

Life Change Application

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Who Can Be Trusted?

John 13:18-30

Proverbs 3:1-6 (NLT) ... “My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart, [2] for they will give you a long and satisfying life. [3] Never let **loyalty** and **kindness** get away from you! Wear them like a necklace; write them deep within your heart. [4] Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will gain a good reputation. [5] **Trust in the Lord with all your heart**; do not depend on your own understanding. [6] **Seek his will** in all you do, and **he will direct** your paths.”

Q ... God certainly wants us to trust Him .. but can God trust ____ ?

George Washington ... *I ask you men .. whom can we trust now?*

Traitors can't be trusted!

Benedict Arnold was a _____!

Benedict Arnold was indeed a traitor, but the most notorious traitor to every live on this planet wasn't Arnold. He was _____!

I. (18) The _____ treachery.

Psalm 55:12-14 (NLT) ... “It is not an enemy who taunts me—I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me—I could have hidden from them. [13] Instead, it is you—my equal, my companion and close friend. [14] What good fellowship we enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God.

Zechariah 11:12-13 (NLT) ... “And I said to them, ‘If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to.’ So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. [13] And the Lord said to me, ‘Throw it to the potters’—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potters in the Temple of the Lord.”

Matthew 27:3-10 (NLT) ... “When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the **thirty pieces of silver** back to the leading priests and other leaders. [4] ‘I have sinned,’ he declared, ‘for I have betrayed an innocent man.’

‘What do we care?’ they retorted. ‘That’s your problem.’ [5] Then **Judas threw the money onto the floor of the Temple** and went out and hanged himself. [6] The leading priests picked up the money. ‘We can’t put it in the Temple treasury,’ they said, ‘since it’s against the law to accept money paid for **murder**.’ [7] After some discussion they finally decided to buy **the potter’s field**, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. [8] That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. [9] This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that says, ‘They took the thirty pieces of silver—the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel— [10] and purchased the potter’s field, as the Lord directed.’”

II. (19-21) The treasonous plot _____.

III. (22-25) The disciples fearful self _____.

IV. (26-30) The traitor _____.

Conviction without repentance that leads to salvation .. is _____ !

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT) ... “For God says, ‘**At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.**’ Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. **Today is the day of salvation.**”

Romans 1:28 (NLT) ... “When they refused to acknowledge God, **he abandoned them** to their evil minds and let them do things that

should never be done.”

Q ... Who can be trusted?

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) ... “Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He **prowl^s around** like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.”

Romans 6:13 (NLT) ... “Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, **give yourselves completely to God** since you have been given new life. And use your whole body **as a tool to do what is right** for the glory of God.”

1 Peter 4:19 (NLT) ... “So if you are **suffering** according to God’s will, keep on **doing** what is right, and **trust** yourself to the God who made you, for **he will never fail you.**”

_____ is the key to our being trustworthy!

Psalm 37:3-5 (NLT) ... “**Trust in the Lord** and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. [4] Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires. [5] Commit everything you do to the Lord. **Trust him**, and he will help you.”

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**Answers:** ... us ... traitor ... Judas Iscariot ... expected ... explained ... examination ... exposed ... fatal ... God.