

Walk  
with Me  
Today, *Lord*

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## Introduction

*Do not merely listen to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

—JAMES 1:22

God is at work in a mighty way among women in America as well as around the world. More and more women are hearing and responding to His call. Many are naming Jesus as their Lord and Savior for the first time, and others are rededicating themselves to the Lord. If these commitments are to make a significant impact on their families, our nation, and our world, they need to be nourished daily. I pray that this book will help you grow in the Lord.

One way we sustain our commitment to the Lord is by reading His Word daily. The material in this book is designed to challenge and encourage you in your spiritual journey by getting you into God's Word.

In each of the following entries you'll read a passage of Scripture, a short devotional about that passage, a prayer relevant to the message, an action step, and an inspirational thought called Today's Wisdom. With each step you'll be encouraged to embrace and act on what you've learned. James 1:22 challenges us to be not only hearers of God's Word but also doers. We must put God's Word into action.

Don't worry about reading the book from front to back. Skip around if you'd like. On the first page of each entry, you'll find three boxes ☐ ☐ ☐ . Put a checkmark in one of the boxes each time you read the entry. In this way, you can keep track of those devotionals previously read.

May the Lord richly bless you as you listen and respond to His call upon your life.



God is like a blanket always ready to be wrapped  
around you.

God is like a chair always there to hold you.

God is like a pair of arms always ready to wrap  
you in a hug.

God is like anything you can think of, only  
much better and sweeter.

—SUZIE GODFREW



## More Than a Mom

*One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

—PSALM 145:4 NASB

One of my favorite passages praising the works of the virtuous woman is Proverbs 31:28-31 which reads:

Her children rise up and bless her;  
her husband also, and he praises her, saying:  
“Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel  
them all.”

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.  
Give her the product of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates (NASB).

When I present my More Hours in My Day seminars around the country, I have the great opportunity to chat with women one-on-one. As we talk, some will tell me, “I’m just a mom,” or “I’m just a housewife.” They dismiss their value. I’m always shocked by this and quick to admonish such a low view of their worth. A mother’s work is never done; she is a 24/7 worker—always there on a moment’s notice. She

runs the corporation known as “family,” and she controls the foundation known as “home” that makes everybody else’s lives comfortable, joyful, and functional.

But do we really see dollar signs when we’re serving our loved ones? Hardly! We can’t and we don’t charge our husbands and children money for loving them. Being a mom and a maker of the home is the greatest calling a woman can have. As the home goes, so goes the world. You play an extremely valuable part in determining the future of our country. There can’t be enough praise given to you as a mom. I stand amazed at how much women love their families. Hold your head up high, and know that you are obeying a sacred calling as a mom.



*Prayer:* Father God, thanks for calling me to be a mom. I ask that You never let me lose sight of who I am in Your eyes. Even if the world doesn’t give me honor, I know that You do. Amen.

*Action:* Take time today to do something just for you.

*Today’s Wisdom:*

Lord of all pots and pans and things,  
 Since I’ve no time to be  
 A saint by doing lovely things  
 Or watching late with Thee,  
 Or dreaming in the dawnlight  
 Or storming heaven’s gates,  
 Make me a saint by getting meals  
 And washing up the plates...  
 Thou who didst love to give men food  
 In room or by the sea  
 Accept this service that I do—  
 I do it unto Thee.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN



## Lasting Impressions

*May my prayer be counted as incense before You;  
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.*

—PSALM 141:2 NASB

Does your body language say “Welcome” to those you come in contact with, or does it say something less warm and friendly, such as “Stay away!”? What people sense in your outward demeanor might be a true reflection of your inner feelings. This is certainly something to think about today! First impressions go a long way in letting people know who you really are.

Our kitchens can tell a lot about our homes as well. Are they spaces that say “Life is happening here!” or do they shout out something less inviting, such as “Disaster Zone! Caution!”? Here are some ideas for creating the kind of kitchen that leaves a lasting good impression on your family and your guests.

- Help a child plant some seeds in a small container and place it in your kitchen window. Watch them sprout.
- Instead of buying commercial applesauce, buy apples and make your own. A bowl of homemade applesauce with a sprinkle of cinnamon is an easy-to-make snack or dessert.

- Stir up a batch of blueberry or cranberry muffins, and bake for a sweet and colorful treat.
- Let your young children experience the satisfaction of boiling eggs, scrambling eggs, and making their own waffles and/or pancakes.
- Teach children how to be organized in the kitchen. “Clean as you go” is a great motto and method.

Make a habit of inviting God to be present at your meals. After the meal is prepared and the table set, pause, hold hands with your family and any guests, and ask the Lord’s blessings as you also express thankfulness for the meal and for those gathered around the table. We must not take for granted each meal we eat or the people we love—these gifts all come from above.



*Prayer:* Father God, thank You for the gift of food. Oh, how we love to eat good food prepared by loving hands. We are grateful that You provide for all our needs. Amen.

*Action:* Clean out your kitchen cupboards, then reorganize them. Getting your kitchen in order will help make mealtime preparation more enjoyable.

*Today’s Wisdom:*

Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to this country and to mankind is to bring up a family.

—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW