

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Trust In The Lord

Proverbs 3: 1 - 12

So, what does it mean to trust in the Lord. Trusting in God, is the journey of our faith that develops into a relationship with him, where we as believers choose to allow him to lead and guide our life, based upon his spirit that indwells within us. By allowing God to be in complete control our life, we can now experience a sense of security, knowing that he will provide for all of our needs. Trusting in God means acknowledging our limitations, and relying upon his strength, even when we have yet to gain understanding through the fulfillment of the promises and commandments of the truth of his word. Therefore, even when we are faced with difficulties and uncertainties, having faith in Gods promises help us in knowing, that his plan for us is for our benefit and to his glory.

Psalm 56: 3 – 4,....what time I am afraid, I will trust in thee....in God I will praise his word, in God have I put my trust, I will not fear what flesh can do unto me....

So, what does trusting in the Lord look like in real life. Trusting means choosing, making the right choices based upon the character of God. In real life, trusting God means recognizing that worldly fear is a natural human emotion, therefore, we do not deny it, but we find our strength and our courage through God, so that we might face those challenges, and turn complete control of our life over to him. So, like David, we must never claim to be immune to worldly fear, but we are determined not to lose faith because of it. We can either allow worldly fear to drive us away from God, or we can choose to allow it to bring us closer to God. Therefore, when we experience worldly fear and we choose the right course of action, then we allow that fear to bring us closer unto God, and even though it does not vanish away, we overcome it by trusting in the Lord. Fear turns into faith when we place our trust in God.

Proverbs 3: 1 – 4,....forget not my law....let thine heart keep my commandments....length of days....long life, peace, shall....add to thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart....so shalt thou find favour in the sight of God and man....

The word of God encourages us as believers to remember, and not to neglect the importance of a life lived in obedience through the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of Gods word. Actively retaining Gods teachings is the guiding principles for our life, for it is the word of God that shows us how to resist temptation and live a life that is pleasing unto him. By his example we learn to allow his word to influence our thoughts, our actions, and our Christlike character, which motivates us, and creates within us a barrier against sin.

2 Corinthians 3: 2 – 4,....ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men....written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God....in fleshly tables of the heart....such trust have we through Christ to God-ward....

Our life as a believer is to serve as a living testament of Gods word. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers and enables us to live a life that reflects Christ through the transformation of our inner self, which leads to a genuine change, by our obedience unto him, and it is this change in our life that speaks volumes to those around us. So, what does this mean, it means that our life in Christ is to become the official letters of recommendation from God, unto those who have yet to know the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, these godly characteristics, which we allow to be carried out throughout our life here upon earth, and it should always be a part of us, and we should never allow these Christlike values to leave us.

Proverbs 3: 5 – 8,....trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understandingin all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths....be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord, and depart from evil....it shall be health....

Hidden within the word of God, we find many promises and commandments. All of these promises and commandments are design to show the sinner the way to salvation, and then, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit these promises and commandments are designed to keep the believer walking in the pathway of God, by encouraging us to follow after the guidelines set forth unto us through his word. Therefore, are we called to surrender ourselves to seek Gods guidance, giving complete control of our life over to him, placing our confidence in him in every aspect of our life, for even our best placed plans cannot began to come close to the things that God hath prepared for those that love him.

1 Corinthians 2: 9,....as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard....the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....

Isaiah 64: 4,....since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived....neither....seen, O God beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him....

It is the unique nature of God, which is his power and his faithfulness toward mankind, working on our behalf, which is beyond what we could ever understand, but because of his active involvement in the life of the believer, we are encouraged, and have the confidence to trust in him, and wait for his guidance and provisions in our life. This expectation of Gods timing and promises in our life gives unto us the willing desire to actively work, not just on behalf of those who trust in him, but also for those who need to see the saving grace of Jesus Christ and accept it.

Proverbs 3: 9 – 10,....honour the Lord with thy substance....so shall thy barns be filled with plenty....

For the believer, the act of giving signifies our acknowledgement of knowing that the source of all that we have, both spiritual and material comes from God. So, as a demonstration of our faith, we give, and it is not about the amount that we give, but it is all about our attitude of recognizing Gods ownership of all things in our life. So, we give of the best of our God given possessions and resources, for this brings glory unto God. Now, this principle must be applied to every area of our life, for our primary focus is to be about honouring God, and acknowledging the need to give unto him the first and the best of our life in Christ, and in doing so, this demonstrates a faith and a trust that is fully devoted unto him.

Proverbs 3: 11 – 12,....despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction....for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth....

So, why do we not always put our trust in the Lord, and what happens when we do not put our trust in him. Disobedience in our life in Christ brings discipline and correction, and even though we might see it as something that is painful and undeserving, it is meant for our good, and it is meant to guide us in the ways of the righteousness of God. Therefore, Godly discipline and correction is an act of his love, and should not be rejected, for it is meant to help us to grow closer in our relationship with him. Therefore, as believers, we are encouraged to embrace, rather than to resist, putting our complete faith and trust in the Lord, so that we may grow through the experiences of our life in Christ.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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