

The Proof Is In God!

You might have heard the saying, "*The proof is in the pudding*". Well, I've got a better one for you, how about, "*The Proof is in God*"? One thing's for sure, you can put all your eggs in HIS basket and bank every dime to your name on Him, and He'll never fail you. As a Christian, this truism oughta' put a pep in your step and a smile on your little ol' face e-v-e-r-y day. I say that because, in the time in which we live, nothing outside of the Father is guaranteed. You can't count on situations, and you can't count on too many people. They tell you one thing one day, and then the next day it's a whole other deal. Hardly anyone sticks to their word any more. But, you have to love them anyway and keep in mind that it's not about them. It's about the Christ that works within us. So at the end of the day, you need to know that your back is covered by our Heavenly Father.

Jesus Christ said of himself in John 12:46 (NIV), "*I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness.*" You need no further proof than this of your birthright. When you place your trust in Jesus, you are no longer in the dark. You don't have to cower away in the background, afraid of being authentic and true. You're not walking around with no purpose, nowhere to be, or nothing to do. You are in the light where the action is. God has brought you to a place of highest privilege and proved to you through His beloved Son that you are a child of light. So in essence, you've got a God-proven life, one where no dirty tricks are hiding in the backroom. Everything about your Christ reality is out in the open, in the light, where God continually holds your existence before His eyes.

As single sisters, we need to grab on to this verse in John 12:46 with both hands and never let it go. We need to let it sink way-y-y down in the belly of our knowing, because some of us say that we know this verse is true, but we don't act like it. You see, a whole bunch of us are still miserable and talking about the man that hurt us and left us. It's a sad thing for sure, there's no doubt about that, but you can't hang your hat there. You've got to release that emotional weight and move on.

A mark of a stellar individual is someone who improves the quality of life for others. They make a point to always leave people better off than they were before this quality person came on the scene. Whether it's visiting relatives or friends, exiting a relationship, or leaving a job for another employment opportunity, as Christians this should be our goal. Either by giving, being of service, or providing love and support, we should leave those we've encountered in a better place.

As far as a relationship is concerned, you ought to be chiefly interested in so leaving a mark of God's love on a brother, that even if he thought he could, he will never find a

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better—more unconditional love from another woman than yours. If all men did this....whewww...what a world... But let's face it, sometimes we have to teach them how to love, and for many of us this is a scary thought. I say that because the moment the man does something insensitive or non-chivalrous like expect us to pay half, some of us ladies get a little bent out of shape.

Listen, you must remember at all times that the proof isn't in the man or the relationship you have with him. The proof isn't in your circumstances. The proof is in the Christ that you live and breathe every single day. You can't look for someone to prove anything to you. It's God who has done the proving through Jesus Christ. Your responsibility is to be loving and accountable to our Heavenly Father for your actions. You are accountable to God for the quality of how YOU love; that's it!

You can't control what a man does, any more than you can make a man love you, so don't get caught up in that. Relationships will let you down, but God never will, so stop being afraid to love in a genuine Godly way. Understand that you can't put all your eggs in a man's basket. You can't gauge our own self-worth by how he demonstrates his love to you. You must have faith that as you venture forth to extend the love of God from the deepest part of your heart, God guarantees that He will back you. And if the man cannot reciprocate that love in a meaningful way...oh well...next...

Move on in the spirit of Christ, knowing that as sure and freely as you give God's love, it will most certainly come back to you.

Our Heavenly Father hasn't changed a bit. There are certainly blessings that we are patiently waiting to receive, but you have to remember that we, as Christians, have to make sure that we hold up our end of the bargain. We must take God at His Word and know that what He's promised He is certainly able to fulfill.

You see our Heavenly Father is not some type of brand that you have to test out to see if you can trust it or not. He's not a man that He should lie. All you need to do at any time is open up the bible and read the examples of how He's been faithful time and time again. That's the proof! It's all the proof you need. He changes not and He has provided victory after victory to His people with one requirement...you gotta trust Him!

Anything we ask in the name of Jesus Christ will get our Father's attention. He has not forgotten your souls desire. He's not abandoned the yearning you have in your heart, but you must embrace your life with confidence, and let go of all the insecurities and hang-ups about what happened in the past.

As you continue to strive to be the absolute best Child of God for His kingdom, understand that your love and devotion will be rewarded. You don't need to look for assurance in others, God has already proved everything you need to know. He will back your footsteps. He'll take care of your heart. So bask in the beauty of a God-proven life.

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