

Volume 3, Day 20: Trust in God – Wary of People

A lot of people confuse love and trust. If I love someone, I'll trust them. You can love people you don't trust or even respect. Love is just having affection for them given that they are children of God, even if not 'born again.' God breathed life into them too. I can love you regardless of whatever character traits you exhibit or don't. Love is a feeling. Trust is an expression.

Trust is something that is earned over time through observation and evaluation. Trust is not all encompassing. If I know that your loyalty to me is such that you would lay down your life for me, then I can trust you with my life. However, just because you might die to save my life, does not indicate that you can be trusted to handle my money or people I value in a way that I can entrust my wealth or children to your care.

Christians are often more gullible than others. We can be easily deceived because they go to our church. Many people want to con you in order to get you to trust them. Then when you do, they violate that trust and steal your valuables.

You can love prolifically, but you should trust cautiously. Trust is the responsibility of the one who entrusts his valuables to another. If you have not done due diligence regarding their character, you may become extremely angry when you find that they have poorly handled what you have given to their care. Even those whom you love might disappoint you sorely in some matters of trust. I have a friend who is known to wreck cars a lot. I will not let him drive any of mine! Maybe you shouldn't let him drive yours either.