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# "GODFIDENCE"

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The urban dictionary defines "Godfidence" as a feeling or consciousness of knowing that God is in control. I stumbled on this word recently and could not shake it off, no matter how I tried.

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It finally occurred to me as I was doing my daily devotion recently, when I was very much convicted about how often I had been depending on myself lately and not entirely on God. I was missing the mark on being "Godfident." Being "Godfident" starts with spending time with the Lord daily. It also means to REST in His presence, trusting in His perfect provision and plan. As the Scripture says, in His presence, there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). In the quietness of His presence, we find strength, peace, and confidence (Isaiah 30:15), as well as clarity for the journey ahead.

When we are not spending time in His presence, seeking, and resting in His will, we depend on ourselves. The ultimate result of that is a life of doing a lot, and perhaps accomplishing a lot of great things, but often miss God's plan. It would be tragic to build a "great life" while resting on the wrong foundation. Such is what happens when we are confident in ourselves and not in God. I am reminded of the D.L Moody quote, which says that "God sends no one away empty, except those who are full of themselves."

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Being "Godfident" means that we totally rely on God for everything. However, we know that this is often not easy, but yet simple. It also does not happen overnight. It is something that must be cultivated. I believe that we often feel like the Apostle Paul, who states that he often finds himself not doing what he should (Romans 7:15). The result is an attack on our confidence in the Lord. This also brings about doubt, fear, and all kinds of emotions that negatively impact our faith, because sin always brings separation. Philippians 4:5 tells us to let our moderation be known to all men that the Lord is at hand. In other words, be confident in the Lord.

The goal of being "Godfident" should be the desire of our hearts. I am also encouraged by the fact that God sees our hearts even when we fall short. The story of the life of David gives us all a sense of hope. He was a man after God's own heart and often turned to God, especially during the times of his failures and sin. The idea of being "Godfident" is about completely trusting God when there is chaos all around. It is about being a yielded vessel, while fully resting in His love and provisions, which should cause us to live and act differently. It is about trusting in the Lord with all of our hearts and not leaning on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). Ultimately, it is when we are totally "Godfident" that we are fully living the abundant life.

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