

# Who validates you?

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This is the question. However, we might ask:

- ✓ Who authenticates you
- ✓ Who confirms you
- ✓ Who endorses you
- ✓ Who makes what you do lawful
- ✓ Who legalizes you
- ✓ Who authorizes you
- ✓ Who confirms you

God hates for His people to look to other gods, people and things for validation.

As we Redeem the time in 2009, consider **Who Validates You**.

Allow me to invite you to **Consider God**. Trust God for with your **Finances, Family and Future**.

The first part of the Ten Commandments in Ex 20:3-6 teaches us that God is jealous and commands our worship.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. NKJV

## ❖ TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FINANCES

Recently, Money Market has been dropping. It was once noted that money Markets were one of the safes places to keep your Money. One commentator said, "There is nothing safe anymore."

Prov 3:5-18 tells us that in God we can Trust.

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; 14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

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The Federal Government was asked recently to bail out Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac along with other financial institutions for 314 Billion dollars.

➤ Invest your money with God.

Matt 6:19-34

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole

body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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### ➤ Practice Tithing

Mal 3:6-12

6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. 7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts." But you said,' In what way shall we return?'

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say,' In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts," If I will not open for you

the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts; 12 And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.  
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#### ❖ TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FAMILY

God is concerned with the family.  
Hebrews 13:4, says Heb 13:4-5

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." NKJV

God wants:  
Commitment to holiness  
Conduct without covetousness  
Contentment with what you have

#### ❖ TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FUTURE

When the Babylonians were attacking Jerusalem and had laid siege to the city, Zedekiah asked Jeremiah in the secrecy of his home, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Jer. 37:17).

Saul consulted a medium in 1 Sam 28:7 -  
7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." NKJV