Proverbs 3:5-6: ing

<u>Positively</u>; TRUST in the LORD! Completely believe God, His Word and Promises; completely rely upon and rest in the LORD and in His wise providence in your life! Lean solely upon the LORD!

<u>The Condition</u>: Or how you are to trust: With ALL thine heart! Not with half of your heart, but with ALL thine heart! There must be no aspect of your life that you trust to yourself!

<u>Proverbs 28:26: He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool.</u>

<u>The Negative precept;</u> LEAN NOT; do not rely upon, trust, or support yourself on, or by yourself and by your own wisdom & understanding.

And so, TRUST in the LORD with ALL THINE HEART; and LEAN NOT unto THINE OWN understanding. Job 13:15 ~ Read.

Let us go to a Biblical example from a believer from ancient times on how we are to TRUST the LORD! Our father Abraham, from whom all Christians (people of faith in Christ) we descended.

We are his seed; every believer in Christ is descended (spiritually) from Abraham! He is called the father of us all, (in Romans 4), and the father of all-them that believe. We are called to walk in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham.

Abraham's trust in the LORD is seen in his obedience to God in his life! God commanded Abraham to leave his native country, and he did; God told Abraham he would have a son, and he believed God; even when it was no longer humanly possible at he and Sarah's age!

Abraham met the condition: He trusted God with ALL his heart!

<u>Genesis 12:1-5, 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Romans 4:3, 16-25</u>

We are to TRUST the LORD like Abraham did, and not stagger in unbelief because of what we see as human hindrances!

<u>To stagger means to withdraw, retreat, hesitate, or doubt.</u>

Abraham CONSIDERED NOT his own body now dead, neither the deadness Sarah's womb! He did not look at earthly impossibilities!

We STAGGER in unbelief (and don't trust God), when we CONSIDER (believe earthly circumstances) over the promises of our God! Or when we trust ourselves and our earthly helps rather than God!

But we are so often FIXERS aren't we? I'll fix this situation! But there will be times when we just need to let things stay broke. If God broke it, let us wait upon and TRUST Him to fix it.

We must trust the LORD like Abraham did; we must follow his example of faith in trusting God!

When we are not trusting the LORD (with ALL our hearts), we are trusting and relying on ourselves and our own wisdom and ways.

Even Abraham, the father of our faith (at times) leaned unto his own understanding and didn't trust the LORD! See the trouble it caused for him and his wife in their Christian lives.

Brethren, it is NOT your troubles and distresses that will give you trouble and distress, it is leaning unto your understanding--that is what will get you into trouble and distress!

Abraham didn't trust God when he lied and told Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister because he feared they would kill him for her. Genesis 12:10-20

And he did it again with Abimelech. <u>Genesis 20:3-7</u>. Did Abraham in both cases really think HE could protect Sarah more than the LORD?

But this is what will happen to us beloved, when we LEAN unto our own understanding; trust in ourselves rather than in God! The children of Israel, in the time of Isaiah; instead of trusting the LORD, leaned on the arm of the flesh; (Egypt) in their times of trouble for their help rather than in the LORD.

<u>Isaiah 30:1-7, 31:1-3, Jeremiah 17:5-8</u>

Christian, if you are going to trust the LORD with all your heart, it is a spiritual imperative that you be WHOLE-HEARTED in your devotion and love to God!

Do you love the Lord thy God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? If you don't, you are NOT going to TRUST in the LORD with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength! Wholehearted love to God is the bedrock of wholehearted TRUST in God!

<u>Isaiah 26:3-4, Psalm 62:5-8, 112:5-7, 125:1</u> Christian, don't live your life in this world halting between two opinions! If God be God, than TRUST Him!

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