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Introduction

Our world sends many conflicting signals on the important issues of life. How should we approach anger? Is discipline a good thing or not? Why speak with honesty? Is prayer for real? What is true wisdom?

In His kindness, God has answered all of these questions—and many more—in the pages of His Word, the Bible. Whatever our needs, we can find in scripture the principles we need to address the issues we face.

This collection of Bible verses is a handy reference to some of the key issues that all people—and especially women—face. In these pages, you'll find carefully selected verses that address topics like comfort, encouragement, friendship, purity, rest, and understanding. In fact, more than five dozen categories are covered, arranged alphabetically for ease of use.

This book is not intended to replace regular, personal Bible study. Nor is it a replacement for a good concordance for in-depth study of a particular subject. It is, however, a quick reference to some of the key issues of life that women most often face.

We hope it will be an encouragement to you as you read.






Adversity

No one is exempt from problems. From the palace to the poorhouse, women throughout the ages have fought and conquered adversity in their lives.

Queen Esther risked losing her only relative and her people. Using her influence, she saved the Israelites from destruction. Interestingly, the Jewish name *Esther* means “Hadassah,” which comes from the word *myrtle*—the tree whose leaves only release fragrance when they are crushed.

Are you facing adversity? Perhaps your faith has brought reproach or daily struggles have robbed your faith. Regardless, the scriptures ease the crush of adversity, releasing the sweet fragrance of God’s overcoming power.



I am sure that our suffering now cannot be compared
to the shining-greatness that He is going to give us.

ROMANS 8:18

As we have suffered much for Christ and have shared in
His pain, we also share His great comfort. But if we are in
trouble, it is for your good. And it is so you will be saved
from the punishment of sin. If God comforts us, it is for
your good also. You too will be given strength not to give
up when you have the same kind of trouble we have.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:5-6

If men speak bad of you because you are a
Christian, you will be happy because the Spirit
of shining-greatness and of God is in you.

1 PETER 4:14

“I have told you these things so you may have peace
in Me. In the world you will have much trouble.
But take hope! I have power over the world!”


JOHN 16:33

These tests have come to prove your faith and to show that it
is good. Gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire. Your
faith is worth much more than gold and it must be tested
also. Then your faith will bring thanks and shining-great-
ness and honor to Jesus Christ when He comes again.

1 PETER 1:7

I want to know Him. I want to have the same power in my
life that raised Jesus from the dead. I want to understand
and have a share in His sufferings and be like Christ in His
death. Then I may be raised up from among the dead.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11



After you have suffered for awhile, God Himself will make you perfect. He will keep you in the right way. He will give you strength. He is the God of all loving-favor and has called you through Christ Jesus to share His shining-greatness forever.

1 PETER 5:10

“You are happy when men hate you and do not want you around and put shame on you because you trust in Me.”

LUKE 6:22

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray.

JAMES 5:13

All who want to live a God-like life who belong to Christ Jesus will suffer from others.

2 TIMOTHY 3:12

The little troubles we suffer now for a short time are making us ready for the great things God is going to give us forever.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

If we suffer and stay true to Him, then we will be a leader with Him. If we say we do not know Him, He will say He does not know us.

2 TIMOTHY 2:12



Our Creator never intended that we should shoulder a load of suffering ourselves. That's the whole purpose of spiritual community.

LINDA BARTLETT




Angels

A near miss. Your car swerves to the side of the road avoiding a collision with an oncoming vehicle. How did you avoid disaster?

Fatigue zaps your strength but you still have much to do. You pray and amazingly you breeze through your work as if unseen hands carried you to complete the task. A coincidence? Or did God dispatch angels to assist you?

Angels are real. Unlike the stereotypical images of chubby-cheeked cherubs, these powerful, angelic beings minister to believers. At God's command, they delivered Paul from prison, shut the lions' mouths, provided for Elijah, and brought an amazing message to Mary.

Chubby-cheeked cherubs? Think again.



God never said to any angel, “Sit at My right side, until I make those who hate You a place to rest Your feet.” Are not all the angels spirits who work for God? They are sent out to help those who are to be saved from the punishment of sin.

HEBREWS 1:13-14

“He will send His angels with the loud sound of a horn. They will gather God’s people together from the four winds. They will come from one end of the heavens to the other.”

MATTHEW 24:31

The angel of the Lord stays close around those who fear Him, and He takes them out of trouble.

PSALM 34:7

For I know that nothing can keep us from the love of God. Death cannot! Life cannot! Angels cannot! Leaders cannot! Any other power cannot! Hard things now or in the future cannot! The world above or the world below cannot! Any other living thing cannot keep us away from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39



On life’s busy thoroughfares we
meet with angels unawares. . . .

HELEN STEINER RICE

Anger

It doesn't matter who was right or wrong. You *feel* wronged and anger simmers on the verge of full boil.

Can we be angry and not sin? To feel anger is one thing, to act on it is another. When we use our anger to justify our wrongful deeds, we sin.

The Bible, however, gives us clear and concise instructions on how to handle anger or angry people. How can we curb anger, irritations, and flare-ups? Apply the calming influence of God's Word to our circumstance.

Ah, yes. That's better.



He who is slow to get angry has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper makes his foolish way look right.

PROVERBS 14:29

My Christian brothers, you know everyone should listen much and speak little. He should be slow to become angry. A man's anger does not allow him to be right with God.

JAMES 1:19-20

Do not have anything to do with a man given to anger or go with a man who has a bad temper. Or you might learn his ways and get yourself into a trap.

PROVERBS 22:24-25

Do not be quick in spirit to be angry.
For anger is in the heart of fools.

ECCLESIASTES 7:9

It is better to live in a desert land than with a woman who argues and causes trouble.

PROVERBS 21:19

Fathers, do not be so hard on your children that they will give up trying to do what is right.


COLOSSIANS 3:21

A gentle answer turns away anger,
but a sharp word causes anger.

PROVERBS 15:1

Be glad you can do the things you should be doing.
Do all things without arguing and talking about how you wish you did not have to do them.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14



“But I tell you that whoever is angry with his brother will be guilty and have to suffer for his wrongdoing. Whoever says to his brother, ‘You have no brains,’ will have to stand in front of the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool,’ will be sent to the fire of hell.”

MATTHEW 5:22

A man with a bad temper starts fights, but he who is slow to anger quiets fighting.

PROVERBS 15:18

He who is slow to anger is better than the powerful. And he who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city.

PROVERBS 16:32

Christian brothers, never pay back someone for the bad he has done to you. Let the anger of God take care of the other person. The Holy Writings say, “I will pay back to them what they should get, says the Lord.”

ROMANS 12:19

A dry piece of food with peace and quiet is better than a house full of food with fighting.

PROVERBS 17:1

If you are angry, do not let it become sin. Get over your anger before the day is finished.

EPHESIANS 4:26

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Being angry or unforgiving makes it impossible to have a gentle and quiet spirit.

DARLENE WILKINSON

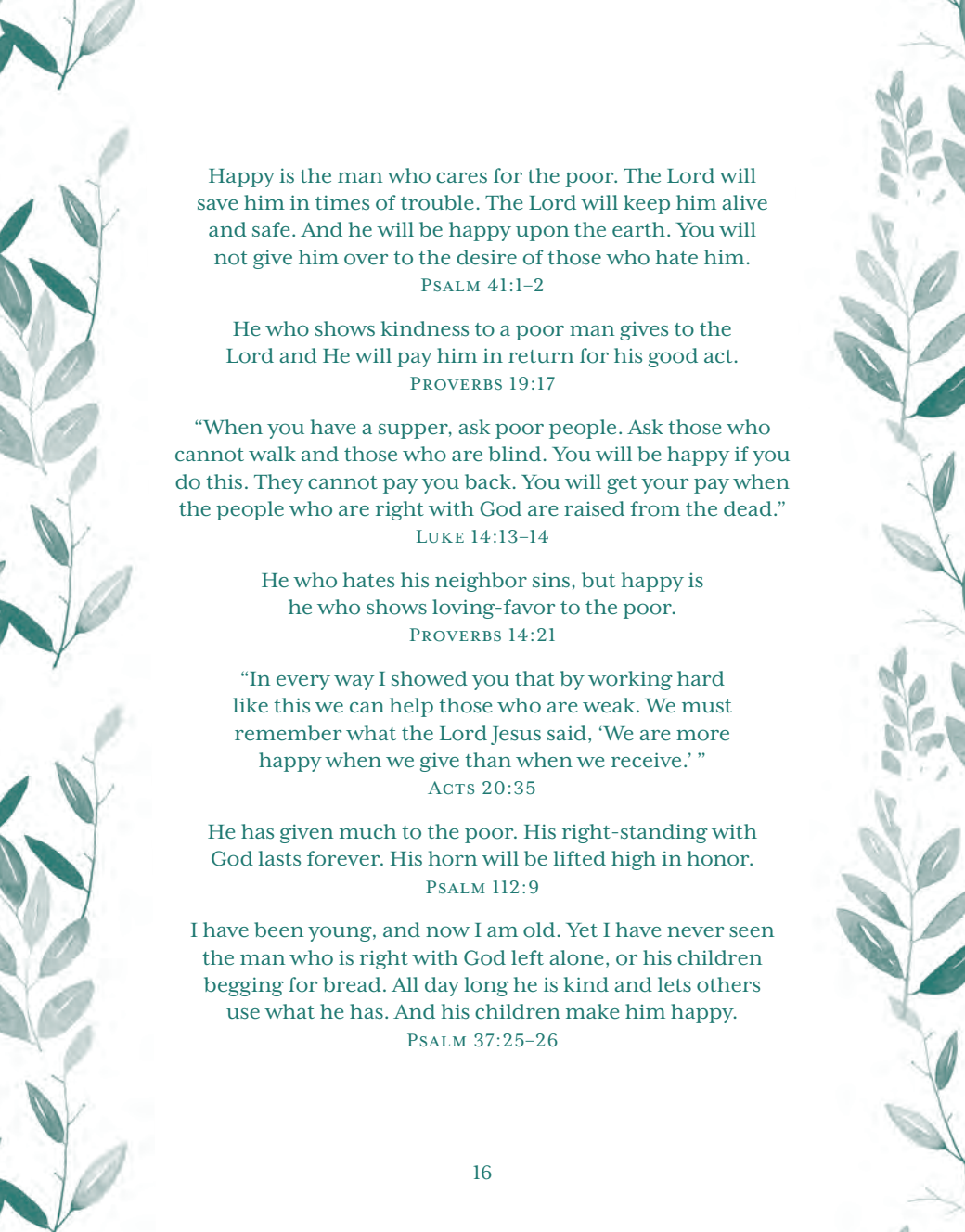


Charity

Women are caregivers by nature. Need a hand? We offer two! Yet sometimes our gift of giving wears old under constant demands and daily responsibilities.

God, however, is the supreme example of charity at work. He saw our neediness and sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. And He keeps on giving.

Having received so much constrains us to give more liberally. God's charity never ceases, and neither should ours. Although needs differ—financial, physical, emotional, or spiritual—human benevolence comes from a giving heart. And our charitable giving begins right where we are.



Happy is the man who cares for the poor. The Lord will save him in times of trouble. The Lord will keep him alive and safe. And he will be happy upon the earth. You will not give him over to the desire of those who hate him.

PSALM 41:1-2

He who shows kindness to a poor man gives to the Lord and He will pay him in return for his good act.

PROVERBS 19:17

“When you have a supper, ask poor people. Ask those who cannot walk and those who are blind. You will be happy if you do this. They cannot pay you back. You will get your pay when the people who are right with God are raised from the dead.”

LUKE 14:13-14

He who hates his neighbor sins, but happy is he who shows loving-favor to the poor.

PROVERBS 14:21

“In every way I showed you that by working hard like this we can help those who are weak. We must remember what the Lord Jesus said, ‘We are more happy when we give than when we receive.’”

ACTS 20:35

He has given much to the poor. His right-standing with God lasts forever. His horn will be lifted high in honor.

PSALM 112:9

I have been young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the man who is right with God left alone, or his children begging for bread. All day long he is kind and lets others use what he has. And his children make him happy.

PSALM 37:25-26