

# OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

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**In God We Trust**





# **Foundation Scripture**

## **Proverbs 3:5-6**





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**Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.**





**Psalm 81:11-12, But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me. So, I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.**





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# **Lesson Three:**

## **Lean Not On Your Own Understanding**





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**“The golden rule for understanding in spiritual matters is  
not intellect but obedience.”**





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**Proverbs 28:26, Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool,  
but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.**





# God's Understanding Is:

- **Sure**
  - **Solid**
  - **Strong**
  - **Stable**
  - **Singular**
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**Judges 21:25, In those days, there was no king in Israel.  
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes”**





**Romans 8:7, The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's Law..."**





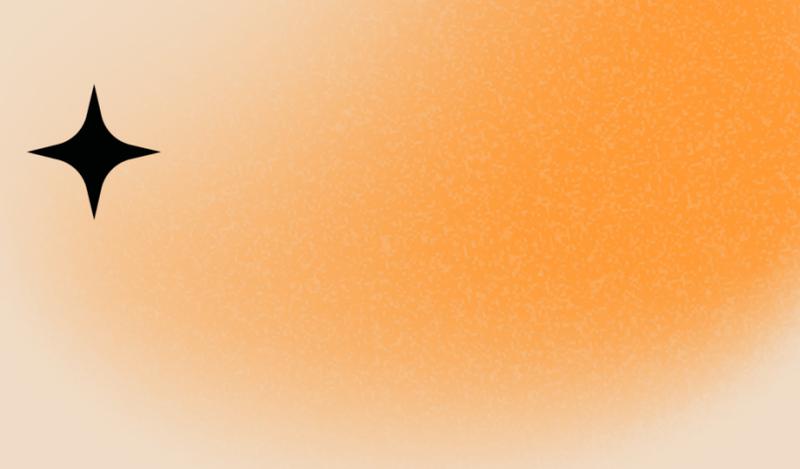
**Isaiah 55:8-9, For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**





**1 Corinthians 1:25, For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**





# Five Reasons to Lean Not On Your Own Understanding:





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**1. God's Ways Are Perfect.  
Our Ways Are Flawed.**

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**Psalm 18:30, As for God, His Way is perfect. The Lord's Word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him.**

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**Proverbs 14:12, There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.**





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**2. God's Heart is Pure and Righteous.  
Our Hearts can be Deceptive.**

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**Psalm 145:17, The Lord is righteous in all His ways and faithful in all He does.**

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**Jeremiah 17:9, The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; Who can know it?**





**3. His Ways do not Change.  
Our Hearts can Change.**





**Numbers 23:19, God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfil?**





**Malachi 3:6, “I the Lord do not change...”**





**Hebrews 13:8, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**





**4. God Sees from an Eternal Perspective.  
We See from Day to Day.**





**Isaiah 46:10, Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.**





**Psalm 90:2, Before the mountains were born or you  
brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to  
everlasting you are God.**





**Psalm 139:16, Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.**





**1 Corinthians 13:12, For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.**





**“Whether it is the big picture of God that is distorted, or little tidbits of Him that have been twisted over the years, we need to make sure our definition of God is in line with scripture.”**





**5. We Make Plans, but they Only Come to Pass if God  
Wills It.**





**Proverbs 16:1, “We may make our plans, but God has the  
last word”**





**Proverbs 16:9, A man's mind plans his way [as he journeys through life], But the Lord directs his steps and establishes them.**



**James 4:13-15, “Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that’”**

**Psalm 19:7-11, The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the Testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the Precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the Commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**