

TRUSTING GOD

Introduction

- 1) **Matthew 19:21** – Jesus told the rich young ruler to “come, follow Me”
 - a) He called upon the young man to put his complete trust in Him and not his riches
- 2) Jesus calls upon all of us to follow Him in full and complete trust (Matt. 16:24; 11:28-29)
 - a) We will not hand our lives over to someone unless we totally trust him/her (Mk. 10:13-16)
- 3) Do you *trust God*? Do you trust God *completely*? Do you trust God *greater than all else*?

I) Why We Should Trust God Completely

- A) ***Directs our paths*** (Prov. 3:5-6; “all your heart” – complete commitment)
 - 1) God provides all wisdom to guide and guard our way (Prov. 2:6-9)
- B) ***Helps us out of trouble*** (Psa. 40:1-4)
 - 1) A refuge of deliverance for the faithful (Psa. 62:5-8; Jer. 39:18)
- C) ***Righteous will be saved*** (Job 13:15-16)
 - 1) Will not be condemned (Psa. 34:22)
- D) ***Brings lasting contentment and happiness*** (Psa. 37:1-9; 28:7)
 - 1) Avoid anxiety and fretting which indicates a lack of faith (Matt. 6:25-33)
- E) ***Drives away the fear of man’s threats and power*** (Psa. 56:1-4, 11; 64:10; Prov. 29:25)
 - 1) Stand fearless for the truth (Acts 5:29; 2 Tim. 4:18)
- F) ***Solid foundation and strength*** (Psa. 125:1; Isa. 12:2; 26:3-4)
 - 1) His word answers the questions and skepticism of men (Psa. 119:42, 46; 1 Pet. 3:15)
- G) ***Keeps every promise*** (1 Tim. 4:10; Num. 23:19)
 - 1) Heroes of faith put absolute trust in God’s promises (Heb. 11:8; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:4)
- H) ***Great in lovingkindness*** (Psa. 36:7)

II) Things We Should Not Trust More Than God

- A) ***Riches*** (1 Tim. 6:17; Mk. 10:24; Heb. 13:5)
 - 1) Uncertain, temporary, deceptive, distracting
- B) ***Ourselves*** (2 Cor. 1:9-10)
 - 1) Not depend on our own wisdom, strength, cunning, etc.
- C) ***Family or friends*** (Micah 7:5-7)
 - 1) Motives may not be pure or selfless
- D) ***Society*** (Amos 6:1)
 - 1) Financial security and moral stability can be fleeting and illusionary
- E) ***Government*** (Psa. 118:8-9; Jer. 46:25)
 - 1) Human governments and leaders are transitory and unreliable
- F) ***Human religions, churches, doctrines*** (Matt. 15:9, 13)
 - 1) Never quit God, but reject the empty, vain things of men

III) How Can I Increase My Trust in God?

- A) Read His Word (2 Pet. 1:3; Psa. 9:10)
- B) Pray to Him (Lk. 18:1)
- C) Join with Others who Trust God (Heb. 10:25)
- D) Remember His Promises (Heb. 11:6)
- E) Cast All My Cares on Him (1 Pet. 5:6-7)

Conclusion

The official motto of USA is “In God We Trust.” If only more in this country truly understood and practiced this principle – if only more would walk in righteousness. Obey God’s will and follow Him in complete faith and trust in everything (Jer. 17:7-8).