

Trust Issues
Proverbs 3:1-12

Introduction:



THE PATHWAY OF WISDOM IS PAVED WITH TRUST!

1. _____ God – *Confidence in His character.* [1-5a]

2. Know _____ – *Accept your frailty.* [5b, 7-8]

3. Walk in His _____ – *Honor God in everything.* [6a, 9-10]

4. Trust His _____ – *When you don't understand.* [6b, 11-12]

1. Are you naturally a trusting person, or does someone have to earn your trust? Who is someone you find easy to trust? What is it about that person that makes them trustworthy?
2. **Know God:** Proverbs 3:5 says, “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart.*” What is the difference between trusting God’s plan and trusting God’s person? Why is trusting who God is so important when we don’t know what He is doing?
3. **Know God:** Proverbs 3:3 emphasizes God’s *steadfast love and faithfulness*. What have you learned about God’s character that makes Him worthy of your trust?
4. **Know Yourself:** Read Proverbs 3:5b and 7–8. What are some ways we tend to “*lean on our own understanding*”? How can accepting our own frailty actually help us grow in wisdom?
5. **Walk in God’s Ways:** Verses 6 and 9–10 connect trusting God with the way we actually live. Why do you think money can reveal so much about whom or what we trust? What is another area—relationships, decisions, priorities, time, etc.—where it can be especially difficult to trust that God’s way is best?
6. **Trust God’s Heart:** Read Proverbs 3:11–12. How can suffering or circumstances we don’t understand challenge our trust in God? What helps us continue trusting God’s heart when we cannot understand His hand?
7. **Take the Next Step:** The sermon described trusting God as a pathway rather than a doorway—a life of repeated, faithful steps. Looking at the four areas—knowing God, knowing yourself, walking in God’s ways, and trusting God’s heart—which one represents your next step of trust? What would taking that step look like this week?