



Lewiston Church of Christ

October 2, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*

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Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
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Trust Issues

*"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes."
(Proverbs 12:15)*

Who can we trust today? An election is drawing near and candidates from various parties are clamoring to say, "trust me!" What many of them really mean is, trust my words and ignore my record.

Experts sound slick before cameras but when their advice gets undermined by unfolding reality, our trust erodes. When the press gets it wrong, the corrections usually appear on page 36 in a bottom corner. If you use in social media, you soon learn that "fact-checkers" are agenda-driven, not truth-driven.

In this crazy world, if you can't trust yourself, who can you trust? Be careful. The book of Judges described an era in Israel's history as one in which, for the most part, "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25). That did not work out so well.

If humans could really trust themselves, then why did God have to send so many prophets to His wayward people? Why did God send His own Son for us? Trusting ourselves, in reality, only seems to make the world crazier.

God's word often warns against trusting ourselves. Goliath boldly trusted his ability to prevail in a fight with a small shepherd boy who trusted in God. Goliath lost his head. The Psalmist advised; "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5). Isaiah nailed us all when he wrote; "All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..." (Isaiah 53:6). Finally, Peter boldly trusted himself to be loyal to Jesus but as soon as Jesus was arrested, he denied even knowing Jesus.

All the prophets and Jesus championed repentance, not self-trust. Repentance is the painful realization that our way is wrong in the eyes of God. It means turning from our way to God's way. And by the way, Jesus said, "I am the way" (John 14:6).

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