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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Prov. 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.* (NIV)

It is interesting that we find more of God when we empty ourselves of self. The Hebrew word for *trust* is **betach** which means *to lie helpless, facedown*. **Warren Wiersbe** puts it this way: *“It pictures a servant waiting for the master’s command in readiness to obey, or a defeated soldier yielding himself to the conquering general.”*

King Solomon was advising us all to live a life that is full of trust and faith in the LORD. We tend to trust ourselves or others, but find it difficult to truly trust the LORD, because we don’t see or hear Him. And yet He tells us in **Jer. 29:13** *You will seek Me and find Me when you seek me with all your heart.* (NIV) Many times we don’t hear Him because we don’t seek Him or listen when He is speaking. Then Solomon admonishes us to trust *with all your heart*. This takes an initial decision and a continuing commitment. In other words, we must ask ourselves if we really trust the LORD, and if so, will we then submit our will to His?

Solomon then says we are to submit to Him in all of our ways. The word submit here literally means to give over control to the LORD. He deserves to be on the throne of our lives. He can navigate the pitfalls and trials of this life. He can direct us in the way that we should go. And, He can make the road a little bit easier and straighter when we submit to Him. This submission is a willful act of our will. We must choose continuously to do this. **Mt. 6:33** *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, help us to put our trust in You alone. This world will fail us. Our desires will misdirect us. We must put our trust in You constantly, moment by moment. We need You above all. In Jesus Name, Amen