

CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD

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PSALMS 57:7 (NLT)

Having confidence toward God is a major key to having victory in life. Knowing this, our enemy does everything he can to destroy our confidence in God. He uses guilt, condemnation, inferiority, sin consciousness, feelings of inadequacy and insecurity, to achieve his goal.

- Confidence is the state or quality of being certain about the truth of something. It means firm trust.

1 JOHN 3:18-23 (NLT)

Our confidence is to be in God and who He says we are, not in ourselves or our achievements.

- Inadequacy is rooted in lies. The enemy wants us to think that confidence toward God comes from self, but the truth is it comes from knowing who He is, His character, His abilities and His integrity. **2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-5 (NLT)**
- John said we can't stand confident before God if our heart is filled with guilt. To rid ourselves of guilt, we must recognize that God is greater than our heart.
- He's provided the Blood of Jesus to cleanse us from everything that would hinder our confidence toward God.

HEBREWS 10:16-23 (NASB)

Our confidence is not based on our performance, it's based on the performance of Jesus. He dealt with our inadequacies, insecurities, guilt and shame. Because of Him, we stand before the throne holy, unblameable and unprovable. **COLOSSIANS 1:19-22 (V22 NCV)**. The verdict – "Not guilty!"

TRUTHS THAT BUILD CONFIDENCE

1. God is no respecter of persons. **ROMANS 2:11** We all have the same redemption, rights and privileges in Christ. There is no preferential treatment with God. He judges all people the same way.
2. God is always for us. **ROMANS 8:31** If He's for us, how can we not be for ourselves? God is cheering us on right now. We're not chasing God's approval; we're already approved in Christ. **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14 (AMPC)**
3. God will always help us. **HEBREWS 13:5-6 (AMPC)**

CONFIDENCE IN SALVATION

HEBREWS 10:35-36

These believers were facing tremendous persecution and many we're tempted to cast aside their confidence in Christ being the only way of salvation. They were instructed to not cast away their confidence (state of being certain).

CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

1 JOHN 5:14-15

John outlines and defines what confidence in prayer is.

- We ask according to God's will.
- We're confident God heard us.
- Knowing He heard us is the truth we're certain about.
- We're confident we have it because we're confident He heard us, not because we see it.

CONCLUSION:

Confidence toward God grows as we focus on who God is and who He says we are. By doing so, we silence every voice that would have us get our eyes on ourselves and off of Christ, who is our life. God is always for us, will always help us, and is no respecter of persons.