

TRAIN for Day 21

Text –

Proverbs 3

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.²¹ My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight;²² they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, ²⁶ for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

Reality

How do you pick out a few verses out of there? Wow.

Trust in the Lord with ALL YOUR HEART, and let him rule. That works with what I wrote earlier in the week. Then I will have *“health in my body and nourishment in my bones.”* When I trust in you and flee from evil. My *“sleep will be sweet.”* For the *“Lord will be my confidence.”*

That is amazing.

And then there is the *“honoring you with my first fruits.”* I've learned that lesson through the years. It's still about trust. First fruits is about everything. But it's amazing how money has such a hold on us. It's funny how nobody puts this passage all together. Everyone knows the *“Trust in the Lord”* verse. Nobody pays any attention to the test of all that- which is honoring you with the first fruits.”

Application –

I always need to gauge myself as I trust you. How is my checkbook? It should be pretty easy to evaluate as we prepare for the “Great Investment” campaign. We will be giving more than we ever have. That's why I love these challenge campaigns. Because we all have to wrestle with this trust thin and so many people finally take the challenge and really “get it.”

Do I really have confidence in you? Or the economy? Or my abilities? Where does it all happen for me?

I certainly don't like the "discipline" part of this chapter. I know you have been so faithful to me in the small ways we've trusted you.

Interaction with God

Lord, be with my family as they all trust in you with their whole heart. I pray for Rachel – this is what she's doing in Europe. Be with her weekend. Please guide Lauren as she visits colleges and figure out your will. Make her path straight. Be with Becca and guide her.

I pray for my wife as she breaks from all the noise and listens to our voice. Make her path straight.

I pray for my heart. As we are talking through these "Monsters of the Midsection" I still see myself struggle with them all so much. You are my confidence.

Please be with this weekend on jealousy. There won't be a soul who doesn't deal with it, so it will work for sure. Help me be your man in this place.

I pray for our campaign, that people's hearts will be open to your call in their life. The fields are white, that is for sure.

Next Step

I will trust you – daily – with my money, time, resources, energy, family, and life.

I will listen to your voice on the commitment to the campaign.

I will be the husband and father you asked me to be.