

Rebuilding Trust

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." John 7:24, ESV

In 1964 ___% of Americans trusted Washington; in 2019 ___%.

Can We Trust This Man?

A. Acts 9 - Could they trust Saul?

1. As the chapter opens Saul is _____ Christians.

His presence _____ people.

2. Acts 9:13-15a - _____ was hesitant to go to meet _____, even though Christ had _____ him.

3. Acts 9:26 - In _____ the disciples were _____ of Saul, not _____ he was a _____.

B. Luke 9:51-55 - The _____ were wrong for not _____ Jesus. But _____ and _____ were also wrong for their _____ to this incident.

C. 1 John 4:1 - Don't _____ every spirit, but _____ them.

The Christian Perspective On Trusting One Another

A. The second greatest command:

1. Matthew 22:39 - Jesus wasn't _____ to name the _____ greatest command - but He did anyway.

2. 1 Corinthians 13:7,8a - Love is "_____, optimistic, and willing to _____ persecution."

B. Judging others as untrustworthy:

1. Matthew 7:1,6 - We have to _____ someone to see if they are _____ of our efforts.

2. John 7:24 - We are to _____ with right _____, not by _____.

C. A faith based on trust:

1. James 5:16 - If we don't trust someone, will we _____ our _____ to them?

2. Hebrews 13:17 - If we don't trust our _____, will we _____ them (though they watch out for our _____)?

3. Romans 15:5-7 - If we don't trust others, will we _____ them, and with _____ voice _____ our God?

A Russian proverb says, "_____, but _____."

Matthew 10:16 - Jesus didn't say we should be _____, but to be _____ as serpents and _____ as doves.

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