

Why do I doubt God?

So many professing Christians face many challenges of trusting not only what God has said in the scriptures but also His ultimate goodness.

1. What is meant by doubting God?

Matthew **14:25-32**

Matthew **28:13-17**

Acts **2:6-13**

Genesis **18:9-15**

Matthew **21:19-22**

John **10:23-27**

Acts **10:13-19**

John **3:36**

At its most basic level, to doubt God is to NOT take Him at His word. Just because God said it, does NOT mean that it is so. People often believe that some of the things that God communicated to us in the scriptures were written they way they are written in order to communicate His perfect truth in a way that the pre-scientific mind could understand the essentials.

2. What impact does life events have on trusting God?

Jeremiah **44:15-19**

Psalms **73:2-12**

2 Peter **3:3-6**

Romans **5:3-5**

Most people determine what is true and what is right based upon what they experience in life. If they perform a set of actions and they seem to benefit from it, then they associate their actions, which should be repeated if possible, with the beneficial outcome they observed. Furthermore, they look at what they have been told about history and the future and consider the reality that since God has not returned yet, that the promise of His return is nothing more than wishful thinking and myth. They also consider what they would do if they were in God's place and essentially expect God to behave the same way that they would. Essentially, most people believe that what they have already experienced is a direct correlation to what they will experience in the future.

3. What impact do those in authority over us have on our beliefs?

Matthew **15:12-14**

Matthew **15:7-9**

Acts **5:34-40**

Matthew **5:18-20**

Matthew **10:24-25**

Those who are in authority over us, whether governmental or ecclesiastic, tend to be easily believed and followed after. Most people will not question those in authority, even if they are pretty sure that they are wrong. In educational environments, the student tends to see the instructor as the authority who is there to modify their understanding to what is actually truthful. When the authority is speaking and acting contrary to God's word, the reliability of the scriptures can come into question by the student.

4. What impact do our peers and friends have over our beliefs?

Proverbs **1:10-15**

Proverbs **27:17**

1 Peter **4:3-4**

Proverbs **22:24-25**

Whether for good or for bad, our peers and friends have an impact on us. Most people do NOT want to have their friends and peers think negatively of them so they often will profess agreement with their words and proclamations. When our friends and peers profess that which disagrees with the scriptures, we will generally voice approval of those things. As we view our friends and peers and being generally “good” people, we find it difficult to disagree with them which often leads to questioning and doubting what God says, especially if your friends and peers are of different professed faiths or are communicating tolerance and acceptance of things that God has spoken against.

5. What do we need to keep in mind instead?

Proverbs **3:5-6**

Isaiah **55:7-9**

2 Corinthians **5:10-11**

John **12:47-49**

Romans **14:11-13**

We must first remember that our understanding of everything must FIRST be guided by and in agreement with God's word because His word is true and reliable. At the end of time, everyone of us will have to give an account to God for what we have done, said, and thought and these thoughts, words, and deeds will be held accountable to the words that Jesus spoke, whether in the book of Genesis or Revelation or anything in between. We are not the arbiters of what is true, Jesus Christ is.