

“Letting Go of Control”

Control

I love authority, as long as I’m in it.

I just don’t think anyone should tell me what to do.

I want control because I know best.

The Better Way: Choose trust and surrender over control.

Control leads to fear.

Control has its roots in pride.

*Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Thou art the Potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still*

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My Name is PRIDE by Beth Moore

My name is Pride. I am a cheater.

I cheat you of your God-given destiny...because you demand your own way.

I cheat you of contentment...because you “deserve better than this.”

I cheat you of knowledge...because you already know it all.

I cheat you of healing...because you are too full of you to forgive.

I cheat you of holiness...because you refuse to admit when you are wrong.

I cheat you of vision...because you’d rather look in the mirror than out a window.

I cheat you of genuine friendship...because nobody’s going to know the real you.

I cheat you of love...because real romance demands sacrifice.

I cheat you of greatness in heaven...because you refuse to wash another’s feet on earth.

I cheat you of God’s glory...because I convinced you to seek your own.

My name is Pride. I am a cheater.

You like me because you think I’m always looking out for you.

Untrue. I’m looking to make a fool of you.

God has so much for you, I admit, but don’t worry...

If you stick with me you’ll never know.

Proverbs 16:5 NLT

The LORD detests the proud; they will surely be punished.

“**Selfishness**: self-centeredness; that we think is the root of our troubles. And to get well we had to quit playing God.” The Big Book

Trust and **Surrender**

Trust

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Surrender

Matthew 5:2-5 NLT

“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are **humble**, for they will inherit the whole earth.”

2 Corinthians 1:9 TLB

We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead.

By His **Spirit**

Philippians 2:13 NLT

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Zechariah 4:6 NLT

It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Trust and **Obey**

*Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey*

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Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.