

*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. 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. Proverbs 3:5-8 (NIV)*

## Lean On

I don't want to lean on my own understanding. **Why is that?** I have made so many mistakes. I have taken so many missteps. I can't tell you how many times I have had to stop and turn around and start all over because I have relied on my own understanding. **You don't need to tell me, I already know.** The ways that I have chosen have led me on a zig zag path through life. I have gone from one thing to another. I have stopped. I have started. I have gone left and right. I have been frozen in place. I have raced on ahead. All in all, I have wasted a lot of time. I have burned up a lot of my energy. I have been unproductive and unfruitful. I thought that I was wise. But now, I know that I am not. **That's very good.**

**What else?** Not only have I wasted time and energy. I have filled my life full of worry. **If you are the one in charge of your own life, then you have good reason to worry.** Why is that? **You just told me. Your track record of success when you are under your own leadership is dismal, isn't it?** Yes, it is. **Are you ready to give up? Are you ready to accept new leadership? Will you place yourself under new management? Will you follow me to where I lead you? Will you do whatever I ask of you?** Yes, I will follow and serve you. My life is in your hands. I will no longer lean on my own understanding. I will place all my trust in you. I will acknowledge your leadership over my life now and forever. **That's very good.**

**You will also have something new as you follow me to where I lead you and do all that I ask of you.** What's that? **You will have my peace and joy and hope and health, all because you will know that I am leading you on a good and straight path. You will know that your life is not a waste. You will know that I am helping you to bear fruit for my kingdom. You will know that you are bringing glory to my name.** That is my hope and prayer. That is what I have always wanted. **That is what you will have as you follow me.**

*Lord, so often I have relied on my own understanding rather than placing my trust in you. I have walked a crooked path that zigged and zagged throughout life. Forgive me. Now, I will trust in you, so that you can guide my steps and bring health into my life. Amen*

**God's Will***Trust In The Lord*

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. 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.

NIV

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust In The Lord*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

ESV

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust In The Lord*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

NLT

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust In The Lord*

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. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

NKJV

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust In The Lord*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

NRSV

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust God*

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!

MSG

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Lean On, Trust In, And Be Confident In The Lord*

Lean on, trust in, *and* be confident in the Lord with all your heart *and* mind and do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, *and* acknowledge Him, and He will direct *and* make straight *and* plain your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear *and* worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. It shall be health to your nerves *and* sinews, and marrow *and* moistening to your bones.

AMP

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust The Lord*

then trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself. In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Don't be conceited, sure of your own wisdom. Instead, trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your back on evil; when you do that, then you will be given renewed health and vitality.

TLB

Proverbs 3:5-8

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NASB

Proverbs 3:5-8

**God's Will***Trust The Lord*

Trust the LORD with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the LORD in all you do, and he will give you success. Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the LORD and refuse to do wrong. Then your body will be healthy, and your bones will be strong.

NCV

Proverbs 3:5-8

# Trust In The Lord

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**God's Will** – Proverbs 3:5-8

**In Context:** *Read Proverbs 3*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, so often I have relied on my own understanding rather than placing my trust in you. I have walked a crooked path that zigged and zagged throughout life. Forgive me. Now, I will trust in you, so that you can guide my steps and bring health into my life. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When has relying on your own understanding caused you to walk a crooked path through life?

**When have you had to stop, turn around and start over because you relied on your own understanding?**

How has worry filled your heart and mind and life because you have relied on your own understanding?

How has the Lord guided your steps as you placed all your trust in Him?

**How has trusting in the Lord with all your heart brought peace and health into your life?**

What decisions are bringing to the Lord to rely on Him for His guidance?

**Where has the Lord guided you and what has He given you to do for Him as you have followed Him?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Place all your trust in the Lord rather than relying on your own understanding so that He can direct your path.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will make your path straight as you trust in Him rather than rely on your own understanding.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are trusting in the Lord to guide you through life.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you trust in the Lord rather than lean on your own understanding.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will trust in you rather than lean on my own understanding.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I trust in you rather than lean on my own understanding?*

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