

Trust Me

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Psalm 118:8 *It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.*

Who do you trust? We make trust a precious commodity. We expect people to earn it, and then we take it away when it is violated. Even so, we sometimes misplace our trust and suffer for it. Who do you trust? How about your government? Have they ever broken that trust? What about your neighbor? Ever ask a neighbor to watch your home for you while you were away? What about your spouse? Trust is fundamental to a thriving marriage; do we give trust deserved by those closest to us? What about your preacher? Too many put too much trust in a spiritual leader, and lack the Berean spirit. What about your brethren? Do you trust them enough to confess sins to them? To rely on them for comfort and assistance?

Of course we all trust with limitations; once burned, twice shy. We ought to strive to be trustworthy persons ourselves, as we will never be effective communicators of the gospel if we are not worthy of trust. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 7:1-5.

In Scripture, God has said "Trust Me". Consider what He said in Malachi 3:10-12. We can imagine the Jews holding back their tithes believing that they might still need these things. Giving is a means of communicating trust, and they simply could not trust God. Is it different for us today? Jesus told us in Matthew 18:1-4 that those who will inherit the kingdom must be like "little children". Do they not trust in those who watch over them?

God expects us to trust him in many ways. He says "Trust Me" for your needs in Matthew 6:25-33. He says "Trust Me" in evangelism in Isaiah 55:10-11. He says "Trust Me" in the home in places like I Peter 3:1 or Ephesians 4:35-5:3. He says "Trust Me" in your work in Colossians 3:23-24. In each of these passages we see a promise of blessing if we believe Him; God calls us to Trust Him, and He has blessings for us if we do so.

Should we put the trust God asks for in other things? We ought not to trust in ourselves (2 Corinthians 1:9), in our wealth (Mark 10:24), in our health (James 4:13-15), or in others (Jeremiah 17:5). It is so very tempting to want to trust God AND other things. We can show a lack of trust by misplacing it.

Consider this "faithful saying" of the early church (2 Timothy 2:11-13):

For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.

If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.

If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

If we are faithless, He remains faithful;

He cannot deny Himself.

God can be trusted. We can trust that if we died with Him (Romans 6:3), we shall also live with Him. We can trust that if we endure, we shall reign with Him. Let us show Him we trust Him by being bold in our conduct and our hopes.