

The biggest detriment to a person's character is the lack of internal security!

Knowing the Lord's love changes everything... You could stop right there and meditate the rest of your life on all that this statement encompasses. Once you understand and trust that His Word is what He does and His love proves the same. At this point it would be good to know what He says and take confidence in that truth.

American Heritage Dictionary

Confidence **1.** Trust or faith in a person or thing. **2.** A trusting relationship: *I took them into my confidence.* **3.a** That which is confided; a secret: *A friend does not betray confidences* **b.** A feeling of assurance that a confidant will keep a secret: *I am telling you this in strict confidence.* **4.** A feeling of assurance, especially of self-assurance. **5.** The state quality of being certain: *I have every confidence in your ability to succeed.*

Psalm 25:1-3 (NIV)

1. To You O Lord, I lift up my soul;
2. In You I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
3. No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

“Those who fear are not made perfect in Love”

Confidence is not arrogance when you are walking in Love! This confidence comes from a relationship with the Lord also on the faith and trust given to that relationship. Steadfast faith gives hope, boldness, and internal security that will extend all the way into eternity.

When one understands that God has a place and purpose for each of us and how special every person is in His sight, they can stand tall among men, not judging them nor fearing judgement by them. None, not even one of us needs to compare themselves one to another once they join the Kingdom of God through the blood of Jesus. No one needs to compromise integrity or accommodate another's sin to achieve success or even acceptance.

Exaltation comes from God, a person's eternal life is more important than any promise made by the world (mankind). Anyone wanting to enter in

God's promises must enter with a sacrifice of repentance through the blood of Jesus. It is free and the only cost is a person's pride.

This step of faith works by God's Love because it is written "Faith works by Love". There in lies confidence because God cannot lie and has nothing to gain through a lie because He already owns our next breath. However, if anyone knows Christ they know Love and each person focused on a genuine relationship with Him will hear Him and know the meaning of internal security.

Why should we limit our lives to our short time on earth or identify with what we can create? Can we glory in what we achieve and think that it will bring internal security? How do these things affect our character? Are the eyes of our heart open enough to see God's hand at work?

Truth being told I am positive our confidence is in proportion to the relationship of love we share with our Heavenly Father. This relationship must be maintained so that we, not God, do not run dry. Make no deposits into a savings account and how can we expect interest. Ponder what I am saying. The world being subjective does not want to acknowledge this area of importance then wonder why so many people lack character. Some have even replaced humility and confidence with arrogance thinking it will give them the security they need.

When things start to overwhelm me I can usually trace it back to the lack of love I have been sharing with my Lord. Only He knows the pains and heartache I have suffered from childhood until now. Jesus, our intercessor has identified with all our sufferings and shame. Be persistent in prayer seeking his embrace and His love will be the confident platform for our internal security

Ps 121: 2-3 (NIV)

2, My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

3. He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber

In our relationship with Him, Jesus becomes our intercessor even if we stumble. Even then He uses the bad times to form our good character through faith in His love for us. The internal and eternal security for all His saints!