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Trust and Obey!

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 - ⁵Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

As a child of God, we must recognize King Jesus as our ultimate commander-in-chief and obey His commands. He is our authority, and we are His loyal servants. We are to place our complete confidence and hope in God, allowing Him control over our thoughts, feelings, and actions. Recognizing that our human perspective is limited, therefore advising us against relying solely on your own wisdom or intellect. We must be intimately connected with God, giving Him recognition and honor in every decision and aspect of our lives. In return for our trust and acknowledgment, God promises to guide our steps, bringing clarity and direction to our life journey.

God is a better judge of what we want than we are! We must trust Him completely in every choice we make. We should not omit careful thinking or belittle our God-given ability to reason; but we should not trust our own ideas to the exclusion of all others. We must not be wise in our own eyes. **We should always be willing to listen to and be corrected by God's Word and wise counselors.** Bring your decisions to God in prayer; use the Bible as your guide; and then follow God's lead.

First Peter 2:9-10 tells us, *"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."*

Trusting and obeying isn't always easy, especially when pleasing and intimidation try to creep in.

5 Key Aspects of Biblical Trust

- **Confidence in God's Nature:** Trusting in the Lord means believing in His character, ability, and strength, and that He is faithful and true.
- **Relinquishing Self-Reliance:** It involves leaning away from one's own understanding and plans to place dependence on God.
- **Firm Belief and Security:** The concept is rooted in the idea of a secure, solid, and confident security, similar to how a rope provides security.
- **Active Reliance:** Trust is not passive; it's an active decision to rely on God's promises, even when evidence seems contrary.
- **Object of Trust:** The ultimate is God Himself.

5 Key Aspects of Biblical Obedience

- **Hearing and Acting:** True obedience not just listening but involves actively responding to divine instruction.
- **Submission and Trust:** The idea of listening from a position of subordination [dependency], thus submitting to the authority of God. It's an act of trusting that God's commands are for our good.
- **Love and Faithfulness:** Obedience is presented as a natural outflow of love for God and a sign of true discipleship and faithfulness. As Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).
- **Relational, Not Legalistic:** True obedience is rooted in a relationship with God and is not just about following rules for their own sake.
- **Practical Application:** It involves aligning one's life with biblical teachings and the guidance of the Holy Ghost, living out one's faith in the practical manifestations of God's ways

The reason why we must trust and obey God? Obedience shows God that we love Him and we trust Him which in turn activates His power in our lives; but most importantly there is a reward for obedience.

Remember people of God, trust initiates and motivates obedience!