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Trust in the Lord

We come to the second command in Psalm 37, **Psalm 37:3**. Trust in the Lord and do good. The Hebrew word for trust means to be confident in or to be sure as in a refuge. Psalm 46:1, God is a refuge for us. Psalm 91:4, “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust...” To be confident means to trust or rely in. It speaks of a firm belief in the integrity, stability, or veracity (truthfulness) of another. Is Jesus Christ your refuge? Do you have complete confidence in the integrity or trustworthiness of God’s Word? Do you consider God’s Word to be absolute truth and if so, how does it make a difference in the way you live and the decisions you make? It is not enough to profess faith in Christ, to trust in the Lord is to place oneself completely in His hands, depending entirely upon Him for direction and sustenance.

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” In this passage, trusting in the Lord is contrasted with leaning upon one’s own understanding. Do you make decisions based upon your understanding or upon the Word of God? How do you determine what you watch and the places you go? How do you decide how to dress or who to spend time with? Too often we go through life making decisions without any thoughtful consideration of what would please God. We fail to acknowledge Him and thus we wander without any clear direction in life.

The psalmist goes on to say that we are to do good. The Bible is clear, however, that any perceived goodness apart from Christ is vanity. Psalm 14:1-3 and Romans 3:10-12 teach that there is none that doeth good, no not one. That is, apart from Christ, all our goodness is as filthy rags. True goodness can only flow from a heart that is wholly trusting in the Lord.

Some might argue that to trust in the Lord, denying self, causes one to miss out on the pleasures of life. This is a lie of Satan. In Psalm 37:3, we see that trusting in the Lord leads to true blessing. Dwelling and living off the land speaks of God’s blessing and provision that leads to contentment, satisfaction, and fulfillment. The pleasures of life are temporary at best. The blessings of God are eternal. Don’t settle for Satan’s cheap imitations. Seek the true blessings of God by trusting in the Lord and obeying His Word. What are some of the blessings that come from living wholly for God?