



Way of the Eagle

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THE POWER OF TRUST

Trusting God means to totally rely on Him, even though we don't understand what is going on in our lives and what God is doing?

Proverbs 3: 5-12 confirms this: "Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. It shall be health to your nerves and sinews, and marrow and moistening to your bones". Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the first fruits of all your income; So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine. My son, do not despise or shrink from the chastening of the Lord [His correction by punishment or by subjection to suffering or trial]; neither be weary of or impatient about or loathe or abhor His reproof, "

So trusting God is perfect healing to our bones; our mind and heart is at peace. There is a war going on inside of us, satan wants to bring us down with every occasion; we always need to be ready for battle; having done all to stand against the wicked fiery darts of the enemy: the helmet of salvation; the breastplate of righteousness; the shoes of peace; the sword of the spirit (the Word of God).

If we don't spend time with God, pray, fast and do self deliverance every day, we are prey for the enemy. The enemy is sneaky he knows how to press our buttons.

If any of you have any memories from the past that Jesus needs to heal, you can get together

with God and allow Jesus to come into the memory and heal that particular situation from your past. Envision Him to come and sit with you in the room and listen to what He is saying to you. Many times we can see Jesus instead of the person who hurt us to heal those wounds in our heart. God can mend cracks in your soul and He can do a work far deeper than you can expect. He wants to set you free from mental bondages. Trust Him to do this!



Trust God with all of your heart. Your heart is bigger than your head: what you can phantom, what you can see, what you can perceive, what you can connect to the heart is so much more significant than the mind. The Bible teaches some important things, on the place of the heart. The place of the heart and what happens to small-minded people is that they put the mind first. If we understand everything that is going on in our Christian life, then we've reduced God to our size.

It's important that we have parts of our life buried in mystery. Mystery is as important as revelation. In our quest to know God and serve Him, to accomplish His will to illustrate His kingdom and purposes, we will gain understanding as we trust in Him to reveal His mysteries to us at the right time.

We are supposed to increase in understanding, but in our progression in the kingdom, we have to have enough that we can't explain and we can't control so that we can have a reason for trust.

In **Acts 2** God sends the Holy Spirit so we will be clothed with the power. This power is for demonstrations of God's power and to give us power for endurance.

Endurance isn't necessary if you have the answer right away. Endurance is, it didn't happen the way we thought and there is a delay in getting the answer for our problem. That baptism of fire serves to equip us and enable us to bring a miracle into the situation, and when that miracle doesn't happen the Holy Spirit gives us the grace/power to endure (trust) until breakthrough. Let everything about you be anchored in who He is, **"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, lean not on your own understanding"**. Don't let your understanding be that which supports you. When you lean on the Lord, you don't need to reason in your mind and figure things out. As your understanding increases, take more risks and make sure you stay exposed to need in such a way, so that it will become normal for you to lean on the Lord and in all your ways acknowledging Him.

Acknowledge Him means in your profession you acknowledge God as your educator. In day by day situations whether you are leader, school teacher or a business executive acknowledge that God is the greater educator or gives you great ideas for business in how to plan a lesson or project or how to invest. Take Him as your guide in your job or business and you will be successful. Pray: "Show me what it's like to be a wise leader or business man or woman of You Lord". We invite God to take the lead in all of our ways: ministry, work, hobbies, family... everything that we have interests in.

God will direct our path when we acknowledge Him, and the word direct means: to make crooked places straight and He will take that road that we are on that seems to be tough to navigate and He will make the road smooth and straight. This is the outcome in involving the perfect Father in every aspect and part of our lives. Even when you go shopping acknowledge God and say, "You are the best shopper".

In **Proverbs 3: 7** **"Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil"**.



There is always stuff happening in our mind and so we should start with what God said, then we develop opinions about that subject which is normal. We develop principles. But what ends up happening is much like a grape vine, we start with something that is real and then we end up with a pattern of thought that is not productive for the kingdom, because now it starts living for itself, and not for bearing fruit. So what has to happen is a pruning of that vine (thought pattern).

For example: there is the incorrect and abusive doctrine that has been running rampant for years in churches of God of Him being the angry Father Who punishes those who are lost and disobey Him and so pours out His wrath on them.

That is why we allow the scripture to form in our mind and when necessary to correct and redefine our definitions. Because when we have a correct definition, we have an understanding of God's love, grace, forgiveness and power which begins to grow and develop our trust, capabilities and destiny.

Don't make the scripture be what you want. Read the scriptures with abandonment so that you will get pruned by God, every time your doctrine or thinking is inconsistent or conflicts with the scriptures.

1 Peter 2:17 says **"Show respect for all people [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the King."**

We honor the King by giving Him our trust in all things in our lives.

"Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;" Proverbs 3:9

This verse refers to honoring or trusting God with our possessions. Frankly, He gave them all to us anyway right! Second part of that verse is about giving from our first fruits, meaning we put God first and give Him our best.

There are a lot of people who give at the end, maybe, with whatever they have left after bills, investments, savings and luxuries are bought. This is the exact opposite of what God wants and the exact opposite of what to do obtain a good harvest from God.

There is something about the first fruits that determines the harvest and it means that you are expecting bounty. That is why acknowledging and trusting God in all of our ways is important that we don't do anything unless He is involved in it.

When we are putting Him first He gives us a promise, **"So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine." v. 10.** It is extremely selfish to not want more from God. To not position yourself for increase is to live a self imposing, restricted lifestyle and it means that you will not do all that God has put in your heart.

Read that last sentence again!



So in conclusion, I encourage you to pray this prayer trusting in God's Word and power, "God you've got to pour out waves of abundance on me if You want me to do all that You put in my heart to do, so that I will respond fully and live with fulfilled dreams".

Psalm 119:17,"Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live; and I will observe Your word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]."