

Part 2

## Complacency Is a Landmine

### Review: Part 1 – The 3 Cs in Christ

1. Consecration.  
Let nothing and nobody get between you and God.
2. Commitment.  
With ardent zeal and intense exertion (Matt 11:12), press toward your goal regardless of circumstances and despite opposition.
3. Confidence.  
Trust God and live a lifestyle where He can trust your words because you believe that whatsoever you say shall come to pass.

### A. Overview.

Complacency is a desire to stay in your comfort zone regarding your life or a part of your lifestyle. Everything seems successful, or at least acceptable, or at worst nothing is interfering with the rest of your life; and there appear to be no imminent dangers nor challenges. It is like the ostrich burying its head so it does not see the oncoming dangers; but life is all about change, especially in this age of technology and during these deteriorating times. Complacency prevents looking ahead and preparing yourself to be able to respond rapidly to new requirements of work or life.

### B. Definitions.

1. Dictionary.com: A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
2. Merriam-Webster:  
A feeling of quiet pleasure in security, often while unaware of some potential disaster.
3. Britannica: A feeling of being satisfied with conditions and not wanting to make them better.

### C. Symptoms. (Much of this section quoted from indeed.com)

Complacency is different from being content. It is more overly content. It is more similar to laziness.

1. Disengagement.
2. Lack of investment in yourself or others or work.
3. Loss of passion for your work (or for God or for the things of God).
4. Discontent in other opportunities or promotions or in coming up with better ideas or new creative approaches.
5. Less thinking before action.
6. Short cuts.
7. Frequent mistakes.
8. Minimal initiative or none at all.
9. A complacent person never works to reach his potential because s/he feels it is pointless.

#### **D. How to Avoid Complacency.**

1. You overcome complacency one step at a time (Jam 4:8).
2. Ask God for a hunger and thirst for righteousness.
3. Baptism of Fire: Let the fire of your first love for Jesus burn away all procrastination, laziness and complacency.
4. Whatsoever you do, do it as unto the Lord (Col 3:23).
5. Look not at what you have accomplished, look to where God wants you.
6. Be always increasing because He is the God of the Increase (Ps 115:14).
7. Be not satisfied with your spiritual time; be looking how to improve it.
8. Be not content with church on Sunday and Communion once per month. Whatever time you spend with God and whatever commitments you have with God, always be searching for ways to improve them.
9. Periodically get a check up from the neck up; check thoughts, memories and commitments.