



“WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING”

Ask God in Faith for His Wisdom and Correction

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John 15 ⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. NKJV

⁴ So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine. ⁵ “I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. TPT

If you can do nothing without Him then ask His help in everything.

Ephesians 2 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! ⁹ So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. TPT

Christianity is the only religion that is a relationship with God. All other religions are man reaching up to God trying to be good enough. Christianity is God coming down to love and save us. Let Him love you – don’t reject Him.

James 4 ^{2b} ...all the time you don’t obtain what you want because you won’t ask God for it! TPT

2 Corinthians 5 ⁹ So whether we live or die we make it our life’s passion to live our lives pleasing to him. ¹⁰ For one day we will all be openly revealed before Christ on his throne so that each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless... ¹⁴ For it is Christ’s love that fuels our passion and holds us tightly, because we are convinced that he has given his life for all of us. This means all died with him... ¹⁹ In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was shepherding the world, not even keeping records of their transgressions, and he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God. ²⁰ We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ’s behalf, “Turn back to God and be reconciled to him.” ²¹ For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through our union with him. TPT

Note: vs 10 Or “done in the body” or “time spent in the body.” The judgment for our sins fell upon Christ on the cross, and the believer will never be judged for his sins. This judgment (scrutinizing) is for rewards. There will be different levels of reward given to believers after death. For some, there will be no reward, yet they will still be saved.

Hebrews 12 ¹ As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life’s marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. ² We look away from the natural realm and we focus our attention and expectation onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith’s perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! ... ⁵ And have you forgotten his encouraging words spoken to you as his children? He said, “My child, don’t underestimate the value of the discipline and training of

the Lord God, or get depressed when he has to correct you. ⁶ **For the Lord's training of your life is the evidence of his faithful love.** And when he draws you to himself, **it proves you are his delightful child.** ⁷ **Fully embrace God's correction as part of your training,** for he is doing what any loving father does for his children. For who has ever heard of a child who never had to be corrected? ⁸ **We all should welcome God's discipline as the validation of authentic sonship.** For if we have never once endured his correction it only proves we are strangers and not sons. ⁹ And isn't it true that we respect our earthly fathers even though they corrected and disciplined us? Then we should demonstrate an even greater respect for God, our spiritual Father, as we submit to his life-giving discipline. ¹⁰ Our parents corrected us for the short time of our childhood as it seemed good to them. **But God corrects us throughout our lives for our own good, giving us an invitation to share his holiness.** ¹¹ Now all discipline seems to be painful at the time, yet later it will produce a transformation of character, bringing a harvest of righteousness and peace to those who yield to it. TPT

Note: vs 1 Or "the sin that so cleverly entangles us." The Aramaic can be translated "the sin that is ready [and waiting] for us." If this is speaking of one sin, the context would point to the sin of unbelief and doubting God's promises.

Note: vs 2 Implied by the Aramaic word chop, which implies a gaze upon Jesus full of expectations that he is enough.

Proverbs 3 ⁵ Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. **With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make.** ⁶ Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go. ⁷ Don't think for a moment that you know it all, for **wisdom comes when you adore him with undivided devotion and avoid everything that's wrong.** ⁸ Then you will find the **healing** refreshment your body and spirit long for. ⁹ Glorify God with all your **wealth**, honoring him with your firstfruits, with every increase that comes to you. ¹⁰ Then every dimension of your life will overflow with blessings from an uncontainable source of inner joy! ¹¹ My child, when the Lord God speaks to you, never take his words lightly, and **never be upset when he corrects you.** ¹² **For the Father's discipline comes only from his passionate love and pleasure for you.** Even when it seems like his correction is harsh, it's still better than any father on earth gives to his child. ¹³ **Blessings pour over the ones who find wisdom,** for they have obtained living-understanding. ¹⁴ As wisdom increases, a great treasure is imparted, greater than many bars of refined gold. ¹⁵ It is a more valuable commodity than gold and gemstones, **for there is nothing you desire that could compare to her.** ¹⁶ **Wisdom extends to you long life in one hand and wealth and promotion in the other.** Out of her mouth flows righteousness, and her words release both law and mercy. ¹⁷ The ways of wisdom are sweet, always drawing you into the place of wholeness. ¹⁸ Seeking for her brings the discovery of untold blessings, for she is the healing tree of life to those who taste her fruits. TPT

James 1 ⁵ And **if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it!** He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace. ⁶ **Just make sure you ask empowered by confident faith without doubting that you will receive.** For the ambivalent person believes one minute and doubts the next. Being undecided makes you become like the rough seas driven and tossed by the wind. You're up one minute and tossed down the next. ⁷⁻⁸ When you are half-hearted and wavering it leaves you unstable. Can you really expect to receive anything from the Lord when you're in that condition? TPT

1 John 1 ⁹ **But if we freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time.** God is just to forgive us our sins *because of Christ*, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. TPT

Hebrews 6 ¹² So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, **but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance.** TPT