

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Secure



The A.C.E. character trait of secure is defined as “building my everyday life on eternal things which cannot fail or be lost.” In this character strip, Christi remembers when she asked Jesus to forgive her sins and be her Saviour. Christi has joy because she knows that her life is secure in God’s hands.

Believers are challenged to place their trust in eternal and not temporal things. II Corinthians 4:18 states, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” Many seek security in temporal things such as possessions and people. But the Bible clearly states in Luke 12:15, “. . . a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” Jeremiah 17:5 states, “. . . cursed be the man that trusteth in man . . .” Clearly, all that the world offers lacks eternal value. Possessions and people provide only false security, and that for a limited time. God keeps Believers secure through His eternal presence, protection, and provision.

We can be secure in knowing that the Holy Spirit is within our hearts. Jesus’ promise is recorded in Hebrews 13:5, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” In Matthew 28:20 He said, “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” This is an especially good reminder for the student who is facing a new challenge. Remind him that he is not alone; that, as a Christian, Jesus is with him. When we realize that Jesus is the Friend “that sticketh closer than a brother,” that He is

near, suddenly our difficulties become surmountable and our goals achievable. What a precious promise to always have His presence!

God’s protection keeps us secure. In Psalm 56:3 David exclaimed, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” Encourage your students to trust God when they are afraid. Be assured and assure your students that nothing is too hard for God. God loves each of us; He will keep us safe eternally. We can be secure in knowing that our God is greater and more powerful than any fear we will ever face. Psalm 34:4, “I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”

We can be secure in knowing that God’s provision is always sufficient. Philippians 4:19, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” God knows exactly what your needs are, and He has promised to supply all of them. Remember and share with others the times in the past when God has provided for your specific needs. Model the character trait of secure before your students as you show them that your faith in God does not falter as you trust Him to supply daily needs.

God’s presence, protection, and provision are eternal. They cannot fail or be lost. When we build our everyday lives on these, we are secure in Him. *ACE*