

Finding God's Balance - Confidence and Humility

An old saying says, "The truth, out of balance always leads to heresy." For the most part, I agree. There are many truths in God's word that should be balanced with other truths *in His word*. Not balanced with cultural norms or personal preferences, but God's word.

Why? Because, for us to know God's will on any subject we must carefully consider all of His verses on that subject. Example: are saved by grace? Yes. Are we saved by grace without repentance? Not according to Jesus in Luke 13:3-6. Unless we repent will all likewise perish. The same goes for confession and baptism! You get the picture.

One important *balance* is that between **confidence and humility**. Our culture severely confuses **confidence** with **arrogance**. However, yet again, culture proves to be woefully inaccurate. God clearly calls His people to **confidence**, in Hebrews 10:35, 36. Without Godly confidence we will lack the **endurance** we so desperately need for long-term faithfulness.

When godly confidence is pursued and inculcated into daily life, we begin to accomplish good things to His glory. When we realize, admit and live by our understanding that it is God, Himself, who gives us our abilities and opportunities, then we can give Him the glory for anything we accomplish. That understanding of the source of our abilities then leads to a normal, natural ability to become humble. God gets the credit for anything and everything that He as equipped us to do.

When we learn the precious lesson of humility, a genuine humble heart before God and man, then we can be diligent in our confidence to accomplish beautiful things for Him and for our fellow man **without becoming arrogant!** Confidence and humility then work together to do things we never thought possible. Confidence and humility work together to literally create endurance, especially during tough times, whether they be of our own making or the trials of daily life that challenge all of us.

Jump in. Get started. Don't worry that some uneducated or unthinking people might label you as "arrogant." Volunteer, or better yet organize other volunteers to get going on that difficult, challenging project and don't worry about who gets the credit. Give God the credit for blessing us with abilities and opportunities and the ultimate accomplishment of the task at hand.

Confidence combined with humility becomes the single biggest key to endurance and accomplishment without arrogance. Giving God the glory releases us from the competition and conflict that so often accompany human endeavors. What a precious balance God has given us!

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