

## **Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation**

### **Life Principle #9**

*Trusting God means*

*looking beyond what we can see to what God sees.*

What giants (big problems) are you facing in your life today?

How have you been demonstrating your trust  
in God in regards to this giant in your life?

What level of faith have you been declaring?

“I know the Lord can do this.”

“I know that He will do it – at least for some people.”

“It's as good as done.”

Are you asking God for something in your life and continue  
to worry about it? If so, then you are not fully trusting God.

Your way to recover from this cycle of worry:

Stop asking and start thanking Him.

## What is required for life-changing faith?

**Purify your heart.** Even a small amount of sin—such as bitterness, unforgiveness, or pride—will hinder your fellowship with the Lord.

**Renew your mind.** After your heart is cleansed, you will be able to see when and where God is at work.

**Make sure your motives are pure.** Is your intention righteous or selfish?

**Focus on the Lord.** Often when we approach the Lord in prayer, our concentration isn't on Him. We dwell on our emotions, the facts, and the opinions of others. All three are enemies to effective faith.

**Visualize the answer to your prayer.** The world has taken the term “visualize” and twisted it. But it can actually be a God-given tool to strengthen your faith. For example, I could visualize being pastor of First Baptist Atlanta long before they called me to lead the congregation.

**Walk in the light of the finished product.** Live as if it's only a matter of time before your prayer is answered. Your part is to discover God's will, surrender, and wait on His timing. When you walk in this level of faith, you will have an awesome sense of peace and contentment (Phil. 4:6-7).