

What is 'trust' in God ?

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This comes from a discussion where I was told Im not 'trusting' God if I take action to protect my wife or children from predators.

The issue in that discussion is that my 'trust' in God comes into question because I believe that *I* have the responsibility to protect my wife and/or children from predators (frankly I believe ALL adults should protect ANY child they see being hurt, period).

So I guess Im not 'trusting' God for my childs or wifes safety if I take it upon myself to do the protecting where I am able.

But lets take this to other areas and see if this works.

I 'trust' God to feed my kids so I dont have to get a job and provide for them.

I 'trust' God to take care of my rent, utilities, gas for my car, food, etc so I dont need to worry about getting those things paid for.

I 'trust' God when Im driving my car, so I dont need to worry about a seat belt.

I 'trust' God that that lump in my wifes breast isnt cancer (which did happen) so we dont need to go get it looked at.

I trust God will get me around in my car even tho my tires are bald, so I dont need to worry about a spare or buying new ones.

I could add ten thousand more things to this list Im very sure, but I dont think theres much point.

Does 'trusting' God RELIEVE a man from PROVIDING for his family ?

I mean, WHAT did Jesus say ?

Did He not CLEARLY tell us NOT to worry about it ?

"Because of this I say to you, **do not worry about your life--what you shall eat, or what you shall drink--nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?**

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap, nor do they gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father **feeds them**. **Are you not worth more than they?**

Which of you by worrying is able to add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither labor, nor spin; and yet I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.

But if God thus clothes the grass of the field, which exists today, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore **do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we put on?'** "For after all these things the Gentiles seek.

For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry

about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own affairs. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

(Mat 6:25-34 EMTV)

I mean..*IF* we're going to claim that we are to 'trust' God and that 'trusting' God means "TAKE NO ACTION IN THE MATTER"...then doesnt that mean that the above would show that I dont need to work to provide for my family?

Of course not.

We ARE to trust God. That is the point of our Lords words above.

And part of that trust in Him is that when WE are taking on the responsibility that WE have as husbands and wives...as fathers and mothers....as HUMAN beings that GOD created....as we DO as we should do then we can trust Him to do what He does.

IF, however, someone goes ahead and drives without a seatbelt, its their OWN fault for being thrown from the car.

If they WONT work when they are able then they CANNOT expect GOD to just sprinkle food and gas money down from heaven.

WE have responsibilities. To our spouses, to our children, to our parents and families...to our fellow man.

The injured Samaritan on the road could have been left to 'trust' in God, but he wasnt. Jesus shows that we OUGHT to help the man...to take ACTION...to put our faith INTO action.

God CAN feed the hungry...but its often done THRU natural channels.

God CAN protect a child...but many times its thru the ACTIONS of an adult.

My belief is that its nothing but a cop out and an excuse to sit back and do NOTHING claiming to be waiting or trusting in God when one CAN act in a matter. WE may BE the tool that GOD was going to use to deal with the issue, but we're so busy sitting back claiming to trust Him that we dont move an inch waiting on some miracle.

It reminds me of that story we've all heard about the guy sitting on his roof in a flood waiting on God to save him...turns down a couple rides out then dies and then in heaven wants to know why GOD didnt save him....

'trusting' God means many times we 'trust' Him enough to ACT.