

# TRUSTING GOD

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## Text: Proverbs 3:1-9

*"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase."* (Proverbs 3:1-9)

### INTRODUCTION

- I will trust Him when I am afraid (Ps 56:3)
- Trust in Him at all times (Ps 62:8)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Prov 3:5)
- Be followers of God as dear children (Eph 5:1)

## 1. OUR Foundation - trust God's Word

*"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"* (Ephesians 2:20)

### A. Law

laws of family

#### FAMILIES NEED A FOUNDATION

keep God big in family

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: 5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."* (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

*"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4)

EGO = edging God out

**Quote:** "The great cause of neglecting the Scriptures is not want of time, but want of heart, some idol taking the place of Christ."—**Robert Chapman**

**Quote:** "Let no Christian Parents fall into the delusion that Sunday School is intended to ease them of their parental duties."—**Charles Spurgeon**

#### CHURCHES NEED A FOUNDATION

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:2-4)*

#### B. Commandments

- KEEP - obey God's commands

*"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;" (Deuteronomy 8:11-14)*

**Quote:** "Now what is food for the inner man? Not prayer, but the Word of God; and here again, not the simple reading of the Word of God, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water passes through a pipe, but considering what we read, pondering it over and applying it to our hearts."

—**George Muller**

*"For length of days, and long life, And peace, shall they add to thee." (Proverbs 3:2)*

- BIND - wrap God's Word in your heart

*"So shall they be life unto thy soul, And grace to thy neck." (Proverbs 3:22)*

**Quote:** "We must receive the Word every opportunity we have-in class, in church services, through reading. The better you know your Bible, the better you will know God's will for your life."—**Warren Wiersbe**

*"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)*

## 2. OUR Focus - Jesus Christ the Lord

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

### A. Trust in Him

PLACE OUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM - God is higher than I

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?" (Romans 11:33-34)

TRUST HIM FROM THE HEART

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

DON'T LEAN ON YOUR OWN

### B. Acknowledge Him - trust with all your heart

"Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." (Romans 12:16)

### C. Fear Him

**Quote:** "We fear men so much because we fear God so little."

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)

## 3. OUR Focus IS DIRECTED

### A. Health Direction from the Lord

many things people cannot do

HE REMOVES THE OBSTACLES Heb 12:12-13

HE MAKES THE PATH STRAIGHT

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18)

B. Provision  
Direction from the Lord

WE HONOR GOD

"And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; 2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there. 3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us." (Deuteronomy 26:1-3)

"For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Mark 12:44)

widow  
lady

God PROVIDES FOR US

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

CONCLUSION

core values a) all we do on Christ  
b) submit to God's Word c) share  
gospel with people d) enjoy  
serving Jesus e) live by faith

Quote: "If we trust ourselves, we get what we can do; if we trust God, we get what God can do." —Pastor Chappell



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