

Where is your confidence placed?

God's Promises depend on God Not Us. Our confidence needs to be in God not our own abilities or anything else.

Slide 3. [Isa 36:4 KJV] 4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence [is] this wherein thou trustest?

Slide 4. Confidence: the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.
the state of feeling certain about the truth of something.

feeling sure of yourself and your abilities

You have a Choice.

Slide 5. [Psa 118:8 KJV] 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Our Faith gives us Confidence.

Slide 6. [Eph 3:12 KJV] 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Slide 7. [1Jo 5:14 KJV] 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Slide 8. Misplaced Confidence

Our Own Abilities

Slide 9. [Phl 3:3-10 KJV] **3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.** 4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, [of] the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Slide 10. [1Pe 4:11 KJV] 11 If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Slide 11. [2Co 1:8-9 KJV] 8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

[2Co 1:9 NLT] 9 In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

Education

Slide 12. [1Co 1:25 KJV] 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Don't put your confidence in friends, especially those who are unsaved.

Slide 13. [Psa 118:8 KJV] 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

[Psa 146:3 KJV] 3 Put not your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom [there is] no help.

Government programs

Slide 14. [Gen 41:33-36 KJV] 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do [this], and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

Slide 15. [Dan 3:14 KJV] 14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, [Is it] true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

The Church

Slide 16. [Mat 7:15 KJV] 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Slide 17. [Act 6:1-3 KJV] 1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples [unto them], and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

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Slide 18. Wealth [Job 31:24-25 KJV] 24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, [Thou art] my confidence; 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth [was] great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

[Phl 4:19 KJV] 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Religion: The Letter kills because it depends on our abilities.

Slide 19. [Gal 5:1-2 KJV] 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

[Deu 27:8 NKJV] 8 "And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law."

Slide 20. [2Co 3:6 NKJV] 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Gospel is engraved on our hearts and we are dependent on the Lord.

Slide 21. [Eze 11:19 KJV] 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

[Eze 36:26 KJV] 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Consequences of misplaced confidence.

Slide 22. [Gal 6:7-9 KJV] 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Fear of God

Greek phobos Fear, dread, terror, reverence for one's husband.

Slide 23. [Act 5:11 KJV] 11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. [Luk 7:16 KJV] 16 And there came a fear[G5401] on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Slide 24. [Act 2:43 KJV] 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Slide 25. [2Co 7:1 KJV] 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear[G5401] of God.

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Awe of God John Bevere

Fear of the Lord is a treasure and Jesus' delight 33:6 11:3

Slide 26. [Isa 33:6 KJV] 6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, [and] strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD [is] his treasure.

NKJV His; NIV This; NLT your

[Isa 11:3 KJV] 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

John Bevere:1994 two-night service at a church conference in Southeastern US. He ministered that first night he preached on the fear of the Lord. On the second night the pastor spent 10 minutes or so correcting John's previous message the night before. The Pastor said the New Testament church does not need to fear God because the perfect Love of God casts out all fear. We have not been given the spirit of fear. He then introduced John to minister. He preached that night and left very confused. The pastor was very old and John was very young. He spent time alone with the Lord and felt as if the Spirit was not against him like the pastor was. Heb. 12:28-29

Slide 27. [Heb 12:28-29 KJV] 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God [is] a consuming fire.

Slide 28. [2Ti 1:6-7 KJV] 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

[1Jo 4:18 KJV] 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Fear God but don't be afraid of Him.

Psalms 87. Jan. 1997 in capital city of Brazil. No presence of God. Omnipresence and Manifest Presence, John 14:21

Slide 29. [Jhn 14:21 KJV] 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

People engaged in conversation during reading of the Word.

If you were speaking to a person at the dinner table and the person ignored you, looked at the ceiling, or talked to someone else, would you like it?

If you knocked on a neighbor's door and they gave you a disinterested look and gave a monotone response, Oh it's just you. Would you come back?

Slide 30. Do you think the King of the Universe will manifest himself or speak to you at a place where he is not honored or revered?