

REPLACING CONDEMNATION WITH CONFIDENCE

Making The Most Of My Life Part 9 of 10

“If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God.”
1 John 3:21

WHAT CAUSES SELF CONDEMNATION?

1. Unresolved _____.

David: “When I hold my guilt inside, I’m miserable.” Psalm 32:3

2. Undealt with _____.

“Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword.”
Proverbs 12:18 (Good News)

3. Unrealistic _____.

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay...” 2 Corinthians 4:7

Paul: “I press on toward the goal to win the prize. Not that I have already obtained this, or have already been made perfect.”
Philippians 3:14, 3:12

HOW TO REPLACE CONDEMNATION WITH CONFIDENCE:

1. I accept God’s _____.

“All of us have sinned and fall short of God’s ideal, yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’...if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in kindness freely takes away our sins.”
Romans 3:23-24 (Living Bible)

“Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be - you get a fresh start, your slate’s wiped clean. Count yourself lucky - God holds nothing against you.”
Psalm 32:1-2 (The Message)

2. Don’t waste time with _____.

“Look straight ahead with honest confidence; don’t hang your head in shame.”
Proverbs 4:25 (Good News)

“But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.”
1 John 1:9 (Living Bible)

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us.”
Psalm 103:12 (Good News)

“And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.”
Romans 8:28 (Living Bible)

3. Eliminate negative _____.

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”
Proverbs 4:23 (Good News)

Job: “...Everything I say seems to condemn me.” Job 9:20 (Good News)

“As a man thinks in his heart so is he...” Proverbs 23:7 (ASV)

• You eliminate negative self talk through _____.

“Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right...Think about all you can thank God for and be glad about.”
Philippians 4:8 (Living Bible)

“Whatever God’s word says to us is full of living power.”
Hebrews 4:12 (Living Bible)

4. Quit trying to please _____.

“It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you.”
Proverbs 29:25 (Good News)

“If you reason with an arrogant cynic, you’ll get slapped in the face; confront bad behavior and get a kick in the shins. But if you correct those who care about life, that’s different - they’ll love you for it!”
Proverbs 9:7,9 (The Message)

“Does it sound as if I am trying to win human approval? No indeed! What I want is God’s approval! Am I trying to be popular with people? If I were still trying to do so, I would not be a servant of Christ.”
Galatians 1:10 (Good News)

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31

5. You focus only on doing _____.

“Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go. Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.” Proverbs 3:5,9 (The Message)

“Fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God’s will is for you, and quickly respond to it.” Romans 12:2 (The Message)

• You’re doing too much when you are always _____.

Jesus: “Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest...The yoke I will give you is easy and the load I will put on you is light.”
Matthew 11:29-30