

**Faith For The Future**  
#5 in our series "Faith Forward"  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
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→ The future is uncertain & unknown ... we need faith as we go forward

God wants us to know and do His will more than we want to know and do it

→ Proverbs 3:5-6 provides us with

A PROMISE PROCEEDED BY THREE PREREQUISITES

1. GOD'S **PROMISE** OF DIRECTION ("He will make your paths straight")

→ WHO does the directing?

→ WHAT does this direction involve?

2. DEPENDS ON OUR **PRACTICE** OF TRUSTING

("Trust in the Lord with all your heart")

→ The DEFINITION of this "trust"

→ The DIRECCION of our trust

→ The DEGREE of our trust

3. BUT IS HINDERED BY OUR **PROBLEM** OF LEANING

("And do not lean on your own understanding")

→ THE PRINCIPLE: to the degree that I am leaning, I am not trusting

→ THE PROBLEM: I need to use the understanding that God has given to me, but I must not rely or depend on it

4. THE KEY IS FOUND IN THE **PRIORITY** OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE LORD

("In all your ways acknowledge Him")

→ This involves the FOCUS of our lives

→ It also involves the FREQUENCY of this knowing

→ So, here's the bottom line:

INTIMACY precedes DIRECTION ...

the person who is serious about wanting God's leading and direction in his/her life must make it a priority to INVEST TIME GETTING TO KNOW THE LORD ...

You TRUST most the ones you KNOW best!

**SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!**

→ God wants us to know and do His will more than we want to know and do it

1. Take time to take inventory:

- Am I a Truster or a Leaner?
- Do I really want God to lead or do I want to be in control?
- Is there an area of my life that is marked more by Leaning than by Trusting?

2. My challenge for you in 2023 and beyond:

Will you commit to joining me in a year focused on deeper intimacy with God?

- Regular, daily time alone with the Lord: When? \_\_ am/pm & Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- A simple agenda: read and pray . . . listen to the Lord and do what He says

3. REMEMBER THIS:

"Cling tightly to the Lord Yahweh with the entirety of your inner being and do not rely or depend on your own wisdom, education, and insight. In every aspect of your daily life, make it your priority to get to know the Lord Yahweh better and more intimately and will make your path forward level, even, straight, and prosperous"  
(PRT- Pastor Roy's Translation)

→ Lord, help me to \_\_\_\_\_