

TRUSTING GOD
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INTRODUCTION:

PROVERBS 10:25 (NLT) - No matter what the building, the foundation is what's most important. The same is true with our lives. Why? The storms of life come to everyone. No one is exempt. Learning to trust God is a major part of a lasting foundation.

TRUSTING GOD – PSALMS 37:5

- A.** Three words: Lord, Him, He. Our faith is not based exclusively on formulas or principles. It's based on a person. What we believe is important, but what's more important is who we believe in. Who we are is important, but what's more important is whose we are. **1 JOHN 3:1-3** Sons" reveals who we are. "Of God" reveals whose we are.
- B.** Trust means firm belief in the character, power and integrity of someone. How can we trust someone we don't know? God gave us His Word to reveal to us His character, power and integrity.
 - 1.** Power. **JEREMIAH 32:17, HEBREWS 1:1-3**
 - 2.** Integrity. **NUMBERS 23:19, HEBREWS 6:16-19 (NLT)**
 - 3.** Character. **JOHN 1:18 (AMPC)**

GOD'S CHARACTER

- A.** Love. **1 JOHN 4:7-8, EPHESIANS 3:17-19**
 - 1.** Breadth – world. **JOHN 3:16**
 - 2.** Length – incarnation. **ISAIAH 9:6**
 - 3.** Depth – crucifixion. **ROMANS 5:8**
 - 4.** Height – resurrection. **EPHESIANS 2:4-6**
- B.** Good Father. **2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18** God wasn't satisfied living in the tabernacle of Moses or Solomon's Temple. His goal was to live in those who would accept His Son.
 - 1.** **MATTHEW 7:9-11** There is no more loving, giving Father.
 - 2.** **PSALMS 119:68, NAHUM 1:7 (NLT).**
 - 3.** **JAMES 1:16-17** God's the solution, not the problem.
- C.** Faithful. **1 CORINTHIANS 1:9**
 - 1.** Faithful means dependable, trustworthy, someone we can count on.
2 THESSALONIANS 3:3 (NLT)
 - 2.** **LUKE 22:31-32** Because of our imperfections, our faith can fail us. God never fails.
- D.** Unchanging. **MALACHI 3:6**
 - 1.** He is steadfast and unwavering. **JAMES 1:17** James uses the universe to make his point.
 - 2.** God is constant, good, faithful, steadfast, unchanging.
- E.** Merciful. **PSALMS 86:5 (AMPC)**
 - 1.** Mercy means not giving us what we deserve. It means loving above what justice would demand.
 - 2.** **LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 (NLT)** Mercy is renewed daily.
 - 3.** **PSALMS 103:8-12 (NLT), ISAIAH 43:25 (NLT), 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 (NLT)**
Condemnation paralyzes one's faith.

CONCLUSION: Jesus revealed the Father to be a loving, good faithful, unchanging and merciful Father who is more responsible than any earthy Father who ever lived. To trust Him is not just to trust the principles of God's Word, it's trusting the person who was the Word made flesh.