

Be Steadfast!

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◆ It Is God's Will for Us to be _____

2 Tim 1:7 (NIV) For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

"For God did not give to us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and love and of sound judgment."

1 Cor 14:33 (KJV) For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Four suggestions of how we can be confident in God.

1. _____ ourselves in the _____ of God's _____

John 17:17 (NIV) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 8:31 (KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2. Trust Him to _____ our lives

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Prov 3:6 (NIV) in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Psalms 25:4 (NIV) Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; 5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

3. Watch for God's _____ at work in our _____

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

4. BE more concerned with God's _____ than our _____

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