

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUSTING GOD

(A key to fulfilling life's potential in Christ)

1) WHY WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE:

i) His proven faithfulness in the past (The Old Testament is full of accounts of God's great faithfulness to His people) – Some examples include:

- God parting the Red Sea for Moses and the children of Israel to enable them to be delivered from the hands of the Egyptians (Hebrews 11:29) (Exodus Chapter 14) and
- Daniel being protected from the Lions after being thrown in the Lion's Den after praying to His God as was his usual custom, despite a King's decree not permitting this. (Daniel 6:3-23) We must always choose to be God pleasers rather than man pleasers.
- When we stand up for our faith God will stand up for us and vindicate us. We see this also in the lives of Shadrach Meshach and Abednego (Daniel Chapter 3)
- The Lord is always with us during our trials (Matthew 28:20) (2 Thessalonians 3:3) (Hebrews 13:5-6)

ii) That God is able to do the impossible in our life when we simply TRUST Him and *just do what He calls us to do in life.*

God's ways are higher than our ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9) For this reason it is crucial that we continually put our trust in the Lord and allow Him to direct our steps in life. No situation is ever impossible for God and He is always able to perform miracles in our life. The bible is full of accounts of miracles that were performed by God. Some of these include:

- The walls of Jericho coming down (Joshua 6:1-20)
- Peter and the miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11)
- Jesus turning the water into wine. (John 2:1-11)
- Bread from heaven to feed the Children of Israel (Exodus Chapter 16)
- When we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness we can be assured that ALL that we NEED in life shall be added to us (Matthew 6:31-33). "God's provisions are strategically located along the pathway of faithful obedience" (Holy Spirit Filled Bible Quotation from Study notes for Genesis)

2) The benefits of TRUSTING God

- We enjoy His peace (Isaiah 26:3-4) and mercy (Psalm 32:10)
- We see His blessings and favour upon our life (Psalm 34:8)
- We see His continual protection (Psalm 37:40) (Psalm 61)
- Our lives will always be fruitful and productive (Jeremiah 17:7-8)
- We can be assured that God will meet our every need in life (Philippians 4:19)
- We see God's plan for our life COMING TO PASS (Proverbs 3:5-6) (Psalm 37:3-5)

3) What God has planned for our life will CONTINUALLY involve taking steps of faith. (Hebrews 11:1)

We will need God's hand of favour upon our life AND His enabling power if we are to achieve all that He has planned for our life. God's plan for our life cannot be achieved in our own strength and ability. His plan for our life will always require a continual walk of faith. (Hebrews 11:6-12 & 23-31) (Ephesians 3:20) (Jeremiah 33:3) (1 Peter 4:11) (Philippians 4:13) (Psalm 68:35) We need to always be prepared to let go of the old things to embrace the new things that God has planned for our life (Isaiah 43:18-19)

But we can be assured that whatever God calls us to do in life, He will help to bring it to pass. We see this in the life of Gideon when he responded to God's call to help deliver the children of Israel from the oppression of the Midianites, who were causing the children of Israel to be greatly impoverished. (Judges 6:6) With an army of just 300, Gideon with God's help defeated the enemies' army which numbered 135,000. WE CAN TRUST GOD

4) The importance of building our lives based on the promises contained in God's Word.

We need to continually RENEW OUR MIND with the TRUTH contained in God's Word by MEDITATING on the Word of God (Allowing the Word of God to RENEW our mindsets and way of thinking) It is so important also that God's Word goes from our head to our heart) FAITH comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) (Romans 12:2) (John 8:31-32) (Joshua 1:8)

5) We need to simply LEARN to become people of PRAYER who CHOOSE to refuse to worry about things in life

We need to refuse to keep focusing on and talking about the problems in our life. If we continually focus on our problems they will appear to be a lot bigger than what they really are. Most of what people worry about never comes to pass. We need to become people who instinctively take our problems to the Lord in prayer. For with God nothing will be impossible. (Luke 1:37) (Philippians 4:6-7) (1 Peter 5:7) (James 1:5)

We have a God who hears and answers our prayers that are in line with His will for our life. God knows what is best for us and how to best work things out for us. (1 John 5:14-15) (Mark 11:22-24) (John 14:12-14)

Prayer is a key to seeing breakthroughs in our life (Matthew 7:7-11) and to making right choices in life that are in line with God's will for our life (Ephesians 5:15-17)

6) We need to be careful about what we listen to and focus on in life

- We need to have people of faith speaking into our life. For this reason we need to continually choose our friends wisely. (Proverbs 13:20) (Proverbs 12:26)
- We must not allow sceptics and unbelievers to download on us in such a way that it begins to undermine our faith. The enemy will always try and bring wrong influences into our life and ungodly people across our path to try and negatively affect our faith and walk with the Lord. (Psalm 1:1) (Colossians 2:6-10) (Matthew 7:6) As believers we are in a continual spiritual war. (1 Peter 5:8-9)
- The Apostle Paul made it clear what we should focus on in life:
“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy- meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

7) We must simply make a decisive decision to TRUST God in EVERY area of our life AND to REFUSE to be moved and discouraged by our temporary circumstances in life. TODAY IS THE BEST DAY TO MAKE THIS CHOICE

– WE NEED TO CONTINUALLY REMAIN COMMITTED TO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO IN LIFE – As we do we can be assured that He will meet our every need in life (Philippians 4:19)

- We must simply refuse to allow the cares and distractions of this world to stop us from wholeheartedly pursuing what God has planned for our life.
- GOD HAS SO MUCH IN STORE FOR EACH AND EVERY BELIEVER'S LIFE
- If we continually trust the Lord and allow Him to guide our steps in life, we can be assured that all that God has planned for our life, will come to pass.
(Philippians 1:6) (Psalm 37:5) (Psalm 37:23-24)