

Complete Trust

Read Prov.3:5-6

Unless we develop an unwavering trust in God we will never deepen our relationship with Him. Complete trust is as important as belief, faith, love, hope & obedience.

The Need For Trust (Prov.3:5-6)

1. ***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, - trust:*** Heb. batach ; to trust, be confident, secure, bold, without care (careless) The word conveys the idea that a sense of well being results from knowing that ‘the rug won’t be pulled out from under you’. The magnitude of trust is ‘with all YOUR heart’! (Same concept as Mat.22:37)
2. ***Do not lean on your own understanding. Lean*** – Heb. Sha’an ; lean on, lean upon, trust in, support oneself. The expression ‘to lean upon some ones hand’ (2Ki.5:18) conveys the picture of *trust & support in another*. ***Understanding*** – Heb. biynah ; wisdom, knowledge, insight, discernment. The writer is telling us that our whole being must trust in the Lord because the next most important person we would trust is ourselves and **that is a mistake**. Our intelligence often gets in the way of our absolute trust in God.
3. ***In all your ways acknowledge Him, He will make your paths straight.*** When the Christian puts his complete trust in the God he loves & does not try to guide his life according to his own wisdom & intelligence, that same LORD blesses him/her. (Prov.3:4)
4. ***Trust & Faith Are Inseparable!*** Jam.1:6-8. The person who doubts is ‘unstable’ (2Pet.3:16). Doubt is the single greatest hindrance to absolute trust and without it we can never **please** God! **Heb.11:6**

How can we LEARN to trust and not doubt?

By examining our selves, not to analyse but to confirm that we are ‘in *the* faith’.

2Co.13:5, Joh.6:6, Mat.16:1.

What do we need to find? Jesus Christ ‘within’ us. Rom.8:9-11

Our ‘strength’ comes from the Spirit of Christ in the ‘inner man’. Eph.3:16-17

Prayer and Practice! Psa.6:1-10

V.1-7 David is in distress & pours out his heart & soul to God.

V.8-10 During the prayer a dramatic change comes over him & suddenly; he receives assurance that God has heard his prayer.

Philp.4:6-7

We receive GREAT gain when we develop absolute trust in God! Psa.23:1-6

Do you absolutely trust in the LORD?