



## Navigating Principles for 2020 and Beyond

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**Transforming Truth:** The Lord has promised to direct the lives of those who \_\_\_\_\_.

### Principles to Navigate your Life By ... Pr. 3:5-6

**Principle 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with every issue of life. v.5

- “Trust in the LORD *with all your heart...*”

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### Action Steps ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ as god of the universe.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God with what's on your mind right now.
3. Get familiar with God's direction by \_\_\_\_\_ His Word.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for salvation.

## Truth for Life

For the week of January 12, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What thing is the most difficult to trust God for? What area of your life? Your family? Your work? Why do you think it is the most difficult?
2. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 in a few translations. The contrast of the passage is clearly the battle between who we are listening to; who we are depending upon; or really who is in control. Why do you think that the default of most of us is simply to do what we think best? Why do we tend to depend upon our understanding of a situation? Read Genesis 32:22-32. This is the story of Jacob wrestling with God. Why does it often feel as though we are wrestling with God, especially as we are struggling to do what we think is best and we know that God has a different plan?
3. Think about this statement ... “*We cannot trust someone we don't know, and that is the secret of learning to trust God.*” Read the following passages and see if you can discover some of the benefits of knowing God.
 

Jeremiah 9:23-24	Psalm 119:9-11, 105	Isaiah 55:8
Hebrews 4:12	John 17:3	Romans 12:2

How does growing in our knowledge of God assist us in our ability to trust Him?
4. We all struggle with the matter of submitting. Let's be honest, we like to be in control. Of our lives. Of our decisions. Of our plans. How does our desire to be in control negatively affect our ability to walk in God's plan? Read the Scripture below.
 

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The core issue is really that we want it our way. How do we move from a desire to be in control to submitting to Him and His will?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
  - a. Should Christians strive for success? What are God's criteria for success?
  - b. How can a person who lacks faith in God increase his/her faith?
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