

## Quotations about Trust

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”* Proverbs 3:5

*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”* Psalms 28:7

### Mark your calendar

“Last Saturday in February” Meeting!  
Saturday, **February 22**

### February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 18 Hazel Brouillette 24 Jonathan Munayco

(Note: if anyone is “missed” here, let Jim know)

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## Bullet-Proof Faith

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The lieutenant corralled the rookie police officers into the firing range. A mannequin was standing against the wall dressed with a bullet-proof vest. He emptied his magazine with remarkable precision. He sent one of the officers to retrieve the vest and after a thorough inspection it was found that not one single bullet penetrated the material!

He then turned to the rookie officers and asked, “So who wants to wear it now instead of the mannequin?” With all of the evidence they needed to ensure them that they would be completely safe ...not one man stepped forward.

God has provided us with all the evidence that we need of His existence, power, mercy, love and faithfulness to fulfill His promises. Are we willing to step forward—to trust and obey Him?

*When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our Way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey,  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*  
J.H. Sammis

*“For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men”*

1 Timothy 4:10

## Prime the Pump

(from Memory Delight and/or Zig Ziglar)

Many of us have heard versions of the following...it's good to repeat some things. Hope it helps...it's all about trust.

There was a man who got lost in the desert. After wandering around for a long time his throat became very dry, about that time he saw a little shack in the distance. He made his way over to the shack and found a water pump with a small jug of water and a note.

The note read: "pour all the water into the top of the pump to prime it; if you do this you will get all the water you need". Now the man had a choice to make, if he trusted the note and poured the water in and it worked he would have all the water he needed. If it didn't work he would still be thirsty and he might die. Or he could choose to drink the water in the jug and get immediate satisfaction, but it might not be enough and he still might die. After thinking about it the man decided to risk it. He poured the entire jug into the pump and began to work the handle, at first nothing happened and he got a little scared but he kept going and water started coming out. So much water came out he drank all he wanted, took a shower, and filled all the containers he could find.

Because he was willing to give up momentary satisfaction, he got all the water he needed. Now the note also said: after you have finished, please refill the jug for the next traveler." The man refilled the jug and added to the note: " Please prime the pump, believe me it works"!

We have the same choice to make, do we hold on to what we have because we don't believe there are better things in store for us, and settle for immediate satisfaction? Or do we trust God and give up all that we have to get what God has promised us? I think the choice is obvious.

We need to pour in all the water, trust God with everything. Now, we may be thinking..."But trusting God is easier said than done." And I agree. That's why we need to constantly spend quality time with God through quiet time and personal devotion. The reason being...regular communication with God helps to build up our faith and we learn to trust Him more. Quiet time is a powerful habit that some of us have not developed, and that may be why we fail to grow spiritually.

## Unusual Habit of a Wealthy Man

(from Memory Delight)

I once heard the story about a wealthy man who had no need for pocket change...yet he still took the time to bend over and pick up lost pennies and other coins. Whenever the man found a coin he would stop look at it in his hand, then after standing quietly for a moment, he would then put the coin in his pocket and continue walking.

He was once asked about his unusual habit..."*Why does a man who has no need for money stand still as though he had just found a gold coin?*"

The man replied, "*When I find a coin I look at the words, 'In God We Trust,' and I can hear God asking me, 'Do you still trust me?' Once I'm certain that I still trust God more than money I can continue with my day.*"

Perhaps we should take the time to hear God ask us the same question, "**Do you still trust Me; am I still first in your life?**"

## The Needle and the Thread

The Bible uses some interesting figures to represent Christians and their relationship to God: Vine and branches, clay and Sculptor, sheep and Shepherd. Another interesting metaphor came not from the Bible, but from an African convert. This young man prayed one evening, 'O Lord, you are the needle and I am the thread.' He had just visited a school where girls were learning to sew. He watched intently and noticed a simple principle: wherever the needle went, the thread followed. That, he decided, represented his relationship to God. If he would stay close to the Lord, praying, reading His Word, depending entirely upon Him and following Him, God would always lead him where he needed to go. He simply was the thread following the needle. God will guide if we will follow. We often sing the song, '*Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*'