

WHAT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE END?

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I. Knowing God

- A. Knowing God leads to eternal life (John 17:3)
- B. Not knowing God leads to destruction (Hosea 4:6)
- C. The beginning of knowledge is the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7)
- D. Directions on how to know God (Proverbs 2:1-5)

II. Loving God

- A. We love Him because He first loved us (I John 4:19)
- B. If you love Me, then obey Me (John 14:15)
- C. Obedience is more important than sacrifice (I Samuel 15:22)

III. Directions on how to love and obey God

- A. Decide to obey, and your feelings will follow (Proverbs 16:3)
- B. Testimony of forgiveness
- C. God requires obedience (Mosiah 1:55, Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- D. Obedience leads to love (I Kings 3:3)
- E. Obedience leads to eternal life (Matthew 16:25-28)

IV. Promises to those who obey

- A. Helaman's 2000 obeyed God (Alma 26:167)
- B. How did God reward them, in the midst of the war? (Psalm 19:7-11)
- C. Song of Obedience
- D. God wants us to delight in His law (Psalm 1:2,3)
- E. Chiastic scripture on righteousness (Psalm 18:20-24)
- F. God helps us when we obey (Psalm 18:28-33)

V. Questionnaire: What are the 8 things the older women are supposed to teach the younger women? (Titus 2:4-5)

Your guesses:

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Bible Answers:

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VI. Some of the Commandments to Women

- A. Helpmeet (Genesis 2:23-24, 2:29)
- B. Raise Godly seed (Malachi 2:15)
- C. Younger women marry, etc. (I Timothy 5:14)
- D. Aged women (Titus 2:3-5)
- E. Young women (Titus 2:4-5, See Handout)
- F. Holy women of old (I Peter 3:4,6)
- G. Wives vs. husbands (I Peter 3:1-4, Ephesians 5:22)
- H. Lord delights in chastity of women (Jacob 2:36)

VII. Examples of Ungodly Women

- A. Women rule over them (I saiah 3:12)
- B. A foolish woman is clamorous (Proverbs 9:13)
- C. A fair woman without discretion (Proverbs 11:22)

- D. A virtuous woman vs. one who makes ashamed (Proverbs 12:4)
- E. Wise woman vs. foolish (Proverbs 14:1)
- F. Contentions of a wife (Proverbs 19:13)
- G. A brawling woman (Proverbs 21:9)
- H. A contentious and angry woman (Proverbs 21:19)
- I. An odious woman (Proverbs 30:21-23)

VIII. When we fail, how can we become righteous again?

- A. God helps us conquer our "enemies" (Psalm 18:34-42)
- B. Repent ye, and be converted (Acts 3:19)
- C. Testimony of Reunion 1993
- D. Repentance Prayer (praying truth to God, see handout)
- E. Repentance Prayer Scriptures (see handout)
- F. Song of Repentance

IX. How do we stop sinning?

- A. Resist the devil (James 4:7)
- B. Story of Lot and the Angels (Genesis 19:15-17)
- C. Praying truth to God
- D. God provides a way out (I Corinthians 10:13)
- E. Testimony of Fate's administration

X. Who will be in the Second Resurrection?

- A. Have you ever thought of giving God joy? (Philippians 2:2)
- B. To be like-minded with Christ (Philippians 2:5-7)
- C. Story of Peter and Dorcas (Acts 9:36-41)
- D. Small Groups: How can you be a joyful servant to those in your life?
- E. Mourning with and comforting others (Mosiah 9:40)

XI. We've come full circle! Knowing God is Life Eternal!

- A. Steps to Eternal Life (Mosiah 2:13-23)
- B. The Perfect Day (Proverbs 4:18, DC 50:6b)
- C. The Perfect Person (Ephesians 4:13)
- D. Paul's prayer for those who love Christ
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HOW TO BE A GOOD WIFE

(Taken word-for-word from a 1950s public high school home economics textbook)

SOME DO'S:

- *Have dinner ready.* Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home, and the prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.
- *Prepare yourself.* Take 15 minutes to rest so that you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your makeup, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.
- *Clear away the clutter.* Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up schoolbooks, toys, and papers. Then, run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift, too.
- *Prepare the children.* Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small). Comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures, and he would like to see them playing the part.
- *Minimize all noise.* At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer, dishwasher, or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile.

Some Don'ts:

- *Don't greet him with problems or complaints.*
- *Don't complain if he is late for dinner.* Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day. Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow, and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.
- *Listen to him* You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.
- *Make the evening his.* Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to be home and relax.

THE GOAL

Try to make your home a place of peace and order, where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.

Repentance Prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father,
Please forgive me for allowing Satan a
stronghold in my life with _____.*

*Please bind Satan and cast him out of my life.
Please bind up my wrong thoughts and cast
them out.*

*Please put a hedge of thorns around me so
Satan's darts cannot be hurled at me.*

*Please help me see this sin coming my way as if
from afar off, so next time I will be able to have
time to think before I act.*

*Please send your Holy Spirit into my heart to
teach me the peaceable things of the Kingdom.*

*Please send your angels to minister to me so
that I will be safe from this sin.*

*These things I pray in the name and the blood
of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Please forgive me for allowing Satan a stronghold in my life with _____.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds:
2 Corinthians 10:4

Please bind Satan and cast him out of my life.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. They cried, but found none to save; unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
Psalm 18:40-42

Please put a hedge of thorns around me so Satan's darts cannot be hurled at me.

And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land
Job 1:8-10

Please put a hedge of thorns around me so Satan's darts cannot be hurled at me.

Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
Hosea 2:6

Please help me see this sin coming my way as if from afar off, so next time I will be able to have time to think before I act.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
2 Peter 1:8-9

Please send your Holy Spirit into my heart to teach me the peaceable things of the Kingdom.

You shall receive my Spirit, the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which shall teach you the peaceable things of the kingdom.
DC 35:1b

Please send your angels to minister to me so that I will be safe from this sin.

And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again, saying, Look! And I looked, and I beheld the heavens open again,

And I saw angels descending upon the children of men; and they did minister unto them.
1 Nephi 3:80-81

These things I pray in the name and the blood of Jesus Christ, Amen.

O remember, remember, my sons, the words which King Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, who shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world.
Helaman 2:71