

**Trusting God**  
**(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

**What Happens When We Don't Trust God with Our Lives?**

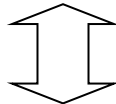
**Unbelief**

**(Hebrews 3:7-19)**

There is the idea that God is not doing enough for us; or that God is not enough for us

(We reject the truth about God)

(We believe a lie about God)



**Selfish Ambition**

**(James 3:13-16)**

We live as if all things are for us (God is nonexistent)

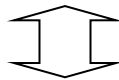
We live as if all things are about us (God is nonexistent)

We live as if everything revolves around us (God is nonexistent)

We become preoccupied with what we want in place of obedience to God;

We are consumed with pleasures of this life; use people as avenues for our satisfaction

(I want need, I demand, I must have, I can't do without)

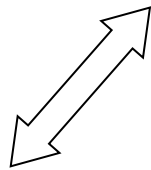


**Discontentment**

**(Ecclesiastes 5:10-11)**

We are never satisfied with anything or anyone and never seem to have enough of either

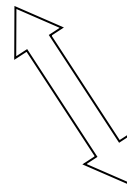
(If Only I had, I should have, Why don't I have, Life would be better if, I deserve)



**Anger**

(James 1:19-20)

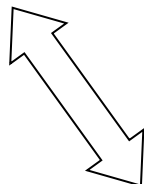
Negative reaction to not getting our way



**Worry**

( Matthew 6:25-34)

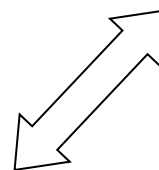
Fear of what we may lose or not receive



**Despair**

(Ecclesiastes 2:17)

Sorrow with no hope because we view life without a proper view of God



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(Chart Adapted from Taking Time to Quiet Your Noisy Soul (Workbook) by Jim Berg)

## I. The Premise of Trusting God (v5)

- A. Trusting God means to rely on and place confidence in who He is
  - 1. It is not a mental assent of what you understand
  - 2. It is an act of the mind, will, and emotion responding to who He is
  - 3. It is an act of submission to the Self-Existent Eternal God
- B. Trusting God must start from the inside out
  - 1. It starts with taking every thought captive to His Word
  - 2. It moves to setting your affections on His Will, His Way, His Promises
  - 3. It ends with a sense of well-being knowing God has everything under control even when things look and feel out of control
- C. We must trust that God is:
  - 1. Sovereign – controls all things at all times for His Glory and our good (Lam. 3:37-38, Eph. 1:11, 1Tim. 6:13-16)
  - 2. Infinite in wisdom – knows the best course of action and the way to bring about the best results (Col. 2:1-3, Rom 11:33 )
  - 3. Perfect in love – seeks the highest good of individuals (Ps 32:10, 1John 4:9-10, Lam3:22-23)

## II. The Pitfall to Trusting God (v5)

- A. The pitfall to trusting God is relying on your own insight
- B. Relying on your own insight is having a human observation apart from a biblical interpretation (Ps 73)
  - 1. You ask questions like why did God let this happen to me instead of How is God using what happened to me to make me more like Christ?
  - 2. You ask questions like why didn't God do anything for me then instead of What was God doing then to His Glory and my benefit now?
  - 3. You view life according to how things make you happy or unhappy instead how things make you Holy or Unholy
  - 4. You interpret life according to your feelings and passions instead of from God's precepts and promises
- C. Relying on your own insight alone leads to self deception, self protection, self centeredness, and self promotion (Prov.14:12)

Signs of leaning on your own understanding:

- 1. Inflexible / your way or no way in almost every aspect of life
- 2. Preoccupied with making things happen to you, for you, through you as you desire instead of submission to the Power, Presence, Provision of God as He as ordained and allowed

3. Thoughts, words, actions are predicated on the response of people/ outcome of events not the will of God
4. Thinking/speaking/living as if the outcome of your life depends on you

### **III. The Process of Trusting God (v6)**

- A. We must acknowledge God in every aspect of life
- B. To acknowledge God means to acquire God's instruction for every aspect of life (Matt.6:33)
  1. We must begin to examine every aspect of life from a Biblical perspective
  2. We must be willing to accept His perspective above man's opinion and our personal preferences and desires
  3. We must identify what God's Word has to say about marriage, dating, entertainment, money, children, employers, employees, evangelism, discipleship ect. and begin to govern ourselves accordingly
- C. To acknowledge God means to obey God's instruction in every aspect of life (Matt. 7:24-27)
  1. We must turn away from people, places, things, ideals, desires, that lead us into sin
  2. We must turn to people , places, things, ideals, and desires that lead us into the Righteousness of Jesus Christ
  3. We must begin the hard work of functioning according to God's design in all aspects of life (putting off and putting on)

### **IV. The Promise of Trusting God (v6)**

- A. God promised to make our way of life straight if we acknowledge Him
- B. To make our way straight means to make us morally upright, productive and satisfied (Ps 37:6, John 15:1-5, Matt 5:6)
  1. We will live a life that is beneficial to others and pleasing to God
  2. We will live a life of satisfaction and contentment apart from the outcome of events the actions of others
  3. We will have a sense of peace and confidence before God
- C. God did not promise freedom from failure, freedom from trials, freedom from problems; nor did He promise material riches, or realization of all our expectations (Eccl. 7:14,20, John 16:33, Proverbs 13:12)

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