

Problems And Solutions: Trust Issues

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Introduction:

There are certain people we tend to trust—doctors, policemen, our spouse, preachers(?). There are people we tend to not trust—used car salesmen, politicians, door to door salesmen, preachers(?).

I) Trust issues can develop in almost any relationship.

A) Reasons –

1. Bad experiences (Swans Salesmen)
2. Being let down- lies, promises made but broken, inability on the part of the other person to fulfill their task, betrayal.

B) Results of trust issues.

1. Become skeptical/critical/suspicious.
2. Think of worse case scenarios.
3. Tendency to hold back so as to not be disappointed.
4. Lack of growth in those relationships as we expect to be hurt and disappointed.

C) See this in various relationships.

1. Employer/employee—each thinks the other is trying to cheat them.
2. Marriage- spouses question each other.
3. Child/parent relationship—when one doesn't trust the other.
4. Our relationship with God. We might know what God says but we hold back.
 - a. Examples—Gideon in *Judges 6.22, 36-40* he knew the angel was from God but still needed reassurance.
 - b. Paul with John Mark – *Acts 13.13; 15.37-40*

II) Why We Might Have Trust Issues With God

A) We might doubt His truthfulness, *Hebrews 6.18*

1. We can take consolation that everything God says is true.
2. In our relationships—marriage, child rearing, employee/employer, in the church.
3. In helping us deal with sin, *1 Corinthians 10.13*

B) We might doubt His power and ability to fulfill His promises, *2 Samuel 22.3*.

1. Shadrack, Meshack, and Abed-Nego had complete trust in God, *Daniel 3.16-18*

2. To answer our prayers, *Ephesians 3.20*.

III) Trust Is Important

A) Faith, Trust, and Obedience are linked together.

1. Faith is based on God's word, *Romans 10.17*
2. Obedience is actually doing what God says to do. *Romans 1.5. Matthew 7.21*
3. Trust is based on faith and results in obedience sometimes despite what we want or think.

B) Things we should not put our trust in:

1. Those aligned against God and His people. *2 Kings 18.22, 30*
2. The power of men, *Psalms 20.7*. It was not until King Solomon do we read of Israel using horses in battle.
3. In man, *Psalms 118.8-9*.
4. In idols, *Isaiah 42.17*
5. In the uncertainty of riches, *1 Timothy 6.17*.
6. In idle speculation and human philosophy, *Col. 2.8,14*

C) Things we should put our trust in:

1. God—*Psalms 20.7b, Psalms 118.8-9b*.
2. Jesus — *John 1.17*

3. The word of God –*Psalms 119* extols the power and virtue of God's word.
 - a. If the Bible is rightly studied and applied it will make us good servants of God.

Conclusion:

Psalms 56:3 -- What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. Do you really trust God? If so then you will obey Him.