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The Single Key To Everything Else

You've Got Something God Wants Real Bad

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (John 14:1 NIV)

"And **WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD**, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."
(Heb 11:6 NIV)

What does God need from me?

God doesn't need my **permission**.

"The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and **trembles**." (Psa 97:1-4 NIV)

God doesn't need my **feeble attempts at self-reformation**.

God doesn't need my **compliance**.

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." (Mat 15:8 NIV)

Why is trust such a big deal?

"This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven--makes us right in God's sight--when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us. **This is accomplished from start to finish by faith**. As the Scripture says it, '**THE MAN WHO FINDS LIFE WILL FIND IT THROUGH TRUSTING GOD**.' But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them. For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse (when they stand before God at Judgment Day)." (Rom 1:17-20 TLB)

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Trust acknowledges my total dependence on God.

"He made the world and everything in it, and since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples; and human hands can't minister to his needs--for he has no needs! He himself gives life and breath to everything, and satisfies every need there is. He created all the people of the world from one man, Adam, and scattered the nations across the face of the earth. He decided beforehand which should rise and fall, and when. He determined their boundaries. His purpose in all of this is that they should seek after God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him--though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and are! . . ." (Acts 17:24-28 TLB)

Trust accepts the sole sufficiency of Jesus as the full, finished and final proof of God's love for me as I am.

Trust demands the same thing from every participant.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
(Pro 3:5 NIV)

Trust grows within the heart and unshakable confidence of who God is and what He will do.

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: . . ." (Job 13:15 KJV)

"For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY HIS FAITH."
(Habakkuk 2:3-4 KJV)

Trust converts the heart from the fear of abandonment.

"Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." (Mat 11:6 NIV)

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in **all things at all times, having all that you need**, you will abound in every good work." (2 Cor 9:8 NIV)

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