

God isn't too busy

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Probably the best resolution I ever made was to trust God. It wasn't made on New Year's day. It wasn't resolved just once and then forgotten. It didn't require a lot of human will to make or keep. Actually it required quieting my will so I could hear God's. The result is fewer mistakes and more harmony. And when things aren't going well, I ask myself, "Am I really trusting God?"

When we resolve to trust God even in little things, confidence builds. The resolution to trust God made a potentially frustrating or futile experience a successful one.

Last October I was visiting the city where we planned to spend part of the Christmas holiday. There's a fun little theater there. We've always wanted to attend but could never get tickets. I called and purchased the last seats available for the four day weekend. Wonderful!

They have many out-of-town visitors. So their policy is to hold tickets until the night of the performance, or one can pick them up at their office. Nothing is mailed.

Although we were rushing to leave the next day, the thought kept occurring to me to go to their office and collect the tickets. Having learned to listen for God's guidance and trust it, I did. No tickets. Not in the computer. Not in the files. Not recorded anywhere. They were busy and it looked like I was being dismissed.

Obviously this was not a world-shaking event. One might question praying about lost tickets. Isn't God busy with more important matters?

God is not a human being with a limited schedule or limited capacity. God is infinite Spirit, the one infinite divine Mind including all right ideas. God

creates harmony and order. It is not an effort for Him to maintain it. Order is natural to God.

Turning to God in prayer was more affirming God's harmonious government of events. I knew God was governing. Since man is the image and likeness of God, man reflects and expresses the intelligence of divine Mind, the willingness of divine Love, the persistence of divine Truth. I knew the tickets were not lost to God and that God was communicating to these individuals exactly what they needed to know in order to find them.

Calmly, confidently I resolved to trust God and His ability rather than human ability. I pleasantly encouraged the staff that I had indeed charged the tickets the night before and proceeded to take old programs and read them.

I didn't say another word. I refused to allow negative speculation, rancor or irritation into my thought. I refused to feel any time pressure from my own tight schedule. I worked and prayed to keep my thought calm, expectant of good, and confident in God's government. The atmosphere in the office was calm rather than tense.

Almost half an hour later the tickets appeared. Filed under a last name of "Fleece". (Oh dear!) The thought had come to one of the employees to search through all the tickets for that show looking for the date of purchase. When they arrived at "Fleece" with an unintelligible first name, the number of tickets and charge number matched. Voila!

Can you imagine trying to retrieve those tickets on the night of the performance with a sold out crowd? I was so grateful for God's guidance to collect them immediately. I was grateful for the employees' willingness to search, their persistence, and receptivity to God's direction. The demonstration was not just finding the tickets but relying on God and maintaining a harmonious, calm atmosphere. Let's resolve to trust God in something today.

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