

OUTLINE

1. Introduction

- A. ILLUSTRATION: Attendance at a 2018 building code class
- B. POINT: I lost all confidence when I concluded the teacher had no real experience

II. Main Points: Losing Credibility means losing authority

A. Ephesians 4:1-6

1. The importance OF walking in a worthy manner
 - a. One Body – only one church; am I confident I am in it?
 - b. One Spirit – the Spirit of God reveals all through the Bible; am I confident in acting on it?
 - c. One Hope – the hope of eternal life; am I confident that I am going to heaven?
 - d. One Lord – there is only one head of the church; am I confident He understands me?
 - e. One Faith – there is only one truth; am I confident I am of it?
 - f. One Baptism – there is only one way to be saved; am I confident I am saved?
 - g. One Father – there is only one source for all authority; am I confident in all He is?
2. Titles or positions in the world convey authority
 - a. Manager, Supervisor, inspector, coach, teacher, politician, preacher
 - b. But we lose that confidence when we find they arrived in that position without effort
 - (1) As seen in the example of the code examination teacher
 - c. POINT – Much of the worthy walk comes because we trust in Jesus' authority
 - (1) He actually DID experience everything
 - (2) Being a humble man and servant

Philippians 2:5 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

- (a) He was already God, but He lowered Himself to the entry level of the Kingdom
- (b) Why? To obtain credibility!

Hebrews 2:17 *Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.*

Hebrews 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*

- d. We can be confident in our (seven fold) walk of faith because:
 - (1) Jesus walked it already (One Faith) Matthew 11:29-30
 - (2) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (One Spirit) John 14:16-17
 - (3) Jesus was sent by the Father (One Father) John 14:10
 - (4) Jesus taught us Himself of the one baptism (One Baptism) Mark 16:16
 - (5) Jesus promised us to be with Him (One Hope) John 14:3-5
 - (6) Jesus purchased His one church with His blood (One Church) Acts 20:27

B. Walking in a worthy manner can be a way of putting full confidence in our faith

1. Christianity requires us to actually DO IT in order to understand it

C. How a loss of credibility breaks confidence

1. Our confidence is broken by our own sins
2. The trust others have in Christ can be damagers