



GOD'S GIFT OF A SECRET PAL (SISTER)

There are two parts: Donna (a very worried Lutheran Women in Mission member) and Mary (a friend in need)

(Mary is working out in her flowerbed as a very worried and distressed Donna comes to call).

Donna: Oh, Mary...Mary!!!

Mary: What is it, Donna?

Donna: I just have to talk to someone. I'm so-o-o worried!!

Mary: Whatever for, Donna? You don't usually let things bother you.

Donna: I know, Mary *(sighs!!)* I know, but do you remember when they announced that our Lutheran Women in Mission secret pals would be revealed at our next meeting?

Mary: Yes, I remember. I think it's great. I've wanted to know who my secret pal is. I have my suspicions...but I'm really not sure. She has given me such lovely cards and little surprises. Sometimes they were just the pick-me-up I needed for that day...
(Donna looks worried)
Why, Donna, what's wrong?

Donna: I haven't been a very faithful secret pal. I'm going to be so ashamed when my secret pal finds out who I am.

Mary: What do you mean you weren't faithful? Did you pray for her?

Donna: Yes.

Mary: Did you remember her with cards on special occasions?

Donna: Yes.

Mary: Then, I don't understand. What do you have to be ashamed about?

Donna: Mary, I saw that Linda received flowers from her secret pal, and Judy was

telling us about the special coffee and cup her secret pal sent her. I had trouble even getting a card to my secret pal on time for the occasion. I wanted to do more, but it never seemed to happen.

Mary: Donna, gifts aren't required. That's up to each person. A secret pal is an opportunity the Lord opens to us to serve Him through uplifting a sister in Christ, how we do that will be different for each person.

Donna: God doesn't want us to feel burdened or guilty like I have been feeling about my secret pal, does He, Mary?

Mary: No, Donna. He wants us to experience the joy of a close, caring relationship that can come from praying for a sister in Christ. I know how hard it is, in this fast-paced world, to do special little things for others... but I'm excited about letting my secret pal know who I am because she's become dear to me. I'll keep praying for her even after we have picked new ones.

Donna: I'm glad I talked to you. You've changed my whole outlook on secret pals. Now instead of feeling bad when I think of her and realize I forgot to send her a little remembrance, I'll say a prayer for her and send a card when I can.

Mary: That's the idea, Donna. Don't waste your time feeling bad about what you haven't done. Look to what you are able to do and thank the Lord for giving you a sister to care for.

Donna: Now I'm excited to find out who mine is and to let my secret pal know how I've been praying for her. You know, maybe we could become prayer partners.

Mary: That's a great idea, Donna. I think you've got it!!!

Donna: *(looks at her Lutheran Women in Mission watch)* I better get going. You've been such a blessing to me *today*. *(hugs Mary as she says)* Thank you!!!

(Donna leaves)

Mary: *(looks at Donna leaving and says more to herself than anyone else)* I wonder what she'll say when she finds out I'm her secret pal. Do you think she'll be surprised?