

Feeling Confident?

The benefits of confidence

The dangers of arrogance and over confidence

2 Corinthians 4 v 14 – 5 v 11, 20-21. New Living Translation.

What is it to be confident in your salvation?

1. You know you've been made _____ through _____.
2 Corinthians 5:21 'For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God.'
2. You know you have a _____.
2 Corinthians 5:1 'For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself.'
4:14 'We know that God who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus.'
3. You know that heaven will be _____.
2 Corinthians 4:17 'For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them!'
5:1 'When this earthly tent is taken down ... we will have a house in heaven.'
5:4 'these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life.'
4. You are _____ to be in heaven with God
2 Corinthians 5:8 'We are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.'

How to become more confident in your salvation

1. Strengthen your _____.
2 Corinthians 4:14 'We know that God who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus.'
2. Deepen your experience of _____.
2 Corinthians 5:5 'As a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.'
3. Think frequently about _____.
2 Corinthians 4:18 'We fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.'

The consequences of being confident in your salvation

1. You _____ more and more
2 Corinthians 4:15 'there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.'
2. You _____ through difficulties
2 Corinthians 4:16 'That is why we never give up.'
3. You _____ in everything
2 Corinthians 5:9 'So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.'
4. You _____ to come back to God
2 Corinthians 5:11 'We work hard to persuade others.'
5:20 'So we are Christ's ambassadors..... we speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God.'