

ALL THAT YOU CAN BE

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Does life keep interfering
With the plans that you have made?
With the hopes for your children?
And the prayers that you have prayed?

Jesus came that you might have life,
Life more abundantly
To meet your needs and beyond,
To bless you and your family.

But before that can happen,
There's one thing that you must do,
Give Him your heart and your life,
And the life of your family too.

God knows the plans He has for you.
He can see what you do not see.
He'll guide you each and every day
To be all that you can be.

So give Him first place in your life,
First place in your mornings too,
Listen to all He has to say,
He'll make perfect what concerns you.

Psalms 138:8 KJV " The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever."

Hebrews 13:20-21 NLB "Now may the God of peace - ... may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him."

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I once heard of a woman who told her children that every day God was going to send them a special blessing. They needed to watch for it and thank him for it when it came. She taught them there were times when God would send them a big blessing, but every day He would send some small blessing for them to enjoy. It might be a rainbow, a beautiful sunset, a funny, frisky squirrel to watch, or a call from Grandma. Her children soon learned to say, "Look Mom, there's our blessing from God today." What a wise mom who took an idea given to her by God and taught her children great principles from Scripture in a very fun and simple way. What did her children learn? That God is good and wants to bless them. He is thinking about them every day. He knows what they like. And it pleases Him when we say "Thank You.". All this from one idea!

You know what I'm going to say next, don't you? Mom's, before we can teach our children such things, they must be a part of our lives. So take time each morning, maybe while you're having your coffee, to listen to God's instructions for that day. Listen for the ideas He will give you to help your children learn attitudes of gratitude, aweness that God is thinking of them all the time, that He has special plans for each one of them, and that God is good! Then you will be blessed.

Too late you say. My kids are grown and out of the house. Or even more challenging, they're teenagers! No such thing. They're still your kids. God can and does give you ideas for them. He is not limited by the age of your children or where they live. He's just waiting for you to ask and then be trusting and faithful to carry out His idea. I was not the mother who had the idea first shared, but I have found that teens and grown children respond to that idea. If you want to read about an idea God gave me in answer to my prayer for His help in a specific area concerning my young teens, go to my website, www.applecreekpoetry.com and read "Love, Lust, and Chocolate Chip Cookies".

Psalms 119:90 NLB "Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. Your faithfulness extends to every generation."