## Hundred Percent Or Nothing

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Proverbs 3:5 (ESV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

and do not lean on your own understanding.

Trust – Face down, complete reliance, we stake everything on the promises of God. It also means to be unsuspecting!

Lean – Support yourself on something, so don't support yourself on your own understanding!

Own Understanding – You own it!

Primarily own means, "Lawfully begotten." (Vine)

Also own means, "The legal right of possession." (HarperCollins)

Human understanding will never bring peace. People desire understanding (how to figure things out) so they can gain a sense of mastery over their lives. Because there is an endless series of problems, we are soon searching for our own endless understanding (mastery), instead of seeking God, (Our master).

Solomon was the wisest man in the world. His vast human understanding only resulted in feelings of futility rather than fulfillment.

Ecclesiastes 1:2 (ESV)
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

True faith is our total Trust in God in any situation not our "own" understanding of the situation. Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our "own" understanding.

Proverbs 2:6 (ESV)
For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

## A. W. Tozer describes true faith and trust perfectly: Pseudo-faith always arranges a "way out" in case God fails. Real faith knows only one way and gladly allows itself to be stripped of any second way or makeshift substitutes. For true faith, it is either God or total collapse. And not since Adam stood up on the earth has God failed a single man or woman who trusted him.

## **Total Faith against overwhelming odds!**

2 Chronicles 20:12 (ESV)

O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

## Pseudo-faith which needs to help God out a little!

2 Samuel 6:6–7 (ESV)

And when they came to the threshing floor, <u>Uzzah put out his</u> hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God.

An old preacher, A.B. Simpson, compares Uzzah putting his hand out to steady the ark of God with our need to help God in our own life situations:

We should not be touching the things of God unless HE instructs us to do so. What we have here in moving the Ark is a loss of life by "presumptuously" touching the work of God. MUCH OF THE LIFE OF FAITH CONSISTS IN LETTING THINGS ALONE. If we wholly trust any interest to God, we must keep our hands off it. God will guard it for us much better than we can ourselves.

Things may seem to be going all wrong, but God knows this as well as we do. God will arise at the right moment if we are really trusting HIM – so fully – as to let HIM work in HIS own way and time. THERE IS NOTHING SO MASTERLY AS INACTIVITY WHEN THINGS ARE GIVEN TO GOD. THERE IS NOTHING SO HURTFUL AS RESTLESS WORKING ON THINGS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO GOD.

This is because God has already undertaken to work HIS sovereign will and we will interfere with HIS work!

Our job; our work!

Proverbs 3:6 (ESV)
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Acknowledge is quite simply 'know', which means not only to acknowledge, but also has the fuller meaning of being 'aware of' and having 'fellowship with'. Thus, this is continually being mentally in tune with the presence of God. The promise that closes the verse, "HE will make straight your paths," is a promise for more than guidance. It is a sovereign move of God to bring you to your appointed goal.

"Hundred percent Trust or Nothing" is what separates us from all other people; "Our Hundred Percent Trust" in Jesus Christ! HE died as a substitute for us on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Let us step into 2020 "A Hundred Percent Or Nothing" trusting Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.