

Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart

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Trusting in the Lord with all our heart is the opposite of doubting God and His Word. Trusting God without doubting is fundamental to our relationship with God and is based on the premise that He is trustworthy.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Psalm 37:3-6

Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24

"and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Our own understanding is limited, fallible and subject to error; we must, therefore, be enlightened by God's Word and Spirit.

To lean on our own understanding, rather than to trust God according to His Word and Spirit, magnifies the human mind. Dependence on human reason rather than trusting God leads to pride and spiritual leanness. Rather than being wise in our own eyes, we should demonstrate our trust in God by asking Him continually for wisdom and knowledge of His will in all spheres of our life.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Romans 8:6-9

"In all they ways acknowledge him,"

In all our plans, decisions and activities, we should acknowledge God as Lord and His will as our supreme desire. Every day we must live in a close, trusting relationship with God, always looking to Him for directions" by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving: When we do this, God promises to direct our paths; He will lead us to His goal for our lives, remove all obstacles and enable us to make the right choices.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. Proverbs 11:5 (The righteousness of the perfect is Jesus Christ.)

*I have raised him up in righteousness, and **I will direct all his ways**: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, **saith the LORD of hosts**. Isaiah 45:13*

*For **he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption**; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:8*

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God**? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4*

Thank you Lord for your love and Word. Amen.

Additional Thoughts in *italics*:

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I wanted to look up the meaning of some of these words to verify that my thinking toward them was correct and also to see if there was something that I hadn't thought.

Noah Webster 1828 (Best Dictionary - before faith and morality was stripped away from the meaning of words.)

All -to be ended or completed, to perfect.
-Every one, or the whole number of particulars.
-The whole quantity, extent, duration, amount, quality or degree.
-Wholly, completely; entirely.
There is not one thing that should not be brought to the Lord.

Lean - to deviate or move from a straight line; or to be in a position thus deviating
- to conceal.
We are concealing part of ourselves away from God when we refuse to acknowledge him instead of using our stinking thinking.

Acknowledge - To own, avow
- Admit to be true
- To receive with respect
When we acknowledge Him instead of ourselves, we admit that His way is truth and we are vowing to follow His way and not our way.

Shall - it is a duty, it is necessary
- present tense - Shall - followed by verb "Shall what?"
This is a definite and absolute if we acknowledge Him, He will direct are path.

Direct - to make straight
- Straight; right; as, to pass in
- a direct line
 It is opposed to crooked, winding refracted
- a direct ray of light
- in the line of father to son;
- open; not ambiguous or doubtful
v. - to point or aim in a straight line, toward a place or object, as, to direct an arrow or a piece of ordnance;

- to point; to show the right road or course; as he directed me to the left hand road.
- to regulate; to guide or lead; to govern; to cause to proceed in a particular manner.
- to order; to instruct; to point out a course of proceeding, with authority; to command.

To allow Him to direct us will mean walking in the way of the Lord on the straight and narrow path, we need to stop and examine our hearts. Are we not allowing Him to direct all aspects of our life because we really don't want him too. We want to do things our way. But if this is you one might want to consider Romans 8:6 " For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." This death here that the Lord is speaking of is Hell. Not simply dying when we are young.