

GOD'S PEARL NECKLACE (Phil. 3:13) © 2010 DianaDee Osborne page 1 of 2

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Jesus, Matthew 13: 45-46: "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

First Timothy 6:17 "[Don't] trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." -NKJV

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All day the girl would gently touch the pearls around her neck. No matter that these were just fake, in her life, they were best: They gave her JOY. They gave her JOY.

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Her father came on one birthday to this child with a gift-wrapped box: "Do you love me?" he asked. "Do you trust me? Trade your pearls for my gift," he asked. "Trust me to give JOY. Trust me to give JOY.

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Oh, NO!" My pearls are MINE!" she cried. "Please don't take my pearls away." "They are yours," her Daddy told her as he put his gift box away. He had no JOY. He had no JOY.

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Year after Birthday Year he asked. Year after year she said "NO." How she cherished her fake pearl necklace. She just could not let go. It gave her JOY. It gave her JOY.

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Then came a Birthday when the woman welcomed her dad in. "These are YOURS," she said as she handed him those fake pearls with a grin. "Let me bring you JOY, dear Dad," she said. "I want to give YOU joy."

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Her dad gave her his tattered box. With tears she shook her head. "No, I just want YOU, my dear dad." But he said, "Please take my Gift.

SPOKEN:

So she opened the tattered box..... and found REAL pearls.
Pearls that had been there for her all along.

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Do YOU look at your past joys and sorrow that they're gone?
Do you clutch at happiness with fear there will come a time when God asks,

SPOKEN: "Give me YOUR pearls." ?

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Let go of all your old pearls. Trust God's Father love. Philippians 3 Verse 13 says it's time to reach forward to God

SPOKEN: **And He'll give you REAL pearls.**

Philippians 3:13 - 15 NKJV:

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do,
**forgetting those things which are behind and
reaching forward to those things which are ahead,”**

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you
think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you....”

Song Story. God had been asking me to let go of several strings of pearls for
awhile... Some church music and youth ministries that I dearly loved. I was
heartbroken when I wrote this song and had much difficulty recording it even while
know God would provide “better” after I showed my trust in Him. Definitely needed
God's Holy Spirit's power just to get through the words so that they can reach out to
you.

Our feelings are frequently mistaken.... We CAN each trust God's Love. Every
one of us can trust our Loving Heavenly Father with our fake pearls even if we don't see
why He wanted them. Even when we don't yet see any joy yet from giving up our
spiritual childhood 'toys.'

Note:

*Extensive research shows that the story about "Jenny's Pearl Necklace" (and the title
varies from website to website) around which this ORIGINAL song by DianaDee was
modeled -- has been circulating in many, many places on the Internet for several years.
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