

SERMON HANDOUT for August 20, 2023



CHOOSE TO TRUST

Proverbs 3:5; CSB Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 CSB
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INTRODUCTION

- God expects mankind to trust Him.

1) CHOOSE TO _____ GOD

What does it mean to trust?

Trust is to have a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

Why should you trust God?

- ✝ 31 Names of God describe who God is (*see page 5*)
- ✝ He is God = Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Can I trust Him?

- ✝ God is **RELIABLE** - Psalm 33:4
- ✝ God is the **TRUTH** - John 14:5a
- ✝ God is **ABLE** to exceed expectations - Ephesians 3:20
- ✝ God is our **STRENGTH** - Psalm 46:1

Will you trust Him?

2) CHOOSE TO TRUST GOD WITH YOUR _____

...with **all** your heart (Deut. 6:5 and Mark 12:30)

Heart is associated with:

- The Mind
- The Will (Decisions)
- Feelings and Affections (Emotions)
- Moral and Spiritual Life (Conscience, True Nature, Character)

What does the Bible say about the heart?

- ✝ Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:10; Matthew 15:19; Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34
- ✝ Proverbs 18:12; Psalm 37:31; Proverbs 21:1; Proverbs 16:5

3) CHOOSE TO RELY ON THE _____ OF GOD

...and do not rely on you own understanding.

- ✝ Isaiah 55:8
- ✝ Proverbs 9:10
- ✝ Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom and the understanding (revelation) given to us by God is what we need to trust in.

- ✝ Noah - Genesis 6:22
 - ✝ Abraham - Genesis 15:6
 - ✝ Moses' Mom - Exodus 2:3
 - ✝ Moses - Exodus 17:4-6
 - ✝ Daniel - Daniel 2:27-28
 - ✝ Esther - Esther 4:14
 - ✝ Ruth - Ruth 1:16
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4) THE CHOICE IS _____

We are a product of our choices. CHOICE MATTERS!

- ✝ Genesis 2:16-17 - God created man (Adam) and placed him in the Garden of Eden
- ✝ Genesis 3:1-7 - Garden of Eden
- ✝ 1 John 2:16 - Lust of the Flush, Lust of the Eye, Pride of Life
- ✝ 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

YOUR CHOICE MATTERS - Proverbs 3:5

- ✝ Two **Desired** Choices
 - Choice #1 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart
 - Choice #2 - do not rely on your own understanding

- 🚫 Two **Undesired** and Implied Choices
 - 🚫 Choice #1 - Not to trust in the Lord
 - 🚫 Choice #2 - Rely on your own understanding

Decision Making Model Resource - Your Life

Alternative #1:

- ✝ **Choice #1** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart
- ✝ **Choice #2** - do not rely on your own understanding

Alternative #2:

- 🚫 Choice #1 - Not to trust in the Lord
- 🚫 Choice #2 - Rely on your own understanding

Which one do you choose?
