

Joan Murray Ministries

## RECONNECTING TO THE HEART OF GOD

### “A Trustworthy Heart”

Week 4

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**TOPIC:** In week four of this series we will define what it means to be full of trust and how that can lead us to have a heart that is trustworthy.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURES:**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Ephesians 1:17-19

I Timothy 6:17-21

- I. **TRUSTWORTHY IS DEFINED:**
  - a. To be dependable/reliable
  - b. Faithful
  - c. Believable
  - d. Credible
  - e. Loyal
  
- II. **A DEPENDABLE/RELIABLE HEART ( Proverbs 3:5-6)**
  - a. When we consider a heart that is trustworthy we look at one that is dependable and reliable.
  - b. This is a person that can be relied upon to follow through no matter what.
  - c. God must become central to our life.
  - d. He must be consulted and trusted with all decisions.
  - e. We must set aside our own understanding of a matter and seek God’s insight.
  - f. Since our understanding is limited, we have to trust god, search His Word and then gain wisdom and insight from those we know who have a great relationship with Him.
  
- III. **FAITHFUL (Luke 16:10-12)**
  - a. To be trusted;
  - b. Demonstrating faithfulness means that you not only talk about it, but that you live it out in your every day life.
  - c. A part of being faithful is to be faith-filled.

- This means to be filled with faith;
- Stephen was not only faithful in his service, but he was full of faith in His God.
- He knew God could be relied upon.
- He trusted that Jesus was the true Son of God and boldly stood up for his faith and belief.

**IV. BELIEVABLE (Ephesians 1:17-19)**

- a. When Stephen began in Genesis all the way to the New Testament and rehearsed in the ears of the people who Jesus was, how He fulfilled 500-plus prophecies spoken about Him prior to His birth, Stephen was believable.
- b. Because the Jews knew he told the truth, the Bible said they covered their ears and gnashed their teeth at him.
- c. To be believable means to be persuasive.

**V. CREDIBLE (I Timothy 6:17-21)**

- a. That something is conceivable;
- b. Something that is very likely to happen;
- c. It is a trustworthy thing;
- d. It is very reliable.
- e. When you are deemed credible in your faith it means:
  - you are known to come through on what you say;
  - you have established a great reputation;
  - a person can stand on what you say without fear, shame or embarrassment.

**VI. LOYAL (I Corinthians 15:58)**

- a. A person of dedication;
- b. A person of commitment;
- c. A faithful person;
- d. True to what they do and say;
- e. A devoted person;
- f. Stephen was extremely devoted to God, his calling and the people.
- g. They were his first priority.

**Conclusion: A trustworthy heart asks:**

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| 1. Do I keep my promise?              | Yes | No |
| 2. Am I a person of my word?          | Yes | No |
| 3. Do I follow through on commitment? | Yes | No |
| 4. Am I reliable?                     | Yes | No |

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| 5. Am I honest?                 | Yes | No |
| 6. Can I be trusted?            | Yes | No |
| 7. Do I operate with integrity? | Yes | No |
| 8. Do I resist temptation?      | Yes | No |
| 9. I am not trustworthy because |     |    |
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10. When you are trustworthy others will like working with you; you feel good about yourself, which will draw others to you.