

DAILY BREAD

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PUT NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.

Philippians 3:3 (KJV)

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Why should anyone not put confidence in the flesh? Because the flesh can't be trusted, you can't depend on your flesh for a good result. Do not let your flesh cheat you that it can manage some things. Paul in that scripture says have no confidence in the flesh.

If you read from ***Philippians 3:3-10*** it clearly puts it straight that Paul considered all gains in the flesh as loss. Actually, he said they are rubbish or drags. He refused to trust any gain done in the flesh. If you think you are strong but using the strength of your flesh, then you are weak. If you think you are wise but your wisdom is of the flesh then you are foolish. Any gain in the flesh can't be trusted.

I have seen many people who are crying today because they trusted their flesh. Some men fell into adultery or fornication because they had ignored all warnings thinking that they will manage it. Their flesh kept telling them that you are strong, mature & sober enough to handle this temptation, all maturity in the flesh can't be trusted. Such confidence in the flesh has led to many regrets today. A young man and young lady may choose to be in a space together alone, hopping that they will manage the situation and before they know it, it became something regrettable, why? They had put confidence in their flesh.

Don't you know that the bible says flee sexual immorality? Any other sin that a man can do is without the body but he that comiteth fornication sins against his body (***1Corinthians 6:18***). When it comes to this sin, it doesn't matter how holy, how decent you think you are in your flesh the only solution is to FLEE. You don't even need to use the name of Jesus about it but you

should just flee, that's the biblical solution to sexual immorality, simply leave/avoid the place of temptation, your flesh can't be trusted my brother/sister.

Do not even allow your wife to trust you. Why would she trust in your flesh that you aren't supposed to trust in yourself? Do not fool her into trusting your flesh because if she does, she will not be able to help you. Many women were forced into trusting their men, and the results were catastrophic. Our flesh is not born again my brother/sister, you can't say I am strong in it, any strength in the flesh is actually great weakness, to be continued.

Have a blessed day

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PUT NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH (PART 2)

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Flesh is a combination of your body and your soul. These two makes up what the bible call flesh. Our physical body, our intellect, strength, natural abilities, mind, emotions are all part of our flesh. The bible is teaching us not to put confidence in all of the above because of the limitations that we shall see.

Yesterday we said you can't fight sin from your flesh, that's why most people feel hopeless today. They try not to sin using their flesh, they make fleshly resolutions not to sin, and when they fail, they feel condemned and hopeless. The power over sin lies in the recreated inner man who is our spirit man, if we rely on him, we cannot sin. You can only see your imperfections when you see yourself through your flesh. You have heard many people saying "I am a human being and am not perfect". That narrative is coming from their flesh not from their spirit. They look at their flesh and see some shortcomings and conclude that they aren't perfect. The truth is we are perfect and complete in our spirits. God doesn't give birth to imperfection. We are born again holy, pure and righteous but if we put confidence in flesh, we lose sight of our perfection because our perfection is not in our flesh.

People who live in the flesh aren't difficult to see. They are always fighting not to sin, either you see them fighting not to sin or you see them very downcast because they have 'sinned'. Their life doesn't move from this circle. They are constantly fighting with sin. They want to glorify God in their flesh which is impossible. Flesh has desires and passions which are contrary to God's will, so when you come to Christ, *Galatians 5:24* says " those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passion and desires." ***Romans 8:13-14.***

Our spirits are the ones that are saved, our souls are being affected and being saved daily to reflect the salvation in in our spirits until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lastly, it is our bodies that will be saved on the day of the Lord. Your body cannot be saved now. It will only be saved on the

day of Christ when it will be changed into a celestial body or a heavenly body (*1 Corinthians 15:51-55*).

It is only your spirit which is made perfect at salvation. Your soul is still work in progress and your body remains like that until the last day. So put NO confidence in your soul and body. Their imperfection will work in you to produce limitation but if you lean more to your spirit and put confidence in your spirit then the perfection of the spirit, the incorruptibleness of the Word of God will work in you. Amen

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