

Dr. Dye's Intro Lesson Recap: "The Trust-Faith Factor"

### **Core Scripture Focus**

- **Main Passage**: Proverbs 3:5-6 (Life verses of the speaker).
- Verse breakdown:
  - o "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
- ♦ Only 27 words, but life-changing—foundation for walking in faith.
  - Sistar Declaration: "This is the day that the Lord has made" setting the spiritual tone for the session.
  - Significance of May:
    - Fifth month = Number of grace.
  - It is a reminder of God's Character:
    - o God is good regardless of circumstances.
    - o God's love is everlasting and unchanging.
    - o Our identity in Christ is not dictated by life situations.
    - o His grace is sufficient.
  - Spiritual Affirmations:
    - o No weapon formed will prosper (it may form but won't succeed).
    - Live in faith and God's assurance.

★ Start each day acknowledging God's unchanging nature and the grace He provides—especially important in the month symbolic of grace.

#### **Correction Noted from outline**

• **Scripture Reference**: Correction from Hebrews 4:11 to Hebrews 11:6 – "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

- There will be 4 Key Points in this series:
  - 1. The What Trust/Faith
  - 2. The Where & Who The vertical relationship
  - 3. The How With all your heart
  - 4. The Contrast (to be covered next session)

#### **Word-by-Word Analysis of Proverbs 3:5**

#### 1. The What – TRUST

- Definition:
  - o Belief, confidence, dependence, commitment.
  - Hebrew root: "Emunah" = same as "Amen"  $\rightarrow$  expresses trust.
- Illustration:
  - o Trust exercise: falling backward, trusting someone to catch you.
- Faith vs. Trust:
  - o Synonymous; Trust = Old Testament term, Faith = New Testament term.
  - o Trust/Faith must have an object not in things, but in God.
- ★ Trust is not a vague feeling—it is action, obedience, and commitment rooted in God's unchanging nature.



#### 2. The Where & Who - IN THE LORD

- **Preposition "In"**: Shows **location** points to the object of faith.
- **Definite Article "The"**: Indicates specificity.
- Who is the Lord?
  - o Not a lord, but *The LORD* (Jehovah, Creator, Eternal).
  - o Emphasis on the exclusivity and supremacy of God.
- Scripture Support:
  - o Deuteronomy 6:4, Nehemiah 9:6, Isaiah 37:20, Zechariah 14:9, Ephesians 4:5.
- ★ Faith must be directed *in the LORD alone*—He is the only worthy and unchanging object of our trust.

#### 3. The How - WITH ALL YOUR HEART

- **Preposition "With"**: Implies union, total involvement.
- "All": Totality, withholding nothing.
- "Heart": Refers to mind, will, emotions (not the physical organ).
- Support Scriptures:
  - o Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart.
  - o Romans 12:2 Renew your mind.
  - o Romans 10:8–10 Believe with the heart.
  - Hebrews 4:12 God's word discerns the heart.
- True trust in God involves your entire inner being—thoughts, emotions, and will. It is holistic and complete.



### 4. Coming Next Session: The Contrast

- Will cover:
  - o "Lean not unto thine own understanding"
  - o The contrast between divine trust and human logic.

### VI. Final Reflections & Applications

- Faith is Action: Obedience is the demonstration of trust.
- Scriptural Living:
  - Philippians 4:6 Don't worry, pray.
  - o 2 Corinthians 4:18 Focus on the unseen (eternal), not the seen (temporal).
- Avoid Horizontal Distractions:
  - o Media, news, and social platforms diminish faith if they become the primary focus.
- Live by "Now Faith":
  - Hebrews 11:1 Faith is for the present, not past or future.

Cultivate a **vertical relationship** with God through deliberate trust, informed faith, and full-hearted obedience. Circumstances change, but God's Word and character do not.

#### **Summary of Key Themes**

- Faith = Trust in Action
- Trust must be Total
- Faith is Obedience
- God is the Unchanging Object of Faith
- Live by "Now Faith" not sight
- Your Heart (Mind) must Align with God's Word