A Woman After God’s Own Heart

A Devotional

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A Note from Elizabeth

Imagine living in such a way that people think of you as a woman after God’s heart. Better yet, imagine placing God foremost in your heart each morning and striking out on His path for your day, deliberately living for Him. As you commit yourself to God each day, He will work in your heart!

I pray these devotions for busy women like you will help inspire you to draw nearer to God and live out His plans for you. How is this done? The answer: via small steps with big results—living God’s way…one day at a time, practicing God’s order of priorities for you…one day at a time, committing the many different areas of your life to God…one day at a time.

Treat yourself to jewels of wisdom based on God’s Word each day. Enjoy the scriptures and messages in this devotional created just for you, a woman who loves the Lord with all her heart. Be inspired to grow. Be willing to change. Be encouraged to take bold steps in handling your problems or facing difficulties. Most of all, become more knowledgeable of God's character and His great love for you.

May your journey to greater faith and trust in God be filled with joy and delight!

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I Give Myself to You

We all make choices in what we do with our day. A favorite verse of mine ends with the words, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised” (Proverbs 31:30 NASB). I don’t want to be robbed of even one of God’s riches by not taking time to let Him invade my life. The bottom line? I want to be a woman after God’s own heart!

Make a daily commitment to God. It can be as simple as praying, “Lord, today I give myself anew to You!” Your heart for God should be like a boiling pot—intense and passionate. There’s no way to ignore that kind of fire! Be excited to meet God.

Lord, I commit my life to You. Help me be a witness to Your gracious power and love. Amen.
Stop Complaining

I want to say this as nicely as possible: It’s time to stop complaining. In Philippians 4:11-13 the apostle Paul writes, “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength” (NIV).

Never once do we see Paul quitting, having a fit, or complaining. Regardless of his predicament, he was content. Why? Because he looked to his Savior for strength. The Bible says to be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord. And when you do, you’re on the way to becoming the best possible woman you can be—a woman who serves the Lord.

Lord, help me look to You for my purpose and my strength. Lead me every day so I can do Your will and serve You to the best of my ability. Amen.
Less and Less Time

Another birthday has come…and gone. I’m painfully aware that there’s less and less time for becoming the kind of woman I want to be. But it’s also comforting to know that God knows the desires of my heart. In fact, Psalm 37:4 says He’s put them there. He knows the daydreaming—and praying—I do about serving Him. And He knows your heart too. Whether you’re pushing a stroller, a grocery cart, or an aluminum walker—your life counts. It counts mightily as you face life’s challenges with a heart full of devotion to God. Keep choosing to love God, and follow after Him with a whole heart each day.

Lord, in You is my hope, in You is my desire, in You is my strength. I love You. Make my life count in someone’s life today. Help me reach out with Your love. Amen.
He Will Direct Your Path

Proverbs 3:6 says, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” But what does that look like in your daily life? The phone rings and it’s bad news or a decision needs to be made. This is where you stop and pray, “God, what do You want me to do here?” Or you’re going merrily through your day—and someone says something that really hurts. Before you blurt out a smart retort, sit mentally in God’s presence. Ask, “Okay, God, what do You want me to say?” When you do your part, God takes over and does His part: He directs your path…and your mouth! Isn’t that great?

Heavenly Father, thank You for meeting me where I am. You care about the big things in my life and You care about the little things. You are amazing! Amen.
Accepting Christ

I pray you’ve given your heart to the Lord. That you’ve entered into an eternal relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. My dear sister, if you’re unsure about where you stand with God, invite Jesus to be your Savior. When you do, you’re welcoming Christ into your life. You become a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB). All it takes is acknowledging your sin before God. Your prayer might be: “God I want to be Your child, a true woman after Your heart. I acknowledge my sin and receive Your Son, Jesus Christ, into my needy heart, giving thanks that He died on the cross for my sins.”

Lord, thank You for hearing my prayer. Thank You for coming to earth so I can be in communion with You. I love You. Amen.
Roots Run Deep

When my mother-in-law was seriously ill, my husband—her only son—was out of the country and unreachable. As I cared for her by the hour, I have to tell you—I was reaching deep into my reservoir! There just wasn’t time for my usual quiet times with God. What I found was strength in the many scriptures I’d memorized over the years. I gained energy from the psalms I’d read and from past times I spent alone with God. Those were roots deep into God’s truth. And I needed every one of them.

If you’re going to be a woman after God’s own heart, the support you get from a healthy root system is vital for standing strong in the Lord. Meet with God regularly. Talk to Him through prayer and commune with Him through meditation. Read His wisdom found in His Word.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me and caring about me daily. I love that I can come to You in times of stress and weakness, and You will give me strength. Amen.
Something Is Better Than Nothing

If someone asked you to describe your quiet time with God today, what would you say? We know how to pull off parties, weddings, and retreats. And our quiet times should be no different—especially considering the value. What’s ideal for you? What would make them quality times? What energizes and refreshes you? Keep in mind that something is always better than nothing. Pick a time that matches your lifestyle—even if it’s the middle of the night…or at a lunch break…or in the car. Take out your calendar and make an appointment each day.

Meeting with God is such a vital part of becoming all He created you to be!

Father, it’s so hard sometimes to set aside time to meet with You. Life is so demanding—family, friends, work, meetings all pull at me. Time seems so short. Please help me keep my priorities in order so I meet with You every day. Thank You. Amen.
Dream Big

Hmm…1 year…12 months…365 days. That’s 8,760 hours! You’ve got time. So dream big. Dream of being a woman who serves and honors God. Will you do this?

First, describe the woman you want to be—spiritually, that is—in one year. In one year you can attack a weak area in your Christian life and gain victory. You can read through the Bible. You can be mentored by an older woman…or be a mentor to a younger woman in the faith. You can complete training in evangelism or finish a one-year Bible study. You can memorize Scripture. Dawson Trotman was a great Christian statesman. He memorized one verse a day for the first three years of his Christian life—that’s a thousand verses! Dream on—and do it!

Lord, I hesitate to dream because I’m afraid of commitment and failure. What if I start out and then get tired or forget? But, Lord, I want to grow in You. I want to become the person You want me to be. Give me a dream…and the strength and passion to carry it out. Amen.