

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

I. Be Constant in Prayer (vs.1,2)

- Our primary tactic for overcoming adversities in our Christian life is to pray. (Rom. 15:30; 2Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:19, 20; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:3-4. 1 Thes. 5:25)

II. Be Confident in Christ's Provision (vs.3-5)

- Only true confidence in the Christian life is achieved when we place our trust in Christ for our strength, protection and spiritual growth. (Phil 4:7 1 Pet 5:5-8, John 17:15 James 1:2-4 Heb 13:20-21)

APPLICATION

When any circumstance hinders your effectiveness as a Christian, is your first instinct to pray to God for a solution?

If the answer is no, Why?

If you answered yes, do you wait patiently on the Lord to answer or to act?

If the answer to this question is no, what do you do and why?

In this day of programs, methodical solutions, and dynamic personalities, our culture teaches us to instinctively react and take action. Doing so demonstrates our trust in the solutions the world offers and, at the same time, can reveal our lack of faith in the Lord's faithfulness towards us.