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“Trust In the Lord With All Your Heart”

By Anna Masonic

"We cannot always trace God's hand, but we can always trust His heart."

- Charles Spurgeon

Trust is something we all desire, even if we do not acknowledge it. The very word itself suggests a vulnerable kind of safety, honesty, and sincerity. In all reality, it can mean a lot of different things, but many have come to agree that on a biblical standpoint it indicates “a bold, confident, sure security or action based on that security.” It all comes down to believing in God’s truth and promises no matter the circumstance. But why should we trust Him?

First of all, we are commanded to do it. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.”

Second, God is trustworthy. We are not to trust ourselves because our understanding is worldly, limited, and tainted by sin. But while we are dirty, he is pure. His Word is trustworthy. Psalms 93:5 says, “Your decrees are very trustworthy, holiness befits your house. O Lord, forever more.” His nature is faithful and true. Deuteronomy 7:9 declares, “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.” The plans he has for us are perfect and purposeful. Jeremiah 29:11 states, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” His nature is nothing less than perfect and this is yet another reason to devote ourselves to Him.

Finally, God keeps his promises. In John 10:11, Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” He explains that he cares for his sheep and tells us that no one can take us from his or his father’s hand. God is like a father who catches and rights his stumbling child, trying to walk on its own. He will always be there for us.

John 20:29 says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Trusting God is the first step to a relationship that is overflowing with unfathomable love. Have you taken it yet?

Fear, Or Fear Not? — Part I

By Isha Michel

"Fear is the path to the Dark Side. Fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering."

- Yoda

To What is fear? Does God want us to fear? Is fear a sin? What does God say about fear? Are there different types of fear?

Yes, there is the fear of men and this world, and the fear of God. But this week I'm talking about the fear of men and the world. Fear is the belief that something bad or dangerous will happen. Anxiety, Panic, Dread, Doubt. All the side effects of fear. How do we conquer it? Conquer fear? One of the greatest enemies of faith?

Let's Look at Psalms 34:4; "I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." Look to God in your trouble, for HE will help you.

How about Isaiah 41:13? "For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, Do not fear, I will help you." Again, God Himself says that HE will help you.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." God's plan for you is not fear, but a hope, a future.

These passages all state that God is the conqueror of fear, the way to perfect faith. There is so much about fear and faith in the Bible, this is only a glimpse of fear, but as we go into Part Two, I dare you to look for yourself. Ask yourself, "Who or what do I fear?"

Philippians 4:13 is our hope; "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

A Guide To Modesty

By Julie McClain

"Modesty is humility expressed in dress."

- C. J. Mahaney

Queens For the Cross allowed me the privilege to contribute to this week's newsletter on the topic of modesty. Below is a guide put together for you to discover for yourself what the Bible says about modesty and how clothes play a part. There is also a link to an article that explores the topic more fully.

-Julie McClain

MODESTY

Modesty is often used to talk about dressing in a way that is socially and culturally appropriate, but there is a deeper meaning. Modesty reflects a person's humility and desire to be noticed.

Clothes communicate something about those who select and wear them. When people look at Christians, we want God to be their focus not our clothing or bodies. Avoid clothing that is showy, associates with rebellion and evil, or draws attention to wealth, status, and sexuality. This does not mean we can't dress attractively or have nice things, but that we are conscious of what we wear and dress sensibly. We want to honor God in how we dress, so it is him people notice.

READ + PRAY:
Gn 3 / Da 4:28-37 / Pr 11:22 / Pr 31:17,25 / 1 Co 6:20 / 1 Ti 2:9-10 / 1 Pe 3:1-6

LINKS:
"Modesty Misunderstood" / desiringgod.org

QUESTIONS:

What is humility?

Why did God make Adam + Eve clothes?

What else does the Bible say about clothing + appearance? Gn 27 / Ja 2:1-4 / Ja 2:15-16 / 1 Co 11:1-16 / 2 Co 5:20 / Es 4 / Mt 6:31-33

National Forest

What is God most concerned with?

Can you think of a time when you wore, said, or did something to get attention?

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Grace Over Grudge

By Talia Michel

"Grace carried me here, and by grace I'll carry on."

-Unknown

Grace is defined as *courteous goodwill*, meaning, it's not asked for or deserved, but freely given; we see this in Ephesians 2:8; "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

It is a gift; freely given; a gift that allows all to work with the Son for forgiveness. We all need grace at times -- or, more like -- at *all* times. We all make wrong turns and bad choices, but we always receive grace in return.

But should we *give* grace? Could we possibly be gracious to someone who wronged us? In 2 Corinthians 8:7 it says, "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also."

So, yes, we must freely give what we have freely received.

John 1:16 -- "And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace."

Like a Sailor

By Erin Short

"If you must curse, please use your own name."

-Unknown

Cursing. That strange expression of pure rage that so many people use as a way of expelling their anger and/or attracting attention. But what does the Bible say? That it's fine to cuss someone off because we feel like it? Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Now, since when does cursing actually make a situation *better*? "It makes me calmer," you say, or "It keeps me from killing the idiot next to me," as some of us might put it. Because

the Bible doesn't explicitly say, "You can say 'such-and-such' exactly four times before the red sun rises on the seventeenth day of the eighth month," there is no *one verse* that answers such questions. But, as always, when we look a little deeper, we can still easily find the answer in numerous verses that speak common sense, such as "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them" (Romans 12:13), "But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth" (Colossians 3:8). To put it simply, any dirty or derogatory speech has no place coming out of a Christian's mouth. Because where do words come from before they actually are spoken? Our mind – or, as some put it – our heart. You have to *think* something bad about a person or thing before you actually say it. That's the bigger issue.

Think about it this way: if Jesus was standing next to you, would you talk *exactly* the way you do when you're angry?

Oh, and remember – lying is sinful too.

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