

UNDERSTANDING

A question I hear time and time again is this, “Pastor Chris, everything seems to be going wrong and I don’t know what to do about it.” My reply is simple and to the point, “That’s the problem! It’s not what you are able to do about it, but rather, what God is able to do about it.” It may require a slight change in your attitude but it will make an immense difference to the outcome. Satan’s favourite entry into any situation is through the application of your own abilities and understanding. When you think you can do anything without God’s help, you are destined for failure. The reason being, your abilities never include a ‘prophetic understanding’ of any situation. In other words, you never really understand what is going on – even if you think you do! God however, has seen the end from the beginning. Even before the event has unfolded, God already has every detail.

Proverbs 3:5 says, *“Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or **understanding**”* (Amplified). Too many of us are relying on what we perceive to be correct, on human insight and on our own abilities. This verse may also read, *“Do not lean on, trust in, rely on, or be confident in your own perception or understanding. But with all your heart and mind trust in the Lord.”* Implying that our desire to apply our own perception and understanding to any situation is rooted in mistrust. If we were honest, we would admit that there is a lack of trust. We do not really trust in God’s ability to sort things out, so we lean on our own understanding. Note; trust (like faith) does not need every detail! Therefore, we do not need to have a full understanding before we place our trust in the Lord. If you think about it, it’s absurd! We accept that God created the universe by simply saying, “Let there be...”, but when it comes to our personal lives, we need to know exactly how He’s going to make things happen.

Your responsibility is to trust in God’s ability. He always performs what He has spoken concerning you. You do not have to bring it to pass; God brings it to pass! Your obligation is to simply trust in Him. Kenneth E. Hagin said, “You don’t have to make it happen; you let it happen!” That is why the person who believes has entered into rest (Hebrews 4:3), and he does this without a full understanding of how it’s going to happen. Remember, God has good things planned for you; better than you can ever imagine. So trust in Him and watch Him do what He says He will do! *“For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure”* (Philippians 2:13).