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IN THE STUDY VERSE SECTION, God's Word is printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.
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Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. - Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT

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STUDY VERSE SECTION - Proverbs 3:5-6, NASB95 - ⁵ Trust [Heb. בטח (ba-tah) means to "lay down;" it is a ceremonial word used to describe someone lying down on the altar of the temple signifying complete surrender to God] in the LORD with all [Heb. כל (coal) means "all" as in every part of] your heart [Heb. לב (lev) refers not the blood pump in your chest, but your inner-most self, thoughts and/or volition]. And do not lean [Heb. בטח (ba-TAK) means "to lean on someone for support" or "to be guided by someone with support"] on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge [Heb. ידע (yah-da) means "to recognize" or "to honor"] Him, And He will make your paths straight. [Heb. ישר ארה (ya-shall, or-rah) means "to make clear or evident the moral behavior that is the most wise].

"This court has heretofore characterized the phrase 'In God We Trust' when used as the national motto on coins and currency as a patriotic and ceremonial motto...with no theological or ritualistic impact."

- The Honorable Judge Robert King, in his opinion in favor of keeping "IN GOD WE TRUST" as our National Motto, in a ruling by the US Fourth Circuit 2013 decision.

"No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition."

- Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon Chase instructing James Pollock, Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, to prepare a motto, in a letter dated November 20, 1861.



1. Be Confident in God's Care.

Proverbs 3:5, TLB - ⁴...then trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself.

Isaiah 40:28-31, NASB95 - ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. ³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, ³¹ Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

2. Be Committed to God's Purposes.

Proverbs 3:6, TLB - ⁶ In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

Proverbs 3:6, NLT - ⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

3. Be Content with God's Will.

Proverbs 3:6, TLB - ⁶ In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

Proverbs 3:6, NLT - ⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

We live on one of three levels:

Level One: I do what I want to do

Level Two: I do what I ought to do.

Level Three: I do what God wants me to do.



Life Application Section

- Remember: *God's direction will never contradict God's Instructions.*
- Two parts to this message: Our part (trusting) and God's Part (guiding).
- Can our lives be characterized by this statement: **"In God We Trust!"**