

1. Q What do the words... Trust, Delight, Commit, and Guitar have in common?
2. A = Psalm 37 so let's read PSM 37:3-5 <Read>
3. So where is the guitar in this? you are saying... Vs1 'Do not FRET...' Ha Ha!
4. Vs 3 NLT = 'Trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live safely in the land and prosper.'
5. TRUST = safe, secure, reliant i.e. Rely on the Lord, regard God as your ultimate source of safety.
6. Do good = do the right thing THEN you will enjoy safe prosperity.
7. Regard the Lord as you ultimate source of security and from that safe position speak and do what is right and morally good... then...
8. Do the right thing = ethics and moral but also responsible provisions, hard work, conscientious planning and stewardship etc.
9. Trust, and COMMIT... "Ah, so here is the catch!" The dreaded 'C' word. Commit my time, talents, and... gasp... money to God!
10. Commitment is a good thing, but strange as it seems, it is not taught here in this text.
11. Strange use of a word to translate the Hebrew 'gaw-lal' = 'to roll'
12. AMP Bib = commit (roll and repose each care of your load on him) [Demo]
13. So the word 'Way' here denotes our works – our life tasks, cares, burdens.
14. 1 PET 5:7 'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you'
15. PSM 55:22 'Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.'
16. THEN 'He will do this' Do what? A = He will do what you cannot do.
17. DO YOUR BEST AND TRUST GOD FOR THE REST
18. What are we to do once we have done our very best?
19. Vs 7 'Be still and wait patiently for him'
20. Vs 34 'Wait expectantly for the Lord and keep his way.'

21. Trust, Commit... and DELIGHT
22. Delight = find greatest joy and satisfaction in a personal relationship with Jesus... Seek your happiness in the Lord.
23. AND He will give you the desires of your heart... but should we read 'and' as 'then'? i.e. just how conditional is this promise?
24. Adam Clark = 'The godly man never indulges a desire which he cannot form into a prayer.'
25. Barnes = 'The fact that you seek your happiness in him will regulate your desires.'
26. How can God truly love us and fulfil an evil or harmful desire? Would this not be indulgence rather than love? And what of His love for those our selfish desires would harm if we were to satisfy them?
27. However, if our hearts are towards Him then our desires will not be evil or destructive.
28. A more pertinent question for a true disciple of Jesus is 'will He only fulfil those desires which line up with His specific will for me at this time?' *WILL HE = ? TO BE LIKE JESUS*
29. Note carefully the word 'give' He will give, not we shall earn or deserve... GIVING is a freewill expression of love.
30. For those who have not yet heard it (only the Tuesday night Revelation class that have and a few others) this is the story of my guitar venture down in George.... Ah, this is where trust, commit and desire connect with Guitar.
31. For all of 2014 I worked through the question of what to do when I retired.... Had to check three boxes (1) What was the H/Spirit saying to me? (2) What was best for the church both local and wider?, (3) What did I really want to do?
32. Eventually came up with two areas that ticked all three boxes but there was a third that only seemed to tick the third box... I wanted to find and redevelop the musical skills and passion that I once had.
33. Wasn't convinced that this would help the church much - local church has such fine musicians and so many others who can play and sing.
34. Early in February, one month into retirement, I was still wrestling with this issue when suddenly a dream I had had since the age of 13 resurfaced... the desire to build my own classical guitar.

35. I found myself watching youtube videos of Luther's building guitars and the more I watched the greater my desire to do what they were doing and the greater the realisation that it was an impossible dream.... I had no woodworking skills, no equipment, no strength in my hands anymore, and nobody to teach me.
36. On Sun 1st Feb I shared with my family my dream and that I would have to give up on it.... Monday my son emailed me the details of a Luther in George who gave classes... on Monday I phoned Luigi and on Tuesday I was booked on the three student Guitar Venture - starting the very next week!
37. Here is a 1 minute PP presentation of what happen... *SEEN FILMED BY SOUND TRACK SWAN* is a very imperfect recording of me playing the guitar I built.
38. [Play pp]
39. I regard this as a gift from God... not earned... not conditional on my fulfilling some purpose He has for me... just a wonderful gift of love.
40. This is a time in our nation (world) when we need to 'Trust in the Lord and do good'.
41. Some are experiencing great insecurity and worry... so we need to settle this important question; 'In what or on whom do I trust?' Economy, government, myself.... Or the Lord Jesus?
42. If you need encouragement and prayer today for this to become a reality for you then I would be honoured to pray with you.
43. Some, if not many, people seek their greatest joy and satisfaction in things or people - spouse, children, grandchildren, collections, hobbies, etc.
44. If you are among this folk then I would be honoured to pray with you that the Lord would become the delight of your heart.
45. There are also those here who have not dared to expect God to give them the desire of their hearts... or perhaps you have dared to ask but still you wait for the gift... then I want especially to pray for you today.
46. [Prayer and ministry]