

Trust is defined as, "the state of readiness for unguarded interaction with someone or something."

- The *capacity for trusting* means that your total life experiences have developed your current capacity and willingness to risk trusting others.
- The *perception of competence* is made up of your perception of your ability and the ability of others to perform competently at whatever is needed in your current situation.
- The *perception of intentions* is your perception that the actions, words, direction, mission, or decisions are motivated by a mutual serving rather than self-serving motives.

We must cultivate a complete trust in God's _____, His competence and His intentions toward us.

"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

- Enemies will come against you, even quoting God, to undermine trust in God! 2 Kgs 18:17-25
- Hezekiah acknowledged that what they said was true but went to the temple, spread the letter before the LORD and put his trust in God. 2 Kings 19:8-19. Read his short prayer. (Vs 15-19. 129 words!)
- This is the confidence we have in Him, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 Jn 5:14
- Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth & a foot out of joint. Pr 25:19
- "So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word." Psalms 119:42
- God increases our capacity for trusting Him by demonstrating His faithfulness.
- God increases our perception of His competence by revealing that His name satisfies our every need.
- God increases our perception of His intentions when we see that His thoughts are good all the time.

To grow trust in the LORD, we must recognize the power of _____ in the face of adversity.

"But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. ... Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You. **But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;** Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield." Psalms 5:7-12

To grow trust in the LORD, we must know that the name of the LORD is the _____ of trust in Him.

I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence. For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished. But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. **And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;** For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You." Psalms 9:1-10

To grow trust in the LORD, heed wisdom, apply your heart to knowledge and _____ these on your lips.

"Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge; For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, So that your **trust** may be in the LORD... Proverbs 22:17-21

- Trust is the necessary precursor to rely upon a person
- Trust is the necessary precursor to cooperate with and experience teamwork
- Trust is the necessary precursor to take **thoughtful** risks
- Trust is the necessary precursor to experience **believable** communication