

Bible Study 11 - Misplaced trust - 1 Chronicles 21:1 - 22:1

Who do we trust? An Irish survey found that 88% of people trusted medical doctors, 63% TV newsreaders, 50% business leaders, 37% journalists, and 25% politicians. An Australian survey showed the most trusted were: firefighters, paramedics, rescue volunteers, nurses and pilots. And the least trusted were: door-to-door sales people, politicians, insurance salespeople, call centre staff, sex workers and real estate agents. Today we look at an example of misplaced trust near the end of David's life.

The context (1 Sam 8 - 2 Sam 23)	David was the second king over Israel (1040–970BC). He ruled in Jerusalem. God gives David great promises (fame & dynasty) and military victories. But when he should be off to war he commits adultery and arranges a murder. He confesses after being confronted by the prophet Nathan.
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – 1 Chronicles 21:1 – 22:1

Census (v.1-7)	
Confession (v.8, 16-17)	
Consequences (v.9-15)	
Altar (v.18-26)	
Temple site (21:27 – 22:1)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What had David forgotten (Exodus 30:11-16)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let's remember that sin has consequences, but God can use it for His purposes.

