

PUT GOD FIRST

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Indeed God is good to me.

There are times in my life when I was faced with situations that really weighed me down. Sometimes it did not have to go that way, but due to neglect it happened. I was really taught by my mother, who displayed a great sense of independence, how to be independent.

As time progressed, I experienced the saving grace of the Lord and eventually became a member of His body, the Church of God (7th Day) in Palmers Cross, Clarendon. Here I received teachings, both spiritual and temporal which helped to prepare me for the unexpected things of life. These teachings coupled with the early training from my mother, reinforced the fact that I should be independent. Sadly, however, the one I thought would be happy for me attacked my independence. I did not come to full realization that I was under attack until it was late.

I was brought back to square one without anything and was captivated by what I thought was good for me. This led to my downfall. However, I was courageous and with the help of the Lord I decided to put God first. I poured out my soul to the Lord and asked Him to be my director. Sacrificing what the flesh wants and allowing God to be the controller had not been easy but I kept standing on the word of God in Philippians 4:13 which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me". With the prayers of the saints I was able to move on. Thank God that the Potter really put me back together again.

Young women it is important to put God first and to try to be independent. You will have a greater advantage even in marriage and you will be able to live a life of stability and consciousness. It is important that you pursue your career and do so with pride and dignity, in the Lord endeavouring to achieve your goals.

Emulate the virtuous woman who was a woman of strength, patience, trustworthiness, industrious, organized and loving. When you have prepared yourself for life, you will be able to make the right choices and remain firm. This will enable you to become good role models. Put God first - education with salvation equals success. There are faithful women mentioned in the Bible whose ambition and belief in God allowed them to soar like eagles. Think of Ruth, Esther, Pricilla, Lois and many others. They did it through God and you can make it if you try. If you stand for nothing you will fall for anything.

Remember the sky is the limit so soar in Christ.

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