



Lesson #10: Self-Confidence (Peter)

At the very foundation of all that Christian's belief is the doctrine of _____ depravity. That is the belief that our depravity extends to every aspect of our nature. There is then (and there must be) a very strong sense of our corruption, a strong sense of the evil that is within us. The Apostle Paul understood this very well.

- Romans 7:15 – *“For what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I.”*
- Romans 7:24 – *“O _____ man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this _____?”*

To overcome any of your “issues” you need to be honest. You need to be honest that you cannot _____ yourself. You cannot trust your _____. There has to be a healthy distrust of what you are and what you are capable of. To fail to distrust yourself is to put yourself in a very dangerous place. And that is exactly the experience of Peter. He learned the deadly consequence of self-confidence.

THE SELF-CONFIDENT MAN IS A _____

Mark it down, self-esteem, self-confidence is a sin. It is an evidence of _____. You can't re-label it as a virtue without deceiving everyone.

A. The sin of _____ (Luke 22:33)

Self-confidence and self-esteem is the very arrow point of sin. It's where sin starts, with pride. Peter uses a very little word in verse 33 that points to his arrogance. The big “_____!” That little word is the flesh speaking. Peter never would have believed he would deny Christ but the very ware you think you are _____ in is the very area that you are most likely to _____.

B. The sin of _____ (Luke 22:45-46)

In verse 40 Jesus says to the disciples, *“Pray that ye enter not into _____.”* But Peter and the other disciples slept instead of arming themselves. This is the _____ of _____. Peter is setting himself up to fail because he fails to understand the power of his remaining flesh.

THE SELF-CONFIDENT MAN WILL _____

Did you notice Luke 22:62, *“Simon Peter went out and he wept _____.”* He had high self-esteem and it lead to horrific failure.

A. You will suffer the pain of rejecting your _____

These three denials are strung out over a short _____ hour window and all of Peter's denials occur in the same location. This is an important point. The strategies of Satan are not long, drawn-out revelations. They are fast-paced trips when you lease _____ it.

B. You will suffer the pain of _____ expectations

Peter had rejected his Savior. Making it even more painful was Peter's amazing life. Peter was a smart, outspoken, seemingly unstoppable leader. But he had become so self-confident he forgot how needy he was in his _____. You see, in his own strength Peter was weak. And self-confidence in a believer always leads to _____.

THE SELF-CONFIDENCE MAN IS OFFERED A _____

Peter sinned and Peter suffered but Peter would _____ again!

A. The cowardly braggart can be a _____ disciple

God would use Peter again. He became a leader in the early church. He became the author of 1 and 2 Peter. In Luke 22:32 we note that it was owing to Christ's _____ for Peter that Peter did not entirely fall away. Aren't you glad that God is a God of the perpetual second chance?

B. The cowardly braggart can be a _____ preacher

During his ministry as a disciple Peter could've been known as the “_____ in the _____.” Peter brimmed with self-confidence and it overflowed out of his mouth but God would use this big-mouthed braggart and turn him into a powerful preacher. In Luke 22:32 Jesus tells Peter that when he gets himself turned around he must go and “_____ thy _____.”

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Peter was a self-confident braggart who had seemingly reached the top but here this privileged preacher lands in the pit of profanity, denying the very Lord he confessed. Peter discovered the corruption of his own flesh. I think he _____ in himself and that's the problem.

Are you _____ - _____ or _____ - _____ ?