



## Cultivate God-Confidence

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We all lack confidence...Insecurities are manifest in many of our lives. Insecurities do not just feel bad to us...it robs us of blessings the Lord has in store for us. Often insecurities keep us from obeying God...from following dreams!

Insecurities rob us of what and who God wants us to be.

Self-esteem defined means "confidence is one's own worth or abilities; self-respect.

Today I want to give you three truths to build your confidence.

THREE TRUTHS TO BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE

We don't need more self-confidence.

We should cultivate God-confidence.

Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence. 1 Cor. 10:12 MSG

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Be careful about focusing on self-confidence!

- My heart is deceitful. (Jer. 17:9)
- My flesh is weak. (Matt. 26:41)

- My behavior is inconsistent. (Romans 7:15)

My confidence is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises! Ps. 57:7 (David)

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### THREE TRUTHS TO HELP BUILD YOUR GOD-CONFIDENCE

1. My God is always for me.  
God is not out to catch you sinning.  
God wants to bless you  
To help you succeed.  
To give you fullness of joy.

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Rom. 8:31

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Hebrews 10:35

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2. My God always helps me.

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:5-6

Some you may be going through some really hard times. God wants to help you. Lean on Him...trust Him.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

My God is for me:

My God always helps me.

Pray right now!

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3. My God is still working in me.

I love the little song: He's still working on me...to make me what I ought to be...it took Him just a week to make the moon and stars...the sun and earth and Jupiter and Mars. How loving and patient He must be...He's still working on me.

Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in me will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:6

You may still wrestle with spiritual doubts...

Nagging habits that you just cannot overcome...

Perhaps you've been neglecting God...

I want to tell you that God's not through with you yet...He's still working on you.

Be confident that He who began a good work in you....

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

Isaiah 54:17

no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

Col. 1:4-5

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

This just seems too good to be true: It's because "Our God is an Awesome God."