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Get Out of the Way  
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*Lord I keep getting in the way! I wake up and I am in charge of me. I leave my house without as much as a thought of seeking your guidance for the day. I confront the same issues day after day, week after week, and year after year with the same failing solutions. Lord, I am ready to move out of your way! I just hope I have not made too much of a mess of things—do you think you can help me?*

**Today's Scripture: Proverbs 28:26** *He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. KJV*

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Acknowledgment of “self-sufficiency” is the beginning of one’s reconnection with God. We have to possess a spirit of humbleness to confess to God our weaknesses. Sadly, this weakness equates to sin. Yes, that is correct. It is contrary to God’s word to be self-sufficient. I can just imagine your thoughts racing... *‘what do you mean; it’s a sin to be self-sufficient?’* In a nut-shell, God does not want us to depend on “self” alone. Remember, “self” is flesh and flesh is corruptible. You cannot trust “self” 100%. Flesh will fall to temptation. Flesh deteriorates. Flesh dies. God, however, does not change. God has not and will not die. God is the only reliable source in our lives. So why are you blocking God?

From infancy to adult-hood, we are indoctrinated with “*you must be self-sufficient.*” Think about it. An infant is taught to hold his/her bottle so that he/she can learn the basic tool of survival. Toddlers are given a plate of food and a spoon and allowed to splatter the kitchen floor with the bulk of their dinner as they learn self-sufficiency in feeding themselves. We teach our little girls to get a good education so that “baby girl” can take care of her-“self” and not have to depend on a man for anything! We have brainwashed ourselves into believing “if I don’t do it, it will not get done.” It is therefore no surprise that we are confused when we come to knowledge of Christ and we begin to hear “surrender to God” and “trust God”. The concept of “surrender” and “trust” are foreign to us. Selflessness is a dominant thesis in the teachings and preaching of Jesus, the Christ. Salvation brings on a whole new focus in our lives. Our center of gravity is no longer “I” or “self”. Our center of gravity shifts to -- “Lord show me your will for my life...” “Father guide me through this phase”... “God, I need you to gift me with discernment of your voice and to silence my selfish voice”. How do we erase the indoctrination of independence and yield ourselves to God and become dependent on God? Simple –**Get “self” out of the way.**

**Let Us Pray:** Father in heaven, you know all and see all. See to me this day. Take away the “attitudes” that often creep into my life. Settle my mind and my heart. Calm me down Lord; I am on such an “overload”. I freely surrender me to you. Thank you for accepting me. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

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My Prayer:

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