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Jesus did not commit Himself to themâ€”for He knew what was in man. â€”John 2:24-25

Put Trust in God First. Our Lord never put His trust in any person. Yet He was never suspicious, never bitter, and never lost hope for anyone, because He put His trust in God first. He trusted absolutely in what Godâ€™s grace could do for others. If I put my trust in human beings first, the end result will be my despair and hopelessness toward everyone. I will become bitter because I have insisted that people be what no person can ever beâ€”absolutely perfect and right. Never trust anything in yourself or in anyone else, except the grace of God.

Put Godâ€™s Will First. â€”Behold, I have come to do Your will, O Godâ€” (Hebrews 10:9).

A personâ€™s obedience is to what he sees to be a needâ€”our Lordâ€™s obedience was to the will of His Father. The rallying cry today is, â€”We must get to work! The heathen are dying without God. We must go and tell them about Him.â€” But we must first make sure that Godâ€™s â€”needsâ€” and His will in us personally are being met. Jesus said, â€”â€”tarryâ€”until you are endued with power from on highâ€” (Luke 24:49). The purpose of our Christian training is to get us into the right relationship to the â€”needsâ€” of God and His will. Once Godâ€™s â€”needsâ€” in us have been met, He will open the way for us to accomplish His will, meeting His â€”needsâ€” elsewhere.

Put Godâ€™s Son First. â€”Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Meâ€” (Matthew 18:5).

God came as a baby, giving and entrusting Himself to me. He expects my personal life to be a â€”Bethlehem.â€” Am I allowing my natural life to be slowly transformed by the indwelling life of the Son of God? Godâ€™s ultimate purpose is that His Son might be exhibited in me.