



## Proverbs 3:5-7 | Trusting God

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**Proverbs 3:5-7** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. <sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*

Trust/faith is a belief in the ability and truthfulness that God will fulfill all His promises.

**Psalm 20:7** *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

**Psalm 118:8-9** *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. <sup>9</sup>It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.*

**James 4:13-15** *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; <sup>14</sup>whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."*

**Proverbs 27:1** *Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.*

**Romans 14:7-9** *For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*

- Every follower of Christ will experience inconsistency in trusting God. Throughout our Christian life, our trust in God will be challenged.
- Our thoughts and emotions are *not* trustworthy. **Proverbs 26:18** *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool.*

**Philippians 4:6-7** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Why make our needs known to God when He already knows them?

- Acknowledge God's unconditional love amid suffering.
- Acknowledge that God is fully aware of every detail of your life.
- Acknowledge that God is the potter, and you are the clay.
- Acknowledge that God's timing and ways are always perfect.

When God does not work on our timetable, or in the way we think he should, it becomes easy to trust in our limited reasoning and resources. This, however, leads us down a deceptive and dangerous path.

Quoting a verse is *not* the same thing as being Biblical.

**Mark 9:24** *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**”*

Only Christ demonstrated 100% trust in God the Father 100% of the time.

**John 13:7** *Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”*

One day Christ will make everything right, but that is not now.

**Hebrews 2:8** *For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.*

**Hebrews 4:14-16** *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Hebrews 12:1-2** *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*

- **God is completely sovereign.**
- **God is infinite in wisdom.**
- **God is perfect in love.**

**Psalm 115:3** *But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.*

- Trusting God is *not* a matter of feelings but our wills.
- God owes me no explanation. He has the right to do what He wants, when He wants, and how He wants. God is the potter; we are His clay.

**Romans 9:20** *But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?” <sup>21</sup> **Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?***

**Romans 11:33-36** *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out <sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” <sup>35</sup> “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” <sup>36</sup> For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*