

Doctrine of Trusting in the Lord

1. Evil individuals will mock those who say they trust in the Lord.
 - Rabshakeh mocked the leaders of Israel. *2 Kings 18:22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?*
2. The ungodly will boldly tell Christians not to trust in the Lord.
 - *2 Kings 18:30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.*
3. Gospel obedience demands that Christians offer the sacrifices of righteousness and trust in the Lord.
 - *Psalms 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.*
4. Christians have a right to hate those who do evil. A Christian will not advance himself through lies but by trusting in the Lord.
 - *Psalms 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.*
5. Christians are to trust in the Lord and do good to others in faith that God will provide shelter and food.
 - *Psalms 37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*
6. Gospel witnessing by singing the songs of Zion and offering spiritual praise will result in soul winning activity. Others will see the Christian testimony, come to fear God, and shall trust in the Lord.
 - *Psalms 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.*
7. By drawing near to God, and by trusting in the Lord, the Christian has a basis to testify to all His works of mercy and grace.
 - *Psalms 73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.*
8. The psalmist remembered how the house of Aaron trusted in the Lord. Christians need to be reminded of their spiritual heritage and take courage from the confidence of others.

- *Psalms 115:10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.*
9. Those that fear the Lord are to trust in Him as well. Christians are to trust that the Lord will always be faithful. They are to trust in His love. They are to trust His mercy and grace.
- *Psalms 115:11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.*
10. It is far better and wiser to place ultimate trust in the Lord than in any government program or politician or any human no matter how well meaning and sincere they may seem to be.
- *Psalms 118:8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.*
 - *Psalms 118:9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.*
11. There are spiritual rewards for trusting in the Lord.
- Security and Stability. *Psalms 125:1 A Song of degrees. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.*
 - Spiritual and Material Prosperity. *Proverbs 28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.*
 - Physical and emotional safety. *Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.*
12. As men are not to be ultimately trusted, neither is self to be viewed as the master of one's own fate.

Worldly Wisdom

Invictus
(Latin, Invisible)

“Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
 Looms but the horror of the shade,
 And yet the menace of the years
 Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
 How charged with punishments the scroll,
 I am the master of my fate:
 I am the captain of my soul”.

William Ernest Henley, 1875

The Wisdom of God

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

13. In matters small and great, in daily acts of God’s providence, the Christian is to trust in the Lord.

- *Philippians 2:19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.*
- *Philippians 2:24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.*