



AND: Confidence AND Humility | September 27, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

What if confidence is a prerequisite to humility? Jesus and Abe Lincoln both provide convincing arguments in favor of this idea.

Key Verse

2 Timothy 1:7 (WEB)

For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

Discussion

We often associate confidence with arrogance, while we usually view humility as a sign of weakness and meekness. In practice, both are desired traits. The question then becomes how to balance the two.

1. What are some positive traits associated with confidence? What about negative ones?
2. Can you think of some positive traits associated with humility? What about some negative traits typically associated with humility?

It is very common for us to be either confident or humble, but to find the balance between the two can be difficult. Confidence allows us to impact the world around us while humility us the ability to show empathy and self-control. The verse from 2 Timothy includes love, which seems to be the balance between confidence and humility. God has created us with a spirit of love. The love we possess and show for others is the connection between power and self-control that allows us to be confident and humble at the same time.

3. Are there any areas in your life where you could develop your confidence? What about humility?
4. Do you see areas in your life where love allows you to be both confident and humble?

Abraham Lincoln has said that in his life he learned that he had to develop enough confidence that he could set it aside in humility. Love can drive us to develop confidence enough to impact this world and love drives us to see the needs of others as more important than our own...humility

5. Can you think of examples of how Jesus was both confident and humble?
6. What are some things you can do in your life to love others more so that you can walk both with power and self-control?

What's Next?

This week as you consider your faith and your walk with God, look for ways to learn more, gain more skills, and develop confidence. If it helps, ask others what your gifts and strengths are so that you can develop a level of confidence. Additionally, look for ways to love and serve others in humility. God provided an important example of both confidence and humility.