
Psalm 118:8-9: "It is BETTER to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is BETTER to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes"

So far, this week, your Christian life has PROBABLY been filled with opportunities to EITHER... ASK and TRUST the LORD about situations that you've been faced with, OR to PUT YOUR CONFIDENCE others or in yourself, or in something or someone other than God!

"He that trusteth in His own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely shall be delivered". Proverbs 28:26

Oftentimes we don't give our Father and our God the honor of TRUSTING Him, BUT... WHEN WE ARE presented with SOMETHING that shakes us, or when a SITUATION is presented to us... or when we feel that we need immediate answers and direction... instead of trusting God, we cast our faith in Him aside, dishonor Him and make the call ourselves!

Proverbs 3:5-7: The fact is, we most often just do our own thing... WHY? Because we're self-dependent, self-confident, or we trust someone or something other than God!

And... God doesn't move fast enough for us, (according to our timetable), and we want the answer that we want, NOT God's answer. We don't want things done according to the good pleasure of God's will; we want it done according to the good pleasure of OUR WILL!

In EVERY instance, trusting the LORD is going to require YOU to put your faith and confidence in the Unseen God, whom you profess to believe in... and... to wait upon Him, His timing, His decision, and His good pleasure for answers and direction IN THAT which He has presented to you in your life.

But when we don't trust the LORD, BUT we INSTEAD put confidence in weak and powerless "earthly helpers", NOT ONLY is our GOD GIVEN faith NOT strengthened, (IT IS WEAKENED) because we refused to exercise it towards God and wait upon Him FOR answers, wisdom, and direction... and FOR THAT... which would be THE BEST PLAN of action for our lives! Instead, we get ourselves in trouble, we make bad decisions, and what could have been and should have been God's good plan for our lives is thwarted by our own pride, impatience, and unbelief!

Illustrate: Isaiah 7:1-20, 2 Chronicles 28:16-22

Here was an unbelieving King of Judah, whom God showed kindness to for David's sake, and STILL, he would not trust the Lord!

When we refuse to trust the LORD, we behave like unbelievers, and our faith in Christ is NOT only being weakened, but our hearts are ALSO DEPARTING from the LORD!
Jeremiah 17:5-10

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him". Hebrews 11:6

Psalm 125:1-2: "They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even forever"