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## **Straight Path**

**I understand that you would like to walk a straight path. You don't want to wander from one meaningless activity to another. You don't want to misspend your life. You don't want to waste your time, talent, energy and resources. You are tired of taking of taking two steps forward and threes steps backward. You want your life to count for something of eternal value. You want to do what is good and right and pleasing to me. When we meet face to face you want to know that you have gone and done my will. On that day, you would like to hear me say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Have I captured your thoughts? Is this what is in your heart and on your mind?** You know me better than I know myself. Yes, all these thoughts are in my heart and on my mind. **That is very good.**

**How would you say you have been doing so far?** I have had mixed success. I have taken plenty of missteps. I have wasted a tremendous amount of time, talent, energy and resources. As you have said, I have often taken two steps forward and three steps backward. I have not walked a very straight path. Yes, at times, I have wandered from one meaningless activity to another. **What do you think is the source of your problem?** Pride is no doubt the source of my problem. I have proudly trusted in myself and foolishly relied on my own understanding. **That's not good.** Yes, I know.

**What would you like to do differently?** I would like to place all my trust in you. I would like to rely fully on your understanding. I would like to set aside my pride and admit that I desperately need your help. To do anything else or less would be a form of evil. That is what I want to quickly run from. **Are you prepared to follow me? Will you go where I guide you? Will you do what I ask of you?** Yes, I will follow you. Yes, I will go where you guide me to do what you ask of me. **Then you will have all that you want from me. You will be able to live the life that I am calling you to live. You will walk on the path of life with me. You will live a faithful and fruitful life before me.** That is the prayer of my heart and desire of my life. **Follow me.** Yes Lord, I will. **That is very good.**

*Lord, I will trust you with all my heart. I will not rely on my own understanding. I will acknowledge you in all that I think, say and do. I will not think I am wise. I will quickly shun evil. Help me to follow you on the straight path of life that you have laid out for me. Amen*



# Trust In The Lord

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

**Becoming Like Christ** – 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?)***

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

**How are you making it your regular pattern and practice to place all your trust in the Lord?**

When has your own pride made it difficult for you to place your complete trust in the Lord?

**When has trusting in yourself and relying on your own understanding caused you to walk a crooked path?**

When have you come to realize that your understanding was not in alignment with the Lord's will and ways?

How are you acknowledging the Lord in all that you think, say and do?

Why is it critically important that you quickly distance yourself from evil?

**How has trusting the Lord and following Him straightened out your path in life?**

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

Make it your regular pattern and practice to place all your trust in the Lord.

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

Have faith that the Lord will straighten out your path in life as you place all your trust in Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are placing all your trust in the Lord.

**Close With Prayer:**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*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 place all your trust in the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will place all my trust in you.*

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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 will you guide me today as I place all my trust in you?*

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