

Putting your trust LORD *in the*

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(Part 2)

In the previous part of this article, we looked at what it means to put your trust in the Lord. We began looking at some ingredients involved in order for you to put your trust in the Lord. In this concluding part, we will look at some other ingredients involved in trusting the Lord.

God Raises The Dead

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,
10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

When you think of death don't just think of a dead body, think of anything capable of dying. It could be a dead womb, it could be a dead marriage, it could be a dead business or a dead person in your mind. The point is that God raises the dead. You can look back and see how God delivered you from so great a death when there was no food, when you were down with a terrible symptoms and He is continuously delivering you.

"Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us" (2 Corinthians 1:10).

The deliverance talked about here is said in the present, past and future tenses. You acted in faith and He delivered you and you have come to trust that He will yet deliver. So whatever it is you need in the future, you are sure He can deliver because if you look back, you will see that He has done it. He moves through time and He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Continue By Faith

When your real life began (which was when you got born again), what you did then was put your trust in the Lord. When you raised your hand, stepped out in faith, and made that confession to accept Jesus into your heart, your physical body did not change. You just believed that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and that He is the Son of God. That was how your new life began and that is how you are meant to continue it: By faith.

Continue to trust God because there was a time you were in lack, and your children were looking up to you for provision and He provided. There was a time you did not know how you would gain admission into the university but somehow before the matriculation, your admission came through. The same God and the same step of putting your trust in Him will always bring the same result. Ask yourself: Have I ever seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread? It cannot, and will not happen.

Don't Fret About The Future

There are some times you look back over your life and you can't understand how you are still alive and prospering today. It has been God

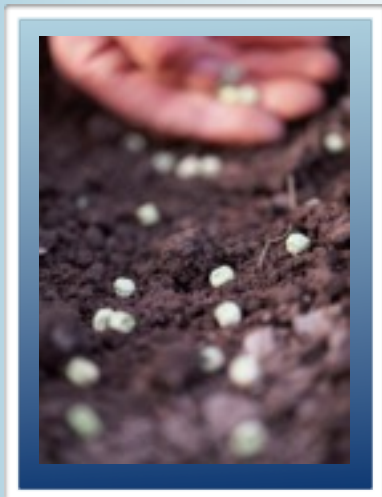
delivering you from so great a death regularly. So why do you want to fret about the future?

I was telling my Pastor about a young man who came to talk with me. I don't think he was up to twenty years old. He spoke so intelligently and I said to my Pastor, "Many times what keeps me excited talking to people like this is because I can see them ten years ahead." That is what gives me the faith to stand and trust God for the building of our six thousand-seater auditorium. It's not because the money is in the bank, but because our trust is in Jehovah and we know that if Jehovah has to raise up stones to provide the money, stones will rise up. They do not have a choice because He has delivered us in the past and He will yet do it.

Encourage yourself always by looking back and if you cannot see anything He has delivered you from, read Colossians 1:13. The Scripture says He has delivered you from the power of darkness and He has translated you into the kingdom of His dear Son. When you came out and gave your life to Christ, He delivered you from the greatest form of death. If He did that, there is nothing else He will not do for you if you put your trust in Him.

Trust God Without Reasoning Or Logicity

What stops some people from trusting God wholly and receiving from Him is reasoning and logicity. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding”* (Proverbs 3:5). Don’t support yourself with your own understanding because when you don’t understand, you will fall down like a pack of cards.



The Bible says, *“There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty”* (Proverb 11:24).

Scattering, yet increasing does not make sense. In fact, it defeats every law of mathematics, logic, reason and economics. How do you want to explain that if I have six

items and give out five, and only have one left, that it will cause me to increase? How do you want to tell me that having six items in my hand is not better than having two? Or that holding unto six instead of two, tends to poverty? It does not make sense but the Bible says, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding”* (Proverbs 3:5). That is what the Lord says and this is all you need to know. Learn to take dangerous strides and risks as you put your trust in the Lord.

Trust Him Always

8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalm 62:8

3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

4 In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4

No time is a better or worse time to trust God. The Bible admonishes us to pour out our hearts before Him. Even when it looks rough to trust Him, tell Him, “Lord this time, it is tough to trust you, but just because you say I should trust you, I will trust you.” Be open with God and remind Him of the covenant and what He has said about whatever situation you find yourself. Even when it seems like flesh will do something to you, or that people are after you, decide to trust Him. When it is cold, when it is hot, when it is good, when it is bad, or when all manner of things seem to be happening to you, you can decide to trust in the Lord.

Trust Him Wholeheartedly

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6). Trust Him wholeheartedly with enthusiasm. Trust Him with everything that you’ve got.

Some of us have learnt to trust God with our finances but we have not learnt to trust Him for our health. Some of us have learnt to trust God for our health but we can’t trust that He will send that husband or that wife. Some of us have learnt to trust God for direction in life but we have not learnt to trust Him for our finances.

You are to trust Him with all your heart. This means that there is no halfway trust. It’s not one leg in and one leg out. You must learn to trust God in areas you understand and in areas you do not understand. You must learn to trust Him in all areas you have experienced a miracle and in areas you have not because He is the same God in every area. The fact that He did something for you in the past in another area of your life, means He will do something for you in another and in every area of your life.

Trust Him Openly

Some of us are closet Christians. We hide our Christianity because we think people will laugh at us. Proverb 3:6 says, *“In all your ways acknowledge Him.”* It is noteworthy that the word “acknowledge” is the Hebrew word *yada*, which translates “praise.” It denotes something open, something you are not shy about. In all your ways praise Him. Even when you are yet to see the manifestation, trust Him. Learn to put your trust in the Lord and not in what you can see with your eyes. God may use those things to bless you, but your hope and trust have to be in the Almighty God. He is the One who will keep your hope from drifting away into wishful thinking. He will turn your hope into solid manifestation.

The end.