

# CHRISTIAN MONEY \$ENSE

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## What God Wants From Our Finances: Trust

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Many years ago as a high school student, I attended Lake Ann Baptist Camp near Traverse City, MI. I went to camp knowing no one else, so trusting other people with my life was not the first thing I wanted to do that week. I was put on a team with about twelve other teens, and we worked together through the first few days, focusing on competition and teamwork.

Eventually, we came to a time when we started to work together on trust. It started with small measures such as being blindfolded and led by the hand through a forest. Then it progressed to the point of 100% trust: falling backwards into the arms of my teammates off an elevated stand. I felt like I really trusted them, but when it came to the actual fall, I bent my knees and pulled in my back as I prepared for the impact. There was still some fear in me that prepared my body for impacting the ground, not the arms of my teammates. Thankfully, although I did twist a little, I was caught safely with nothing to cause fear.

I think the same parallel exists when it comes to trusting God with our finances. We feel like we really trust God 100% in our finances. However, when the time for action comes, we cringe in fear a little bit or maybe a lot. We are afraid that we may not be caught by God - that He won't provide for us. It is easy to trust when things are going the way we planned, but it is difficult to trust when they are not. This is when worry comes.

Jesus challenges us by saying, "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Matthew 6:31-32, NASB). We may act like God does not know that we need all these things.

Trust is really about knowing that God will provide for your needs and living it out.

So how will you trust God completely? First, you need to remember who He is. He is not a stranger to you as a believer. When you feel like you are falling financially, it is not a group of strangers that is going to catch you. It is your God that cares for you. He can provide those things we need financially (Phil. 4:19, NASB). All of it is His anyway, even the money (Haggai 2:8, NASB). He is the God who has given His Son as a sacrifice for you. Wouldn't He then give you all the things you need? (Romans 8:32, NASB) He is the one who is going to work all things together for your good (Romans 8:28, NASB). Basically, you can trust God completely because He is the God who loves you and can provide for you.

Second, we need to remember what we have in Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, NASB). We are already rich in a much more important sense than financially. This richness goes deeper than earthly wealth, and it lasts longer. If this is true, will not the things you need on this earth be provided for you?

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, NASB).

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