



CONFIDENCE INFLUENCES

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HOW CAN WE BE CONFIDENT INFLUENCERS?

1. TRUST IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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Meditate on God's Promises

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Heb. 13:5

Reflect on Past Experiences

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us. **2 Cor. 1:10**

Live by Faith, Not by Sight

For we live by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**

⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. **2 Cor. 3:4-5**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. **Heb. 11:1**

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. **Rom. 10:17**

"feed your faith and your doubts will starve."

2. HOLD FAST TO SOUND TEACHING

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³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing. **1 Tim. 6:3-4a**

¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Gal. 5:14**

Staying Rooted in the Truth – Keeps us routed

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." **Colossians 2:6-7**

Modeling a Life of Faith and Love

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. **1 Timothy 4:12**

Equipping Others for the Faith

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. **Matt. 28:19-20**

3. GUARD WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. **2 Tim. 1:14**

Guard: phulassō: Verb means "to guard," "to protect," or "to keep watch over.

We guard what is valuable

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. **Ps. 19:7-9**

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." **Jn 14:21**

We guard things that are subject to attack

²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. **1 Tim. 6:20-21**

We guard in close proximity

And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take." **Joshua 1:8-9**

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4. EXPERIENCE THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHER BELIEVERS

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²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Heb. 10:24-25**

5. Share Faith and Love in Christ

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **1 Cor. 13:1**

Crossline's 5 Core of an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ

Serving

Sharing

Praying

Giving

Community

Are you serving the Church?	Y	N
Are you sharing your faith?	Y	N
Are you praying?	Y	N
Are you a cheerful giver?	Y	N
Are you in community with believers?	Y	N

We can confidently influence others when we:

- A. Trust in God's Faithfulness**
- B. Hold Fast to Sound Teaching**
- C. Guard what we have been given**
- D. Experience the encouragement of other believers**
- E. Share faith and love in Christ Jesus.**