

Lesson 5 – Trusting the LORD in Every Situation

Text: Proverbs 3:27–35

Audience: Youth, College Students, Young Professionals

Purpose: To learn that trusting the LORD is expressed through practical goodness, humility, and justice—and that God honors those who walk uprightly.

Opening Reflection

Icebreaker: Have you ever delayed doing something good—helping someone, telling the truth, or doing the right thing—because it felt inconvenient?

Key Transition: Proverbs reminds us that wisdom is not only what we believe, but how we live. Trust in God always shows up in real actions toward real people.

Main Idea

Trusting the LORD is lived out through everyday choices—doing good without delay, walking in integrity, rejecting pride, and choosing humility.

Reading the Scripture

Read Proverbs 3:27–35 aloud together.

Observation Prompt:

What commands, warnings, or contrasts do you notice in this passage?

Exegetical Teaching & Life Application

1. Do Good Without Delay (Proverbs 3:27–28)

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.”

Exegetical Insight:

The phrase *“when it is in your power to act”* emphasizes present ability and opportunity. Wisdom is not passive or theoretical—it responds immediately when God gives the means to do good. Delaying good is not neutral; it often reflects self-protection, fear, or indifference.

Biblical Emphasis:

- Goodness is an obligation, not a suggestion.
- Trusting God means believing He will supply again even after we give.

Key Truth:

Delayed obedience is often missed obedience.

Life Application:

When God puts a need in front of you and gives you the ability to help, trust Him enough to act now.

2. Live Peacefully and Honestly (Proverbs 3:29–30)

“Do not plan evil against your neighbor... Do not accuse anyone for no reason.”

Exegetical Insight:

The warning against *planning harm* points to intentional, calculated wrongdoing—not just emotional reactions.

Wisdom guards the heart before conflict begins. Trusting the LORD means refusing manipulation, revenge, or false accusation, even when we feel justified.

Biblical Emphasis:

- God values peace rooted in integrity, not winning at all costs.
- Trust replaces control—we don't need to take matters into our own hands.

Life Application:

Ask: Am I responding in faith, or trying to protect myself through control or dishonesty?

3. Do Not Envy the Violent or Proud (Proverbs 3:31–32)

"Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways."

Exegetical Insight:

Violence here represents aggressive, shortcut-driven success. Scripture exposes the false attraction of power without character. Though such ways may appear effective, God *detests* crooked paths and offers close fellowship (*"His confidence"*) to the upright.

Biblical Emphasis:

- God's approval matters more than visible success.
- Uprightness brings intimacy with God, not just moral correctness.

Life Application:

In a culture that rewards dominance and self-promotion, wisdom chooses faithfulness over fame.

4. God Honors the Humble (Proverbs 3:33–35)

"He mocks the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Exegetical Insight:

This contrast shows God's active response to character. Pride resists God; humility receives grace. Honor is not seized—it is bestowed by the LORD. Shame follows folly, but glory follows humility shaped by wisdom.

Biblical Emphasis:

- Pride isolates; humility opens the door to grace.
- God defines true honor, not society.

Illustration:

Climbing fast by stepping on others may look successful—but it is unstable. God's way builds slowly, deeply, and securely.

Life Application:

Humility trusts God with outcomes and focuses on faithfulness.

Wisdom vs. Folly (Summary Contrast)

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| Wise Living | Foolish Living |
| Acts quickly to do good | Delays obedience |
| Seeks peace and integrity | Plots harm or conflict |

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| Rejects envy and shortcuts | Imitates proud or violent ways |
| Walks humbly before God | Pursues self-glory |

Core Truth: Trusting God frees us to live generously, honestly, and humbly.

Group Discussion

1. What usually keeps people from doing good immediately?
2. How does jealousy or comparison show up in our culture or online spaces?
3. Why is humility difficult, yet essential, for spiritual growth?

Personal Reflection & Application

- Is there a good thing God has prompted me to do that I've been delaying?
- Where do I struggle most with comparison or jealousy?
- What is one practical way I can practice humility this week?

Weekly Challenge:

Act on one opportunity to do good this week—without delay and without seeking recognition.

Closing Prayer

Lord, teach us to trust You in every situation. Shape our character so our faith is visible through our actions. Help us do good without delay, live with integrity, and walk humbly before You. Amen.