

To trust somebody you must have four things in that relationship:

1. That person you're going to trust must tell you the truth.
2. That person must be fair, they must do what's right.
3. The person must be reliable and dependable.

Psalms 33:4 (NCV) "For the word of the Lord is right and true. He is faithful in all He does."

Joshua 21:45 (HCSB) "None of the good promises the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled."

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NLT) "Understand that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey his commands."

Psalms 145:13 (MSG) "God always does what he says, and is gracious in everything he does."

First: I can depend on God to FORGIVE my SIN.

1 John 1:9 (NASB) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Second: I can depend on God to GIVE me GUIDANCE.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NCV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way."

1. Through the BIBLE.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB) "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB) "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

2. Through PRAYER.

Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG) "Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

3. Through wise godly COUNSEL.

Proverbs 5:1-2 (MSG) "Dear friend, pay close attention to this, my wisdom; listen very closely to the way I see it. Then you'll acquire a taste for good sense; what I tell you will keep you out of trouble."

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT) "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."

Third: I can depend on God to SETTLE the SCORE.

Romans 12:19 (Living Bible) "Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said he will repay those who deserve it."

1 Peter 2:23 (LB) "Jesus never answered back when insulted; when he suffered he did not threaten to get even; he left his case in the hands of God who always judges fairly."

The Faithfulness of God

Fourth: I can depend on God to REWARD my GENEROSITY.

Luke 6:38 (NKJV) "Give and it will be given to you. ... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Proverbs 22:8 (NCV) "The generous man will himself be blessed."

Fifth: I can depend on God to KEEP me SAVED.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (LB) "God guarantees right up to the end that you'll be counted free from all guilt on that day when he returns. God will surely do this for you" and the rest of the verse says "because He always does what He promises."

2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT) "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."

Ephesians 1:14 (NASB) "You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

2 Timothy 1:12 (NIV) "I know whom I have believed in and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NLT) "Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful."

Sixth: I can depend on God to REMEMBER my SERVICE.

Hebrews 6:10 (Phillips) "God is not unfair; He will not forget all that you have done, nor the loving labor which you have shown for his sake in looking after fellow Christians."

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ."

Application:

Do you rely on God's faithfulness or on other things?

Have you trusted God to forgive you of your sin?

Where have you turned this past week for guidance - God or lesser things?

Who do you trust to set all things right when you have been wronged - yourself or God?

Have you allowed God to develop a generous heart within you?

Do daily rely on God's ability and promise to keep you saved and secured in your relationship with Him?

Do you serve Him and others willingly knowing that when the time comes He will reward you for your service?

What Has God shown you through this study?

What one thing will you do this week to apply this lesson to your life?

Memory Verse: Joshua 21:45 (HCSB) "None of the good promises the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled."