

# TRUST IN THE LORD

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In a world that has so many ills and numerous other areas on which it could improve, a Christian has difficulty, at times, coping. It seems over the past few years many have become "weary in well doing", Why? Many answers could be given, all of which would probably be true, but one cause stands alone in my mind: lack of "trusting in The Lord".

The word of God is abundantly full of warnings concerning the difficulty Christians will face as they walk the "uneven pathways of life". Let me give a few for your consideration.

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." {2 Timothy 3:12}

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ... if you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified." {1 Peter 4:12,14}

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. "{Matthew 5:10,11}

All of these passages, and many others we could list, tell us clearly that trials, tribulations and the evils of this world will come upon us. Do we just get discouraged and quit? Does the world have the advantage over us? Do we fight overwhelming odds which we can't defeat? Allow the Scriptures to answer these questions.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." {Galatians 6: 9}

"...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. " {2 Corinthians 2: 11}

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." {Proverbs 3:5,6}

Christians must trust in the Lord. Whenever we try to fight Satan, the world, and all things which oppose God, we are going to need help! God can help, will help and wants to help, but we must place our lives in His hands. How can I develop a complete trust in the Lord?

One of the first things I must do is acknowledge that His superior wisdom is far better than my own! "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, "says the LORD. For

as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. "{Isaiah 55:8,9}

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their own craftiness';" {1 Corinthians 3:19}

Who created mankind and the entire world? God! Who could have greater wisdom and understanding than Him? It just makes sense to me, that the Creator would have more wisdom than that which was created.

"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!" {Jeremiah 18:6}

Christians who do not learn and fail to "trust in the Lord", will find the road quite bumpy. There is a reason that one's faith is so important in living the Christian life. Unfortunately, God has told us in His word that we will have to face the difficulties of life just like all men do. What lies ahead of us none of us know but we do know along the way we will have some trials to deal with. Good news – God will help us in dealing with them. Give God a try! He's never let me down! \*\*\*