

Sunday Morning: October 2, 2011

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Monday

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart...

Trusting is essential and unavoidable. Everybody trusts something. Everybody trusts someone. You trust the plane to fly, the car to run, the stoplight to change, the roof to stay in place. You trust the chair when you sit, the bed while you sleep, and the floor not to collapse. You trust the driver in the next lane to stay put. You trust the mailman not to put a snake in the box. See? Trust is a normal and necessary part of everyday. It's not 'if you trust', but 'what or who you trust'. The bible says, "Trust in the Lord." If you are not trusting in Him above all else, then you are trusting in broken crutches. Your fall, your failure is only a matter of time.

Tuesday

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and do not lean on your own understanding...

"With all your heart?" What does that mean? The heart was considered the center, the essence of a man or woman. The heart represents your total being. To trust with all your heart means to trust the Lord with your mind, with your decision-making and with your actions. Trust in the Lord entails surrendering your logic to His wisdom. It means yielding your reason and rationale focus to His clear instructions. If your mind or 'gut' tells you to do one thing, but God's word tells you to do another, you are determined to do God's word. This is not first emotional trusting, but cognitive and active trusting. As you yield with your mind and your actions, you will find your emotions settled in security and peace.

Wednesday

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD.

Even believers make the foolish mistake of confusing 'trust *in* the Lord' with trusting *that* the Lord will do this or that. Some trust that the Lord will heal. Some trust the Lord to make them rich. Some trust the Lord will provide the 'love of their life' or make the 'love of their life' into a different person. When they do not get their desire, wish, or way, they blame God and declare, "but I trusted you!" In fact they were not trusting God at all, but they were trying to conjure God to conform to their will and get their way. God's word does not say, "trust in the Lord to do this or that," rather it says, "trust in the Lord". Do you get the difference? It's a difference that makes all the difference in the world.

Thursday

Prov. 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him...

Literally, the Hebrew text says, "In all your ways *know* Him." Wow! That's both promise and instruction. To "know" the Lord in all your ways means that you allow every situation of your life to become a place of fellowship with Jesus. Every circumstance, every season in life, every trial, and every victory is to be a place of deeper relationship with Him. Seek to understand His purpose in your present circumstances and His plan for your situation. Know Him! To "*know Him* in all your ways" means to acknowledge (to yourself and others) His presence in your situation and to use every opportunity to tell others about His work in your life.

Friday

Prov. 3:6 And He will make your paths straight.

God is working through every situation to direct you. He is orchestrating events and people for your benefit. If you desire to walk in the perfect will of God, then trust in the Lord with all your heart and in all your ways acknowledge Him. He will exercise the powers of heaven to assure you arrive at the correct destination. Though unseen by you, He will straighten your path. Like Joseph, who could not see from his perspective that the path he was traveling was a plan from God; yet he trusted the Lord. From his vantage point it was a winding path, but in fact it was a straight path to the full blessing of God.