

THE TRUST-FAITH FACTOR, PART 1

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:
 - "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:
 - \circ Fifth month = Number of grace.
 - It is a reminder of God's Character:
 - God is good *regardless* of circumstances.
 - God's love is everlasting and unchanging.
 - Our identity in Christ is not dictated by life situations.
 - His grace is sufficient.
- Spiritual Affirmations:
 - 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.



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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:
 - Belief, confidence, dependence, commitment.
 - Hebrew root: "*Emunah*" = same as "Amen" \rightarrow expresses trust.
- Illustration:
 - Trust exercise: falling backward, trusting someone to catch you.
- Faith vs. Trust:
 - Synonymous; Trust = Old Testament term, Faith = New Testament term.
 - \circ Trust/Faith must have an object not in things, but in God.



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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?
 - Not *a* lord, but *The LORD* (Jehovah, Creator, Eternal).
 - Emphasis on the exclusivity and supremacy of God.
- Scripture Support:
 - 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:
 - Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart.
 - Romans 12:2 Renew your mind.



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- Romans 10:8–10 Believe with the heart.
- \circ Hebrews 4:12 God's word discerns the heart.

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★ 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:
 - "Lean not unto thine own understanding"
 - 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.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:18 Focus on the unseen (eternal), not the seen (temporal).
- Avoid Horizontal Distractions:
 - 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.



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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