

TRUSTING GOD FOR A BETTER YEAR

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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

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 _____

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

6. 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

7. MY _____

“¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

“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

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