Trust the LORD

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

The pressures and anxieties of life can lead us to trust worldly wisdom rather than in our all-knowing God. However, real peace and strength are only found when we place our confidence in Him (Psalm 32:10; 125:1). We should trust the Lord.

In Everything. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). Some revel in their independence; others think they are self-sufficient (Revelation 3:17). Nothing could be farther from the truth! We are insufficient (James 4:10) and are desperate for God's help. "The Lord shall help them ... because they trust in him" (Psalm 37:40).

For Everything. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5). Every good and perfect gift comes from the heavenly Father (James 1:17). It is easy for us to think that everything we attain is solely through our own efforts, but that is not so, for in God we live and move and have our very being (Acts 17:28).

With Everything. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Some people cling to possessions or pride as though they were going to have them forever. To the child of God, the Father must come first (Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25-33).

Through Everything. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17). We must trust God even in the midst of trials, for although we may not understand the purpose of those difficulties, He will get us through them. "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate" (Psalm 34:22).

May we truly be able to say, "In God we trust!"
- Mike Vestal, Midland, Texas (via House to House) -

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Trust God for today - and prepare for tomorrow.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Ernie Robinson at the recent passing of his sister, Audrey Weir. God bless and comfort him at this time.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: <u>Each Sunday a.m.</u> Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: <u>Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.</u> All the ladies are invited and urged to help in this good work.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: <u>Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.</u>, (for only one hour). All the men are asked to be present for this class.

TO HAVE SURGERY: David Stefl is scheduled for out-patient surgery this coming Wednesday, Dec. 13th at Salem Hospital.

PIZZA PARTY: <u>Friday</u>, <u>Dec. 15th</u>, 6:00 - 8:00 <u>p.m.</u> for the young and young at heart at the Fellowship Building. Take a \$5.00 gift marked for a boy or girl. <u>R.S.V.P.</u> by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Dec. 13th</u> to Dean & Sandy Spencer at (304) 491-0439. To help defray the cost of the pizza party give monetary donations to Dean or Sandy.

NURSING HOME VISITATION: Rescheduled for next Saturday, Dec. 16th at 2:30

DINE & BOWL: Next Saturday, Dec. 16th, those interested will gather at 5:30 p.m. at JP's Pizzeria in Calcutta followed by an evening bowling nearby. Plan to join in this time of fellowship and fun. All are welcome.

PANTRY: Whole kernel corn.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Joe Collins, Mary Jane Bowers, Mary Helen Riley, Linda Wiersbicki, Fred Larrimore, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Tom Wells (ex-husband of Claudette Miller), Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister). FOX NURSING HOME: Mary Nelson. CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Ella Beagle. IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

I Will ...

- Like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press onward (Philippians 3:13).
- Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help (Psalm 121:1).
- Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God (James 2:23).
- Like Enoch, walk daily in fellowship with my heavenly Father (Genesis 5:22).
- Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God (2 Chronicles 19:2-3).
- Like Moses, choose rather to suffer, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Hebrews 11:24-25).
- Like Daniel, commune with God at all times (Daniel 6:10).
- Like Job, be patient under all circumstances (Job 13:15-16; James 5:11).
- Like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers (Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9).
- Like Gideon, advance even though my friends be few (Judges 7:7).
- Like **Aaron** and **Hur**, uphold the hands of the leaders of the church with prayer and support (Exodus 17:12).
- Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ (John 1:40-42).
- Like Stephen, manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt (Acts 7:60).

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