**Trusting the Word**

*Trust* is such an important part of any relationship. If you can’t depend on someone’s word(s), what kind of a relationship can you even have? Loving someone is one thing, but *trusting* them has to be foundation upon which everything else is built. You love someone, but you don’t trust them? Where is that possibly going but to ruination? The heart is fickle when its emotion(s), but *trust* is built by repeated dependability. Now let’s read Heb.6:13-18, and think again about God’s infinitely repeated dependability of God’s word.

Given these things, **do you Trust God’s Word(s) regarding:**

1. **Really committing yourself to Him, Eph.5:22-24,32-33?**

Hasn’t He *proven* Himself consistently, dependably reliable, vv.25-31? Why wouldn’t we commit ourselves to Someone who not only *has never* lied to or mislead us, but *could never* do so, Titus 1:2!

It is truly amazing how *trusting* we can be of things, animals, and people whom we don’t really know (the pilot, surgeon, online “help,” etc.), or that either: 1) have not proved themselves reliable to us; or, 2) have demonstrated their unreliability to us, and we can be so *skeptical* of the One who has not and cannot ever lie. Talk about commitment issues and trust issues! Every. Word. Of. His. Is. True!

1. **Regarding how to live life, Matt.7:13-14?**

Do you really believe God knows more about what is *good* or *best* for us better than we do, cf. Heb.12:10? Then why do we so often look for answers to life’s questions somewhere else from someone else? He’s told us what *life* is all about, Ecc.12:13; and:

1. How to live it *personally,* Eph.5:1-17;
2. How to live it *interpersonally,* Eph.5:21,22-33;
3. How to live it in our *families,* Eph.5:22-33; 6:1-4;
4. How to live it *occupationally,* Eph.6:5-9; and,
5. How to live it *spiritually,* Eph.6:10-18a.

Now, do you trust God’s Word enough to live it?

1. **Regarding how to *love,* Matt.5:43-48?**

God loves *selflessly* and therefore *sacrificially,* Rom.5:8*.* But we often mistakenly call *lust* “love” when we are *selfish* and *demanding,* cp. 1John 4:8-10.

1. **Regarding how to *worship* Him, Eph.5:10; Jn.4:23-24**

A quick illustration of what I mean (regarding just one avenue of “worship,” but that applies equally to the others): There are about nine passages in the NT that either command or provide an example of *“singing”* praises to God. Zero NT passages that command or mention God’s people playing instruments to worship Him.

Now, how much do *you* trust God’s word when it comes to worshipping Him, Matt.15:6b-9.

**Conclusions:**

* **Do you trust God’s Word enough to not only *commit yourself to Him* and *live in every way how He says is best/right?***
* **Do you trust God’s Word enough to *love* and *worship* in ways that *please Him* rather than yourself?**
* **Do you trust God’s Word enough to demand that it be taught *purely, completely,* and without the wisdom or eloquence of men to “prop it up”?**
* **Do you trust God’s Word enough to *teach it to others* without reservation, addition, or subtraction?**