

TRUSTING GOD FOR A BETTER YEAR – PART 2

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I. WHY TRUST GOD MORE IN 2021?

1. GOD IS COMPLETELY _____

“¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you, for you...” Psalm 9:10

“⁴ For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does.” Psalm 33:4

2. MY TRUST IN GOD ALLOWS HIM TO WORK MORE _____

“²⁹ Because of your faith, it will happen.” Matthew 9:29

3. NOTHING/NO ONE ELSE IS _____

“²² Don’t put your trust in mere humans. They are as frail as breath. What good are they?” Isaiah 2:22

“⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

4. GOD _____ & WANTS _____

“⁸ The LORD says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” Psalm 32:8

5. WHEN I FAIL TO TRUST GOD, I AM REALLY SAYING, _____

“¹⁴ But I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, “You are my God!” Psalm 31:14

II. WHAT CAN I TRUST GOD WITH THIS NEW YEAR?

1. MY _____

“¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:16

i. MY _____

“¹³ Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” ¹⁴ How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. ¹⁵ What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.” James 4:13-15

ii. MY _____

“²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:20

iii. MY _____

“¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” Romans 12:1

2. MY _____

“¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:12-13

*“¹⁹ My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19*

i. MY _____

“⁸ Pay all your debts, except the debt of love for others. You can never finish paying that! If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill all the requirements of God's law.” Romans 13:8

ii. MY _____

“¹¹ The more you have the more you spend right up to the limits of your income.” Ecclesiastes 5:11

“⁵ If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking.” James 1:5

iii. MY _____

“²³ Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, ²⁴for riches don't last forever, and the crown might not be secure for the next generation.” Proverbs 27:23-24

iv. MY _____

*“³⁰ A tenth of what you produce belongs to the Lord. It must be set apart to Him as holy.”
Leviticus 27:30*

“⁹ Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, ¹⁰ and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.” Proverbs 3:9-10

“²³ The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives.” Deuteronomy 14:23

v. MY _____

“²⁷ Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses” Proverbs 28:27

“²⁷ Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. ²⁸ If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'” Proverbs 3:27-28

3. MY _____

“³ Trust your work to the Lord, and your plans will work out well.” Proverbs 16:3

i. MY _____

“²³ Work willingly (with all of your heart) at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” Colossians 3:23:24

ii. MY _____

“¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10

iii. MY _____

“³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33

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4. MY _____

“⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:4

“¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10

i. MY _____

“¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

ii. MY REGULAR MINISTRY TO _____

“¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.” John 14:12-13

iii. MY _____

“⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

5. MY _____

i. MY PHYSICAL _____

“²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹ But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:29-31

ii. MY PHYSICAL _____

“¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.” James 5:14-15

iii. MY _____

“²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Luke 12:25

6. MY _____

“²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26

i. MY _____

“²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. “ Ephesians 5:25-26

“¹⁵ I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is

truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.” John 17:15-19

ii. MY _____

“⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

iii. MY _____

“¹ I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

7. MY _____

“²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28

“¹ Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” John 14:1-3

III. HOW CAN I TRUST GOD IN THESE AREAS?

1. _____ INSTEAD OF _____

“⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

2. FOLLOW _____ EVEN WHEN I DON’T _____

“⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6

3. ACTIVELY _____

“⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

“¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. ¹⁸ Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.” ¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?” James 2:14-20

IV. THE RESULT OF TRUSTING GOD MORE

“⁷ The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.” Psalm 28:7