..."

Gal. 4 : 8 - 11

"Christ has set us free to live a free life! So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on **you**... It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows..."

**Gal. 5** : 1, 13, 14

"Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life... For my part, I am going to **boast about nothing** but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ! Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate.

"Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do... it is **what God is doing**, and **He is creating something totally new, a free life**! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God – His chosen people...

May what our Master Jesus Christ gives freely be deeply and personally yours, my friends!"

**Gal. 6** : 4, 5, 14 – 16, 18



"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust... Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are The God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. Good and upright is The Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way. All the paths Of The Lord are steadfast, love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

"Who is the woman who fears The Lord? Her will He instruct in the way that He should choose. Her soul shall abide in well-being, and her offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of The Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant." Ps. 25: 1-14