

## Be Secured in Yourself

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Read **Exodus 17:8-13**.

*How does God work?*

God works through man not method. God works through people not programmes.

Not by power or might but by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Victories dwell in the man and not the system.

But in order for God to work through you, you need to also be secure in yourself.

### **4 areas you need to be secure in.**

**1. SELF-IMAGE** – How you **see** yourself.

To have confidence and being humble.

“Image” has to do with imagination.

Your mind has to be renewed constantly and regularly by going to church and reading the Bible.

**(Genesis 1:27)** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

If you do not know who God is, then you do not know who you are. Cause you are made in the image of God. Therefore you will never know yourself if you do not know God.

How you see yourself will determine the kind of life you will live.

When you pray to God, the Holy Spirit will not just show you your future but of yourself.

**2. SELF-WORTH** - How you **value** yourself.

**(Romans 8:31)** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**(Romans 8:32)** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

You are precious to God! You are worth His son.

**3. SELF-ESTEEM** – How you **feel** about yourself.

No amount of plastic surgery will change how you feel about yourself.

Faith is a feeling, a substance (*feelings*) that you have.

**(Proverbs 23:7)** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

You are thinking in your heart! Not in your head. So means you process your feelings by your heart, not your head!

So if you feel your life is lousy, then your whole life will be lousy.

You may know that your parents love you, but if you do not feel it, how will you be happy?

Your feelings must be in-line with God.

**(1 John 4:16)** And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

It is one thing to believe, but you must experience it too!

Faith only works by love. If you do not experience God's love then your Christian life will be hard. Going to church will be a duty not a joy. So you got to know and feel it every day that you are loved and accepted and wanted by God. That will be enough to give you the strength to go on!

**4. SELF-RESPECT** – How you honour your dignity.

Apart from God, you are nothing! But with God, you are seated in the heavenly places! You are seated with God! You are children of the King of kings, Lord of lords! You are a royalty!

Therefore you should carry yourself in a different way. Not arrogant or crude or using bad words. That will just show your DNA. But you should class! Because your Father is a King!

Servanthood is NOT being "servile".

You do not humiliate others just to show you are better.

You do not always need to win or be number one at everything. Jesus also lost when he needed to bring Himself to the cross. But sometimes only when you lose then you can win the further battles.

**Conclusion...**

In other for you to serve others, you need to be secure in yourself.

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