

God's Masterpiece

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I. You are God's Masterpiece

Out of all the women who have ever walked the face of this earth, no one has ever been just like **you**. God says you are His special workmanship (Ephesians 2:10). Did you know that you are His **masterpiece**?

II. Original Design versus Free Will

It is an easy temptation to live at the level of our lowest self, sit back and make no effort to be our best, and then blame who we are on God. Yes, God created us just the way He intended for us to be. We are His masterpieces, and even in our imperfections we serve a far greater, eternal purpose than we know.

III. Taking Care of God's Temple

A. Your Body Is a Temple

1. **Guard yourself** – All that you *do, see, hear, think, eat,* and *choose* must be guarded diligently.

2. **Walk in righteousness** – How does a righteous walk begin? By avoiding all temptations to even the beginnings of evil and unrighteousness.

3. **Fill your temple with the beauty of holiness (Psalm 29:2)** – When others look upon your life and lifestyle, do they see the beauty of holiness? Do they observe the behavior of a true godly woman (God's masterpiece) who is "reverent in behavior (Titus 2:3)" and, as you search your own mind and heart, are there perhaps some attitudes and practices you need to "put off" and "put away"?

B. Your Body is Not Your Own

As saved women, our body belongs to God and is a house, a temple that houses the **Holy Spirit**. Therefore, we are to live by God's rules, by the **Owner's** rules. You are not to violate the rules set by the **owner** of the house or the temple.

And what are some of God's house rules? What are some of His rules for governing our bodies? Here is a short list of house rules for your body –

- Flee sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18).
- Do not love the world ...or the things in the world (1 John 2:15).
- Abstain from fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11).
- Abstain from every form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

IV. See Yourself As God Sees You

Every woman has an image of herself. The question is, does your image of who you are line up correctly with who God's says you are?

V. Understanding Your Value

Throughout our lives, God is continually shaping and molding us into the women He wants us to be. Our value is intrinsic. It is not something we earned. God built value into us when He created us. To God, we are His **ultimate creations**.

Don't let other **people, systems, or circumstances** influence your estimation of your value.

VI. Choosing the Right Thoughts

To live at your full potential is to discover the power of your **thoughts** and **words**.

A. Set Your Mind on Higher Things

The more we dwell on the enemy's lies, the more garbage we willingly allow him to dump into our minds. It is as though we have flung the door wide open and put up the sign that reads: *"Trash goes here."*

B. It's Time to Think About What You're Thinking About

We must continually choose to keep our minds set on the *higher* things. The Bible says, "set your mind on the things which are *above*." There is something that we can do – we must continually choose day in and day out, twenty-four hours a day to keep our minds set on the higher things.

VII. Be a Positive Woman

We must be positive women. Why? Because God is positive. There is nothing negative about Him. If you are going to live God's way and be the person He wants you to be, you must line up your vision with His and learn to live in a positive frame of mind. Learn to look for the best in every situation.

VIII. You Are God's Masterpiece – He Has More in Store For You

Many women miss pivotal opportunities in their lives every day because they have grown accustomed to the status quo. They expect nothing better. God is opening a new door for them all they have to do is step through it, yet they back away from God's blessings. Why? They refuse to make room in their own thinking for the new things God wants to do in their lives.

A. Quit Limiting God

God wants to do new things in your life. But, you've got to do your part and get outside of that little box (your comfort zone).

IX. Be a Woman of Excellence and Integrity

God doesn't bless mediocrity. He blesses *excellence* and *integrity*. If we don't have integrity we will never reach our highest potential. Integrity is the foundation in which a truly successful life is built.

X. Don't Settle For Less

Make a decision that from this day forward, you are going to be excited about the life God has for you. God will take you places you have never dreamed of, and you will be living your **BEST LIFE NOW!**

XI. Conclusion

You were made for more than good enough. Look in the mirror and say, "I am not going to settle for mediocrity. Things may be difficult, but I'm going to keep pursuing God. I am going to trust God to help me expand my horizons and keep believing for all He has for me."

Pull up your stakes, pack your tents, get your belongings, and start moving forward. Enlarge your vision! You simply need to **focus** on your goal, set your course, and have the attitude, *I'm not going to settle for a little love and joy, a bit of peace and contentment, or for a small helping of happiness. No, I'm going to reach my full potential in God. I'm going to start living my best life now!*