

LIFE HACKS, PART 5: TRUST

The wisest man who ever lived encourages us to trust God and not lean on our own understanding. Wise advice. But what does that look like practically?

BIG IDEA: Trusting God with your leftovers rarely grows your faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

* Remember the goal is to use the questions to generate discussion, not to complete every one.

- 1. Have you ever participated in a trust fall? If so, describe your experience.
- 2. With the Bible or Bible App, read Proverbs 3:5-10.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. <u>Proverbs 3:5-10 (NIV)</u>

- 3. Why do you think the more money someone makes the lower the percentage they give away?
- 4. During the message, Chris said, "Trusting God with your leftovers rarely grows your faith." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 5. What is the difference between a tithe and an offering? Why do you think it is important to know the difference?
- 6. With the Bible or Bible App, <u>read Matthew 6:19-21, 33</u>.

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <u>Matthew 6:19-21, 33 (NIV)</u>

- 7. How can we lay up treasures in heaven? Why is this important?
- 8. What is one thing you can do this week to trust God and stop leaning on your own understanding?

MOVING FORWARD

God wants us to be able to trust him with everything—even our finances and possessions. When we trust God with our firstfruits, it reveals who or what we are trusting in and it honors God. It's also an investment in eternal things.

This week spend some time reading and reflecting on Proverbs 3:5–9 and Matthew 6:19–21.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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