

My Declaration Of Dependence

When in the course of one's life he or she comes to the end of themselves, and when it becomes apparent that "in my flesh dwelleth no good thing", it becomes necessary to rely entirely upon Divine Providence and the glorious person of Jesus Christ.

I therefore declare total dependence upon my Father's love for me and His solemn Word as recorded in the Holy Writ - the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. From this moment forward I lean upon the everlasting arms and draw my every ounce of strength from the fountain of Life Himself, Jesus Christ. It has become readily apparent that "without Him I can do nothing" and that all my former confidence in man and my own strength has been absolutely futile. I thus resolve to turn over my every care, my every worry, my every fear, my every frustration, and my every dilemma to the Lord Jesus, walking by faith and not by sight for the rest of my life.

I declare independence from trusting in my own performance to make me right with God. I declare complete dependence upon the Lord Jesus and what He did for me on the cross as my only right-standing with God. God feels good about me today because I feel good about what Jesus has done for me at Calvary. What Jesus did was more than enough. He paid the price. He did it all for me!

The demands of justice for my sins past, sins present, and sins future have been met, once and for all time. *I am forgiven!* Jesus alone earned my salvation without my help in any way. And He rose from the dead to seal it! So I humble myself to receive the Lordship of Jesus over my life. I need Him. I want Him. I take Him as my own, this very moment! I am born again! I'm saved! I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, poverty and eternal death! Nothing can separate me from God's love! Hallelujah! Glory!

I declare independence from the tyranny of trying to please everyone, trying to handle my problems on my own, failing to pray over things, and looking to people to fill the vacuum in my heart that only God can fill. I declare independence from holding grudges, unforgiveness, and bitterness. I will depend upon the Lord to give me more grace to forgive those who have hurt me. I choose to become better, not bitter! I declare my independence from greed and hoarding, and purpose this day to be faithful to God by obeying His commands to tithe the "first tenth" of all my incomes. I will show God I trust Him by tithing and giving offerings as He leads. Everything I have and everything I am I owe to Him. He alone is my Source and I will honor Him with my firstfruits as commanded in the scripture. The Lord is my strength, my shield, my song, and my salvation! I will spend quality time reading God's Word and talking to my Heavenly Father about everything. I will release my heart to God in sincere prayer. I will hold nothing back from the One who loves me the most.

From this moment forward I declare utter dependence upon the indwelling person of the Holy Spirit, His leadings, and His illumination of God's Word. I depend upon His gentle voice - His promptings, His nuances, and His subtle leadings - to guide me into the perfect will of God for my life. The happiest place and safest place in the universe is in the center of God's Will. I offer myself as raw materials to the Potter who alone can make something beautiful and significant of my life. I am done with trying to figure everything out for myself. I am done with trying to fix things and people beyond my control. I relinquish all control of things I cannot change into God's hands.

I declare this day that I will depend on God's Holy Word. I do hereby make the Bible, God's Holy Word first place and final authority in my life concerning everything both eternal and temporal. God's Word shall be a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will depend upon the Person of Jesus for my Security. And I will depend upon the Principles of Jesus for my Success. For every situation I find myself in, I will search God's Word for a fitting promise, then I will wrap my hands of faith around that promise, memorizing it, boldly praying it back to God, speaking it aloud to God, myself and the enemy. . . and I will cleave to that promise until the breakthrough comes, whether it come quickly or gradually. Delay is not denial. The Victory is mine to enjoy today! Overwhelming Victory is my present possession! Glory!

The devil is a liar and a tyrant. The cost of disobedience, rebellion, doubt, fear, and unbelief is more than I want to pay. Sin would take me further than I want to go, cost me more than I want to pay, and keep me longer than I want to stay. I will not tolerate Satan exacting such a tax from my soul. The Son has made me free and I am free indeed! Like the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, I will not bow, bend or burn! The Fourth Man is with me!

At every crossroad and at every milestone decision of my life, I will earnestly seek God for His guidance, sincerely aiming to please Him. I believe that if I refuse to lean upon my own estimation of the situation, but trust Him straight out of my heart, He will order my steps, He will direct my affairs, and He will crown my efforts with success. Without God, I cannot. But without me, God will not. He and I are Covenant Partners! I will also stay connected to God's family by staying connected to my pastor and local church. God is who He says He is. He has done what He said He has done at Calvary. He will do what He says He will do. And I am who He says I am. I can do what He says I can do. And I can have what He says I can have. The joy of the Lord is my strength. The peace of God is my highest privilege. The hope of resurrection is my anchor. I am Blessed and I am a Blessing. I Mount Up as wings of an Eagle. I Rise to every occasion. I ascend to new heights. God's Angels are on assignment around me. These mighty warriors escort me and my family day and night as Armed Guards.

The Holy Spirit hovers over me as a hen does her chicks. I am protected. I am vouchsafed. I am secured. I am embraced. I am loved. I am valued. I am important! And I am celebrated by my Heavenly Father! He died for me, so I will live for Him! Glory to God in the highest!

In the name of Jesus, I do hereby pledge all that I am, all that I have, and all that I'm not to the One who loves me the most, knows me perfectly, understands me completely, and has already mapped out the course of my life here on earth and in eternity. I will overcome by the word of my testimony, by the blood of the Lamb, and by loving not my life even unto death. I die to self that I might live unto Him. He who created me is able to keep me. I came from God and I will return to God. I exist for His pleasure. I will see my Redeemer with my very own eyes. And He who started this good work in me is committed to finish it until the day of the return of Jesus Christ.

So from this day forward I am utterly dependent and no longer independent. I am consecrated. I am committed. I have already crossed the line. My decision is set in concrete. No turning back now. I forever declare my dependence... on the Almighty God and Father of my Lord Jesus Christ!

My *John Hancock* Signature:

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