

As a general rule, women feel worthy when loved, respected and appreciated. It is great when those around us express their admiration of our abilities and talents. In reality, though, many women struggle with a sense of worth and acceptance because of their past or present circumstances.

To accomplish any worthwhile goal requires a plan; we can be encouraged because God is a Master Planner and is ever at work in your life. His unseen hand is ever at work to bring about His purpose for you. It's called the Providence of God. He loves you and has a divine purpose and plan for your life.

It is awesome to know that "He who but spoke and the world began – it appeared at His command – and with His breath he can scatter the plans of all the nations who oppose Him, yet His own plan stands forever" (Ps 33:9-11), is the same God who structures your life. Verse 15 continues with "The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where He lives. He has made our hearts and closely watches everything we do." We have a God who cares about every detail of our life; if a matter concerns you, it concerns Him.

This unseen hand that is ever at work to bring about His purpose for you – the One who made your heart and closely watches everything you do – wouldn't you like to know what He has in mind for you?

Jeremiah 9:23-24 "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; let not the great man glory in his greatness; let not the rich man glory in his riches but let him who glories, glory in this: That he understands and knows Me. I am the Lord who exercises loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in all the earth and in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

To know and understand the Lord God, can you do that?

You can never ever in this lifetime know and understand the Lord. Know His plan for your life if you have a distant/faint relationship with Him. When you study, don't just study to gain information or even to glean wisdom, but study for intimacy. Tell Him you just want to know Him, to be close to Him, to have fellowship and to know Him better. One man said, "Lord, I want to be so close that I feel your breath." Sadly, so many times we only make those statements in times of stress or danger; God would love it if we just wanted to love on Him as He does on us. The Message Bible says: "Look at what God does and then you do it...mostly what He does is love you.

Keep company with Him and learn a life of love. His love is not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that." Ephesians 5:1

Women feel worthy when they are loved. You can recover faster from a physical blow than you can from a wound of words. When someone sears your soul with verbal abuse, your sense of worth temporarily disappears, even when we know it is far from the truth. That's when you wrap "Mostly what God does is love you and He doesn't love you in order to get anything from you but to give everything of Himself to you" around you and realize of all the things the God of this universe could be doing, at this moment, He shuts down shop to give your sense of wholeness, worth and well being back to you. You are so important to Him..God's favorite thing to do is to love you.

Worthy women look for God's plan and find out what you're good at. Discover the gifts God has placed in you and then you develop them. You can go to school and have specialized training..high technology but if God didn't put that capability in place in you, you'll be ill-fitted in your performance. When God puts a quality or talent inside of you, as you develop it for Him, He enhances and embellishes it and spruces you up until you hardly recognize you. All talents get polished through training, through discipline and through experience. Some of us paint, teach, preach, sing, organize, administrate..while others provide. And please know this..if you're the one doing the providing, then you get in on whatever blessing comes from that provision. The bottom line is God increases talents and qualities when we use what He's put inside of us. Using God's gifts to glorify Him gives us an unmeasurable sense of worth.

It's up to you to add to what He has placed within you. What God does, we cannot do but God will not do what we can do! God gives us salvation because we cannot save ourselves. But God does not give us good habits. That's up to you! Stop asking the way when you know perfectly well what to do. You have to begin where you are..not where you are not. God placed seeds and abilities within you but He expects you to nourish their growth. You go into a dark room to "develop" film, but you don't stay there. When you find yourself in the dark, keep walking as he will always lead you to the light. "To Him the night shines as bright as the day. Darkness and light are both alike to Him" Ps 139:12

God specializes in impossibilities. He knows a thousand ways to make a way for you. He always has a working plan in place for you, even before you know you have a problem, He has a plan. His unseen power controls everything for His purpose. Our problem lies in

wanting to see it. God never promised to give you explanations but he did promise to keep His promises and we need to believe Him.

Mostly we live our lives in seasons and seasons have beginnings and endings. We have a very hard time understanding this as we think because one season is over, we have nothing left. God always has a plan in place and He always give you something some seed to sow for what's next. Don't be discouraged or defeated when you fail, it could be the beginning of a new season. A fresh touch of God can give you new hope, new insight. Rely on the unseen power that controls everything for His purpose, His better plan!

It will always include some insights of your value as a woman of great worth!

1. God's unseen hand working to bring about His purpose and plan for your life is called the Providence of God. Relate a situation recently when you experienced this:

2. Read Psalms 33:15 again and write down your response:

3. Jeremiah 9:24 tells you that God is delighted when we try to know and understand Him. Write your own statement back to God of your intent to do it:

4. Mostly what God does is _____you...He doesn't love you in order to

5. From your last "season", what seed do you believe God has left within you to begin something new?

God is ever at work within us to bring about His plan and purpose for our well being and His glory. Being a woman, makes you a woman of worth to Him. He made you different than any other creation and His crowning ornament of love equips you to be a wonderful woman of value and worth to Him and to others.