

Self-Doubt Is Good

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These days, false teachings are so popular. We have heard them so often and don't realize they are not true to God's Word. For example, someone said the following in a prayer to God: "Where there is self doubt, release a renewed confidence through your grace."

There is nothing wrong with self-doubt. One's trust should be in the Lord, **not in self**. Proverbs 26:12 "Do you see a person wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for that person." We must doubt our self but fully trust the Scriptures.

Today, many preachers say "believe in your self, love your self", but Jesus says "... 'Have faith in God [Not self]'" (Mark 11:22). "Whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). In Luke 14:26-27, Jesus said: "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father, mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, **yes, and his own life also**, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." To take up the cross means: death to self. This is more than self-doubt. It's "**death to self**"; it is full trust in the truths of the New Testament.

1Timothy 2:9 "in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety (**shame-facedness**) and moderation (sobriety), not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing"

Philippians 2:3-11 "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or pride, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself ... Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, [and] did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of human beings. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in Heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth ... to the glory of God the Father."

There is an assurance/confidence in the Lord, boasting in the Lord, that a true child of God has because he/she knows the gracious God and has the mind of Christ. Those of the world often misunderstand that to be self-confidence/pride. 1Corinthians 2:14-15 "But the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, because they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the spiritual person **judges all things**, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one."

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