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**Follow His Instructions.**

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So, what's going on? I hope you had a great month and have kept track of all of the many blessings God has given you on a daily basis. I was really excited about beginning the New Year with Step 1 from the *Joy in Life* book, *Always Ask The Expert First*. It was a great reminder to go to God first before making any decisions. It did become a habit and I am really looking forward to starting Step 2 (which may be a little more difficult) *Follow His instructions*.

It's always easier to ask what to do than it is to do it. You see, we ask but we may not always like the answer we get. Well if we don't try we will never know but we can be certain God's ways are better than ours. Have fun and let me know how you are doing. I have been putting the Daily's on Facebook as well as sending them to you every day. God bless you and have a great month. Oh! Happy Valentine's Day

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FEBRUARY

*The Master Tailor*

*"Listen to this, O Job: Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God."* (Job 37:14)

The other night I had a dream, and in this dream, I saw a young man standing on a box wearing an ill-fitting suit. A tailor was kneeling down on the floor attempting to hem up the pants, which were a little too long. The young man kept moving around, fidgeting and becoming impatient, all because the fitting was taking so long. The tailor suggested the boy *stand still* because he was creating for him the very best suit that money could buy.

The tailor was very pleased with the design he had created and wanted to be sure that the suit fit perfectly, and the young man look and feel his very best. The young man continued to fidget and eventually became so restless that the tailor purposely poked him with the needle to get his attention. The boy did not like that and got pretty upset with the tailor. But the tailor was still determined to complete the design he had created. He again poked the boy in order for him to *stand still*. When the boy finally stood still, the master tailor was able to complete the suit. When the boy turned around and looked into the mirror, he was absolutely delighted in the wondrous work the tailor had done.

Aren't we a lot like that boy? God, the Master Tailor, is trying to alter us into what He has created us to be: absolutely perfect. Yet we constantly fidget and squirm, choosing to become restless and impatient. Instead of allowing Him to do His work in us, we complain. I have finally learned that if I want the Master to stop getting my attention by poking me, I had better *stand still* and allow Him to do what He does best, take old things and make them brand-new.

**STEP TWO: FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS**

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## TELEGRAM FROM GOD

God, regarding the Twenty-Third Psalm, sends this telegram from Heaven.  
The Lord is my Shepherd {to feed, guide, and shield me}, I shall not lack.

**STOP!**

He makes me lie down in {fresh, tender} green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

**STOP!**

He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness {uprightness and right standing with Him, not for my earning it, but} for His namesake.

**STOP!**

Yes, though I walk through the {deep, sunless} valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod {to protect} and Your staff {to guide}, they comfort me.

**STOP!**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**STOP!**

You anoint my head with oil; my {brimming} cup runs over.

**STOP!**

Surely {or only} goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life ...

**STOP!**

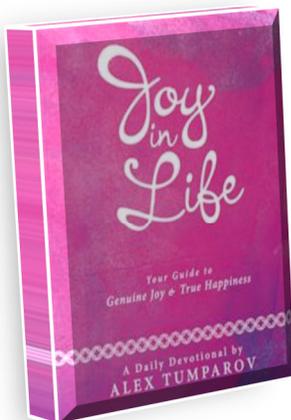
And through the length of my days, the house of the Lord {and His presence} shall be my dwelling place.

**STOP!**

(Amplified Bible)

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Our job is to let you know how much God loves you. *We would really appreciate your comments and prayer requests.*

***“Much Joy in Life”***

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