

**In God We Trust**  
**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

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1. We would do well to face the most basic question of where we have put our ultimate trust. There are two places to put our ultimate confidence.
  - a. Jesus said, **“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” Matthew 6:24**
2. In **Jeremiah 17:5-8**, two different types of people are considered. They have very few similarities, apart from the fact that they both trust in some being.
3. Jeremiah was called to pronounce God’s judgment on the Southern Kingdom of Judah for their sins of idolatry.
  - a. Idolatry is not just idols of wood and stone. It comes in many forms. The children of Israel had become too confident with their accomplishments.

**I. Ultimate Trust In Mankind Curses Life. Jeremiah 17:5-6**

- A. It’s easy to put our trust in tangible things.
  1. **“We live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7**
- B. The reason for this truth is because of misplaced trust. (**Jeremiah 17:5**)
- C. Consider Jeremiah’s description of the curse.
  1. There is **despair**. **“He will be like a bush.” (v. 6)**
  2. Life is **diminished**. **“He will be like a bush in the wastelands;” (v. 6)**
  3. Refusal to trust God **deprives life**. **“He will not see prosperity...” (v. 6)**
  4. This is a **deserted life**. **“He will dwell in the parched places...” (v. 6).**

**II. Ultimate Trust In God Blesses Life. Jeremiah 17:7-8**

- A. Life can and should be lived under the blessing of God.
- B. Jeremiah’s description of the one who trusts in God.
  1. Life that trusts God finds **resources**. **“He will be like a tree...” (v. 8)**
  2. Life that trusts God has vital **responses**. **“that sends out its roots...” (v. 8)**
  3. Life that trusts God demonstrates stable **reactions**. **“it does not fear when heat comes:” (v. 8)**
- C. Results of trust in God.
  1. **“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” John 14:1**

**III. God Can Reveal Where Your Trust Rests. Jeremiah 17:9-10**

- A. How do I know where my ultimate trust lies?
  1. Jeremiah says, **“the heart is deceitful above all things.”**
- B. What kind of heart do you have?
  1. You may have a **Dead** heart.
  2. Your heart may be a **Divided** heart.
  3. Some hearts are **Deceived**.
  4. Hopefully your heart is **Devoted**.