

Construction in Progress: Building Confidence

I. Where We Start

1. Confidence: the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.
2. As Christians, we sometimes have D _ _ U _ _ _ .
3. Rather than _____ the Word is true, we tend to only _____ it is true.
4. "Now _____ is the A _ _ _ U R _ _ _ C _ _ of things hoped for..."
(Hebrews 11:1)
5. The _____ gives us all the information we could ever need.
6. Our confidence in God grows when we _____ the Word.
7. "I am not ashamed; for I _____ whom I have believed..." (2 Timothy 1:12)
8. "Blessed are they who did not _____, and yet _____."
(John 20:29)

Discussion:

- What are some reasons why Christians may lose their confidence in God?
- How do we help our brothers and sisters who lack confidence?

II. How We Grow

1. No matter how confident we are, we will make _ _ I _ _ T A _ _ _ S from time to time.
2. ...for God is greater than our _____ and knows all things." (John 3:20)
3. If we follow God's Word we can be _____ when temptations arise.
4. "Now, little children, abide in _____, so that when He appears, we may have _____ and not shrink away from Him in _ _ H _ _ _ E at His coming."
(1 John 2:28)

Discussion: How can we grow confidence both individually and as a whole?

III. The "Finished" Product

1. Confidence is not achieved through perfection, but rather through studying and _____ the Word.
2. We should be P _ _ _ U _ _ of ourselves when we follow God's commands.
3. Our confidence should override our F _ _ _ R.
4. Confidence in God will help us in our _____.

Discussion: How can confidence get us to Heaven?