

Diploma of Graduation

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He knows that if he can manage his anger and be better able to understand and test the good, pleasing and good things, he will not exasperate his children; rather, God desires for him to be a blessing and the construction of the Lord. It's important to work at his job and be worthy of respect. He shares the good news of Jesus and has a gracious conversation. He manages his personal finances and does not get money because he knows that such love would pierce him. He is not on payday and is challenged to be a leader who knows the way through a life of faith, hope and love.

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He desires to rest in the freedom of Christ and does not bind himself and others with dogma over matters of opinion. He recognizes the wisdom in God's plan to manage the earth even if he hasn't been so wise previously. He believes in the oneness of the Trinity but knows that many cults and spirits exist that preach a gospel other than the one Paul preached. However, he recognizes that every spirit which acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from the one, true God. He watches his life and doctrine closely and perseveres in them, but he also studies to learn more about religions. He submits himself to the governing authorities in the fear of the Lord. He understands the political and governmental beliefs. He understands the human condition and knows that his story is an example of a warning written down for us.

He is thankful to be surrounded by members of the hall of faith who were certain of what they could not see. They serve as encouragement and inspiration to throw off the sin that so easily entangles — and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be witnesses for God. He believes that we are all one in Christ Jesus and is challenged to strip away remaining barriers of race, class and gender. He knows that Abraham's faith is what justified Abraham before God, but understands that works justifies us before man. His assurance of eternal life gives him the confidence to fan into flame his spirit.

Despite the varied differences among men, he encourages others to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. The encouragement, comfort, and fellowship with the Spirit -- and the tenderness and compassion that he has through Christ -- challenge him to extend the same love in one spirit and one purpose. He is helped by Paul's proclamation that to live is Christ and to die is gain, regardless of his eschatological view. His view that death truly is gain helps him not be fearful of those who threaten his soul. He prayerfully, creatively, and passionately pursues his family and friends who do not know Jesus, so they can avoid destruction of both soul and body in hell. He's comforted by Heaven's promise of no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Until then, he freely plans his course while the Lord predestines his steps. He knows that his course should include being joyful always, praying continually, and giving thanks in all circumstances -- even during trials of many kinds. He wants to store up treasures in heaven because the Bible says his heart will be where his treasure is.

While on this earth, he wants to be a reliable man who is qualified to teach others and trusts that God will give him the strength to do what he cannot do on his own.

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A thoroughly-equipped follower of Jesus grows in the grace and knowledge of her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, her foundation. She believes in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and allows the God—breathed scriptures to teach, rebuke, correct and train her. She is not only God's workmanship but, like Moses, presents herself to God as a workman. She is hopeful of her future because God's living and active word says that God has plans for her.



She desires biblical fellowship and strives to be patient and gentle while using helpful words that build others up according to their needs. She knows that her gifts and the gifts of others that come in so many varied forms must be used for unity as ministers of God's grace. She seems to manage conflict well in large part because she and her friends sharpen and encourage each other just as iron sharpens iron. She knows that if she can submit to her husband as she submits herself to Christ -- and if she can do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit -- then her marriage will be strengthened. But, temptation will come. With God's help she can stand the test of temptation because scripture says that no temptation has seized her except what is common to man.



She knows that if she can make her beliefs and thoughts new again, she will be better able to understand and test the good, pleasing and perfect will of God. God wants her to not exasperate her children; rather, God desires for her to bring up her children in the training and instruction of the Lord. It's important to work at her job with all her heart and to live a quiet life which is worthy of respect. She shares the good news of Jesus not only through her lifestyle, but also through gracious conversation. She manages her personal finances well and avoids a loving eagerness for money because she knows such love would pierce her with many grief. She remembers the Lord first on payday and is challenged to be a leader who knows the Way, goes the Way, and shows the Way -- through a life of faith, hope and love.



A thoroughly—equipped follower of Jesus believes that the richness of God's grace can be experienced in a powerful and joyful way, but only from the inside-out. Her feelings may deceive her but her joy will sustain her despite the sadness and hurt of life's struggles and despite her own sin and brokenness. She wants to show the Way, teach others how they can become more like Jesus, and help them through the pain of their fears -- so that they too can experience the richness of God's grace. She knows that building up leaders will require her to sometimes step to the side and allow her disciples to faithfully step out of their comfort zone so that they too can become leaders. Even though delegating can be hard, she recognizes the Wisdom of such transformational teaching as well as the wisdom of the two greatest commandments -- to love God and love one another.



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Despite the varied differences among denominations, she makes every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. The encouragement, comfort, and fellowship with the Spirit -- and the tenderness and compassion that she has through Christ -- challenge her to extend the same love in one spirit and one purpose. She is humbled by Paul's proclamation that to live is Christ and to die is gain, regardless of her eschatological beliefs on the millennium. Her view that death truly is gain helps her not be fearful of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. She prayerfully, creatively, and passionately pursues her family and friends who do not know Jesus, so they can avoid destruction of both soul and body in hell. She's comforted by Heaven's promise of no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Until then, she freely plans her course while the Lord predestines her steps. She knows that her course should include being joyful always, praying continually, and giving thanks in all circumstances -- even during trials of many kinds. She wants to store up treasures in heaven because the Bible says her heart will be where her treasure is.



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