

How Do We Know We Can Trust God?

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Message Truth:

There are three characteristics of God which assure us and enable us to know that He is dependable and trustworthy. Theologians call these attributes of God: His nature, His omniscience, and His omnipotence. Everyone who is born again has trusted the Father's provision of Christ as our Savior. Knowing God's characteristics enables us to have great confidence in God as we practice living the Christian life. Knowing God is a key first step that enables us to believe, trust, and obey Him even when life seems unfair and our circumstances uncertain.

1. God's nature is I_____.

Because God loves me His will for me is always right.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

**Because God loves best
I can trust Him most!**

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

2. God is a_____ k_____.

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight. Luke 16:14-15

²⁰ . . . For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:20b

Because God knows everything His directions for me are always right!

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:8-11

⁹ . . . for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. 1 Chronicles 28:9b

3. God is a _____ p_____.

⁶ *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* Philippians 1:6

He can enable you to do His will.

¹⁰ *Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."* ¹¹ *The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"* ¹² *Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.* ¹³ *But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."* Exodus 4:10-13

**You will not obey Him if you do not believe Him.
You cannot believe Him if you do not love Him.
You cannot love Him if you do not know Him.**

⁵ *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* ⁶ *"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."* ⁷ *But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you."* ⁸ *Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.* ⁹ *Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth."* ¹⁰ *See, today I appoint you*

over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Jeremiah 1:5-10

- **Your relationship with God right now reveals what you really believe about Him.**

It is spiritually impossible for you to believe one way and behave another.

- **If you really believe that God is love you will also accept that His will is always best, His directions are always right, and that He will enable you to do His will!**