



## 21 Day Challenge Day 7

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

*I took a break from writing for Mother's Day but I wish that I hadn't. I probably needed to get into the Word more today than any other day. You see, I wasn't the best mother in the world when my children were young, when they really needed me the most. Why? It wasn't that I didn't want to be like June Cleaver, I just didn't know how to get there. I was caught up in an abusive and co-dependent marriage that took up all my time, my emotions, my strength and my courage. Thank God my children didn't grow up to be mass murderers but they both have their issues that I believe are connected to the life that they had to endure. I thank God that they lived through the madness that I called my life, but neither of them came through it without scars. Scars that I see and wish that I could heal. I have realized that the only healing is through our Lord and Savior so my days of praying for my children are certainly not over.*

*But, what do I need more than anything else? I need to really let myself off the hook. I made mistakes, like we all do, but I know that God has forgiven me and now I need to forgive myself. I need to realize that none of us are born knowing how to be the people that God calls us to be.*

*If you like myself realize that you didn't have all the answers as a parent, if you have come to understand that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, if you know that as much as you wanted to do all the right things but fell short...give yourself a break and let yourself off the hook. Today, understand that God has lifted you up*

*from the murk and the mire and He alone has enabled you to rise up and be that person that He has called you to be.*