



***"Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart,***

***Commit your way to the Lord,  
Trust also in Him, and He will do it,  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light  
and your judgment as the noonday.***

***Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him..."***

***Psalm 37:3-7a (nasb)***

Remembering the note at the close of yesterday's post, that His promise to give us the desires of our heart FOLLOWS the command to TRUST HIM, and to TAKE DELIGHT in the Lord, for therein lies the key, well, today we see that those words are bookended with our next verse,

***"Commit your way to the Lord..."***

Take a look at this definition for commit as used in this verse: "**commit**, *trust, formally, roll, i.e., act. in a manner that is earnest and eager to a principle or person, as a figurative extension of the act. of rolling or rolling up.*"<sup>1</sup> (Could that possibly be where we get the phrase, "that's just how we roll"? Just asking.) Seriously though, the idea here is that when we commit to something it's as if we have started a ball rolling and nothing can stop it. Or, picture yourself loading into a big tire, or possibly a barrel on its side, and down the hill you go, you are definitely committed to roll! No stopping. That is the manner of commitment we are have toward the Lord, no stopping, here we go! (Side note: There may be bumps along the way, in fact, I can guarantee there will be! So hang on tight and trust Him to get you through!)

King Solomon was a wise man, and he wrote these words: "When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay." (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 nasb) There is no room for flaking out on God, or anyone else, when we make a commitment. The ball is rolling and we must roll along!

Ladies, being true to our word has become a lost art; we have become way too wimpy in our follow through. It's time that we women flip that back around. Be a woman of your word. If you commit to something, you need to go to whatever lengths it takes to follow through with it, even if you have had a long day, and you didn't know you'd have to skip dinner in order to get to the meeting on time. The flip side of that is, don't over commit! There's a small word in the English language that is very impactful, the word is, "NO". It's perfectly acceptable to politely tell someone "no" if saying "yes" is going to over extend yourself, or you know that you shouldn't say yes. Learn to keep your word when committed, and learn to say the word "no" if necessary.

Did you see the part of the definition above that says, "*in a manner that is earnest and eager to a principle or person*", that's what the Lord is calling us to do. When we commit, we must be ALL IN, earnest and eager to commit our way to Him.

Commitment takes sacrifice at times. There is no greater example of that than the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus knew where His commitment would take Him. It would lead Him all the way to the cross, and it was going to require a greater sacrifice than any of us would ever be called to commit to. But to the cross He went, "**despising the shame**" as it says in Hebrews 12:2. Praise the Lord for His commitment and follow through! Where would we be without it? And isn't it only right that we should in turn commit our way to Him? In fact, in the definition, He is the ball, and if we are in Christ, we are in the ball, committed to roll wherever He goes. After all, He's the Great Designer and Architect that drew up the plans for our life, He knows better than we do how to live it out.

Committing our way to the Lord is telling Him, whatever Lord, and wherever You want me to go, I will go. I will follow You. I give myself whole heartedly to You. Interestingly enough, giving up one's self to live for Him, well, even that commitment can only be accomplished in the power of His Spirit. We need the Lord for everything!

He tells us to set our mind on Him, and if our mind is set on God, and we are committing ourselves to Him to walk in His way, something is going to happen to our desires. The things that were so important to us will fade away. Our desires will strangely begin to be changed to match His will for our life. So when it says, **Delight in the Lord**, it means get to know Him, know Him so well, that you take joy in living for Him, and then He will give you the desires of your heart BECAUSE they will match His desire for your life.

What kind of commitment have you made before the Lord? Have you told Him you're all in? Or are you holding back on being completely committed. It won't work. Anymore than being half way in a marriage, or half way in your role of parenting. These are commitments you have made, and you must be all in, or suffer the consequences.

Remember yesterday I mentioned that God commanded us to delight in Him because He knew it was in our best interest? Well, committing our way to Him is the same. It may seem scary to give Him full control, it may be something that you think He might take advantage and send you to a far off island, but can I let you in on a secret? When you commit your way to Him, EVEN IF He takes you to the furthest, most remote part of the earth, as long as He is there (and He is, check out Psalm 139:7-10), you won't believe how He'll choose to bless you. You will be surprised by how your desires change to become whatever He desires as you commit your way to Him.

If you have never made a commitment to God, there's no time like the present! It's as simple as agreeing with Him that you've messed up, we all have after all (Romans 3:23), and that is why Jesus came, to be the One to pay the penalty for our sin. Make a commitment to God to live for Him since Christ died for you. Commit your way to Him, to following after Him in whatever way He chooses. The benefit of that commitment is immeasurable as you receive His

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<sup>1</sup> Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Spirit to help you live this life on earth, and as a guarantee of admittance into eternity with God. Confess your need of a Savior and acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord. He is there. He will change your world!

If you've previously made a commitment, are you following His way? Or have you made your own path? The instruction is to commit your way to the Lord! Roll with Him wherever He may take you. Don't hold back. Back to our picture of the tire or barrel, the safest place to be is tucked inside, don't leave out a foot trying to turn it this way and that, you'll only end up with cuts and scrapes. Rolling with one foot in the tire never works! Be ALL IN and let Him lead you right into the calling He has for your life. His ways are so much better than ours.

*Father, forgive us the times that we try to steer our lives and impede Your progress in leading us. Help us to be all in, as we roll through this life with You. Help us to be faithful women who keep our commitments, to You and to others. And Lord, also help us not commit to those things that aren't in Your plan for us. Give wisdom when to say "no", and when to say "go". Trusting You to know the way, we are in. All in. Ready for You to change our desires to match Yours. May You be glorified through us in the process. Thank You for Christ's commitment to be our Savior so that we can come in His name. Amen.*

If you've made a new commitment, please click on the "response" tab and let me know. I'd love to pray for you in your new commitment. May God bless you as you become a part of His family.