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and providing for your family and protecting them*

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Life

Sometimes life can be overwhelming, stressful, and challenging. Sometimes we wonder why, why is it happening to me? Well, that's the same thing I ask. Life is not easy and never will be. You just have to take it one day at a time and hope for the best. You can't just wave a magic wand and *poof!* Think things will be all right. Ha ha! Think again. We all seem to get mad when things don't go our way and feel as if it is someone else's fault. That's

not right. You can't blame others just because you are having a bad day. Let me talk about work for a second. Work sometimes upsets us. It seems like you might be that one person in your department that goes above and beyond. You stay late, always on time, never call out, and give 100 percent performance each and every day. Well, do you get angry when you're not recognized for your work? Frustrating isn't it? Sometimes we get big responsibilities and no reward. Tell me why every place of work has a person they favor the most? You would think, as a professional place of work, everyone should be treated equally, right? Sorry you had to hear it this way, but it doesn't work like that. Life is never fair. Have you ever had that one person in your department or at your place of work, where every one pulls his

or her weight and that one person who never does his or her part? It's not fair when you have to do the work of two people. What makes it even worse is when they know the person is not a good worker, and no matter how many times you say something, nothing gets done about it. Then you work like crazy and someone still has something to say. They know you're a good worker, and they expect you to be the "golden one"—the one who can make any and everything happen. Tough luck. This can really make your life miserable, and sometimes you have to say enough is enough. Try your best to be nice about it and deal with it. A person can only take so much to a point where they say, "I am done". As much as you would like to leave or quit, you know that you can't. You might be the one with kids, a single

parent, or whatever the case might be. Temper is a bad thing; your temper can do more bad than good. For instance, it can cause you to be tired to the point that the company you departed from makes it that no one will hire you. My advice to you is to just take a deep breath, count to ten, or do whatever it takes for you to stay calm. If you're a smoker, go outside and smoke a cigarette or whatever you have to do. Perhaps, even take a lunch break. I'm not just writing this for you, I am writing this for myself also. No one is perfect, and no one will ever be. We all have flaws, but these are things that can be fixed. Just hang in there and stick it out. My question to you is, are you ready to accept life as it is? Can you handle life and deal with the things that may come your way? The best way to handle a tough sit-

uation is to take it one on one, face it, look it in the eye, and say I will not be defeated and you will not make me upset. By reading what I have written so far, hopefully, you are ready now. I pretty much have accepted it and am ready to move on with my life. Life is too short, enjoy it while you can. Help your kids understand this as well. Glad I could help you stay focused.

God

I'm pretty sure you have heard this as one of the things you do not talk about. People, don't get bent out of shape. I'm not about to discuss the Bible or preach to you, I just want to discuss certain situations. I hope you enjoy what I am about to say. No one is raised to say I am a Christian; I was born this way. Think again. No one is born to be anything, it is what you work hard towards becoming. I know we work hard to get the things we have: a nice

house, reliable car, great job, etc., which are all nice things to have. As a kid, I was taught at an early age, how to work and make money. My parents taught me how to be a responsible human being. I'm a country boy, who, as a child, had to wake up early every morning before the crack of dawn. My sister and I would work on a farm and feed the animals, change their water, care for them, etc. Did I like getting out of my bed early every morning? You guessed it right, No! Think again. However, as time progressed, my sister taught me to be thankful and thank God for the little work you are doing now. Even though I did not make much money, I was determined to learn all that I could. As a child, my older sister spoiled me and my little sister. Every school year, she made sure that my little sis-