

Trust God

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight.

I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis on April 16, 2003. There a long journey was begun. I began to do Bible studies focused on healing. I came to know in my head and then believe in my heart that God heals and that I was healed. But my symptoms continued to progress. I had multiple conversations with God asking Him why the healing was not manifesting. His constant answer was, "Trust Me". "I am trusting you" was always my response. "No, really trust me". And then nothing. I found this conversation to be rather irritating. I continued to work: for money, for fulfillment, for insurance including disability insurance. Then suddenly my job came to an end. Fortunately, I had disability insurance to cover the income part. I had made sure that was protected. I filed for benefits. One day the plan administrator called to inform me that I had not ever applied for the insurance and I would not be receiving a monthly income from them. I was absolutely devastated. I had a panic attack. I couldn't breathe. I called my husband. He wanted to call 911. Later, I checked with my HR department. Indeed I had not signed up for that particular insurance. For a week I was "sick". I had 15 years to sign up for the insurance and I did not. Now it was too late and we had to live with the consequences. How could I be so foolish?! Finally, I brought it to God. "God, I have made a mess of this. I can't change it. I surrender this to you. I trust you completely. You are our provider, not me. I don't know how You'll do it but I trust You to fix it."... The next day I received a letter from the plan administrator laying out the benefits I would receive each month. It was everything I thought I had. In fact, I had not signed up for one insurance available but did have another one that actually paid me more. In addition, since I had been in a wheelchair for a couple years I would receive back pay for that time.

Look up Exodus 20:2-3. Who or what is to be before God?

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us who we should trust _____ . What shouldn't we trust? _____ ? This is an if/then statement. Verse 6 IF we _____ Him in how many of our ways? _____ THEN what will He do? _____ Reversing this is also true. When we find ourselves relying on material things or our intellect and are anxious, if we acknowledge God He will make our way straight. According to Strong's Concordance the Hebrew word for acknowledge is yada. The root is to know. Other meanings of this word: acquainted with, recognition, be aware, comprehend, consider, have knowledge, understand, have respect, be sure.

Read Matthew 6:25-30. (NLT) God assures us that we are _____ than the birds and He cares for the flowers and will certainly _____ for us.

Since we are to trust in God we need assurance that God is trustworthy.

In Deuteronomy 32:4 we learn what God is. Read that verse. Does that sound like a God you can trust? _____

Has God proven He is trustworthy?

Let's look at Abraham as one example. Look at Genesis 12:1-2. In Genesis 12:2 what does God promise Abraham? _____

According to Romans 4:18 did God keep that promise? _____

In Genesis 15:4 God makes another promise to Abraham. What is it?

Genesis 18:11 tell us what the natural circumstances were for Abraham and Sarah were.

According to Genesis 21:2 does God keep His promise? _____

So even when all the circumstances say it can't be so God keeps His promises. We can look at many other promises God has made and find He always keeps His promise. He has proven Himself faithful.

Hebrew 10:23 (NLT) assures us _____

Deuteronomy 7:9 tells us how long God keeps His promises _____
_____. God is faithful.

We see that God is someone we can trust. What does God promise to those who trust in Him? Jeremiah 17:7-8 _____

Psalms 37:3-5 tells us what God will do when we trust in Him.

According to Isaiah 26:3 what will we have if we trust in God?

What do we have to do to acquire this?

Sometimes we can't see what or who we are putting before God. I thought I was trusting and relying on God. God had revealed to me earlier that summer that I had made an idol of myself. I was my provider. I depended on myself to provide for us. I always acknowledged that God had given me the talents and abilities I used but I was proud that I was able to do it. If I had been truly trusting God I would not have been so devastated when it looked like the insurance wasn't there. I would have known He would provide no matter what the circumstances were. Once I truly trusted God He provided above what I had been able to do.

KEY THOUGHT: REALLY trust God.

APPLICATION

What challenging situation are you facing?

What are the circumstances?

Who or what are you counting on to make it work out. Be brutally honest with yourself.

If you are not trusting God what is stopping you?

Talk to God. Tell Him you have not been truly trusting Him. Tell Him what you have been trusting. It's ok. He already knows. He wants you to know and admit it.

Now promise God you will trust only in Him. Write out your promise.

Find 2-3 verses stating that God is trustworthy such as Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 10:23, Ps 89:35. Write them out. Memorize them. When you are in a tough situation say them to yourself. Say them out loud. Look in a mirror and say them out loud to yourself.