



Ladies of Grace  
Bible Studies for Women

*A Woman & Her Walk With God Series*

Encouraging Women to Walk With God on the Brighter Side of Life

## Understanding the Mind of God as you Walk with Him

For the past seven weeks we have been busy walking with God and learning so much about Him, ourselves, and what it means to truly “follow Christ” in the everyday details of our lives. And after seven weeks of this, I know that some of you are tired and feeling a bit overwhelmed with it all. And you know what? That’s natural, and that’s ok. God knows that walking with Him can be a difficult thing, especially for women that are not used to it, and are not accustomed to thinking like He thinks.

And that is why I thought it would be a good idea to take a break in our walk with God today, and simply focus our lesson on understanding the way God thinks about things. The Bible has a lot to say about the way God thinks, and I would like to use Christ’s sermon to the multitudes in Luke 6:20-49 to show you the most important things that I think God wants you to know as you walk with Him from day to day. So grab yourself a nice cup of coffee or tea, or a cool glass of tea, water or lemonade, and allow yourself to rest ‘by the side of the road’ as we take the time to allow the Words of the Lord Jesus Christ *renew our minds* and *refresh our steps* today.

I believe that God wants us to understand two things through Christ’s sermon to the people in Luke 6:20-49.

1. **GOD’S GOAL FOR OUR LIVES, AS WE WALK WITH HIM, IS THAT WE ESTABLISH LIVES THAT WON’T BE SHAKEN WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE COME.** At the end of Christ’s sermon, He makes this promise: “Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.” It is the desire that we live strong and victorious Christian lives. That is exactly what God wants for us, and exactly what He has planned for us.
2. **THIS GOAL CAN ONLY BE REACHED AS WE HEAR WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY AND THEN DO IT.** If God wants us to understand anything about the way He thinks as we walk with Him, it is this, He means for us to do what He says. God knows best. That is something that we must accept by faith. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all living things, and He knows what is best for them.

Now that we know this, how can we most effectively train ourselves to do it?

### **LEARN TO THINK LIKE GOD DOES**

Read the Bible as your “basic Instruction guide for life.” Don’t just read it like a novel. Don’t just look at the folks in those Bible stories as characters in a play. They are real people, that struggled with real issues, and God left their stories in the Bible for us to learn from them (both how to live, and how not to live!). As we read through Luke 6:20-49, Jesus told us that we need to do some pretty difficult things if we are going to build strong lives that are going to be able to weather the storms of life. Here are a few of them:

- ◆ Love your enemies, and do good to those that persecute you
- ◆ Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you

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- ◆ If someone hits you on one cheek, give him the other to hit
- ◆ If someone takes your things, give them more of your things
- ◆ Give to anyone in need, and don't expect anything in return
- ◆ Do unto other as you would have them do unto you
- ◆ Be merciful like God is merciful
- ◆ Don't judge or condemn
- ◆ Forgive so that you will be forgiven
- ◆ Give with the same measure that you would want to be given

This is a tough list! These are not the usual ways that we think. But this is how God thinks, and if we are ever going to grow strong as we walk with Him, we are going to have to ask Him to LIVE through us so that we can think like this too.

## **LEARN TO ACT LIKE GOD DOES**

God is holy and perfect and righteous and all of that stuff that is impossible for us to be! So, if this is the case, how on earth can we learn to act like He does? By obeying what He tells us to do. It is as simple as that. Simple? Are you crazy? Obeying God is the most difficult thing that I have ever been asked to do! I know that it can seem that way, but honestly, obeying God is not what is so difficult ~ it is denying your own way of doing things that is difficult part. And because God knows this, He often just asks us to do one thing at a time. One foot in front of the other, obeying just one thing at a time, and before you know it, you will be well on your way to learn to act like God does!

## **LEARN TO TRUST IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'S WILL FOR YOU**

Romans 8:26-28 tells us, *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. For we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* What does all that mean? It means that God knows what is best for us. He knows what we need to struggle with in order to be strengthened, what we need to be blessed with in order to be encouraged, who we need to be around to learn from, and who needs to be around us to be learning from us. I Thessalonians 5:18 says, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* Why does God tell us to do this? Because every thing that comes our way is sent to us "special delivery" from God to mold us and make us into the strong Christian woman that He wants us to become.

Even the bad things? Yes, even the bad things. Even the tough things? Yes, even the tough things. God is using everything that He allows to happen in our lives for our good and His glory.

God is a good God. As you walk with Him, you can trust that He is leading you on a path of righteousness, to a destination of victory. Today drink your cup of coffee, or sip on your lemonade and take the time to meditate upon the way God thinks, the places that He wants you to go, and the obstacles that you will have to overcome to get there, but then tomorrow . . . put your drinks aside, and get up, get dressed, and get your spiritual walking shoes on so that you will be ready to continue your journey with God through the bumpy road of **righteousness**, so that you can reach the **sweet land of victory** someday.