

Trust in the LORD – Part 2

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Text:

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7: Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8: It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9: Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Introduction

Solomon is exhorting his son to trust in the Lord and there are three areas he covers here in our text.

I - Trust the Lord in Your Trials

- A. We must trust the Lord with all our heart.
- B. We must trust the Lord in all our ways.

II - Trust the Lord in Your Temptations

- A. We must trust the Lord humbly
- B. We must trust the Lord reverently

III - Trust the Lord with Your Treasures

A third major area of trust is seen in vv. 9–10: “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

This afternoon, I will be speaking about money. How to trust the Lord with our possession and money. As we do this, I am assuming that we are all believers and followers of Jesus Christ who I trust have a Biblical understanding and approach to money and things. In other words, we take seriously what our Lord said in [Luke 12:22 and 23](#) where our Lord says to His disciples, “... Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.”

[Luke 12:15](#) And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

I trust that we take seriously, Paul's admonition in [Hebrews 13:5](#), where he says, “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” I trust that we understand and are convinced that

godliness with contentment is great gain and that we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out (1 Timothy 6:6-7).

So, how do we trust the Lord with our treasures?

A. How is this demonstrated?

How do we demonstrate that we are trusting the Lord with our treasures?

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

We show that we are trusting the Lord with our treasures by honoring God with our possession and our finances. The word 'honor' means 'to hold with great respect.' In other words, you and I are to hold our Lord with great respect with our treasures. The word honor is the same word that you will find in Revelation 4 where the 24 elders are worshiping God and they were saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Rev 4:11)

The word honor has to do with **making an assessment**, an **appraisal of something**. God is worthy of honor because of who He is and what He has done, and we prove that we understand this truth by the way we use our money and things. How you use your money and things reveals **how much you really value Him**. This is a **tangible way to demonstrate** that you are trusting the Lord with your treasures.

B. How is this developed?

Now how do we develop and grow in trusting the Lord with our treasures?

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

1. Recognize that God owns everything

Scripture reminds us that God is the Creator over all the earth .

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Psalms 121:2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Since God is the Creator of all, He owns the world and all that is in it.

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Haggai 2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11: I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12: If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

2. Remember that you are stewards of all you possess

God is the owner of all things, and we are simply His stewards. Out of His sheer goodness, God has chosen to share the good things of the world with His children.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

“If God is the owner, I am the manager. Money and things have been entrusted to me, not given to me. A steward manages assets for the owner’s benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It is his job to find out what the owner wants done with His assets, then carry out His will.” (Randy Alcorn)

Whatever God makes, He owns. What we own, we own as stewards who have been given gifts from God Himself. God calls us to be faithful in what He gives us—working honestly and diligently to gain wealth, saving judiciously, investing wisely, giving cheerfully and generously to the work of ministry.

Let’s strive to be a good and faithful steward with what you are given.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

3. Receive God’s blessings with humility

It’s not sinful to be wealthy. It’s sinful to be prideful, arrogant, and selfish with an abundance of treasures. The Lord gives the ability to make great financial gains. The true test of being spiritually mature and financially sound is keeping oneself humble. The practice of humility keeps our hearts tender towards God resulting in compassion to those who have much less.

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

Whatever I have, whatever ability or skill I have to accumulate things, everything is a gift from God. It is all a gift, a loan, a trust, a stewardship.

4. Resist the temptation to get rich quickly

Again, it's not sinful to be wealthy. What is sinful is to desire riches more than God and the knowledge of God.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have.

There is a close connection between trusting in money and departing from the living God. The Apostle Paul taught that *"the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils"*

1 Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10: For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

For this reason, believers are commanded not to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

Jim Carey once said, *"I wish everyone could be rich and famous so they could realize it's not the answer."*

Avoid the **"get rich quickly"** schemes. Work hard, be diligent, be honest. Trust God to supply your needs.

Closing Thoughts

What is your valuation of God? What's your appraisal of God's value? What's your assessment of His worth? We prove we understand who He is and what He has done by paying our respect as in giving Him more than just credit, but cash. Giving Him tribute. Your tribute to the King of kings and Lord of lords who is worthy to receive your all.

May we learn to trust the Lord in our trials, in our temptations, and with our treasures!

AMEN!