

*Where will you  
place your trust?*

*Proverbs 3:1-8*

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<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, <sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

<sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

As you run the base paths of life,  
have you touched first base?  
Have you done the most basic thing?

*Wisdom*

The most basic and foundational truth  
in life = when we "trust in the Lord with  
all our hearts" then we will find the life  
that we long for.

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The bases of misplaced trust:

1<sup>st</sup> base- "Trust Yourself"

**Jeremiah 17:9**

The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

The bases of misplaced trust:

1<sup>st</sup> base- "Trust Yourself"

2<sup>nd</sup> base- The American Dream

**Philippians 4:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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3<sup>rd</sup> base- Religion

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Religion can never lead a person to God

**Romans 3:23**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

The key difference between  
Christianity and Religion =  
Christianity is not a religion!

The bases of misplaced trust:

1<sup>st</sup> base- "Trust Yourself"  
2<sup>nd</sup> base- The American Dream  
3<sup>rd</sup> base- Religion  
Home plate- "You're out!"

God's base path that leads to life  
(John 14:6)

1<sup>st</sup> base- Jesus said, "I am the way"  
2<sup>nd</sup> base- Jesus said, "I am the truth"  
3<sup>rd</sup> base- Jesus said, "I am the life"  
Home plate- "Safe in a relationship  
with our Heavenly Father"

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**John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world that he gave  
his one and only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not perish but have  
eternal life.

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**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and  
just and will forgive us our sins and purify  
us from all unrighteousness.

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**John 1:12**

Yet to all who received him, to those  
who believed in his name, he gave  
the right to become children of God

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Where will you place your trust today?

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