

HUMBLE CONFIDENCE

Proverbs 30:29-33

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Introduction: All of us sense that confidence is a good thing, a quality to be diligently sought. With it, we possess the self-assurance to move into our world with poise and strength. With it, we're willing to risk the pursuit of worthy goals. Without it, we might shrink back in fear, anxious over the ever-present possibility of failure. But confidence is also a very elusive quality. Some fake their confidence. Appearing bold and forceful on the outside, their external veneer conceals a core of worry that leads to narcissistic leadership. Others let their self-consciousness over fears and flaws hinder the full expression of a confidence that could potentially be theirs. How do we cultivate authentic confidence under God, the kind that leads to our flourishing and to the thriving of others? In this section of Proverbs, our coach, Agur, describes a kind of godly confidence that can operate boldly but with simultaneous humility. To do this, he gives us a numerical proverb followed by a proverbial admonition.

1. **The Allure** – Humble confidence is an attractive trait, and wise people diligently seek it.
Proverbs 30:29a

2. **The Pictures of Confidence**
Proverbs 30:29b-31

3. The Caution about Confidence

Proverbs 30:32-33

4. Idea

5. Takeaways