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Psalm 37:3: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. (NIV)

TRUST IN THE LORD

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Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we all thank You, praise You, bless you and love you Lord, for being our Rock of Truth. Lord, when our faith gets weak and evil is all around us, thank You for Your full Armor of Righteousness. Father, thanks for all Your daily Love, Grace, and Mercy that You bestow upon us. Lord, thanks for never leaving us or forsaken us during our darkest moments. Also Father, thanks for being so trustful and truthful to us Lord. Father, please continue to watch over us and bless us with Your Divine Presence! Father, I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus, Hallelujah Amen.

This month, the Holy Spirit has inspired me to talk about God's Trust. Trust is and has always been a word that is so hard to find in a fallen world. We are all living in a broken, sinful, godless, and corrupt world by nature. Corruption in it's self, is a world wide disease, and is at epidemic levels. The Bible warns us not to put our trust in man. Why does the Bible warn us about trusting in man? Because man by nature, are evil and broken. I use to put all my trust in me, and it got me in a lot of trouble throughout the years. Every time I thought that I had complete self control, God brought me down to my knees. It took years of falling flat on my face, until I started to submit to His Will, instead of mine. As I slowly started to change my way of thinking, I started doing things differently. I noticed that by putting my trust in the Lord, and not my self, things started to change. The more trust I gave to the Lord, the easier my trials and burdens were to deal with. I still have, and will have until eternity, trials and burdens from time to time. But with God on my side through submission to His will, the dark road ahead has now become brighter, thanks the Lord, Christ Jesus.

In **Psalm 37; 3-5** it is written; **Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.**

Also, it is written in **Proverbs 3:5-6**; **Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.**

Speaking about trust in the Lord! One of the most profound examples in the New Testament, of someone who learned to put his trust in the Lord in good times as well as bad, was Saint Paul the Apostle.

Paul tells us in **Philippians 4:13** that **I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.** Paul tells us that, what we put into our mind's, determines what comes out in our words and actions. Paul also tells us to program our minds with thoughts that are true, noble, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. Paul tells us to examine what we are putting into your minds, through television, internet, books, conversations, movies, magazines and so on. Paul tells us to try with God's help, to replace harmful input, with wholesome material. Above all, read God's Word daily and pray. Ask God to help you focus your mind, on what is good and pure. I know from my own experience, it takes dedication and practice, but with God's help through prayer and dedication, it can be done!

Paul again tells us that, it's not enough just to hear or to read the Word of God, or even know it well. We must put it into practice. How easy is it to listen to a sermon, and forget what the preacher said! How easy is it to read the Bible and not think about how to live differently? How easy is it to debate what a passage means and not live out that meaning? Are you content in any circumstance you face? Paul knew how to be content when he had plenty or whether he was in need. The secret why Paul was so content was the fact that he was drawing on Christ Power for strength alone, and not his own. Do you at this time have great needs, or are you discontented because you don't have what you want or desire? Secret to deal with this problem is to learn to rely on God's promises and ask God to remove that desire and teach you contentment in all circumstances. He will supply all our needs, in a way that only He knows what's best for us. If we believe in our heart and trust God, He will always meet our needs. Whatever we need on earth, He will always supply our needs, even if it's the courage to face death as Paul did. Also, whatever we need in heaven He will supply. We must remember, however, the difference between our wants and our needs. Most people want to feel good and avoid discomfort or pain. We may not always get what we want! But by trusting in Christ, our attitudes and appetites can change from wanting everything to accepting His provision and power to live for Him. Let us pray: Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, thank You Father for Your Inspired message this month. May this message, touch the hearts and minds of Your people. Lord, may we all find peace in Your Words of Divine Wisdom. Also Father, please continue to watch over and protect us, with Your Holy Spirit's, full Armor of Divine Righteousness.

Father, please help us to dwell in Your Divine and Holy Presence, for the rest of our days. Abba Father, I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen!



JESUS TODAY

By Sarah Young

In everything you do, put Me first, and I will direct you and crown your efforts with success! Putting Me first, sounds so simple and straightforward. But the world, the flesh, and the devil war against your efforts to do this. You can easily justify letting other things creep into the space and time you had set aside for Me. If this happens only occasionally, it's just part of being human. However, if you see it becoming a pattern in your life, watch out! Your priorities may have been gradually shifting—until I am no longer your *First Love*. Putting Me first, is not an arbitrary rule; it is the only way to live vibrantly, joyfully---close to Me. It also is the way to live purposefully, letting Me direct your steps. When I am finally your top priority, other things will fall into their proper place. So, *delight yourself joyfully* in Me first and foremost. As you *walk in the Light of My Divine Presence*, I open up the paths before you---*crowning your efforts with success!*



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