

“Now is the time to trust the Lord”

The Trust Test (Part I)

Preview to the study:

- T- Take a personal inventory. “... do I really trust God?”
- R- Recognize God as our Source.
- U- Understand God’s Principles.
- S- Surrender Everything to God.
- T- Test God’s Promises

I. Take An Inventory –

"Look deep into my heart, God, and find out everything I am thinking. Don't let me follow evil ways, but lead me in the way that time has proven true." (Psalm 139:23-24)

A. Truths for a stronger trust:

1. Only God knows everything about us.
2. Only God can lead me correctly.
3. Trusting God begins with me taking inventory.

B. Questions:

1. What areas do I worry about? –
2. What areas make me fearful? –
3. What areas do I prefer to do my way? –

II. Recognize God as your source.

"You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth,; that He may confirm his covenant which He swore to your fathers, as at this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

A. Three reasons Christians don't give more to God:

1. They don't think that they can give and meet their own needs.
2. They don't know how to give. (Mal. 3:10.)
3. They don't prepare by planning to give.

Stewardship Principles That Make A Difference

1.The Who's in Charge Principle:

The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to him." (Psalm 24:1)

a. God's the Owner - I'm the Manager.

2.The Give and Grow Principle:

a. Practicing Stewardship Produces Growth.

b. Practicing stewardship enables people to ...

- 1) Find their spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12),
- 2) Increase their faith (Malachi 3:10)
- 3) Become spiritually sensitive (Malachi 3:8-10)
- 4) Be fruitful in God's kingdom (Matt. 25:14-30)
- 5) Receive blessings from God (Malachi 3;10-12)
- 6) Be a blessing to others (Acts 6:36; Gal. 6:10)
- 7) *Make a lasting contribution to God* (Malt. 6:20)
- 8)

3. The Do It Now Principle:

a. Stewardship Deals with our Present Resources.

Matthew 6:9–10 — ⁹“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.’”

4. The I'm in Debt Principle:

a. From the Moment We Are Born ... We Are in Debt. *(Rom. 1:14,15)*

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