



When I Grow Up (Ruth 2)

Sunday, January 30, 2022 AVBC 10:30 am

When I grow up spiritually I want to be someone...

1. Whose faith in God enables them to see beyond present bitter circumstances
2. Who is not bound by the passing pleasures and comforts of this world
3. Who is courageous enough to venture into the unknown to follow God
4. Who is not afraid of radical relationship commitments that honour the Lord

5. Who is a caring and competent _____

6. Who _____ needs and _____ needs

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. (I Timothy 6:17-18) (I Timothy 3:1-7)

7. Who lives a God-_____ life every day

But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers. (I Timothy 5:8)

KINSMAN — Heb. goel, from root meaning to redeem. The goel among the Hebrews was the nearest male blood relation alive. Certain important obligations devolved upon him toward his next of kin. (1.) If any one from poverty was unable to redeem his inheritance, it was the duty of the kinsman to redeem it (Lev. 25:25,28; Ruth 3:9, 12). He was also required to redeem his relation who had sold himself into slavery (Lev. 25:48, 49) (Easton's Bible Dictionary)

8. Who values _____ as a top priority

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies...She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. (Proverbs 31:10,17)

9. Who is not afraid of a _____ day's _____

...we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. (II Thess. 3:10b-12)

How precious, O God, is your constant love! We find protection under the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 36:7) (GNT)

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. (Psalm 57:1)

10. Who humbles themselves by choosing to take

_____ under the _____ of God's grace

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: When you think of your parents, what was their strongest positive character trait? Do you see that same trait in your own life? What do you think is your strongest, positive trait?

Q2: Pastor David listed 10 positive traits evident in Boaz and Ruth. Which one of those 10 traits is most important to you? Why?

Q3: Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10. Why do you think this practice was instituted? Why do you think failing to marry the widow was frowned upon with so much disdain? What timeless principle might you learn from this passage that can be applied to life today?

Q4: What personal encouragement or perspective do you find in the following verses?

Psalm 17:7-8; 61:1-4; 63:6-8; 91:1-4, Deuteronomy 32:10-11

Q5: Has there ever been a time in your life when you sought refuge under the wings of God's love and grace? If so, describe.

Q6: Why is it so difficult for us to humble ourselves? What do the following verses say about this? II Cor. 9:8; Phil. 4:11, 13

Q7: What is your favourite line/part from this Charles Wesley hymn? Why?

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Your bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on You is stayed, All my help from You I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, With the shadow of Your wing!