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# In God We Trust?



We are inconsistent for two primary reasons:

- We forget about God in the moment

- We want to control the outcome

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**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.”**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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# Why trust God?

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# Why trust God?

1. God never lies (Titus 1:2)

*"... in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,..."*

2. God is in control (Isaiah 14:24)

*The Lord Almighty has sworn,  
"Surely, as I have planned, so it will be,  
and as I have purposed, so it will happen."*

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# Why trust God?

3. God is working for your good (Rom. 8:28-29)

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*

4. God is all-powerful (Gen. 1:1)

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

5. God never changes (Ps 102:27)

*“But you remain the same,  
and your years will never end.”*

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1. God never lies (Titus 1:2, Num. 23:19)
2. God is in control (Isaiah 14:24)
3. God is working for your good (Rom. 8:28-29)
4. God is all-powerful (John 19:10-11, Matt 10:29, James 4:13-15)
5. God never changes (Heb. 1:10-12, Ps 102:27)

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When you aren't trusting God,  
Who or what are you listening to?

- Satan
- Myself

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# Continuum



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# Life Scenarios

- What are you thinking?
- What are you wanting?
- What do you typically do?

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# Daily Strategy

Remember these things every day!

- I. God's attitude toward you:
  - a) Sacrificial love (John 3:16, Eph. 3:17-19)
  - b) Wants to meet your needs (Matt 6:25-34)
  - c) Patient (1 Tim. 1:16, 2 Peter 3:9)
  - d) Withholds nothing good (Ps. 84:11)

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# Remember everyday!

## 2. God's goal for your life – be more like Jesus (Rom. 8:28-29)

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# Remember everyday!

## 3. The purpose for trials – growth (James 1:2-4)

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”*

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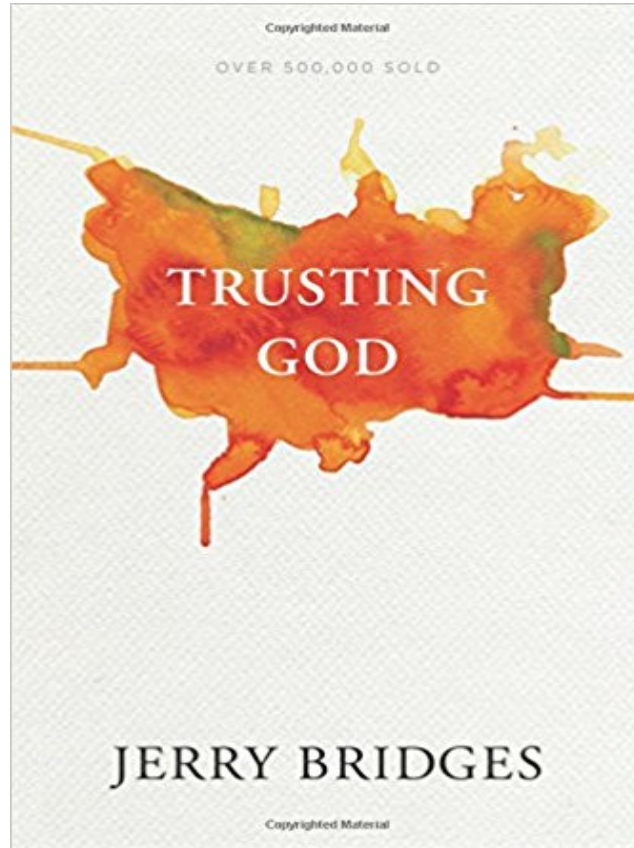


# Lifelong Strategy

Study your Bible.

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# Questions?

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Worry:

GLANCING AT GOD WHILE  
GAZING AT CIRCUMSTANCES.

Trust:

GLANCING AT CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHILE GAZING AT **GOD**.

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