

Two Things that NEVER Change

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But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end.

The children of Your servants will continue,
and their descendants will be established before You.

Psalm 102:27-28

Wherever we are in life, we've never been there before, but we're not there alone.

God NEVER Changes

God Himself NEVER Changes

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Psalm 102:24-28 . . . Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end. The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You.

God's Word NEVER Changes

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

1 Peter 1:24-25 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.



Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come.

The tempted, the anxious, the fearful, the discouraged may all find new hope and good cheer in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father is faithful. He will ever be true to His pledged word. The hard-pressed sons of the covenant may be sure that He will never remove His loving-kindness from them nor suffer His faithfulness to fail.

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Anchor Yourself in the Unchangeable God

2 Peter 1:1-3 Grace and peace will be multiplied to [me] in the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to [me] everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the **true knowledge** of Him who called [me] by His own glory and excellence.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But [I], with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, [am] being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:22-24, 33 Wives, [who are filled with the Spirit], be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, . . . as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything . . . and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Proverbs 31:26 [The excellent wife and mother who fears the Lord] opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

1 Corinthians 7:32-34... One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and his interests are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

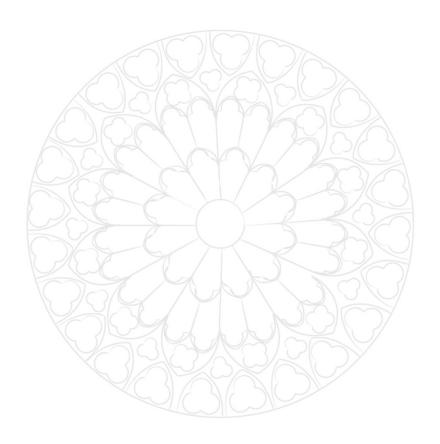
1 Timothy 2:9-10 Likewise, I want women [in the church] to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.

1 Peter 3:4 Let [my adornment] be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, before the Lord, which is precious in the sight of God.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let [my] requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard [my] heart and [my] mind in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

GOD NEVER CHANGES. HE IS FAITHFUL!



The Fact That You Are a Mother NEVER Changes

Once a mother always a mother.

Hannah: 1 Samuel 1:23-24; 1 Samuel 2:18-19

Mary: Luke 2:48-51; John 2:1-5, 12; Luke 8:19-20; John 19:25-

27 Act 1:13-14

A Mother's Unchanging Contribution

What is WISDOM? It is the SKILL of applying knowledge to life.

1. Understand the Fifth Commandment

Ephesians 6:2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

Ephesians 6:3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

(See Supplement: From the Book of Wisdom)

2. Get their HEART

Proverbs 23:19-26

Listen, my son, and **be wise**, and direct your heart in the way.

- 22 Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.
- 24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who sires a wise son will be glad in him.
- 25 Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you.
- 26 Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways.

How do you get their heart?

- You have to walk in the fear of the Lord yourself
- You have to ask for it
- You have to teach them that it is God's will
- You have to teach them it is God's good pleasure (See Supplement)
 - Proverbs 31:26

[The excellent wife (and mother) who fears the Lord] opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

o Open your mouth with WISDOM

Friends

Life's Mate

<u>Marriage</u>

Mentoring

Open your mouth with KINDNESS

2 Timothy 2:24-26 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.



In these years of challenge and change, cling to the unchangeable God!

The righteous man will **flourish** like the palm tree,
He will **grow** like a cedar in Lebanon.
Planted in the house of the LORD,
They will flourish in the courts of our God.
They will **still yield fruit** in old age;
They shall **be full of sap and very green**, **To declare** that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
Psalm 92:12-15