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When A “Bulldog” Speaks; Listen!

(What a 93 year-old toothless janitor taught NASA engineers)

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“Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. **Trust** in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. **Delight** yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. **Commit** your way to the Lord; **trust** in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. **Be still** before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; **do not fret**—it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, . . . **Wait for the Lord and keep his way.** Consider the blameless, observe the upright; **there is a future for the man of peace.**

But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off. The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, **because they take refuge in him.**”
(Psalm 37 NIV)

A Matter of 4, 3, 2, 1

There are 4 actions to master.

- I will master the art of **trust**.
- I will master the art of **delight**.
- I will master the discipline of **committing**.
- I will master the discipline of **patience**.

There are 3 reactions to avoid.

- I will not **fret**.
- I will not **compare**.
- I will not **jump to conclusions**.

There are only 2 groups.

- The **righteous**.
- The **wicked**.

There is only 1 distinguishing mark; **trust!**

The Bulldog Principles

I will never **sour**.

- because I am **loved**.
- because I am **blessed**.
- because I am **called**.

I will never **settle**.

- because I **serve a Big God**.
- because **love finds a way**.
- because **anything is possible**.

I will never **stop**.

- because I've got **a lot to learn**.
- because I've got **a lot to give**.
- because I've got **work to do**.