Daily Devotion #163

**Only Trust Him**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NASB)** *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”*

In 1874, John H. Stockton, a Methodist preacher as well as musician and composer, wrote the music and lyrics to a hymn that became a standard and favorite in many churches. It is titled, “Come, Every Soul by Sin Oppressed”. The first lines of the song are, “*Come, every soul by sin oppressed, There's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest, By trusting in His Word*.” Then the refrain says, “*Only trust Him, only trust Him Only trust Him now, He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now*” I remember singing that hymn as a young boy growing up in our Methodist church. Today, I can clearly hear the tune as we loudly proclaimed the truth of those words.

The truth is that trust is the avenue that unlocks a joy-filled life. There is no doubt that faith is fundamental to a life with Christ because without faith it is impossible to please God and to live with God eternally. (Hebrews 11:6). But trust is essential as well. The Hebrew writer gives a very clear definition of what faith is, **Hebrews 11:1 (NASB) “***Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*.” Meaning, faith is what we must have and use to believe what the Lord has promised. By faith we are assured that what the Lord has promised will come to pass as well as having the assurance that what has already occurred is accurate and reliable.

But trust is the means by where we are confident or sure that the thing is true. In the case of the proverb, we are told to be confident in the Lord. Be sure of all He has told you and promised you. Several times in the Scripture the world “trust” means secure. We could say it this way: “Be secure in the Lord, knowing with full assurance that He will do all things necessary to make our path in life what He wants it to be.”

Too often, God’s people are weak in their trust of God. Even though He has done everything necessary to show us who He is and all He has done to save us, there is often a lack of trust in Him to provide all we need day to day and especially to guide us in the way He wants us to go.

This promise from God should be etched in our spiritual minds so deeply that we live life with full assurance that no matter what happens, God is leading and making our way His way. But we get in the way by trying to figure out the path and make things sensible so that we don’t make a mistake. We don’t need to do that. God has said to trust Him and not to try to figure out what He is doing. And notice God says we are to trust Him with our full heart. That means we are to fully rely on God and trust Him to do what He knows is best. We must live our lives, not embracing what we believe to be true but embracing what we know to be true because of who God is and what He has told us.

When we live our lives trusting ourselves and our own abilities, we will often make mistakes. But God is clear. He says, “Stop doing that. Trust Me! In everything you do, everything you think about, everything you want or don’t want, trust Me!” He wants that because He only desires to bless us and prosper us - not necessarily materially, but even in that we know He has promised to meet our needs. (Philippians 4:19) But He will surely give us all we need for each day, and He will guide us through all the paths of life. (Matthew 6:25-34)

If you will simply acknowledge God in everything; trust Him with everything, He will move you in the way He wants you to go. He will bring about all things necessary to give you a joy-filled life. It would be unwise to leave Him out. “*Only trust Him, Only trust Him, Only trust Him now*.”