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## **Confidence in My Lord**

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In my mind's eye, I picture David watching over his father's flock, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide his thoughts as he wrote songs and sang to the lambs. Psalm twenty six has such powerful words. At the beginning he reflected on his spiritual life, ...vindicate me...examine me...prove me...try my heart. It takes courage to ask God to test one's heart.

David was able to ask God to examine him because he had confidence in his obedience, I have walked in my integrity...I also trusted in the Lord...walked in Your truth...have not sat with idolatrous mortals...have hated the assembly of evildoers...have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

The young shepherd was confident about God's daily provision, *Your lovingkindness* is before my eyes...My foot stands in an even place.

David was confident in God's protection, Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands is a sinister scheme, and whose right hand is full of bribes.

Finally, the singer expressed confidence about his spiritual future, *I shall not slip...I* will not go in with hypocrites...will not sit with the wicked...I will wash my hands in the temple...will tell of all Your wondrous works...will go about your altar...proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving...will walk in my integrity...I will bless the Lord.

David was reflective about his spiritual life, confident in his past obedience, confident in God's present provisions and protection, and confident about his future walk with the Lord.

My prayer for you and me is that we would be able to write a song or speak to God with the same great assurance about our daily walk with the Lord!

**Today's Verse:** *In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge* (Proverbs 14:26).

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