HOW TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE

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2nd Chronicles 32:6-8

Everyone needs confidence. Confidence is the belief that gives you strength, power and courage. Confidence is a intangible asset that produces tangible results.

While living in this world there will be many things that will steal people's confidence. Abuse, betrayal, death, loss, failure, lack and negative speech are just a few. God has created you to be an agent of change, a beacon of light to those who have lost their way.

YOU ARE THE WELL

You are the well that people will get their confidence from. When God sends you into a person's life, part of your mission is to **INSTILL CONFIDENCE**! You may be assigned to do other things but instilling confidence will always be part of the foundation of your assignment.

The way to instill confidence into people is to be a person of **INTEGRITY**. An integral person is one who is whole. They do what they say and say what they do. When you are a person of integrity people can depend and rely on you.

The spirit of doubt, uncertainty, anxiety and fear cannot stand against a person who has integrity. Integral people are **CONSISTENT**. They are **HONEST**. They are **FORTHRIGHT**. You can make plans around integral people.

You can move in faith with integral people. You can trust integral people. Integral people **REMOVE** the spirit of worrying off of individuals. This is one of the most powerful things you can become. You don't need to be rich, popular or smart to have integrity. The only prerequisite is to be **RIGHTEOUS**! Righteous people will go without in order to keep their integrity. Righteous people will sacrifice what they desire in order to keep their integrity. Why? Because integrity rewards you with things money **CANNOT** buy, such as honor, trust, influence, etc.

INSTILLING CONFIDENCE

Here are some ways to instill confidence.

- 1. Do what you say you are going to do. Keeping your word enables people to trust you words.
- Under promise and over deliver. If you give more than expected to people their confidence will increase in your ability to deliver.
- **3**. Be consistent. Consistency gives people confidence that you are reliable and dependable. It is better to

do a positive small thing everyday than one big thing sporadically.

4. Be honest. Always tell the truth but do it tactfully. Hearing the truth doesn't always feel good but it needs to be said. If people can depend on you to be honest with them your words will carry great influence. A harsh truth with a gentle approach will birth confidence.

CONFIDENCE IS A MOTIVATOR

2nd Chronicles 32:6-8 says, "He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them before him in the square at the city gate and encouraged them with these words: "Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said." NIV

King Hezekiah was facing a battle with Assyria. From an outwardly appearance it seems as if Assyria had the upper hand. They had a bigger army of strong men compared to what King Hezekiah had.

The threat of Assyria's soldiers look discouraging. However, it was the **WORDS** of King Hezekiah that gave his people confidence. As being the well for people to strengthen their confidence, your **WORDS** matter! Doing what you say, and following through on what you speak makes a difference.

An encouraging word can overcome a discouraging circumstance. A encouraging word can out weight a fearful thought. An encouraging word goes down deep into a person's soul where they feel they can do the impossible.

NEGATIVE SITUATIONS HAVE NO POWER OVER ENCOURAGING WORDS!

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