

## BUILDING CONFIDENCE

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*It is not uncommon for people to have their confidence in God, waver from time to time. God is fully aware of this tendency and has made provision for us within the power of the Holy Spirit and has also revealed motivational principles within the scriptures. The combination of these two motivators has given us an excellent chance of maintaining the wonderful relationship, which God has given us. The following scriptures offer us a very clear perspective and remind us of why we should have confidence in God.*

**David has a powerful grasp of what it means to have unlimited confidence in God.**

**PSA 121:8** The LORD shall **preserve** thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. *He was speaking of what God would do for us... not just for himself.*

**David's son Solomon was another expert on the topic of experience and confidence.**

**PRO 3:25** Be not afraid of sudden fear (unexpected terrors), neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. *There is a terrible time coming upon the earth... even Solomon spoke of it as if it were imminent event in his time. It is no surprise that he was expert on the topic of confidence in God. After all, he was filled with more wisdom than any other man up to Christ.*

**26** For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. *Great words from a great man.*

**Paul was another expert on the topic of confidence... his advice is priceless.**

**PHI 4:5** Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The Lord is at hand** (near). *This is not a reference to the return of Christ. It is a reminder that God is very close to us at all times. God is with us every second of every day. He is continuously watching over us, protecting and guarding us. He promises to be always there for us.*

**PHI 4:7** And the **peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Paul reminds us that God instills peace, to both our hearts and minds. We all crave inner peace, but it can be elusive. That is why Paul wrote this... so we can be confident that God wants to help us find the peace of heart, which we all crave. Pride is displayed when we refuse to do what God says because we feel we are not good enough.*

**PHI 4:13** I can do **all things through Christ which strengtheneth me**. *God has empowered us to do anything that Christ would want us to do. Christ overcame this world and is able to share his experience with us. We only need to ask him and he will be with us and will empower us at the same time. Sometimes we want things that aren't good for us, or we lack faith and confidence to see what is good... this is when God's strength is at its best. It's not about how good you are, nor about how positive you are... it's about your ability to trust in God.*

**PHI 4:19** But my God **shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. *Another wonderful and confidence boosting promise... God knows what is best for us and he has the power to make it happen. However, it will always be according to his glorious riches as Paul also revealed.*

*Building confidence is God's job... it's up to us to let him do it.*