

LESSON TWO

THE TRUST PRINCIPLE

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Part 1 (of 2 parts)

University Objectives... (Reviewed)

_____ the Word!

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Semper Vivus: _____

“This _____ is _____!”

“University” Defined:

“An institution of _____ at the highest _____.”

Principle Two (of 12)

The _____ Principle

I can find ultimate purpose in life only by learning the essentials of trusting God as my ultimate problem solver. I must entrust each care, no matter how severe, to God’s keeping, and this I do with a finality of purpose. I hereby resolve to choose this course of action daily, and in God’s power I consider it done.

Primary Passage...

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.

Psalm 125:1-2 (NKJV)

Foundational Premise...

“Premise” Defined:

“A proposition upon which an _____ is based or from which a _____ is drawn.”

Premise...

The believer’s ability to _____ the challenges of _____ while maturing in his or her Christian _____, begins with, and is sustained by, a growing _____ and _____ in the Lord.

Knowing and Trusting God... What the Bible Says!

(A Dual Biblical Coincidence)

1. _____ God...

Scripture:

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.

Proverbs 9:10 (AMPC)

2. _____ God...

Scripture:

And they who know Your name [who have experience and acquaintance with Your mercy] will lean on and confidently put their trust in You, for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek (inquire of and for) You [on the authority of God's Word and the right of their necessity].

Psalm 9:10 (AMPC)

The Truth About Trust!

“Trust” Defined...

A. “Assured reliance on another’s _____; confident _____; assured anticipation.”

B. “To _____ upon; to allow one to _____ on your behalf without fear or misgiving.”

Loyalty: The Firstborn of Trust

“Loyalty” Defined...

“The state or quality of being _____ to a _____ or cause to whom one owes _____.”

Fidelity: A First Cousin to Trust

“Fidelity” Defined...

“A careful observance of _____ or discharge of _____.”

Knowing and Trusting...

A Practical Plan for Pursuing Purpose and Potential in Glorifying God!

Timeless Insights

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!”

—Anne Frank

Knowing God... Through Knowing His Names

Knowing God — A Sevenfold Biblical Sampler

“Jehovah” Defined:

“The self-existent, eternal being.”

(From the Hebrew *YHWH*, referred to as a “tetragrammation” — a combination of four consonants with no vowels, and therefore never pronounced by early Jews.)

Thus, Yahweh, or Jehovah, is an educated guess as to what the Hebrew would sound like.

1. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand”... And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed... And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner...

Exodus 17:8-9, 11, 15 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

“Divine _____!”

2. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you...” But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together... Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Genesis 22:1-2, 7-8, 13-14 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

“Divine _____!”

3. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"... So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."... Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Judges 6:11-12, 15-16, 22-24 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

"Divine _____!"

4. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

“Divine _____!”

5. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-2, 4 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

“Divine _____!”

6. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which

I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

Exodus 15:22-26 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord our _____.

“Divine _____!”

7. Jehovah _____

Scripture:

All the way around [the temple and city] shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE.

Ezekiel 48:35 (NKJV)

Meaning:

The Lord is _____.

“Divine _____!”

The Focus of Our Trust

Scripture:

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalms 20:7 (NIV)

Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

In what ways does “knowing the names of God” increase our trust in Him? Which of the seven “Jehovah” names of God most reflects a need or desire of your heart at the present time, and why?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

“Pray back” to the Lord something that especially spoke to your heart during this lesson. Express specifically how you might “know God” more intimately through one of the names that describes who He is and the underlying promise related to that name.

The Trust Principle

Part 2 (of 2 parts)

Trusting God...

The Tenfold Qualities of Trust

1. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making
wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7 (NIV)

2. The Quality of _____

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing
love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 32:10 (NIV)

3. The Quality of _____

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for
I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.

Psalm 143:8 (NIV)

Scripture:

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 (NKJV)

4. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:25 (NIV)

5. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NIV)

6. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Psalms 40:4 (NIV)

7. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

They were helped in fighting them, and God delivered the Hagrites and all their allies into their hands, because they cried out to him during the battle. He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him.

1 Chronicles 5:20 (NIV)

8. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

9. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

“I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in me,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 39:18 (NIV)

10. The Quality of _____

Scripture:

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

Psalms 125:1 (NIV)

Trusting God... Through Casting Our Cares

Scripture:

Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).

Psalms 55:22 (AMPC)

Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your

concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (AMPC)

Trusting God... The Care Bucket (A Case Study)

Applying the Trust Principle

Casting Your Cares...

1. Today's _____

NISSI — "VICTOR"

2. Today's _____

JIREH — "SUPPLIER"

3. Today's _____

SHALOM — "COMFORTER"

4. Today's _____

TSIDKENU — "PERFECTOR"

5. Today's _____

ROHI — "PROTECTOR"

6. Today's _____

ROPHEKA — "RENEWER"

7. _____

SHAMMAH — "ABIDER"

Passages for Further Study

(See following page for an example.)

Look up these passages in your Bible, underline key phrases or put a box around them. Put a number “2” in the margin of your Bible by that passage and circle it. Then, go back to your primary passage (Psalm 125:1-2) and in the margin write these verses beside it or at the bottom of the page. In this way you will begin to cross-reference your Bible.

- Deuteronomy 9:23
- 2 Samuel 7:28
- 1 Chronicles 5:20
- 2 Kings 18:5
- Psalm 4:5
- Psalm 9:10
- Psalm 13:5
- Psalm 19:7
- Psalm 20:7
- Psalm 25:1-2
- Psalm 26:1
- Psalm 28:7
- Psalm 31:6
- Psalm 31:14
- Psalm 32:10
- Psalm 33:21
- Psalm 37:3
- Psalm 37:5
- Psalm 40:3-4
- Psalm 52:8
- Psalm 55:23
- Romans 15:13
- Psalm 56:11
- Psalm 62:8
- Psalm 84:12
- Psalm 86:4
- Psalm 91:2
- Psalm 115:8-11
- Psalm 118:8-9
- Psalm 119:42
- Psalm 143:8
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Proverbs 16:20
- Proverbs 29:25
- Isaiah 12:2
- Isaiah 25:9
- Isaiah 26:3-4
- Isaiah 30:15
- Jeremiah 39:18
- Daniel 3:28
- Daniel 6:23
- Nahum 1:7
- 1 Peter 2:6

- 2 "If the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us,
 3 then they would have swallowed us alive
 when their anger exploded against us.
 4 Then the floodwaters would have swept us away.
 An overflowing stream would have washed us away.
 5 Then raging water would have washed us away."
 6 Thank the LORD, who did not let them sink their teeth into us.
 7 We escaped like a bird caught in a hunter's trap.
 The trap was broken, and we escaped.
 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

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Principle 2
 Primary Passage

A song for going up to worship.

- 1 Those who trust the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which can never be shaken.
 It remains firm forever.
 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the LORD surrounds his people now and forever.

- 3 A wicked ruler will not be allowed to govern
 the land set aside for righteous people.
 That is why righteous people do not use their power to do wrong.
 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
 to those whose motives are decent.
 5 But when people become crooked,
 the LORD will lead them away with troublemakers.

Let there be peace in Israel!

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A song for going up to worship.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 it was as if we were dreaming.
 2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter
 and our tongues with joyful songs.
 Then the nations said,
 "The LORD has done spectacular things for them."
 3 The LORD has done spectacular things for us.
 We are overjoyed.
 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 as you restore streams to dry riverbeds in the Negev.
 5 Those who cry while they plant
 will joyfully sing while they harvest.
 6 The person who goes out weeping, carrying his bag of seed,
 will come home singing, carrying his bundles of grain.

Deut. 9:23

2 Sam. 7:28

I Chron. 5:20

2 Kings 18:5

Ps. 4:5

Ps. 9:10

Ps. 13:5

Ps. 19:7

Ps. 20:7

Rom. 15:13

Is. 12:2

Is. 25:9

Jer. 39:18

Dan. 3:28

Dan. 6:23

Nah. 1:7

I Peter 2:6

Ps. 20:7

Ps. 25:1-2

Ps. 26:1

Ps. 28:7

Ps. 31:6

Ps. 31:14

Ps. 32:10

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Primary
Passage

Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

We are admonished in Proverbs 3:5 to “trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding.” What do you think the author of Proverbs meant in saying “lean not to your own understanding”? How do you think trust differs from simply having faith to believe in something?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

Select one or more of the seven names of God shared in this teaching. As you view these names as individual “care buckets” into which you can cast a specific care, name that care in prayer as you mentally place it in the appropriate bucket and then give that bucket to the Lord.
