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In Titus 3, Paul talked to Titus about what it means to genuinely do what God wants believers to do. In vs. 8, he said, "The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people." According to Psalm 62, what good works are excellent and profitable for you and me? I find in today's passage that the works God calls us to do start with humble hearts that are completely surrendered to the Lord in faith. Works that aren't founded in faith in Christ hold no value. That is a really hard thing for me to grasp! What about you?

*Blessings,
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Psalm 62 ~

Vs. 1-2 ~ Faith in God means waiting for God alone. "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." I wait for God, the all powerful Lord, in the stillness of my soul because I understand that He is my salvation for today and for tomorrow. He delivers me. I have no power to deliver myself. No human has power to accomplish anything unless it is supplied by our all powerful, invincible Lord. No human can be my rock or my safe place. Only God. When He is the One I wait for, I will not be greatly moved. When I rely on myself or any human, I AM greatly moved... and it's not good. So the work I need to do is WAIT with TRUST.

Vs. 3-4 ~ When do I find it to be the hardest to wait in silence for the Lord? When I feel like I'm being attacked. "How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah" There are people who hate when someone is succeeding and they try to tear them down with lies and what the teens call "glazing" (which means fake flattery). But whether or not a person is attacking me, I know the devil and his minions are always looking for an opportunity to tear me away from the

Lord. The devil uses whatever tools he can... whether they be cruelty, deception, or flattery. He will do anything he can to tear me away or distract me from the Lord. That's when I need to cling CLOSER to the Lord! The Lord will NEVER allow me to go through any difficult situation without also being my strength. He does not call all things in my life good, but He is able to do good in my life through all things. My work is to WAIT and TRUST.

Vs. 5-7 ~ Faith in God means waiting on Him, hoping in Him, and resting on Him. "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God." I have to speak to my heart and tell it to wait on the Lord. If I don't actively speak to my heart, thoughts of doubt and hopelessness will infiltrate. But I can WAIT for Him and put my HOPE in Him and REST on Him because He IS my hope... my confident expectation that He is able, knows what is best, wants what is best, and does what is best for me because He loves me. He is my only rock, my only salvation, my only place of safety. I will not be moved from resting on Him. Even my glory, my honor comes from Him alone. I will find no other lasting source of honor. He is mighty, all powerful, and He is my refuge. My work is to WAIT, HOPE, and REST on Him because I TRUST that He is who He says He is. My work is to speak this truth to my heart! O Lord, please help me to speak these truths to my heart so that I will not be moved from my stand with You.

Vs. 8 ~ My work is to trust God at ALL times and pour my heart out to Him. "Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah" Selah means "ponder this." O Lord, help me to ponder and meditate on this truth. You are ALWAYS trustworthy. There is never a moment, a millisecond, that You can't be trusted. You WANT me to pour my heart out before You because You ARE my refuge. How often do I miss out on the sweet safety and peace I could have because I refuse to talk to You about my fears or frustrations. How often do I talk to You without ever letting You be my refuge... but taking matters into my own hands?

I do what I do because I think what I think because I want what I want because I worship who or what I worship. Let me not worship SELF where...

I DO... take matters into my own hands or rely on someone other than You.

I THINK... I know better than You or You don't really care about me.

I WANT... the easy button, comfort, escape.

I WORSHIP... SELF.

Let me instead worship YOU...

I DO... wait for You, hope in You, trust You, pour out my heart to You.

I THINK... You are my true refuge. You care for me. You sustain me.

I WANT... to be close to You.

I WORSHIP... YOU, the all powerful, all knowing, all loving ONLY God.

Vs. 9-10 ~ The work of God is to refuse to put hope in myself or any man, and to trust God alone. "Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them." Trusting in any person, rich or poor, is a delusion. Man's life is temporary. God is eternal. Trust Him alone. No amount of wealth can save me. Don't set my heart on anyone or anything but God. All else will fall short.

Vs. 11-12 ~ God will render... reward me for my works which are to WAIT, HOPE, REST, SPEAK TRUTH TO MY HEART, POUR MY HEART OUT TO HIM, TRUST HIM ALONE. He basically rewards me for letting HIM do the real work... be my salvation, my rock, my fortress, my refuge. "Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For You will render to a man according to his work." God holds the most power of anyone on earth or in heaven. If He were only powerful, I would be in trouble... The devil only wants power, and he uses it to crush us. God holds the most love of anyone on earth or in heaven. If He only had love without power, He would have good intentions but no ability to protect me. He is the perfect combination of love and power... and He pours it out on me. I don't deserve His kindness, but that doesn't stop Him. O Lord, if I truly believe this, I will truly wait for You. My life choices show what I truly believe. I pray that my life will show that I truly believe You.