Hebrews 11: Can I Trust God? Can God Trust Me?

Part 11: So...Can God Trust Me?

For ten weeks we've wrestled with one question: "Can I trust God? But we have alluded to a second and deeper question, even suggesting that, in the end, it is the more important one. "Can God trust me?"

Can God trust to us what He would love to give us?

Would we use His gifts, His wisdom and His power to glorify the Giver rather than the receiver?

Would greater wealth cause us to become a river of His blessing to others; or only to become a larger reservoir of self-gratifying consumption?

What can God trust us with—knowing it will be used well?

Finding fortune does not make men—it unmasks them. Show me what a man does with ten pounds and I will tell you what he would do with a million pounds!

Charles Spurgeon

When your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God!...You may well say to yourself:

'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this prosperity for me!

Deuteronomy 8:13-14, 17

When you do ask God, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, dreaming of how you could spend what you get on your own pleasures.

James 4:3

Wherever we go—there WE are! The real key to happiness is never determined by WHAT we have or a change in circumstances, but by WHO we are.

...the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans our words cannot express... the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

The gifts of the Spirit are given for the sharing of the Gospel. Pentecostal power comes to lift up the Cross of Christ.

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Lord Acton

The graveyards of the world are filled with indispensable men.

Charles de Gaulle

The five most dangerous words a pastor can hear are: *I am here because of you.*

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers and sisters, because you know that we who teach will be judged more severely.

James 3:1

From <u>everyone</u> who has been **GIVEN much**, *much will be demanded*; and from the one who has been **ENTRUSTED with much**, *much more will be asked*.

Luke 12:48

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want Me to give you."
...I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties...
So give Your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours? The Lord was pleased...

1 Kings 3:5-14

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong...When Peter saw this, he said to them:

"...why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

You killed the Author of Life, but God raised Him from the dead.

We are witnesses of this...It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed this cripple, as you can all see.

1 Peter 3:1-16

<u>Can God trust us</u> with all He would love to pour into our lives?