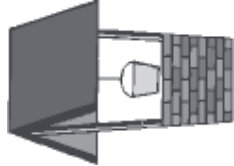


Whom do you trust?

There's a story about a kitten that fell into a well. A number of people gathered around the well, including a young boy and his dad. Everyone was wondering how they could rescue the kitten, since it was about 20 feet down to the water. It became obvious that someone would have to be lowered into the well to save the kitten.



One person got a rope, then looked around for a volunteer. "Who's willing to go down there?" he asked. It would have to be a small person.

After a few moments of thinking it over, the young boy spoke up, "I'll go," he said, "if my father holds the rope."

How much do you know about . . .

TRUST

1. A brief working definition for trust is: "_____ another." a. dependence upon b. confidence in c. working with
2. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in _____ with all your heart . . ." a. the LORD b. the stock market c. others d. your-self
3. Trusting another person takes _____ to develop. a. money b. blind faith c. time d. no effort
4. As trust grows in a relationship, it helps fill the human need for _____. a. attention b. security c. information d. simplicity

Answers on other side.



- RESPECT
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- LISTENING
- APPRECIATION
- TRUST
- INTEGRITY
- ORDER
- NURTURE
- SYNERGY
- HOPE
- IDEALS
- PARDON

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Consider these verses . . .

- Ps. 34:8 (esp. KJV)
- Prov. 3:5-6
- Prov. 29:25
- I Cor. 4:1-2

Consider these questions . . .

- How is trusting someone a way to love them?
- Do you trust in God? How? Do you trust in others? In what ways?
- Does trust help a relationship grow deeper? Why or why not?

Does increased trust help people function better as a team? Why or why not?

What could you do to grow more trust in your close relationships? What will you do?

Answers to quiz on side 1:

- 1. b
- 2. a
- 3. c
- 4. b

Next issue . . . INTEGRITY

- Can you spot the hypocrite?
- What does integrity really mean?

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TRUST

CONFIDENCE IN ANOTHER

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

– Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust is firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity or reliability of another person or thing. When trust grows, it helps fill the human need for security.

Trust wisely!

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A PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for being completely trustworthy. Help me to have total confidence in You and in Your love for me. Help me to become more trustworthy like You.

Please guide me in trusting others wisely. In Your Name, Amen.