



It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to.

~~W. C. Fields

Note from the editor:

*I have confidence in sunshine
I have confidence in rain
I have confidence that spring will come again
Besides which you see I have confidence in me*
~Maria Von Trapp in The Sound of Music

Reflecting on the snippet of song lyrics above it occurs to me that there is a not-so-hidden relationship between confidence and expectation.

Sometimes people get 'expectation' confused with 'hopefulness'. Yet expectation means to "anticipate the inevitable", which brings up feelings of CERTAINTY.

When we're CERTAIN... we're CONFIDENT!

I recently read the statement, "*Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect*" and realized that one of the best gifts I've given myself was the redefinition of 'perfect'. I bring this up because it seems to me that people who lack confidence lack the certainty that they are perfect. Yet when you start embracing the idea that PERFECTION IS simply what is... then you're forced to reconsider everything; including the notion that YOU, and what you bring to the picture, is anything less than perfect.

When you have that understanding, you can meet each day with a new level of confidence. A level of confidence that infects those around you... inviting them to share the same level. And when that happens amazing things start to change in our world.

With confidence we're more easily inspired to take action we would otherwise resist. And out of confident, inspired action we start experiencing amazing results that seem to change the world around us.

It takes one person, with the confidence to share an idea, to start the ball rolling on any and all amazing creations. So if you feel you would like to enhance your self-confidence, consider going back to the July 2010 edition of The Magic Happens and read my article, [Naturally Confident Kids](#), and go have a conversation with your inner child today to start turning that around.

In the meantime I leave you with Marianne Williamson's quote. You have undoubtedly read this before... and it's worth taking the time to read again, slowly, letting yourself absorb it's message and make a commitment today to confidently LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!!

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us most.

We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and famous?'

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in all of us.

