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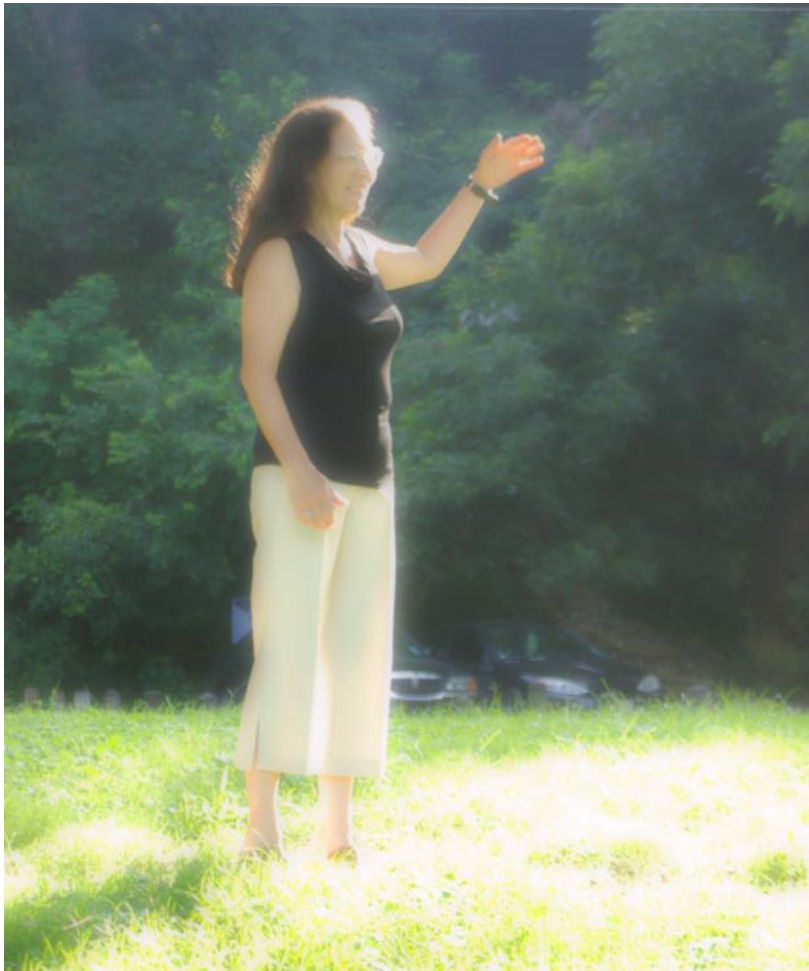


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Angels

Jesus sends angels to help each person on Earth.

If we pray for help and protection, His angels are ready and eager to help. When we make the choices to do things that please Jesus and we obey what He tells us, then His angels can care for us better.

Jesus blesses us with His Heavenly protection as we pray and obey and stay close to Him. We are never alone on Earth. Jesus and His angels are always with us.



Healing

Everyone gets sick or hurt and needs healing sometimes. When Jesus came to Earth and gave His life, it was for the forgiveness of our sins and for the healing of our bodies too. He promises healing and relief to those who ask Him for it.

There are many promises in God's Word that we can read and claim when we are sick or in pain.

When you pray and remind Jesus of what He has promised, it shows Him that you have faith in His Word, and that you know He will heal you.

When healing comes it will be like a touch of relief from Heaven. Healing is a special blessing from Jesus.



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Resting in the Lord

You can never get everything done that you might like to, nor are you meant to. You won't be able to fix every problem that you come across in your life. It would tire you out if you tried. But you can take every problem, struggle, and difficulty to Jesus.

His arms are strong enough to lift every load. He knows the solutions, and most of all He can make you feel relaxed and refreshed, and able to carry on.



When you feel troubles surrounding you, just tell Jesus about it. Taking time to be still and quiet, with just you and Jesus, will help to bring calm to your spirit.

You won't fret so much then. You'll be reminded that Jesus is there and He will take care of the things you can't, and will give you the strength and stamina to do what you must.



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Yielding

We don't always get to have just what we want, at just the time we want it. Sometimes we have to wait or let others have a turn to get what they need.

Sometimes we have to give up things that are special to us, or we get sick, or we miss out on something that we'd like.

But if we pray every day for Jesus to help us make the right choices, and we have faith that He is in charge and will bring about the best things in our lives, then it won't seem as hard.



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If we most of all want to do whatever Jesus knows is best, He works things out for us, helps us avoid accidents, and gives us more joy and peace in our heart.

This peace and faith in our heart will help us to bravely and cheerfully flow with changes of plans, or new ideas of things that Jesus wants us to do.



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Obedience

To do what you know is right brings good things into your life. God set up rules for happy living while on Earth.

When we follow these guidelines and do what He tells us to do in His Word, or through others who know what will be for our good, then we get the benefits and positive results.

If we choose to only do what comes into our mind or what we feel like doing, and we make the wrong choices, then difficult things happen, and the results make us and others unhappy.

It's good to listen and to follow what Jesus knows is best for our own good, our safety, and to help others live happily as well.



Give Jesus the Credit

When something goes well, or you are able to do something good, and others are saying how great you are, do you remember to give the credit to the One who made it all possible?—Jesus!

It's very important, if you want to succeed and make progress, that you remind yourself that anything you are able to do that is good is only because Jesus made you and protected you, and helped you to learn that skill or have that good idea.

A million things could have gone wrong, but they didn't. Did you thank Jesus for making you able to do something worthy of the compliments and appreciation of others?



Humility

If you stay humble and push away the “I’m so good” kind of thoughts, then Jesus can continue to bless your efforts.

But if you let yourself get lifted up with big and proud thoughts—or even small little proud thoughts, giving credit to yourself—then the next time you try to do something, you just might fall flat.

Jesus blesses those who remember to thank Him for all He did to make it possible for them to do well.



We can also show humility by telling others what a great job they did, and saying words of appreciation to them.

When we don't think of ourselves as deserving of all the best, and we let others feel special and respected, that shows humility, and is being like Jesus.



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Witnessing

When we're full of God's love, it just pours out of us and overflows on others! It's like filling someone's empty love cup.

When we receive Jesus' gift of love and eternal life, that is the start to a wonderful life of love with Him and for Him.

Every day we can pray and find out how we can make Jesus happy, and be His good friends that help to tell others about Him, and do what we can to spread His love and care to the world around us.



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Discipleship

It's a privilege to follow Jesus and be a disciple. Not many people choose to follow Him and trust Him with their whole lives, but those who do find the greatest happiness in life.

They are like the wise man who built his house on a rock. No matter what storms and rains came, his house stayed strong.

Those who choose to follow Jesus and be His disciples are like that wise man. You don't have to be somebody smart or important to be a disciple, you just have to love Jesus and follow Him.



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Service

Sometimes we can do big jobs, but even the small deeds of kindness are like gifts given to Jesus.

You can give a smile or a cheery greeting, and that lets people know they're noticed and appreciated.

Or you can bring someone a glass of water or help your younger brother or sister put on their sweater or shoes.



Jesus is the King of Love, and though we are His friends, we can also be like servants, who work hard to do what He needs us to do.

When we get to Heaven He will tell us
"Thank you! Good job!"

We'll be so glad then that we did what we could to pass on His love and words to those on Earth.



Faithfulness

Jesus told us in the Bible to be "faithful" and that He would bless this. He said that those who do their jobs for Him well and consistently, not giving up, and putting their time and strength and energy into doing it well and right, would be rewarded.

He would say to them, "Well done!" when they meet Him in Heaven. I want to be someone who doesn't give up and who Jesus can richly reward one day, because I've made Him so happy by doing what He was depending on me to do. Don't you?




Rewards

Jesus sees everything that you do—the little deeds of kindness, and the bigger jobs too.

Everything you do that makes Him happy and is in obedience to His Word, that helps to make this world a better place, or helps others to know about Jesus, will be rewarded.

You will get very special treats in Heaven, and some on Earth too! —Because that makes Him very happy. When you get to Heaven you will see all the wonderful things that Jesus saved up for you.



These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 18a, KJV)

