

Trusting Each Other
Text: Romans 15:13-17

Introduction:

- A. Trust is the sign of a mature, thoughtful, confident and secure relationship (cf. marriage, Pro. 31:11).
- B. Working and gratifying relationships are only as strong as the trust that develops between us.

I. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST PROMOTES COMPLETE TRUST – 2 Tim. 1:12; Rom. 8:37-39; cf. 1 Pet. 4:19.

- A. We trust Jesus because He always speaks the Truth – Jn. 14:6.
 - 1. Likewise, trust among Christians must be based on unwavering integrity – 2 Cor 1:15-20.
 - 2. Speak truth to spread trust! – Eph. 4:25
- B. We trust Jesus because He always acts in our best interests.
 - 1. He always loves – Jn. 13:1; 1 Jn. 4:7-11.
 - 2. An atmosphere of trust grows out of humbly serving one another, not boastfully demanding our due – Phil. 2:1-4.
 - 3. Truth and Love: without these trust will never exist!

II. THINGS THAT PROMOTE AND HINDER TRUST AMONG US.

- A. Commonality in Christ engenders trust between us – Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 1:9-10, 13.

Trust is Promoted by Our...	Trust is Harmed by...
Common faith – Tit. 1:4	Going beyond the faith – 1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Jn. 2:19
Common mind – Phil. 2:19-21	Self-seeking – Phil. 2:21; Jas. 3:14-16
Common service – Phil. 2:22; Col 3:24	Serving selfish interests – Phil. 2:21
Common citizenship – Phil. 3:20	Worldliness – 1 Jn. 2:15

III. THINGS THAT BUILD AND STRENGTHEN TRUST – Col 3:12-15

- A. Communication. No trust--no communication – Eph 4:25, 31.
- B. Unity of Action (work together). No trust – no work – Amo. 3:3.
- C. Friendship. No trust--no friendship – Eph. 4:32; Phil. 2:4.
- D. Showing Compassion and Mercy. No trust – no forgiveness – Col. 3:13; Mat. 18:21-22.
- E. Peace. No trust – no peace – Col. 3:15.

Conclusion

- A. Trust builds and secures confidence in one another that is vital to working together and being successful in our relationships **and** endeavors:
 - 1. With God in Christ (Mat. 11:28-30; Gal 3:26-29) – Psa. 34:8; 2:12.
 - 2. The church – 1 Cor. 12:25-27.
 - 3. The home & community – Eph 5:33.
- B. Strengthen our trust as we rejoice in our common faith and the love of Christ that has been shown to each of us.