

## RANDOM THOUGHTS

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Have you ever watched the TV commercials for the psychic hotline? Well have you ever called the psychic hotline? (Just kidding!). Have you ever wondered to yourself “Man if those psychics were really real!” or “Man if I only knew what was going to happen in the future!”

Do you ever think: “it would be great to know what my future holds.” We all know, though, that the events of the future are not within the purview of man. So if you can’t know the future, the next best thing, it seems to me, is to know someone who does. Someone who can tell you the highs and low’s of your life before they occur. Who you will marry and when? How many children you will have? Will you be filthy rich or just rich? Will you win the lottery? (Ha, ha!) Will you be a celebrity or just a plain old worker like the rest of us? What could be better?

Even better than knowing someone who knows the future, is knowing the One who is the Author of the future. The one who owns the future! The One who holds the future in His hands.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us how to deal with the One who is the Author and finisher of the future. You are to

*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.*

These Proverbs of Solomon are not merely a collection of wise sayings which Solomon writes to his son, but are the dictates of the Spirit of God in Solomon: so that it is God, by Solomon, that is speaking to us as His children.

By **Trust**, the writer commands us to have confidence in the honesty of God, the integrity of God, in the wisdom and power of God, and in His goodness and righteousness. In other words, you are to put yourself confidently in His charge, allowing Him to direct, care for, and manipulate as He sees fit, without fear of the outcome. Just like a small baby in the hands of his mother. That’s hard to do because our first inclination is to do everything ourselves.

***Lean not unto thine own understanding*** means don’t trust yourself. Be as one who lacks confidence in one’s own abilities. Allow God to be your source.

When you relinquish self-administration in favor of God, your trust sets up a condition of responsibility or obligation on the part of God. God becomes responsible for keeping and caring for you in accordance with his promises to you.

***In all thy ways acknowledge Him.***

Not just in difficult times. But in good and ordinary times.

Not after you have done all you can. But before you even begin.

Not just in major circumstances. But in any circumstance.

Not just if you face problems. But when your mind is at peace. When problems are far off.

Not just big things. But the littlest things.

Not just important matters. But the least of matters.

For better, for worst. For richer, for poorer. Acknowledge Him!

Not just when you are happy. But also when you are sad.

Not just when you are pleased. But also when you are angry.

And if you can't be thankful in those times when you are not so pleased with your life, then be submissive. In whatever you do, acknowledge Him!

***And He shall direct thy path.*** God's promise of what He will do if we are in accord with Him. He has obligated Himself. Therefore, He is responsible. And He will do it.

So! If you can't know the future, get to know God, and know Him well. God may not tell you what your future holds, but you can depend on Him to make it better. Don't put your faith in self. Don't put your faith in man. Don't put your faith in things. Don't even put your faith in the mighty dollar. Put your faith, put your trust in the Almighty God, the Lord of the universe. In other words

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