

FORCE OF HABIT #4

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God, who gets invited to dinner at your place? How do we get on your guest list? "Walk straight, act right, tell the truth. Don't hurt your friend, don't blame your neighbor; despise the despicable. Keep your word even when it costs you, make an honest living, never take a bribe. You'll never get blacklisted if you live like this." Psalm 15 MSG

"This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin." 1 John 1:5-7 MSG

"How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands?" 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 MSG

GOD LOVES TO SEE MY DISCIPLINED...

_____ OF HIM
_____ TOWARD HIM
_____ FOR HIM

THE HABIT OF GOD DEPENDENCY VS. SELF-SUFFICIENCY

GOD DEPENDENCY REQUIRES DAILY _____

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor." 1 Peter 5:6 NLT

How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, "He didn't make me"? Does a jar ever say, "The potter who made me is stupid"? Isaiah 29:16 NLY

"I know, GOD, that mere mortals can't run their own lives, that men and women don't have what it takes to take charge of life. So correct us, GOD, as you see best. Don't lose your temper. That would be the end of us." Jeremiah 10:23-24 MSG

GOD DEPENDENCY REQUIRES DAILY _____

"Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!" Proverbs 3:5-8 MSG

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8 NIV

I TRUST HIS _____.

"Abraham was first named "father" and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do." Romans 4:17-18 MSG

I TRUST HIS _____.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

I TRUST HIS _____.

GOD DEPENDENCY REQUIRES DAILY _____

“Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” Psalm 25:5 NLT

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32 NIV

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44

GOD DEPENDENCY REQUIRES DAILY _____

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.” Mark 8:34-35

“My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back. But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” Hebrews 10:38-39 NIV

“It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.” Hebrews 11:6 Message

SPIRITUAL INVENTORY: ARE YOU DEPENDENT OR SELF-SUFFICIENT?

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DEPENDING ON MYSELF

DEPENDING ON GOD

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

MY GOAL FOR LIFE

FOR DISCUSSION

WHAT SITUATIONS TEST YOUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD?

HOW DOES PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD PRACTICALLY IMPACT YOUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD?

WHICH “REQUIREMENT” OF GOD DEPENDENCE RESONATES WITH YOUR LIFE TODAY?

WHAT SPECIFIC SITUATION IN YOUR LIFE IS CALLING FOR GOD DEPENDENCE?