



I Trust Myself

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Talk It Over

I'm That Fool
(Week 4)
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SMALL TALK

1. What makes someone successful in life?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Proverbs 28:26.** Why is it bad to trust in yourself? How does the comparative contrast help answer this question?
3. **READ Proverbs 3:5-6.** How should we trust in the Lord? In the Hebrew literary device known as “poetic parallelism”, the second line often repeats, extends, or contrasts with the first line. What evidence of each kind of parallelism is found here if verse 5 is line one, and verse 6 is line 2?
4. **READ Jeremiah 17:9 & Mark 7:21–23.** How would Jeremiah and Jesus answer the question, “Why is it wrong to trust in yourself?”

GETTING PERSONAL

5. Have you ever been tricked or deceived by your own unreliable heart or understanding?
6. What caused your heart or understanding to “lean” in the wrong direction?
7. How practical is the wisdom of Proverbs 3:6 “in all your ways acknowledge him”? What is the connection between this wisdom and personal success?

PRACTICE!

Through this series read the chapter of proverbs that corresponds to the date of the month. For example: On March **8**, read Proverbs **8**. Make a note or two on which wise saying you found most helpful. **(Anyone care to share something from their notes on this practice?)**

I. I AM THE FOOL THAT...

- A. _____ in myself.
- B. Trusts my _____.
- C. Leans on _____.
- D. _____ God.

II. I AM THAT FOOL, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS...

- A. God _____ wants _____.
- B. God provides _____ as my solution.

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