

DAY 14 (From Daring Faith)

Read Acts 20: 32-34.

You have an inheritance coming to you. It's promised to you in God's Word.

Pretend your father is the richest man in the world. He dies and leaves you in his will. You would be foolish if you never took the time to read the will. You wouldn't know what was rightly due to you. You wouldn't benefit from what belongs to you as a child of the world's wealthiest man.

When you become a follower of Jesus, you're not just a believer, you're a believer. You become part of God's family. Family privileges come along with that decision. The Bible says, "Because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God. (Ephesians 1: 11)

But this inheritance doesn't come to you when God dies- He'll never die! It comes to you when you're born again. The Bible says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade- kept in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1: 3-4)

What is that inheritance? Part of it is the promises in God's Word. But if you lived your entire life and never took the time to learn the benefits that are available to you as a child of God, that would be sad- and foolish. God wants you to know what's available to you from Him.

It requires faith to receive your inheritance. You have to believe that God loves you and accepts you as part of His family in Christ. You have to believe He will fulfill His promises, and that your inheritance is real, not just some empty words to make you feel good when things seem bad. Get into the Word. Find out what is rightfully yours. And then, in faith, expect the best from God.

As you pray, spend some time talking with God about his promises for the church. Ask Him to let you really see what He has in store for His Church.