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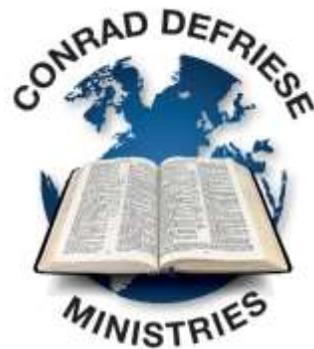
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PRECEPTS OF FAITH
WHAT FAITH IS



Faith is the practical expression of confidence in God and His Word. Faith perceives what is unseen and receives it as though it were seen.

Faith is the substance of things hope for. Substance means ground, foundation or basis.

*Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Moffatt Translation

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see.

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Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see.

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Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

New International Version

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

1. Faith is a spiritual force that you receive at the time of the new birth.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith**.*

Everyone that is born again receives the same measure of faith at the time of the new birth. Once you receive the measure of faith, it is up to you to cause it to grow. It is up to you to put action with your faith.

Faith is a living force that can command some things into place that would not happen any other way. Faith is a force that can be handled. You can use your faith to change circumstances and situations from one condition to another.

*Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

2. There is natural, human faith and there is Bible faith.

A Christian lives in both the spiritual and natural realms.

Human faith is based upon the five senses (what you can see, hear, taste, smell and touch). It is used every day and should be used except where God's Word supersedes it. Human faith mentally agrees that the Bible is God's Word and that it is true; but it cannot receive the promises of God.

Example of human faith: You believe a chair will hold you up because your five senses tell you it will.

Bible faith comes from your heart. It is the God-kind of faith and based solely upon the Word of God, not upon your senses or anything in the natural realm. It is believing God with your heart (born-again spirit).

Substituting mental faith for heart faith can be a roadblock to receiving what God has promised you. What some people call believing is not believing at all, but is just *mentally* agreeing that the Bible is true.

Real believing, real faith, has to be from your heart and not just be mental agreement. Faith perceives as real fact what the Word of God declares.

2 Corinthians 4:18 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.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.

God told Joshua to see by faith that He had given him Jericho before the walls of the city fell down.

*Joshua 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, **See, I have given** into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.*

3. Faith calls those things that be not as though they were.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

New American Standard

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist.***

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and **speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.***

4. Faith is an action.

Faith is acting on God’s Word or on what He speaks to you by the Holy Spirit.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

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James 2:17 *So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).*

The Twentieth Century New Testament

James 2:17 *In just the same way faith, if not followed by actions is, by itself, a lifeless thing.*

James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

Amplified Bible

James 2:26 *For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.*

There will be action with real faith! Action is what indicates that faith is present!

1 Samuel 2:3 *Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.*

5. Faith-filled actions may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. giving praise and thanksgiving for the answer before it is manifested as though you already have it.
 - b. acting like you are confident and assured of your prayer being answered.
 - c. rejoicing, smiling, relaxing, displaying a good attitude and not worrying or being anxious.

Most faith failures are due to a lack of action that corresponds with real faith. The problem is not with God, but is with you applying yourself in agreement with Him without any physical sight of what you are looking for. You take possession by faith and then the manifestation will come.

6. Faith is not hope.

Hope is always in the future, always forthcoming. Faith is always NOW!

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

You must have hope for something before you can believe to receive it. Hope is a good goal-setter, but a poor receiver. If there is no hope, faith does not have anything to give substance to.

Hope is always looking to the future and never receives the answer now. A person with high hopes sometimes thinks they are in faith; but, they are not. You must believe that you receive when you pray, not just hope.

Hope sets the goal. Faith receives what the Word of God promises. Faith believes that God has done and is doing now what His Word declares.

7. Faith is not based on need or feelings.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Some people think that when their need gets great enough God will move on their behalf. Their believing is looking at their need, not God's Word. *Faith only works by receiving and acting on God's Word!* Need is not the basis for faith. God is moved when people believe and act on the Word.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (*For we walk by faith, not by sight*).

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

6 *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Some people have judged their spirituality by feelings and emotions. God can and does at times move in a person's emotions, but not always. Many people have received mighty miracles and never felt the presence of God or had emotional feelings. Others have experienced the presence of God and had great emotional outbursts; yet, did not receive what they thought they were having faith for.

Feelings are in the realm of the soul (mind, will, and emotions). Feelings and emotions may or may not accompany faith. *Faith in God's Word works with or without feelings and emotions!*

Remember, God is a Spirit. He deals with you through your spirit, not your mind, body, feelings or emotions.

8. Faith is not love.

Love is very important; but, you cannot substitute love for faith. Some people think that because they love God and He knows they love Him that He will move on their behalf based upon love. They are waiting on God to move for them.

God loves you. He knows you love Him; but, you still must have faith in order for Him to move. Love is very important and necessary; but, it cannot and does not take the place of faith.

*Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus **seeing their faith** said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*

Jesus saw the sick man and wanted to heal him; but, he could only move according to his faith.

9. Bible faith is not believing with your mind.

Believing with your mind is good in its place in the natural realm. You exercise mental faith hundreds of times each day in natural circumstances as you function in life. It takes more than mentally believing God's Word to produce results. Bible faith takes more than mental faith. Bible faith that produces comes from your heart!

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Important Points from Mark 11:23

- If it was God's will for the mountain to be there, He would not tell you to move it.
- There is no mountain in the realm of your influence and authority that you cannot move.
- If what you have in life is up to God, Jesus would have never said that you can have whatever **you** say.
- Do not become so comfortable with your mountain that you stop believing for it to be removed. If you knew what is on the other side of your mountain, you would move it. The devil is trying to keep you from what is on the other side of your mountain.
- Your mountain needs to hear your voice. Your voice is the address where the promise of God is to be delivered. Your voice print identifies you better than your finger print.

10. Faith cannot believe for something that is not covered by the Word of God.

You cannot believe for:

- the Lord to change His plans concerning eternal punishment for sinners.
- God to be a respecter of persons.
- God to move for you differently than what is declared in His Word for everyone.
- God to bless and prosper you while overlooking blatant sin in your life.
- the ability to fly like a bird.

Faith only works when what you are believing for is in accordance (in agreement) with God's Word. God never moves outside of His Word!

11. The work of God is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

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John 6:28 They then said, What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?].

12. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Faith places you in a victorious position at all times. Do not let Satan separate you from your faith and pull you back into the natural realm. Having faith does not mean you do not have or will not have any problems. *God gives you faith to use to bring you through your problems!*

13. Faith means you are trusting and relying on God.

Do not try to rely on your faith without relying on God's faithfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

God's faithfulness is what makes faith work! His faithfulness is Him fulfilling what He promised. Your faith must always be in the faithfulness of God!

14. Faith has two sides.

- a. *God's side.* He gives you the measure of faith (Romans 12:3) and His promises.
- b. *Your side.* It is up to you to take the faith God has given you and act upon His Word.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

15. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Hearing the Word is understanding the Word. It must be acted upon in order to produce. You must act upon what you understand.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*

The potential for faith is in the Word. You must know the truth yourself to operate in faith! You cannot move out in faith on someone else's experience. You must understand the Word for yourself and have it conceived in your own heart.

Since Satan is the God of this world, it is illegal for God to move on earth until someone on earth asks Him to move and uses their faith to receive from Him. God restored authority and dominion to mankind on earth through Jesus Christ. He loves you; but cannot move for you until you believe. Releasing your faith gives God the right to move on your behalf on earth.

*Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
23 Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.***

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Faith is obeying God to prove that you believe Him so as to commit Him to perform His Word. If you do not believe God's Word, He cannot perform it in your life. His Word is what He sees, so keep saying it until you see it.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; **we also believe, and therefore speak.***

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

I received the God-kind of faith into my heart at the time that I was born again. The Holy Spirit is giving me greater and greater understanding of what faith is and how it works. I put faith into action because I trust the faithfulness of God.



*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FAITH



Faith is the means that God uses for you to take possession of all His benefits and blessings. Your covenant blessings and inheritance can be accessed and received by faith.

1. It is impossible to please God without faith.

*Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Faith in God's Word causes Him to move. Faith is His method of operation. How big your problem is or how much you have suffered is not what moves God. Faith in His Word is what moves Him! **Everything you receive from God comes through faith!**

2. The only way to receive salvation from God is by faith.

*Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by **faith** without the deeds of the law.*

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Romans 5:21 *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 10:8 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

3. The just (those who have been declared righteous) shall live by faith.

Habakkuk 2:4 *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith.***

Romans 1:17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.***

Galatians 3:11 *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.***

Hebrews 10:38 *Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

4. Righteousness (right-standing with God according to His standard of righteousness) comes only by faith.

*Romans 3:22 Even the **righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference.*

*Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

*Genesis 15:6 And he **believed** in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

Right conduct and good works are important; but, they are not a means to becoming righteous. Faith is God's standard to be made righteous.

5. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

*1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the **victory that overcometh the world, even our faith**.*

6. Faith is the Bible way to resist the devil.

*1 Peter 5:9 Whom **resist steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

7. Faith is a shield of protection against attacks of the enemy.

*Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of **faith** and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

8. Healing can be received by faith.

*Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

*James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

9. Faith is the means of access to receive the grace of God.

*Romans 5:2 By whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

When you operate in faith, great favor (grace) is upon you.

10. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

*Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

11. It is by faith that you stand.

*2 Corinthians 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for **by faith ye stand.***

12. Faith can grow.

*2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your **faith groweth exceedingly**, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.*

A little baby has every organ and muscle when it is born; but, it has to grow before it is capable of doing certain things. So it is with faith. You receive God's kind of faith in your new, created spirit at the time of the new birth; but, your faith has to grow and be developed.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith.***

*Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed **from faith to faith**: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

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Romans 1:17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

13. Faith comes by hearing according to God's Word.

Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

14. Walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we **walk by faith**, not by sight).

15. Faith is a spiritual law.

Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law of faith**.

Amplified Bible

Romans 3:27 Then what becomes of [our] pride and [our] boasting? It is excluded (banished, ruled out entirely). On what principle? [On the principle] of doing good deeds? No, but on the **principle of faith**.

Spiritual laws are available; however, if you do not put them to work, they will not work. Some laws are greater than other laws. The law of sowing and giving is greater than the law of lack.

Faith is a spiritual force. It is a spiritual law. There is nothing in the world that does not answer to faith. You can send the force of faith to any problem. It is under your control. Speaking God's Word puts the force of faith into action. The Word of God is the faith of God. God speaks what He believes.

16. The believer is only told to fight one fight—the fight of faith.

*1 Timothy 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

You will have to fight the good fight of faith; otherwise, you will have to settle for less than God's best. The good fight of faith is all that is separating you from your harvest.

17. Walk in the steps of the faith of Abraham.

*Galatians 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
6 Even as **Abraham believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*

*Moffatt Translation
Galatians 3:5 When he supplies you with the Spirit, and works miracles among you, is it because you do what the law commands, or because you believe the gospel message?
6 Why, it is as with Abraham, He had faith in God and that was counted to him as righteousness.*

*Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

*13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of **faith**.*

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

*16 Therefore **it is of faith**, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

*17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.*

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

*19 And being **not weak in faith**, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:*

*20 He **staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith**, giving glory to God;*

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

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Romans 4:19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

20 Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but **grew strong in faith**, giving glory to God.

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Romans 4:19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was **strengthened in his faith** and gave glory to God.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was **empowered by faith** as he gave praise and glory to God.

18. The faith that receives does not waver.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Waver means to shift back and forth uncertainly and to fluctuate. Faith in God should not waver or fluctuate.

19. Faith works by love.

*Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.***

20. Faith can be your servant and do what you tell it to do.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

*6 And the Lord said, If ye had **faith** as a grain of mustard seed, **ye might say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and **it should obey you.***

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Luke 17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

21. Faith changes the impossible to the possible.

*Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith** as a grain of mustard seed, **ye shall say** unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and **nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

*Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible to him that believeth.***

22. Receive from God by faith.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe** that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

23. Every born-again person receives the measure of the God-kind of faith.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith**.*

24. Faith calls into being that which does not exist.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.*

New American Standard

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist**.*

25. Faith speaks to the mountain.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

25 *And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

26. Faith must have corresponding actions; otherwise, it is lifeless and useless.

James 2:17 *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

Amplified Bible

James 2:17 *So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).*

26 *For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.*

27. Faith is a gift.

1 Corinthians 12:9 *To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.*

Faith is supernatural assurance that you will receive what you are looking to God for. Your measure of faith increases and grows as you hear and act upon God's Word. The gift of faith is not the same as the measure of faith that a person receives at the time of the new birth. The gift of faith does not grow or increase this way.

28. Faith is the cure for the sin of unbelief.

*Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

29. Faith can make you whole.

*Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and **be whole** of thy plague.*

30. For faith to work, you need to do the following in your life:

- Know the Word.
- Believe that you receive now when you pray.
- Submit yourself to God.
- Maintain your confession of faith.
- Continue to praise God that you received the answer by faith.
- Refrain from continuing to ask for something that you believe you have already received by faith. Instead of continuing to ask, praise God for the answer.
- Have actions that correspond to your prayer of faith.
- Cease to be anxious or worry about what you are believing for.

31. Your faith can fail if you do not know how to stay in faith.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

*32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy **faith fail not:**
and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

Notice, in Luke 22:32 (above) Jesus made a point that the only way Satan could get to Peter was to somehow get him to not operate in faith. The only way you can be stopped is to not operate in faith, to be ignorant about faith or expect the answer to happen some way other than through faith.

God wants your faith to be successful in every area. Your faith can fail if you do not know how to hold fast your confession of faith or how to maintain your faith. Crying, hoping, begging and suffering is not what brings victory. Faith is what will bring you into total victory and success!

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I can access the inheritance and covenant blessings
that belong to me in Christ Jesus by faith.
I am learning to receive by faith what the Word of God
declares and promises is already mine.**



But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
**BIBLE FAITH BELIEVES
WITH THE HEART**



Real Bible faith is in your heart, which is your born-again spirit. It is to be distinguished from human faith, which is in your mind. It is very important to understand this difference since the only faith that can receive the promises of God are from your heart, not your mind.

1. Bible faith is believing God's Word with your heart. The God-kind of faith always speaks what it believes.

*Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them,
Have faith in God.*

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

The way you can know you are believing with your heart is that you say what the Word says about situations and not what your senses are telling you.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

To be carnally minded is to be ruled by your senses.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

2. It is needful to understand that you are one person with three distinct parts.

- Spirit – contacts the spiritual realm
- Soul – contacts the mental realm
(includes your mind, will and emotions)
- Body – contacts the physical realm

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

3. God is a Spirit.

God is not a mind. He does not communicate directly with your mind, emotions or body. He communicates with your spirit. Spirit communicates with spirit. Your conscience is part of your spirit.

*John 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*Proverbs 20:27 The **spirit** of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

*Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my **conscience** also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 9:1 *I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my **conscience** [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me.*

1 Corinthians 14:14 *For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my **spirit** prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

15 *What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*

Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 14:14 *For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my **spirit** [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].*

15 *Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding also.*

Learn to listen to your spirit (heart).

4. The only part of you that is made new at the time of the new birth is your spirit. You are a spirit being. You have a soul and live in a body.

John 3:3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

God is the Father of spirits.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the **Father of spirits**, and live?

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the **spirit**, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Your spirit is made new at the time of the new birth; but, your mind and body is not. Bible faith is of your heart, not your mind. *Believing with your heart (not your mind) is what brings results!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

5. Believe and trust God with all your heart.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Obeying the Word of God keeps your heart clean.

*Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Human nature wants to trust your understanding (mental faith) and not lean to your heart (Bible faith). Believing with your mind causes struggling and weariness. Believing with your heart brings peace and rest. It is important to learn to believe and trust God with your heart.

6. Your spirit is the hidden man of your heart.

*1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the **hidden man of the heart**, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

7. Faith is a spiritual force that comes out of your spirit (inner man).

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

8. Build up your spirit by hearing, speaking and meditating God's Word.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

*2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.*

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy **mouth**; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Meditate on the Word of God until it becomes more real to you on the inside than what your senses are telling you on the outside. You must meditate the Word until it becomes real to you personally for it to work for you. You must see the Word as God speaking to you.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, **attend** to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 **Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.**

22 For they are **life** unto those that find them, and **health** to all their flesh.

9. Praying in the Spirit builds up your inner man.

Faith produces for you when you build up your inner man and believe from your heart.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves on your most holy faith**, praying in the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue **edifieth himself**; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my **spirit prayeth**, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

10. The Word must be spoken out of your spirit (heart) and not just out of your mind.

*John 6:63 It is the **spirit** that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are life.*

*Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh**.*

11. Learn to be sensitive and responsive to your born-again spirit.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.

12. The kingdom of God is in your born-again spirit.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.***

13. God says what He believes.

*Genesis 1:3 And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*Genesis 1:6 And **God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

*Genesis 1:9 And **God said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:11 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:14 And **God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.*

*Genesis 1:20 And **God said**, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.*

*Genesis 1:24 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:26 And **God said**, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

God framed the worlds by faith.

*Hebrews 11:3 **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

14. Every believer has the measure of the God-kind of faith.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith**.*

Once you realize and are confident that you have the measure of the God-kind of faith, you can begin to develop it and learn how to use it for what you need and desire according to the Word of God.

Unbelievers (people not born again) do not have the measure of the God-kind of faith.

*2 Thessalonians 3:2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for **all men have not faith.***

It is up to you to use your measure of faith to receive the promises of God.

*Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

*Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe **all things are possible to him that believeth.***

Matthew 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

*Exodus 14:15 And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? **speak** unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

*16 But **lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it:** and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I believe the Word of God with all my heart.
My faith is not affected by what my senses tell me.
The faith in my heart looks only at God's Word.**



And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:22-23

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
FAITH IS ACTING ON GOD'S WORD



When it comes to faith, your actions can bring you victory or cause you to experience defeat. Many faith battles are either won or lost depending upon your actions. This important aspect must not be overlooked when fighting the good fight of faith.

1. Faith must have some kind of action for it to be productive.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

*17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.***

*18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will **shew thee my faith by my works.***

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22 Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works**, and by works was faith made perfect?

Weymouth Translation

James 2:14 What good is it my brethren if a man professes to have faith and yet his actions do not correspond?

Weymouth Translation

James 2:22 You notice that his **faith was co-operating with his actions**, and that by his actions his faith was perfected.

Amplified Bible

James 2:22 You see that [his] **faith was cooperating with his works**, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.

The Bible is not talking about having works to produce salvation. In James chapter 2 (above), he is talking to believers and saying that faith without corresponding actions will not work even though you are believers.

One of the greatest mistakes many believers make is to confess their faith in the Word of God and at the same time contradict their confession by wrong actions. It is better to focus on actions and not works! Works are thought of as human efforts, labor and struggling, whereas actions that correspond with your faith displays obedience to and faith in the Word of God. The Weymouth Translation of James 2:14 (above) states very clearly that a believer must have actions to correspond with faith.

Worrying and fretting about problems will nullify your faith, even though you continue to confess the Word.

Amplified Bible

James 2:17 *So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).*

The Twentieth Century New Testament

James 2:17 *In just the same way faith, if not followed by actions, is a lifeless thing.*

Faith acts on God's Word independently of your senses and circumstances.

James 2:25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*

26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.*

Amplified Bible

James 2:26 *For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.*

Faith without corresponding action will not be productive. Faith that has corresponding action will cause the power of God to be released that will produce results. If you believe, you must act like you believe!

2. There are several ways to put action with your faith:
 - a. Maintain a steadfast confession of God's Word concerning what you are believing Him for.
 - b. Maintain actions that correspond to God's Word concerning what you are believing Him for.
 - c. Praise God for the answer before it is revealed to your senses. Praise is faith in action.

Wuest Translation

James 2:17 *Faith, if it does not keep on having works, is dead in its very constituent elements.*

3. Put your faith into action by being a doer of the Word.

James 1:22 *But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Matthew 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*
25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*
26 *And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*
27 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

It was not the flood, rain and storm that destroyed the house built on sand. If it was the storm that destroyed the house, it would have destroyed both houses. The house built on sand

was destroyed because of not being a doer of the Word! Being a doer of the Word is what kept the house built on the rock safe during the storm. Many Christians talk about the Word, but are not doers of it.

The way you make God's Word your word is to act upon it. Say what the Word says! Do what the Word says to do! God wants to perform His Word in your life. It is the Word that you act upon that God will perform in your life. Be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer. Failure to act like God's Word is true is an enemy to faith.

4. In order for faith to work, you must cease being anxious and worrying about what you are believing God for.

*Philippians 4:6 **Be careful for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

Amplified Bible

*Philippians 4:6 **Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything**, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.*

To walk by faith, you must leave the sense realm. Go forward praising God because you believe He will do what His Word says He will do.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Amplified Bible

1 Peter 5:7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

5. Moses obeyed God's Word and stretched his rod over the sea by faith.

*Exodus 14:15 And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? **speak** unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

*16 But **lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it:** and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*

Moses and the children of Israel came up to the Red Sea. Pharaoh's army was behind them. Mountains were on either side of them. There was no way out. Moses received the Word of God and acted upon it. Faith in action released the power of God to roll the waters back!

Confession and action releases faith!

6. The waters of the Jordan River rolled back by an act of faith.

Israel was ready to leave the wilderness and possess the Canaan Land; however, the Jordan River was overflowing and prevented them from crossing. At the Word of the Lord, all of Israel followed the priests as they started into the water. They put action with their faith and stepped into the water before the waters rolled back.

Joshua 3:15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the **feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water**, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

7. David put faith in his mouth and in his actions as he went forward to slay the giant.

Before he went out to face Goliath, David said that God would deliver the giant into his hand. He acted on the faith in his words, and God gave him victory!

1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 **David said** moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

*45 **Then said David** to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.*

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

8. Naaman, the leper, was cleansed by acting upon the Word of God.

*2 Kings 5:10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, **Go and wash in Jordan seven times**, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.*

*2 King 5:14 **Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan**, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

Acting upon the Word of God brought victory.

9. Praising God defeats the enemy.

Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, sent praisers out ahead of his army.

*2 Chronicles 20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, **Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.***

*22 And **when they began to sing and to praise**, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.*

Praise is a major way you can put your faith into action. Faith must have some kind of corresponding action in order for it to work.

10. Paul praised God in jail at midnight, and God opened the prison doors.

*Acts 16:25 And **at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God**: and the prisoners heard them.*

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Praise God in your midnight hour and watch Him bring you victory.

11. Joshua and the children of Israel shouted a shout of faith and obedience, and the walls of Jericho fell down flat.

Faith acts upon God's Word. The shout of faith came before the walls fell.

*Joshua 6:20 So the **people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets**: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.*

*Hebrews 11:30 **By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.***

12. Peter acted on God's Word and received a great harvest of fish.

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

*5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word I will let down the net.***

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

No matter what circumstances look like, obeying God's Word will bring victory.

13. The lepers were healed as they went to show themselves to the priests.

The healing came as they obeyed the words of Jesus and put their faith into action. As they went, they were healed.

Luke 17:12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

*14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, **as they went, they were cleansed.***

As the lepers believed and acted out their faith in what Jesus said, they were cleansed.

14. A blind man was healed when he acted on the words of Jesus.

Faith came when the blind man heard the words of Jesus.
Faith was released and the power of God was activated when
the blind man acted on the words of Jesus.

*John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) **He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.***

Faith comes by hearing the Word. Faith is based on the Word, not your senses, and is released by acting on the Word.

15. The woman with the issue of blood put her faith into action and touched the hem of Jesus' garment.

*Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
28 **For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.**
29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

*34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

If the woman had not acted on her faith, she would not have been healed.

Allow yourself to walk by the Word and act on the Word.

16. Jesus spoke to the wind and calmed the storm.

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

*39 And **he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Speaking the Word to your mountain is one way to put action with your faith.

17. The man with the withered hand put his faith into action.

*Mark 3:5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, **he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.***

When the man acted on the Word, he was healed. Acting on God's Word will change your circumstances.

18. Noah acted by faith and built an ark.

*Hebrews 11:7 **By faith** Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

Noah acted on what he believed for many years before the flood came by building the ark as God instructed.

19. Abraham offered Isaac by faith.

*Hebrews 11:17 **By faith** Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,
18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

Abraham believed God would keep His promise, even if He had to raise Isaac from the dead.

There is always some kind of action behind the eye of faith.

20. By faith, Moses was hid three months by his parents.

*Hebrews 11:23 **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

21. By faith, Rahab received the spies with peace.

*Hebrews 11:31 **By faith** the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*

Believing is seeing with the eyes of faith.

22. A lame man was healed when he acted on his faith.

Acts 14:8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

*9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that **he had faith to be healed**,*

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

23. Jonah put action with his faith through praise.

Jonah 2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

*9 But I will **sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving**; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.*

Jonah praised God while he was still in the fish's belly.

24. God is well-pleased with your sacrifice of praise.

*Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Praising God for answering prayer before you see it manifested is *faith in action!* This is the kind of faith that pleases God.

25. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

*Proverbs 3:5 **Trust in the Lord with all thine heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Quit leaning on human reasoning and looking to people for deliverance. Make your actions correspond with your confession of faith. Without corresponding actions, there will be continual failure. Resorting to human methods and efforts

instead of trusting the Lord utterly brings confusion to your spirit, as well as brings weakness and failure into your life. Turn to God's Word simply and wholeheartedly. Accept it and act upon it.

26. Hear and receive God's Word.

*Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.*

People that heard the gospel and received it received healing and deliverance.

27. Peter walked on the water.

*Matthew 14:29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he **walked on the water**, to go to Jesus.
30 But **when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid**; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.*

As long as Peter acted on the words of Jesus to come and stayed focused on Him, he walked on the water. When Peter let the storm distract him, took his focus away from Jesus and looked at the storm, he began to sink.

Your actions must correspond with your faith if you are to be successful.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I make sure that my actions agree and correspond
with the Word of God that I am believing
with my heart and speaking with my mouth.**



*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
**THINGS NECESSARY
FOR FAITH TO WORK**



Faith is a spiritual law. Just as there are things necessary for natural laws to work, there are things necessary for spiritual laws to work. Laws, whether spiritual or natural, require specific things to be successful. Faith must be operated properly for it to work effectively.

1. Love is necessary for faith to work.

*Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.***

Love energizes and helps faith work. Faith is so powerful that it needs love as a governor to regulate it. Love shields you from the enemy so your faith can work.

Faith brings the promises of God to you. Fear brings the promises of the enemy to you. Walking in love will cast out fear.

*1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

2. Faith works in an atmosphere of forgiveness.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

*25 And **when ye stand praying, forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

Unforgiveness in your heart toward others will hinder your faith from working. Always forgive others before you release your faith to receive God's promises.

3. Patience and faith work together.

*Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises**.*

Patience (steadfastness) is necessary for faith to work.

4. Faith comes from hearing the Word of God.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*

Faith does not come by needing, wishing or wanting. It comes by hearing the Word of God.

5. Faith needs steadfastness and perseverance in order to work.

Faith never lingers at the station of disappointment. It will praise, worship, speak the Word or do something to move forward.

*James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**.
For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven
with the wind and tossed.*

Faith does not work if you waver or doubt.

*1 Peter 5:9 Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing
that the same afflictions are accomplished in your
brethren that are in the world.*

Resist the devil by staying in faith.

*1 Timothy 1:19 **Holding faith**, and a good conscience;
which some having put away concerning faith have made
shipwreck.*

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us **hold fast the profession of our
faith without wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised).*

6. Fight the good fight of faith.

*1 Timothy 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay
hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called,
and hast professed a good profession before many
witnesses.*

7. Faith must have corresponding action.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Faith must be acted upon in order for it to work. Faith comes by hearing the Word; but, it is released by acting on the Word that you have heard.

8. Faith can be released through words.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Speaking the Word with your mouth and believing it with your heart is a very good way to release faith.

9. Receiving comes after you believe that you receive.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 *That Is why I tell you, **whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.***

The seed (the Word of God) must be planted (received and conceived) in your heart at the time you pray. After the Word is received into your heart (the soil), it must be watered with a continual confession of God's Word, praising and thanking Him for the answer until the manifestation comes.

10. Hold fast your confession of faith.

Hebrews 10:23 *Let us **hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;** (for he is faithful that promised).*

Faith continues to say (confess) what the Word promises until it is manifested or comes to pass.

Revelation 12:11 *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony;** and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

11. Praise is faith in action.

Hebrews 13:15 *By him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

Romans 4:20 *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, **giving glory to God.***

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:20 *No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was **empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God.***

Faith grows as you continue to praise God for the answer while you steadfastly look at His promises.

12. Attend to (do) the Word.

Proverbs 4:20 *My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

21 ***Let them not depart from thine eyes**; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

22 *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

Giving attention to the Word of God is of utmost importance when believing God for an answer to prayer. Keep the Word before you continually.

13. You must have an understanding of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness of God** in him.*

Knowing that you are righteous (in right standing with God) removes any sense of guilt or inferiority and allows faith to be released. After you have been justified and made righteous, it is up to you to take your faith and use it to activate God's Word for whatever you need or desire.

14. Understand your legal right to the name of Jesus.

*Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that **believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

*Acts 3:16 And **his name through faith in his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

15. Understand your new birth.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

16. Understand your place in Christ.

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

John 15:7 *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Romans 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

17. Faith looks continually to God.

Hebrews 12:2 **Looking unto Jesus** *the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Numbers 21:8 *And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he **looketh** upon it, shall live.*

Looking is in the continuous present tense. Look and keep looking!

18. Have an attitude of faith.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same **spirit of faith**, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

19. Be fully persuaded that God is faithful to do what He promised.

Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

*21 And being **fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.***

20. Apply yourself to what God has said, not just read, hear and quote the Word.

Job 22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Amplified Bible

Job 22:21 Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you.

New International Version

Job 22:21 Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.

21. Meditate on God's Word.

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he **meditate day and night**.*

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

In order to get the Word of God into your heart (not just into your mind and mouth), you must meditate in it. God is looking at your heart. When you get God's Word firmly planted in your heart, you will not back off of His promises no matter what circumstances look like or what happens. God cannot deny faith that comes from His Word. Know that God is committed to do whatever He has said and to perform whatever He has promised.

Luke 1:45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Psalms 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

22. Develop divine expectancy that cannot be moved by circumstances.

Psalms 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Put your expectancy only in God. Do not pursue what you want your faith to bring you more than you pursue God! Stay focused on God and the promise that provides you with the answer you desire. The devil wants you to depend on some other kind of ability instead of God's ability. Keep God as the source of your faith at all times.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

23. Diligence is necessary for faith to work.

*2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all **diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.*

Diligence is to put forth steady effort to accomplish a task.

*Proverbs 10:4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the **diligent** maketh rich.*

*Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the **diligent** shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*

*Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the **diligent** shall be made fat.*

*Proverbs 21:5 The thoughts of the **diligent** tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*

24. In order to walk in faith and receive God's promises, you cannot be afraid to be different.

*Genesis 13:14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:
15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.*

Abraham separated himself from Lot. You may have to separate yourself from certain people who are in doubt and disobedience before God can bless you.

*Deuteronomy 2:24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to **possess it**, and contend with him in battle.*

*Deuteronomy 2:31 And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: **begin to possess**, that thou mayest inherit his land.*

If your inheritance is to become a reality, you must stand your ground and fight for it.

25. The Word must be mixed with faith in order for it to work.

*Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*

Faith will worship God as if you already have the answer.

26. You must be a doer of the Word.

*Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

*James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a **doer** of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

Job 22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Amplified Bible

Job 22:21 Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you.

New International Version

Job 22:21 Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.

Make a conscious decision that God has spoken to you through His Word and act upon that Word. Do not be ashamed while you are waiting for the manifestation of faith. Through faith and patience, you inherit the promises!

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I examine myself and make sure that I am obeying
the Word of God in everything that is needful
for my faith to be effective.**



*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;
(for he is faithful that promised. Hebrews 10:23)*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
FAITH CAN BE HINDERED



Just as your faith can be increased and strengthened, your faith can also encounter obstacles, roadblocks, hindrances and enemies. There is a fight to have faith because there are opponents to your faith.

*1 Timothy 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

There is a fight to stay in faith. Not recognizing this or not being willing and determined to fight the good fight of faith will hinder your faith.

*2 Timothy 4:7 I have **fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.*

*Philippians 3:14 I **press** toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

1. Being ignorant of God's Word is an enemy to faith.

*Hosea 4:6 My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

People can be defeated because they do not receive the knowledge of God that is available to them. There is plenty knowledge of God available. It is the responsibility of each person to see to it that they find that knowledge and use it.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

There is great benefit in reading the Bible, however, Second Timothy 2:15 (above) does not say to read. It says to study. Read and study the Word! Both are important!

2. Not acting on what the Word says is an enemy to faith.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

If you truly believe the Word, you will do what it says to do!

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Failure to act like God's Word is true is an enemy to faith.

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Amplified Bible

James 2:26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

Faith must always be accompanied by some type of action in order for it to work.

3. Worry hinders faith.

You cannot be in faith and worry at the same time. Worrying, fretting and having anxiety will keep faith from working.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Amplified Bible

Philippians 4:6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

4. Unforgiveness hinders faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Allowing resentment or hurt feelings to stay in your heart will hinder your faith from working.

5. Fear hinders faith.

Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

Fear works the same way faith does except that fear works on behalf of the enemy. *Faith cannot work when fear is present!* Jesus often told people to fear not, and then He told them to believe.

6. A lack of understanding about righteousness hinders faith.

Hebrews 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 5:13 For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!

Understanding righteousness gives you confidence to go to the throne of grace without a sense of inferiority and unworthiness. A lack of understanding righteousness will hinder your faith because you will look at your faults and failures and feel a sense of condemnation and fear. Faith can only be released when you are trusting in God's grace and forgiveness, not in your human good and good works.

7. A lack of understanding of who you are in Christ hinders faith.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God, the Father sees you IN CHRIST (in union with Christ). He looks beyond your sinful past and sees you righteous and holy IN CHRIST.

8. Mistaking mental assent (agreement) for faith from your heart will hinder faith. Faith only works from your heart.

Believing with your heart brings peace and rest.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Believing with your mind causes struggling and weariness.

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mentally agreeing that the Bible is God's Word and that He can do anything is not Bible faith. Mentally agreeing will not produce the blessings and promises of God in your life. You must believe in your heart that the Bible is true, that God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do.

9. Depending on feelings will hinder faith. Faith must be based solely on the Word of God.

*Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace.***

Feelings follow thoughts. Thoughts and feelings can easily change; but, the Word of God never changes.

10. Doubt and unbelief hinders faith.

*Matthew 21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye **have faith, and doubt not**, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

Doubt means waver or stagger. Doubt will stop faith from working.

11. Not walking in love will hinder faith.

*1 Corinthians 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not charity**, I am nothing.*

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

*25 And **when ye stand praying, forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

Unforgiveness will hinder faith from working. Being offended, being unkind, impatience, ill-will, hurt feelings, resentment, animosity and the like will hinder faith. Love does not allow these things to stay in your heart. It takes love for faith to work!

12. Wrong thinking about Paul's thorn in the flesh will hinder faith.

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

God did not need Satan to help keep Paul humble because of the revelations he had received. God gave Paul revelations so he could give them to the people. The messenger of Satan was sent to try to stop him from delivering the revelations of Jesus Christ. The thorn in the flesh was not disease or sickness. It was a messenger of Satan to try to hinder the gospel. If you believe that God put sickness on Paul, it will hinder your faith in receiving healing. God does not put sickness and disease on anyone.

13. To have strong faith, you must be void of offence.

Allowing yourself to be offended causes your senses to get in an outrage. Maintain a clear conscience so your conduct does not displease God and is not injurious to people. Stay in the prayer closet until your conscience is clear toward God and men.

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.

Only what God says is what matters.

*Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and **nothing shall offend them.***

14. Living only in the realm of your senses will hinder faith.

*2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we **walk by faith, not by sight.**)*

*2 Corinthians 4:18 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.***

Sight is the opposite of faith. To walk by faith, you must leave the realm of your senses. It is like flying an airplane by instruments and not by sight. The Bible is the instruction manual. It gives you all your readings and settings. If you follow it, you will never crash in life and will reach your destination. Faith is based on the Word, not on natural senses or circumstances. Allow yourself to walk by the Word.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

15. Not calling those things that be not as though they were will hinder faith.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

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Romans 4:17 *As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.*

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**The Holy Spirit reveals to me areas that are hindrances to my faith. I am sensitive and responsive to His leading.
By God's grace, I am an overcomer of any roadblocks and hindrances to my faith.**



Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. James 2:17

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
FAITH AND CONFESSION



Confessing the promises of God's Word is a vital part of sowing the seed of His Word into the good ground of your heart. Faith increases as you continue to say what the Word of God says.

1. Faith comes by hearing God's Word.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

The Word has to be spoken for someone to hear it. Faith comes by hearing the Word spoken.

2. Faith is released by speaking God's Word.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, **I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.***

When you have a spirit (attitude) of faith, you do not have a picture of your circumstances in your mind. You have a picture of your victory. The last of all human freedoms is the ability to choose your attitude regardless of circumstances. You cannot choose how many mountains will come or how big they are; but, you can choose to have an attitude of faith and use faith to move any mountain.

Think yourself happy.

*Acts 26:2 **I think myself happy**, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews.*

The spirit of faith is happy because it believes God will fulfill what He has promised. Rejoice by faith before you see the answer.

*1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, **though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice** with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*

Faith must be accompanied by some kind of action in order for it to be productive.

*Psalms 116:10 **I believed, therefore have I spoken: I** was greatly afflicted.*

Speaking God's Word is one of the best ways to release faith.

3. God released His faith by speaking the Word.

*Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3 And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

In Genesis 1:2, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water; but, nothing happened until God said. The Spirit of God will move on you; but, nothing will happen until you say.

Hebrews 11:3 **Through faith** we understand that the worlds were framed **by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4. Believers are to speak God's Word and release their faith in the words they speak.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, *Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

First, you must decide to say what God's Word declares and promises. Get your speaking in agreement with what God speaks; then, release your faith in what you say. Believe and do not doubt that you can have what you say.

5. Faith can be increased by confessing God's Word.

Agree with God. Say the same things He says.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, *Increase our faith.*

6 And the Lord said, *If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

Faith increases as you continue to say what the Word of God says.

6. You must be persistent in keeping the Word of faith in your mouth.

Persistent:

- constant
- continual
- repetitive
- tenacious
- diligent
- persevering
- not stopping
- keeping at it

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised).*

Profession in the Greek means confession, which is to say what God says and agree with Him. Faith continues to say (declare) what the Word promises until it is manifested.

7. You must speak the Word so the power in it will be released.

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even **in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith**, which we preach.*

The Word of God is called the word of faith.

For faith to work, you must believe the Word with your heart and speak it with your mouth. Faith is transported and carried through your words!

8. You can ask what you will when you keep God's Word in you.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Amplified Bible

John 15:7 If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

You must continually keep your mind in agreement and in line with God's Word.

9. Keep God's Word in your mouth and in your mind.

Keep means to be faithful to, watch over and take care of.

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall **not depart out of thy mouth**; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he **meditate day and night**.*

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The Word of God is available to all; but, you determine whether or not it works for you. You must speak, think and act according to the Word for it to work for you!

10. To use the sword of the Spirit is to speak the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

“**Word**” (rhema, Greek word) in Ephesians 6:17 is referring to the spoken word and means to confess or say the same thing God says.

The way that you use the sword of the Spirit is to say the same things the Word of God says.

11. By faith, Joseph spoke words concerning his bones.

*Hebrews 11:22 **By faith** Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*

Joseph gave commandment for his bones not to be buried in Egypt, but in the Promised Land because he believed they would inherit the Promised Land. He spoke what he believed.

12. God has promised to confirm what you say that agrees with His Word.

*Isaiah 44:26 That **confirmeth the word of his servant**, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof.*

God wants to show Himself strong in the earth if someone will give Him permission by speaking His Word with conviction. When you say the Word clearly, God has a duty to confirm it. Do not stop saying and acting victorious until the Word is fully manifested!

13. Hold fast to the confession of your faith in the Word of God.

*Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and **High Priest of our profession**, Christ Jesus.*

*Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast our profession**.*

Confession is to your faith what thrust is to an airplane. The higher you get developed in your confession, the higher you will develop in your faith. Your confession sets the ceiling for your faith.

Medical science has found that the speech center in the brain affects the entire body.

God's Word is His will toward mankind. His Word should be your will. Say the Word as many times as necessary until you believe it in your heart. When circumstances or situations seem opposite to the Word is when you need to confess it most. Speak the Word until you see the manifestation of it regardless of how long it takes.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I steadfastly continue to confess the promises
of God which meet my every need.**



*We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed,
and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
FAITH AND LOVE



Love and faith are both spiritual forces that dwell together in your born-again spirit. The God-kind of faith needs the God-kind of love in order for faith to reach its highest potential.

1. Faith works by love.

*Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.***

Amplified Bible

*Galatians 5:6 For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only **faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love.***

Genuine love should be the motivating and energizing force behind faith. Faith does its best work when it is energized by love.

2. Perfect love casts out fear.

*1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

Fear is the opposite of faith. The presence of fear hinders faith. Many times, Jesus told believers to not be afraid, but to believe.

*Luke 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, **Fear not: believe only**, and she shall be made whole.*

3. Being rooted and grounded in love strengthens your faith in Christ.

*Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being **rooted and grounded in love**,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Amplified Bible

*Ephesians 3:17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be **rooted deep in love and founded securely on love**,
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!*

To know God is to know love. God is love.

*1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.***

4. Forgiveness is a necessary requirement for faith to work.

One of the greatest expressions of love is to forgive those that have wronged you.

*Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

You must forgive others so you can receive answers to your prayers of faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

*25 And **when ye stand praying, forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Unforgiveness can hinder or stop your faith from being effective. Forgiving others is putting love into action.

5. Faith and love work together as a breastplate of protection.

*1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

The breastplate protects your most vital parts against attacks of the enemy.

6. Keep yourself in love while you pray in the Spirit to build up your faith.

*Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.***

It is your responsibility to keep yourself in the love of God. Notice that Jude 1:21, which is talking about love, is closely connected to verse 20, which is talking about faith.

7. Understand the love of God
 - a. Walking in love is the main commandment of the New Testament.

*John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

The main way people will know you are a Christian is because you have love for one another. John 13:35 (above) does not say that the main way people will know you are a Christian is because you carry a Bible or go to church.

- b. You receive the God-kind of love into your heart at the time you are born again.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

As a born-again believer, you have the love of God in your heart. It does not, however, work automatically. You have to make a decision to yield to love and to walk in it.

- c. Charity (Love)

1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 13:4 *Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.*

5 *It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].*

6 *It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.*

7 *Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].*

8 *Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].*

- d. Being a doer of the Word causes the love in your heart to grow and mature.

1 John 2:5 *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

Amplified Bible

1 John 2:5 *But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him.*

Faith works by love. The way to determine that you really know God is to experience His love, not only toward yourself, but toward others.

1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

Amplified Bible

1 John 5:3 *For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).*

e. Make walking in love your great aim.

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.*

Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).*

Grow in love. Grow in faith. Faith works by love.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I walk in the God kind of love.
This love energizes and strengthens my faith
and enables it to reach its highest potential.**



*For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing,
nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Galatians 5:6*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
THE PRAYER OF FAITH



It is important to understand the prayer of faith because it will enable you to pray effectively. The prayer of faith should be prayed along with other kinds of prayer. All prayer should be led by the Holy Spirit.

1. We are to pray with all manner, or all kind, of prayer.

*Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with **all prayer** and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*

Moffatt Translation

*Ephesians 6:18 Praying at all times in the Spirit, with **all manner of prayer** and entreaty—be alive to that, attend to it unceasingly, interceding on behalf of all the saints.*

Goodspeed Translation

*Ephesians 6:18 Use **every kind of prayer** and entreaty and at every opportunity pray in the Spirit...*

There are different kinds of prayer in the Word of God. We are to pray different ways at different times as the Holy Spirit leads us.

2. There are several kinds of prayer.

Prayer of Faith (Prayer of Petition)

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Prayer of Agreement

Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Prayer of Commitment

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Prayer of Worship and Praise

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

2 Chronicles 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Prayer of Intercession

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Prayer in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

United Prayer

Acts 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

The principles (rules) that apply to one kind of prayer may not apply to another kind of prayer. Prayer is prayer regardless of the kind of prayer being prayed; however, Scriptural principles apply to different kinds of prayer.

All sports are sports; but, there are different rules. You cannot play all sports by the same rules, and you cannot pray all prayers by the same principles.

The following points in this lesson deal with the PRAYER OF FAITH.

3. Learn to pray according to God's Word in order to get results in prayer.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

In John 15:7, the emphasis is on "you" or "ye." These words appear five times in this Scripture. *Your prayer being answered depends more on you than it does on God!* He has already given you the means whereby your prayer can be heard and answered. It is up to you to implement God's principles and put them into practice.

4. Know or decide what you want from God. Find Scriptures that definitely promise you what you are praying for; then, you will have a solid foundation for faith.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

God knows what you need before you ask; but, you need to ask!

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Faith begins where the will of God is known. You cannot believe beyond actual knowledge. Get God's promises and Scriptures firmly fixed in your heart, not only in your mind. To accomplish this, take time to meditate and feed on them.

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he **meditate day and night**.*

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Be ready to use Scriptures against the devil and demons that will try to get you to doubt God and what He has promised you and, thereby, rob you of what you want.

5. Ask God for what you want and believe that you receive what you have prayed for.

*Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye **ask** him.*

*James 1:6 But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 *That is why I tell you, **whatever you pray and ask for**, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.*

Your desires must be based on God's Word, not just on your own desires! Believe that you receive when you pray. God would not ask you to do something that you cannot do. You do not need to believe you receive something if you already have it.

John 20:29 *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

1 John 5:14 *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

15 *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

17 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

18 *Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

*19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

Faith believes that it receives the answer before it is revealed to your senses.

6. Let every thought and desire affirm that you received what you asked for.

Never permit a mental picture of failure to be in your mind. Never doubt for one minute that you have the answer. If doubts persist (and they will try), rebuke them and resist them. Set your mind on the answer (the Word). Constantly affirm that the promises of God are true and that your prayer has been answered. Eradicate (do away with completely) every image, vision, suggestion, dream, impression, feeling and thought that does not contribute to faith that you have what you ask for. Only entertain thoughts that contribute to your faith.

Do not base your answer to prayer on “feeling” like God heard you. Base your belief in getting answers to your prayers upon God’s Word. If you will let it, the Word will solve any problem, including how and what to pray for.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

No one else can do the Word for you. You have to do it for yourself. Many times, difficult predicaments that you find yourself in are your own fault and not even the devil’s fault. If you would just do what the Word of God says to do, your problem would be solved. You have to be the doer of the Word for your own life!

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

If God’s Word is abiding in you, you are not going to ask for anything apart from His Word. Your desires are going to be what God desires for you.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Nobody can straighten out your prayer life but you, and you do that by getting into the Word of God. Think in line with God’s Word.

*Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.***

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

You must crucify your flesh (carnal nature); otherwise, Satan will work through it. He is the god of this world. You contact this world with your body and natural mind. You must control your tongue if you want to receive answers to prayer.

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

7. Guard against every evil thought that comes into your mind.

Stay away from everything that will not support your affirmation that God has answered your prayer.

*2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ.*

Thoughts are governed by observations, associations and teachings. Imaginations are reasonings. God cannot control your thoughts for you; but, He will help you by the Holy Spirit take control of every thought.

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Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

It is up to you what you think about. God would not tell you to do something you cannot do; otherwise, He would be unjust. You choose what you are going to think about!

Guard against letting the evil of doubt and fear enter your mind. Thinking doubt is evil thinking. Doubt has an evil report.

Ten spies brought an evil report of unbelief.

*Numbers 13:32 And they brought up an **evil report** of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.*

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

The report was evil because it looked at natural circumstances rather than looking at and trusting in what God had told them. God knew there were giants in the Promised Land when He told them He was going to give it to them and sent them in to possess it. The giants were of no concern to Him.

Faith has a good report.

*Acts 27:25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it **shall be** even as it was told me.*

*Numbers 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and **the Lord is with us: fear them not.***

8. Meditate constantly on the promises upon which you base the answer to your prayer. See yourself with what you have asked for, and make plans accordingly as if it were already a reality.

God will make His Word good if you stand by it. If you do not stand by it, He does not have anything to make good in your life. If you do not understand this principle, you can pray and fast and do all kinds of things to receive; but, it will not work.

Your faith should not be in prayer. The heathen believe in prayer. Believe in God and His Word. Believe that He hears and answers prayer based on His Word.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

The way you attend to God's Word is by putting it first in your life. When you find Scriptures that promise you what you are praying for and if those Scriptures do not depart from before your eyes, you will see yourself having what the Word promises you. If you do not see yourself with the answer, God's Word has departed from before your eyes and it will not work for you.

Attend (pay attention) to all of God's Word, not just His Word on prayer or a specific area. If you do not, it will affect your health, well-being, attitude, perspective, etc.

*Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

Leaving off parts of the Word is like leaving off part of your armour. The Word says in Ephesians 6 to put on the **whole** armour of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Give no place to the devil or allow him access to any area of your life. Every Word of God is important and for your benefit.

*Joshua 1:8 **This book** of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.***

A lot of people fail because they get ready to fail. They talk failure, see failure and act failure.

- ✓ See yourself with what you asked God for.
 - ✓ See yourself with what God says is yours.
 - ✓ See yourself with the answer to your prayer.
 - ✓ See yourself with the money in your hand (by faith).
 - ✓ See yourself with every bill paid.
 - ✓ See yourself well.
 - ✓ See your children obedient, blessed and successful.
9. Think on the greatness of God and His goodness. Count your blessings and your faith will increase. Lift your heart to God constantly in gratitude and increasing praise for what He has done and is doing for you now.

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Prayer and thanksgiving go together. Be full of gratitude and praise because you believe you receive, even when you do not see it or feel it. Maintain that all things are possible to you as a believer.

Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

*23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible to him that believeth.***

Wuest Translation

Mark 9:22 ...but if you are able to do anything, help us at once, having had compassion upon us.

*23 And Jesus said to him, as for those words of yours, if you are able; —**all things are possible to the one who believes.***

10. Make every prayer relative to what you have asked. Make every prayer a statement of faith instead of unbelief.

You can think faith thoughts and speak faith words as easily as you can think doubt and unbelief and speak negative words. It is thinking faith thoughts and speaking faith words that lead your heart out of defeat into victory.

You may be praying for God to give you victory; but, it is up to you whether you have it or not.

*1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the **victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

There is rest for you when your faith is totally dependent upon the Word of God. Decide what you want from God and believe Him for it.

11. The prayer of faith will work when praying for others in some situations.

The prayer of faith works best when you are praying for yourself; however, there are some situations where you can pray the prayer of faith for others.

*James 5:14 Is any **sick** among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
15 And the **prayer of faith** shall save the **sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

“**Sick**” (astheneo, Greek) in James 5:14 and 5:15 means weak, impotent, feeble or diseased (unable to do for themselves).

SUMMARY OF THE PRAYER OF FAITH

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

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...is the prayer to change things.

...must always be based on the revealed will of God in His Word. It never contains an "if."

...must be based upon the knowledge of God's Word. (Lack of knowledge of God's Word produces unbelief).

...must not allow any dreams, visions, feelings, thoughts and circumstances that are contrary to your prayer cause you to cease to hold fast to your prayer of faith.

...continues to praise, worship and give thanks to God for the answer to your prayer.

Christians have suffered lack when all God has for them is already provided in Christ. What most believers are praying for is already theirs if they only knew how to take possession of it.

What is clearly revealed in God's Word that is His will for you can **only** be received by faith. Faith is the avenue God has chosen for us to access and appropriate His abundant provisions of grace. Once you have prayed the prayer of faith, make all prayers, words, declarations and actions agree with this prayer.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I effectively pray the prayer of faith for myself and others.
This causes much power of God to be activated on
behalf of myself and others to meet our every need.**



*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will,
and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
THE PAST TENSE OF GOD'S WORD



The promises of God's Word must be received by faith and put in the past tense in order to receive them. Anything past tense has already happened and already been taken care of. The sowing of natural seed works the same way. The seed must be sown into good ground and be in the past tense before it can produce a harvest. *What the Word of God puts in the past tense, you should put in the past tense also!*

Prayer has more to do with **receiving the answer** than it does with making known the request! You must initiate and take possession of what God has already given you. You must receive by faith what God has already done through Christ Jesus so it can be manifested in your life. Jesus does not have to be crucified again, rise from the dead again or be striped again. These things are in the past and have already been done. They are in the past tense. It is up to you to receive by faith what Jesus Christ has already done for you. It is up to you to receive what God has provided. If God puts it in the past tense, put yourself in agreement with Him and believe what He has already done for you.

1. God made a promise to Abram.

God told Abram that He had made him the father of many nations. When God spoke that to him, He put it in the past tense. In the natural, circumstances had not changed yet. Abram received the promise by faith and agreed with what God said.

*Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but **thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.***

Abram means exalted father. Abraham means father of a multitude. God changed Abram's name to Abraham before Sarah was pregnant. Notice, God spoke of this in the past tense before it started happening. Abraham received the promise by faith based only upon God's Word. He chose to get in agreement with what God said before he could see or touch the manifestation of the promise.

2. Look at the steps Abraham took to receive by faith what God had already given by promise.

Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Receive the promise of God by faith and put it in the past tense.

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Romans 4:17 (As it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

Follow the Steps of Abraham:

- a. He, being not weak in faith, believed God's Word.
- b. He was fully persuaded by the Word of God alone.
- c. He held fast the beginning of his confidence when his faith was tested.

- d. He was wholly occupied with the Word of God in the matter.
- e. He refused to cast away his confidence when God told him to offer Isaac.
- f. He considered not his own body now dead.
- g. He considered not the deadness of Sarah's womb.
- h. He waxed strong in faith by trusting God's Word and giving Him glory.

3. God gave a promise to Joshua.

While the walls of Jericho were still standing, God spoke to Joshua and told him that He had given him that city.

*Joshua 6:2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, **See, I have given into thine hand Jericho**, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.*

Joshua had to see the victory by faith before God could give him victory. God spoke of the victory in the past tense before the children of Israel marched around the city. Joshua and the children of Israel looked at the promise of God and not at the walls still standing. They acted and spoke in agreement with God's Word.

4. What God gives by promise, you can receive by faith.

*Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham **by promise**.*

God has given you His promises. In order for them to be a reality in your life, you must receive them by faith. God has already done His part. *Now, it is your part to believe and receive what He has promised.*

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Amplified Bible

2 Corinthians 1:20 For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.

God has already said “Yes” to His promises. You must also say “Yes” and receive His promises by faith.

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

1 Timothy 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

There is a fight to faith; but, it is a good fight because real faith always wins.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us **hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised).

Profession means confession. Hold fast to your confession of faith until the promise is manifested!

*Hebrews 11:11 **Through faith** also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because **she judged him faithful who had promised.***

God is faithful to His promises. If you will be determined to believe and not doubt, His promises will be fulfilled in your life.

*Hebrews 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, **obtained promises**, stopped the mouths of lions.*

Many of the blessings and benefits of God are already provided for you through Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is not something God is going to do, but something He has already done. It is now up to you to take possession of these benefits by faith.

Jesus will not die again and shed His blood for your sin. He will not be striped again for your healing. He has already done these things for you. The victory that Jesus won in His death, burial and resurrection is your victory. Receive the victory that is yours through Jesus Christ by believing the promises of God.

5. When you pray, believe that you have received what you asked for. This is the prayer of faith.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Weymouth Translation

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Jesus has taken care of everything that is needed for you to receive what God has for you:

Gave Himself A Ransom

1 Timothy 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Having Forgiven

*Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven** you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

God has already forgiven you; but, it is up to you to receive what He has given you by faith.

Hath Once Suffered For Sins

*1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also **hath once suffered for sins**, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*

Christ has already suffered for your sins. It is in the past tense. He is not going to suffer for you again.

Hath Consecrated For Us

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he ***hath consecrated for us***, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).

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Hath Made Me Free

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ***hath made me free*** from the law of sin and death.

You have been made free from the bondage of sin and death.

Hath Blessed Us

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ***hath blessed us*** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

God has already blessed us.

Hath Borne Our Grievs And Carred Our Sorrows

*Isaiah 53:4 Surely he **hath borne our grieves, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Christ bore your grieves and carried your sorrows. He was beaten and wounded for your transgressions and iniquities. By His stripes, you are healed.

Say, I Am Strong

*Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, **I am strong**.*

Salvation Is

*Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. **Salvation is of the LORD**.*

Took And Bare Our Infirmities And Sicknesses

*Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses**.*

Healing has already (past tense) been provided by God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Being Justified

*Romans 3:24 **Being justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

Through the blood of Jesus Christ, you have been justified as if you had never sinned.

Hath Redeemed Us

*Galatians 3:13 Christ **hath redeemed us** from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Christ has already redeemed you.

Hath Put

*Ephesians 1:22 And **hath put** all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.*

Christ has already put all things under His feet.

Hath Quickened Us

*Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us** together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Christ has already quickened you and raised you up together with Him.

Hath Delivered Us

*Colossians 1:13 Who **hath delivered us** from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

Christ has already delivered you.

Ye Were Healed

*1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes **ye were healed**.*

By Jesus' stripes, you were healed.

Hath Given

*2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power **hath given** unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*

Have Overcome

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and **have overcome** them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

You are already an overcomer.

We Have The Petitions

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

*15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that **we have the petitions** that we desired of him.*

All Things Are Yours

*1 Corinthians 3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For **all things are yours**;*

22 *Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours.*

All things are already yours in Christ Jesus.

Jesus Finished the Work

John 17:4 *I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work** which thou gavest me to do.*

Jesus Christ finished the work on earth that the Father sent Him to do.

7. God declares the end from the beginning.

Isaiah 46:9 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

10 ***Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*

See the end from the beginning based on the promises of God.

8. Jesus Christ was slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8 *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.***

9. Rejoice thou barren.

Rejoice by faith because the victory is yours before you physically see the manifestation.

*Galatians 4:27 For it is written, **Rejoice, thou barren** that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.*

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

10. Faith is based on the Word and not on your natural senses.

*Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things not seen.***

Amplified Bible

*Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [**faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses**].*

11. God saw every believer in Christ before the foundation of the world.

*Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath **chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*

12. Salvation was complete in time past.

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye **saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

“**Saved**” in Ephesians 2:8 is in the perfect tense in the Greek. It means the action of salvation that took place in the past keeps right on coming up to the present. It is ongoing, ever present.

Saved means and includes healing, deliverance, preservation, safety, prosperity, redemption from sin, soundness, victory and much more.

Wuest Translation

*Ephesians 2:8 For by the **grace have you been saved in time past completely, through faith**, with the result that your salvation persists through present time; and this (salvation) is not from you as a source; of God it is the gift.*

We are saved by grace through faith. The grace is of God. The faith must be of you.

Do not confuse God’s grace with His sovereignty. Sovereignty is when God acts totally on His own and does not need your faith. Grace must be appropriated by faith. Faith gives access to God’s grace.

13. Salvation by grace is already available to everyone.

Salvation by grace is available to all mankind; but, not all of mankind has accepted and received it.

*Titus 2:11 For the **grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.***

Faith is an act of your will. Faith is you reaching out to God and receiving the gift of grace. Grace is God reaching out to you. God has already extended His hand to you by grace.

Jesus was God's gift of grace. He has already died, rose from the dead and sat down in heaven. Now, it is up to you to extend your hand to God by faith to receive His grace.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I receive God's promises by faith and put them
in the past tense before my physical senses
see the manifestation.**



Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
FAITH CALLS THINGS INTO BEING



Faith calls and speaks of things promised and foretold as if they already exist. Get in agreement with God and say about yourself, circumstances and others what He says. Faith talks as if you have already received the promise.

1. Faith calls things into being that do not yet exist.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and **speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.***

New American Standard

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist.***

Wuest Translation

Romans 4:17 *Even as it stands written, a father of many nations I have established you permanently, before Him whom he believed, before God who makes alive those who are dead and **calls the things that are not in existence as being in existence.***

Faith is believing that you receive the answer when you pray. You may not see the answer with your senses or physical eyes; but, by faith you believe you receive the answer now.

Faith allows you to be in the midst of opposition and still be in control. It follows orders. God made you a commander and faith is in your hands. It is up to you to use it. Faith can be sent and directed.

2. Bible faith perceives the answer as real fact before your senses have the manifestation of it.

If you have the faith, you have the proof that you will see the manifestation.

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things (we) hope for, being the proof of things (we) do not see and the conviction of their reality (faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses).*

Wuest Translation

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the title deed of things hoped for, the proof of things which are not being seen.*

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Amplified Bible

Mark 11:24 *For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].*

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 *That Is why I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.*

When it comes to faith, you have to believe that you have received what you prayed for before you see it with your physical senses.

3. Faith speaks what it believes.

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, **I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.***

Faith always speaks. Speaking releases what you believe in your heart.

Matthew 12:34 *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.***

4. God called Abram the father of many nations before Sarah, his wife, was pregnant.

*Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but **thy name shall be Abraham;** for a father of many nations have I made thee.*

Abram means exalted father. Abraham means father of a multitude. God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Once God changed Abram's name to Abraham, everyone called him "Abraham." They called him the father of a multitude before he physically became the father of Isaac.

God changed Sarai's name to Sarah. Sarai means contentious. Sarah means princess or beautiful.

Agree with God's Word. When God says that something is yours, call it yours by faith even if you cannot see the physical manifestation.

5. Decree a thing and it will be established.

*Job 22:28 Thou shalt also **decree a thing, and it shall be established** unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

Amplified Bible

*Job 22:28 You shall also decide and **decree a thing, and it shall be established** for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.*

New American Standard

*Job 22:28 You will also **decree a thing, and it will be established** for you; And light will shine on your ways.*

New International Version

*Job 22:28 What you **decide on will be done**, and light will shine on your ways.*

*Micah 6:1 Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills **hear thy voice**.*

Sometimes, the missing link is you addressing the situation! It is up to you, not someone else, to decide what promises of God you will believe, receive and call your own—salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing, wisdom, joy, peace of mind, prosperity, protection, etc.

6. Angels hearken (listen) to the voice of God's Word.

*Psalms 103:20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, **hearkening unto the voice of his word**.*

It is up to you to give voice to God's Word! Speaking and believing His Word causes angels to go forth to bring your words to pass.

7. Speak what the Word of God says.

*Proverbs 7:4 **Say** unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and **call** understanding thy kinswoman.*

It is up to you to do the saying, not someone else.

*Proverbs 10:11 The **mouth** of a righteous man is a **well** of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

“**Well**” in Proverbs 10:11 means source (Hebrew meaning).

*Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: **let the weak say, I am strong.***

Speak that you have the victory by faith before you can experience it with your physical senses.

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Your tongue is a powerful instrument. With it, you can start the process to produce life or death.

*Proverbs 13:3 He that **keepeth his mouth** keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*

It is up to you to guard your mouth and only allow it to speak words that agree with God's Word. You prevent trouble from entering your life by guarding your mouth. You are in charge of what you say. You are in control of and responsible for your own mouth, your own words.

8. Jesus is the High Priest of your confession.

*Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and **High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.***

Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the Word of God that you believe in your heart, confess and declare to be true. That makes the Word of God true for you. Everyone must receive the new birth or any other benefit from God as a matter of their own choice.

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us **hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised).*

Hold fast to saying what the Word of God promises you. God can only make good in your life the Word that you hold fast to.

*Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

It takes the shed blood of Jesus to give you victory; but, it also takes your confession of the Word to make it true in your life.

9. Sow the seed of the Word of God by speaking it.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

The Word of God is the incorruptible seed. It cannot fail and never changes. It is up to you to believe it, speak it and hold fast to it until it comes to pass.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

You are the sower. It is up to you to sow the Word. You sow the Word of God in your heart by believing it and speaking it. Your born-again heart is good soil. It is up to you to keep the rocks and thorns of strife and unbelief out of your heart. Strife and unbelief will try to destroy the Word from working in your life.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

The way you sow the seed of God's Word is by speaking it. Every Word of God that you speak has the capacity to be a seed sown. The Word has the power in it to produce what it says.

10. Speak the Word of God to the dry bones in your life and circumstances.

Ezekiel 37:4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

The Word of God is alive. You can put God's Word in your mouth and speak it to dead circumstances and situations. Speak God's Word to weak and withered things in your life.

It has the power in it to give life to dead and withered circumstances and situations!

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

11. It is up to you to speak to the mountains you want moved.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say **unto this mountain**, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

It is up to you to speak to the mountain what to do. It is not up to somebody else. You cannot doubt that what you say will come to pass. Believe and speak without doubting.

12. By faith, Moses refused to be called by what the world called him.

*Hebrews 11:24 **By faith** Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.*

Moses gave up what the world called him so he could take on what God called him. You have to give up what the world calls you so you can take on what God calls you. You cannot be called sick and healed at the same time. You cannot call yourself poor and wealthy at the same time. Call yourself what God calls you and watch Him bring it to pass.

13. God spoke to Joshua about the answer.

Joshua 6:1 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.
2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, **See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.**

God and faith had no respect for the conditions in Jericho in Joshua 6:1 (above) when He spoke to Joshua in verse 2. When you are fully persuaded, your faith will have no respect for the problem or the opposition.

Don't be moved by circumstances! God is greater than any problem or opposition!

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

I speak of things that God has promised and foretold that do not exist as if those things already exist.



(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:17

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
DIMENSIONS OF FAITH



Faith can be at various levels or dimensions. You may have strong faith in one area and weak faith in another area. It is up to you to exam yourself concerning the condition of your faith for the things you are believing God for. It is your responsibility to have faith that is pleasing to God. Weak faith can be developed into strong faith.

1. Strong Faith

*Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God.*

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew **strong and was empowered by faith** as he gave praise and glory to God.*

Faith grows stronger in an atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving for the answer before it is manifested.

2. Weak Faith

Weak faith does not have to stay weak. It can be made strong by meditating and acting on the Word.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your **faith groweth** exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

Amplified Bible

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought and indeed are obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of every one of you each toward the others is increasing and abounds.

3. No Faith

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have **no faith**?

Amplified Bible

Mark 4:38 But He [Himself] was in the stern [of the boat], asleep on the [leather] cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we are perishing?

39 And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness).

*40 He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful?
How is it that you have **no faith** (no firmly relying trust)?*

The disciples had faith concerning some things. They had been using their faith to see God do marvelous things in people; but, when it came to this particular storm, they had no faith to overcome the storm.

Getting an understanding of the Word of God concerning certain problems will cause your faith to grow to overcome those problems. For example, a person may have faith for healing; but, not for finances. A lack of understanding concerning God's will about finances is the reason for weak faith in that area. Learning and understanding what God says about finances will cause faith to grow in that area.

4. Shipwrecked Faith

Shipwrecked faith is when someone starts out believing God for something based on His Word, but allows doubt and fear to cause their faith to be unsuccessful. Faith can be shipwrecked if people do not obey God's Word or continue to put their trust in Him.

*1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning **faith** have **made shipwreck**.*

Amplified Bible

*1 Timothy 1:19 Holding fast to faith (that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence) and having a good (clear) conscience. By rejecting and thrusting from them [their conscience], some individuals have made **shipwreck of their faith**.*

5. Unwavering Faith

*James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

Amplified Bible

*James 1:6 Only it must be in faith that he asks with **no wavering** (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.*

It is your responsibility to not doubt or waver concerning what God has promised you. He would be unjust to put the responsibility of not wavering on you if you were not able to do it.

6. Growing Faith

*2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your **faith groweth exceedingly**, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.*

Amplified Bible

*2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought and indeed are obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is **growing exceedingly** and the love of every one of you each toward the others is increasing and abounds.*

Faith can be weak or strong. It does not just happen automatically. It is up to you to develop your faith so it will grow!

7. The God-kind of Faith

*Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them,
Have faith in God.*

*23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall
say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou
cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but
shall believe that those things which he saith shall
come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye
desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them,
and ye shall have them.*

Weymouth Translation

*Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, whatever you pray
and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—
it shall be yours.*

God releases His faith in the words He speaks. You have a measure of the God-kind of faith in your born-again spirit. Believing in your heart and speaking with your mouth is the way the God-kind of faith goes to work in your life.

8. Full of Faith

*Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude:
and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith** and of the
Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor,
and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte
of Antioch:*

*6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they
had prayed, they laid their hands on them.*

If you can be full of faith, it is possible for you to be only partially full of faith. Faith is a real, live, spiritual force that can be released to produce real results!

9. From Faith to Faith

*Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed **from faith to faith**: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

You can grow from saving faith to delivering faith to overcoming faith, etc. Your faith can grow to conquer bigger mountains and to do greater exploits for God.

10. Faith Made Void

*Romans 4:14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void**, and the promise made of none effect.*

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:14 If it is the adherents of the Law who are to be the heirs, then **faith is made futile and empty of all meaning and the promise [of God] is made void** (is annulled and has no power).*

*Mark 7:13 Making the **word of God of none effect through your tradition**, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.*

Faith cannot operate in an atmosphere of man-made traditions.

11. Vain Faith

*1 Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your **faith is also vain**.*

*1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your **faith is vain**; ye are yet in your sins.*

Praise God, Christ is risen, and your faith is not in vain!

12. Faith Increased

*2 Corinthians 10:15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your **faith is increased**, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,*

16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

Amplified Bible

*2 Corinthians 10:15 We do not boast therefore, beyond our proper limit, over other men's labors, but we have the hope and confident expectation that as your **faith continues to grow**, our field among you may be greatly enlarged, still within the limits of our commission,*

16 So that [we may even] preach the Gospel in lands [lying] beyond you, without making a boast of work already done in another [man's] sphere of activity [before we came on the scene].

Luke 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

*5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, **Increase our faith.***

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Amplified Bible

Luke 17:4 And even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and turns to you seven times and says, I repent [I am sorry], you must forgive him (give up resentment and consider the offense as recalled and annulled).

*5 The apostles said to the Lord, **Increase our faith** (that trust and confidence that spring from our belief in God).*

6 And the Lord answered, If you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even [so small] like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

Your faith can grow so you can forgive over and over those that sin against you. Sometimes it takes faith to be able to forgive.

13. Steadfast Faith

*Colossians 2:5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the **steadfastness of your faith** in Christ.*

Amplified Bible

Colossians 2:5 *For though I am away from you in body, yet I am with you in spirit, delighted at the sight of your [standing shoulder to shoulder in such] orderly array and the firmness and the solid front and **steadfastness of your faith** in Christ [that leaning of the entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].*

Faith can be strengthened to be steadfast and unmovable.

14. Little Faith

Matthew 6:30 *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of **little faith**?*

31 *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

32 *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Amplified Bible

Matthew 6:30 *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of **little faith**?*

31 *Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?*

32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

If faith can be little, it can also be great.

15. Great Faith

Matthew 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel.

If Jesus found someone with great faith, that means He was looking for someone with great faith. Great faith comes by hearing and acting on the Word of God!

16. Unfeigned (Sincere) Faith

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the **unfeigned faith** that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Amplified Bible

2 Timothy 1:5 I am calling up memories of your **sincere and unqualified faith** (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.

17. Faith Overthrown

2 Timothy 2:18 *Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and **overthrow the faith** of some.*

Amplified Bible

2 Timothy 2:18 *Who have missed the mark and swerved from the truth by arguing that the resurrection has already taken place. They are **undermining the faith** of some.*

18. Dead Faith

James 2:17 *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is **dead**, being alone.*

Amplified Bible

James 2:17 *So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (**inoperative, dead**).*

James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.*

Amplified Bible

James 2:26 *For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also **dead**.*

Dead faith is lifeless or unproductive faith.

19. Rich in Faith

*James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world **rich in faith**, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**My meditation is in the Word of God day and night.
My faith is growing stronger every day
and is pleasing to God.**



*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief;
but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. Romans 4:20*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM



You receive the blessings of Abraham the same way he received the promises of God—by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! You are the spiritual seed of Abraham by faith and, thus, an heir according to the promise made to him by God.

1. God blessed Abram and all families of the earth are blessed in him.

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

2. Abram was made righteous by faith, not by works.

*Genesis 15:6 And he **believed** in the Lord; and he **counted it to him for righteousness.***

Righteousness (salvation) comes by grace through faith, not by works.

The blessings of God come by faith that has works and actions (deeds of obedience) that correspond with faith.

3. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and put the promise of being a father of many nations in the past tense.

*Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but **thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.***

Abram means exalted father. Abraham means father of a multitude. God said that Abraham was (past tense) the father of a multitude before Sarah was pregnant with Isaac.

4. The blessings and promises of God are to those who have faith in God.

Romans 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

*8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but **the children of the promise are counted for the seed.***

9 For this is the word of promise, at this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

The natural seed of Abraham does not inherit the blessings and promises that God promised. The inheritance is to the seed of Abraham that have put their faith in Jesus Christ.

5. Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham.

*Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but **he took on him the seed of Abraham.***

“**Took**” in Hebrews 2:16 means took fast hold and turned not loose.

Jesus Christ is the Word and the second person of the God-head. In the Old Testament, He appeared as the Angel of the Lord, the burning bush, the Rock that followed Israel and other forms. When these happened, He always returned to His original state. However, when He, the Word, took on human form as the seed of Abraham, He took fast hold and will always be the seed of Abraham. He will live forever in a glorified human body.

6. Abraham put works (actions) with his faith in order to receive the promise.

*Hebrews 11:8 **By faith** Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.***

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

*Hebrews 11:17 **By faith** Abraham, when he was tried, **offered up Isaac:** and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*

18 Of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Faith must have some kind of corresponding action for it to be productive. If there is no action that corresponds to what you believe, faith is dead and inoperative.

*James 2:17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.***

Amplified Bible

*James 2:17 So also **faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).***

*James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead?***

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Amplified Bible

*James 2:20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that **faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?***

21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac?

22 You see that [his] **faith was cooperating with his works**, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] **by [good] works**.

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, **thine only son Isaac**, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Notice, God referred to Isaac as the only son of Abraham. Ishmael (fathered by Abraham, born to Hagar before Isaac was born to Sarah) was at least a teenager at this time. **Isaac was the only son that Abraham had that came by promise through faith**.

The blessing of God comes when you are obedient to what God has told you to do, not through your natural works and efforts. A lot of people are doing good things, but not necessarily what God told them to do.

7. The blessing of Abraham comes by faith.

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit** by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

“Received ye the Spirit” in Galatians 3:2 refers to your new birth.

Galatians 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Moffat Translation

Galatians 3:5 When He supplies you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, is it because you do what the Law commands or because you believe the gospel message?

6 Why, it is as with Abraham, he had faith in God and that was counted to him AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Real faith is based solely upon the Word of God. The blessings of Abraham came by faith and not by doing the works of the Law of Moses, which was by human effort and ability.

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

21 *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.*

22 *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

23 *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*

24 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

25 *But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

26 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

27 *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

29 *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Galatians 4:22 *For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free-woman.*

23 *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*

24 *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*

25 *For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*

26 *But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

27 *For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.*

28 *Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.*

29 *But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.*

30 *Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*

31 *So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.*

8. We are to walk in the steps of the faith of Abraham.

Romans 4:1 *What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?*

2 *For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.*

3 *For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

4 *Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*

5 *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

6 *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*

7 *Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*

8 *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

9 *Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.*

10 *How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.*

11 *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*

12 *And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

13 *For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

14 *For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:*

15 *Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.*

16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

17 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 *As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.*

New American Standard

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.*

Romans 4:18 *In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”*

19 *Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:19 *He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah’s [deadened] womb.*

New American Standard

Romans 4:19 *Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.*

Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God.

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

The Steps Abraham Took to See Miracles

- He, being not weak in faith, believed the Word of God.
- He was fully persuaded by the Word of God alone.

- He held fast the beginning of his confidence when his faith was tested.
- He was wholly occupied with the Word of God.
- He refused to cast away his confidence when God told him to offer Isaac.
- He did not weaken in faith as he considered his own body and the deadness of Sarah's womb.
- He grew strong in faith as he praised God.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb.

God works miracles with you the same way He did with Abraham. Receive by faith giving praise and glory to God!

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I believe on and receive Jesus Christ as my Savior.
I am of the seed of Abraham by faith and an heir of the
blessings promised to him through covenant with God.**



*Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham;
for a father of many nations have I made thee. Genesis 17:5*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
**FAITH ACTIVATES THE POWER
THAT IS IN THE WORD OF GOD**



Learning what real Bible faith is and learning how to release it is fundamentally important to the proper use of faith. Using faith the way God says to use it is what will activate the power that is in the Word of God.

1. The Word of God is alive.

You must learn how to activate the power that is in the Word of God. The Word is like a seed. It has the faith and power in itself to produce what it says.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Faith is the only thing that activates the promises and favor of God.

2. The gospel, which is the Word of God, is the power of God.

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

The gospel of Christ is the means that God uses to make His power available to His people.

3. The Word of God has life in it.

*John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and **they are life.***

“**Life**” (zoe, Greek) in John 6:63 is talking about the God-kind of life.

Jesus did what He wanted to with the fig tree when He spoke to it (Mark 11:12–23). Faith went to the root of the tree. Your faith will go to the root of situations in your life. Operating in faith puts the power and life of God to work in circumstances. The Word of God has the Spirit and life of God in it.

4. The Word is like a seed that has life in it.

You must learn how to plant (receive) the seed (the Word) and activate the life that is in it.

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Amplified Bible

*1 Peter 1:23 You have been regenerated (born-again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is **immortal** by the ever living and lasting Word of God.*

A seed has life in it; but, it will not produce until it is sown and watered. Believe that you receive and maintain a continual confession of the Word giving praise and glory to God.

5. The woman with the issue of blood spoke and acted on what she believed.

The woman's words and actions are what activated the power that was in Jesus (the Word).

*Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
28 For she said, **If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.**
29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

*34 And he said unto her, **Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

Faith in action causes the power that is in the Word (Jesus) to be activated and released! What you believe must be acted upon for the power that is in the Word to be activated!

6. The God-kind of faith requires believing with your heart and speaking with your mouth.

Notice in Mark 11:23 that you must do three times as much saying as you do believing.

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

*23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even **in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

In order to activate the power that is in God's Word, you must not only believe it, you must speak it.

7. You must believe that you receive when you pray.

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 *That Is why I tell you, **whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.***

The seed (the Word) must be planted (received and conceived) in your heart at the time you pray. After the Word is received into your heart (the soil), it must be watered with a continual confession of God's Word, praising and thanking Him for the answer until the manifestation comes.

8. Faith must have actions that correspond and agree with what you are believing in order for faith to work.

James 2:17 *Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.***

Amplified Bible

James 2:17 So also ***faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).***

New English Bible

James 2:17 So also ***faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself.***

The Twentieth Century New Testament

James 2:17 ...In just the same way ***faith, if not followed by actions is, by itself, a lifeless thing.***

American Standard Version

James 2:17 Even so ***faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself.***

Faith is powerless and unproductive if your actions and words do not agree with what you are believing! Act and talk like you believe the promise of God that you are wanting to be manifested in your life, even if you do not feel like it.

Continually speaking the Word causes it to take root in your heart. When the Word takes root in your heart, you begin to speak the Word of faith from your heart and believe that what you are speaking will come to pass.

9. You must be a doer of the Word, not only a hearer.

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how ***faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?***

The Emphasized Bible (New Testament)

James 2:22 ...And by his **works** did his faith become full grown.

Moffatt Translation

James 2:22 ...**faith was completed by deeds.**

Amplified Bible

James 2:22 You see that [his] **faith was cooperating with his works**, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.

Do not wait for God to sovereignly meet your need. Although God can and does move sovereignly, acting on His own, separate and apart from your faith, you may never receive your need met if you wait for Him to move this way. It is rare that God will meet your needs sovereignly when He has given you His Word. God wants you to stand on His Word and believe Him to bring it to pass in your life. It is up to you to initiate and activate the power that is in God's Word by believing and acting upon it.

You must be the instigator. It is up to you to act on the Word. Faith in action will activate the power of God that is in His Word.

Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Many Christians who are born again and citizens of heaven do not live victorious lives here on earth. Accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior makes you ready to go to heaven. You must, however, be a doer of the Word to walk in victory now.

10. Faith is acting on God's Word.

Faith must be released in order for it to work. It is released by:

- a. Speaking the Word – maintaining a steadfast confession of God's Word
- b. Acting on the Word – maintaining action that corresponds what you are declaring according to God's Word

11. Faith is mixed with God's Word by saying it.

*Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*

The Word is alive and powerful; however, it will not work for you unless you mix faith with it. The way you mix faith with the Word is by saying it!

12. Sow the seed of faith by saying the Word.

*Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might **say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

Faith is likened unto a seed. The seed must be sown in order for it to produce.

13. The Word must be mixed with faith in order for it to become active.

*Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*

Amplified Bible

*Hebrews 4:2 For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not **mixed with faith** (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).*

Faith comes by hearing the Word.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 10:17 So **faith comes by hearing** [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

What you hear must be acted upon for the power in the Word to be activated in your life!

14. Meditating the Word enables you to be able to observe and do what it says to do.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest **observe to do** according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Amplified Bible

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall **meditate** on it day and night, that you may **observe and do** according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Amplified Bible

Psalms 1:2 *But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually **meditates** (ponders and studies) by day and by night.*

3 *And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].*

Meditate (in Hebrew) means to ponder and to mutter in a low tone of voice. Meditating God's Word causes the seed of His Word to be conceived in your born-again spirit. This is absolutely necessary. You must believe the Word in your heart; then, when you speak the Word, it will have spirit life in it.

15. The Word is the beginning of all things.

John 1:1 ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*

3 *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

All things were made by the Word (Jesus Christ). The Word is greater than your problems.

16. God used His Word to frame His desires.

Genesis 1:3 *And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Put God's Word in your heart and mouth to frame the world that He has promised you in His Word.

17. Faith is a spiritual force.

Hebrew 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God's Word is the beginning point of all things. Speak the Word of God in faith to cause your desires to come to pass. Victory comes as you keep on saying the Word of God. If you keep silent, you will not receive.

18. The Word must continue to abide in you.

*John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words **abide in you**, ye shall **ask** what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

“Ask” in John 15:7 means to demand what is rightfully yours. When you are born again, you are abiding in Christ. His Word must also abide in you. Your words must agree with His Words. You are not demanding things from God. He has already promised you blessings and victory. You are demanding for things in your life to come in line with God's Word.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

My walk of faith is causing the power that is in God's Word to be released and it is meeting my every need.



*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing:
the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63*

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
**REAL FAITH BELIEVES
THAT YOU RECEIVE**



Real Bible faith believes that you receive the answer when you pray before there is any manifestation of it to your natural senses.

1. You must believe that you receive the promise before you see the manifestation.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Weymouth Translation

*Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, **whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it— it shall be yours.***

You cannot believe you receive something that does not already exist. It must exist before it can be physically manifested. When Jesus said to believe that you receive when you pray shows that it does exist in order for you to believe that you receive it; but, it exists outside the realm of your senses. *Faith brings it into the realm of the senses!* The seed (the Word) must be planted (received and conceived) in your heart before the manifestation can come.

*Matthew 21:22 And all things, **whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.***

2. Put your foot on your inheritance.

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

God has provided you blessings, promises and inheritance. It is up to you to put the sole of your foot on them. Take possession!

Deuteronomy 11:24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

3. It is up to you to possess what God has promised and provided for you.

*Deuteronomy 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and **go in and possess the land**, whither ye go to possess it.*

*Deuteronomy 11:31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to **go in to possess the land** which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.*

What God gives by promise can be and must be received by faith. Faith is acting on God's Word.

4. All things are possible to them that believe.

Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible to him that believeth.***

God's power and willingness is available; but, it takes you believing to take hold of His blessings. God is able to do all things; however, He is only able to do in your life what you believe He can and will do.

Wuest Translation

Mark 9:22 *But if you are able to do anything, help us at once having had compassion upon us.*

23 *And Jesus said to him, as for those words of yours, if you are able: —**all things are possible to the one who believes.***

5. Believing that you receive requires corresponding action.

James 2:14 *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he **hath faith, and have not works?** can faith save him?*

Weymouth Translation

James 2:14 *What good is it my brethren if a man **professes to have faith and yet his actions do not correspond?***

Weymouth Translation

James 2:22 *You notice that **his faith was co-operating with his actions, and that by his actions his faith was perfected.***

Faith does not work unless it has action that agrees with it. Action that corresponds with your faith is necessary for faith to work. Before faith can activate the power that is in God's

Word, there must be the action of speaking and doing that corresponds to the Word.

*James 2:17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.***

Amplified Bible

*James 2:17 So also **faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).***

*James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*

6. You must see yourself with the answer before it is manifested.

*Joshua 6:2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, **See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.***

You must believe that you have by faith what you are praying for before you can have it. If you do not have it by faith first, you cannot have it. Joshua believed (received) God had given him Jericho before the children of Israel ever marched around the walls and shouted. Faith receives the answer before your senses can perceive it.

*Hebrews 11:1 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things not seen.***

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Hebrews 11:1 Now **faith** is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [**faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses**].

When you are walking by faith, you are walking outside the realm of your senses. Faith is taking hold of and using what has been provided for you by Jesus Christ in His redemptive work on your behalf. Faith reaches out and takes hold of those things that are, first of all, in the spirit realm and outside the sense realm and brings them into the physical realm.

God is a Spirit. He created all things. Things that are now physical were first in the spiritual realm before they were brought into the physical realm.

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Hebrews 11:1 Now faith means that we are confident of what we **hope for, convinced of what we do not see**.

Hope is what sets the goal; but, it takes faith to bring the goal into manifestation.

7. Faith speaks of what God has promised as if it already exists.

Speaking what God says is one of the best ways to activate faith. Speaking God's Word is faith in action!

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 *As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and **speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.***

Faith receives the promise as though you already possess it. Once a farmer has sown the seed, he is confident of the harvest before there is any physical evidence.

Genesis 17:5 *Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be **Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.***

Abram did not receive the promised child until God changed his name to Abraham. When Abram began to say that he was Abraham, which means father of a multitude, he received the promise. God did not put the promise in the future. He put it in the past tense. When Abraham agreed with God, the promise was fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, **I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.***

Speaking what you believe always accompanies real believing.

8. You will reap what you sow.

Galatians 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***

The seed of the Word of God must be sown (received and conceived) in your heart before a harvest is produced.

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

The seed of God's Word is always good. It is up to you to sow the seed by believing it in your heart.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

*Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;
27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.*

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The seed (the Word) must be planted (received and conceived) in your heart at the time you pray or say it. After the Word is received into your heart (the soil), it must be watered by continually confessing it. Praise and thank God for the answer until what you have prayed for manifests.

9. Believing the Bible must be from your heart, not from your mind.

God is a Spirit. He is not a mind. God communicates with your spirit. Learn to listen to God and believe Him with your spirit (heart).

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Amplified Bible

Romans 10:9 Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.

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Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Trust God with your heart. Do not lean on or trust your own understanding. God knows the beginning from the end! You know in part! God knows all! Trust Him that He will work all things out for your certain good!

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and **shall not doubt** in his heart, but **shall believe** that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

Believe with your heart, not your mind. Mental assent that the Bible is true is not Bible faith. Human reasoning and sense knowledge has nothing to do with Bible faith.

10. The woman with the issue of blood put her faith into action.

The woman believed she received when she touched the hem of Jesus' garment.

Mark 5:27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

*28 For she said, **If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.***

*29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and **she felt in her body that she was healed** of that plague.*

*Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

The woman used her faith to receive her healing. Jesus did not pray for her or even know she was there until after she touched His garment and received healing.

The Woman's Actions That Caused Her To Be Healed:

- She said what she believed.
 - She acted on what she said.
 - She received healing.
 - She spoke what happened.
11. You must believe that you receive what you are believing God for when hands are laid on you.

When hands are laid on you is the time you start believing you have received the answer. You do not wait to believe for it to come later. You must believe that you receive it by faith at the same moment you are prayed for. From that time on, praise and thank God for the answer until it is manifested.

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Prayer has more to do with receiving the answer than it does in making known the request. God already knows what you need before you pray. He wants to see what you will believe Him to do.

12. The centurion received the spoken Word.

*Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.***

The centurion received healing for his servant at the time the Word was spoken by Jesus.

13. A man born blind received his sight when he obeyed Jesus' command.

The man received his healing when he washed the clay spittle off his eyes.

*John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) **He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.***

14. Naaman, the leper, received healing when he dipped seven times in the Jordan River.

2 Kings 5:14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman believed he received when he obeyed the command of the Lord through the prophet Elisha.

15. It is up to you what you allow with your faith.

*Romans 14:22 Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing **which he alloweth**.*

23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

You are the one that decides to believe and receive or not. You can decide to believe or not believe something (good or bad) with your heart.

16. Abraham believed the promise of God and put his believing into action.

Abraham agreed with God and began to say what God said.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Abraham grew strong in faith as he praised God for the promise. He received the answer by faith and praised God for it before he saw it with his physical eyes.

*Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith, giving glory to God.***

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but **he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God.***

17. Say what you believe in your heart.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, *Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things **which he saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith.****

According to Mark 11:23, you must do three times as much saying as you do believing. Believing is mentioned once and say or saith, as pertaining to the believer, is mentioned three times. Christians are not missing as much in their believing as they are in their saying.

Notice that when you say it, it has not come to pass yet. You say it first and then it comes to pass! Coming to pass follows saying. You do not say it because you feel like you have it or can see the manifestation with your natural eyes. You say it because God's Word promises it to you! Your senses are not involved in believing with your heart what the Word of God has promised you.

You cannot pray in faith and then speak or confess negatively and receive answers to prayer. Your words must correspond with your faith!

18. The Ten Lepers

Luke 17:12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

*14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, **as they went, they were cleansed.***

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

The lepers were healed as they acted upon God's Word.

According to the Law of Moses, lepers were to show themselves to the priests after they were healed so they could be examined. In those days, the priests had to declare a person free of leprosy before they could enter into normal society. The lepers acted on their faith by starting to go to the priests as Jesus told them to do. Their act of faith activated the power of God's Word and they were healed. They had to believe they were healed and were on the way to the priests when their healing was manifested. If they had not believed they were healed and acted like they were, they would have never been healed.

If you wait to see the manifestation to believe, you will never receive the manifestation.

19. The natural man cannot understand the things of God.

*1 Corinthians 2:14 But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.*

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*1 Corinthians 2:14 But the **natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God**, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are **spiritually discerned** and estimated and appreciated.*

Spiritual things exist before your natural senses know it. By faith, believe that you receive what God's Word promises you and it will come to pass!

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

**I believe that I receive the answer to my prayer
when I pray before experiencing any manifestation
of it through my natural senses.**



And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

PRECEPTS OF FAITH
ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH



Everyone on earth is a free, moral agent with the right to believe or not to believe some or all of God's promises. The Bible has much to say about individuals receiving the promises of God according to their own faith.

There are numerous places in the New Testament where multitudes were healed, but only nineteen times that tell about Jesus healing specific individuals. Twelve of the nineteen cases clearly indicate that the healing took place based on the individual's own personal faith. Some of the other nineteen cases indicate indirectly that the individual's personal faith was responsible for the healing taking place.

Most of the time, people will receive healing or other benefits from God based on their own personal faith. It is God that does the work; but, it is the faith of the individual that activates the power of God for that work.

1. At the time of the new birth, everyone is given the same measure of faith.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure of faith.***

This measure of faith comes from God and is the God-kind of faith. He gives you the tools to use to obtain His benefits and blessings; however, it is up to you to use them.

2. All things are possible to them that believe.

*Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible to him that believeth.***

The responsibility of believing and receiving is on you.

3. Nothing is impossible to you when you exercise faith.

*Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

Jesus put the responsibility of receiving on the person making the request. It is up to you to exercise faith in order to receive.

4. Jesus expected the disciples to use their faith to calm the storm.

*Matthew 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and **rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.***

God expects you to use your faith to calm the storms in your life.

*Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.***

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

5. Jesus said to the woman with the issue of blood, "Your faith has made you whole."

*Matthew 9:22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; **thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

Even though it was the power of God in Jesus that healed the woman, it was her faith that activated the power.

Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 *But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.*

34 *And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

6. Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue, believed Jesus to heal his daughter.

Mark 5:22 *And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,*

23 *And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, **come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.***

24 *And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

Mark 5:35 *While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?*

36 *As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.*

37 *And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.*

38 *And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.*

39 *And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.*

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

It was Jesus who did the miracle; but, He could not have done it without the faith of Jairus.

7. Two blind men were healed according to their faith.

Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

*29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.***

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

Jesus did the miracle; but, He could only perform the miracle according to the faith of the two blind men. They believed and received! God can only do for you according to your faith.

8. Jesus rebuked Peter for having little faith to walk on the water.

Matthew 14:30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

*31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of **little faith**, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

It was Peter's faith that allowed him to walk on water. He began to doubt as he paid more attention to the wind and waves and had less focus on Jesus.

The responsibility for exercising faith is up to you. You are a free, moral agent with the right and power of choice; otherwise, God would be a respecter of persons if the decision was up to Him to help one person and not help another.

9. The woman of Canaan's daughter was healed by her faith.

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 *Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

It was the woman's faith that obtained deliverance for her daughter. Jesus did not deliver her as a sovereign act of His will without the woman's faith and will being involved. There are times God will act sovereignly; but, those times are rare. Most of the time, it is the faith of the individual that activates the power of God to meet the need.

10. Your faith will bring answers to prayer.

Mark 11:23 *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*
24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Faith is God's method of moving on your behalf.

Matthew 21:21 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith, and doubt not,** ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*
22 *And all things, **whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.***

11. You must have faith to please God.

*Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Take time to learn about faith and how it works. God wants to bless you; but, He can only bless you according to your faith.

12. The man at the gate Beautiful was healed by faith.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

*Acts 3:16 And **his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong**, whom ye see and know: yea, the **faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

This man was made whole by exercising faith in the name of Jesus.

13. The centurion's servant was healed by faith.

Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

*8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.***

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

*10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel.*

*Matthew 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and **as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

The centurion received according to what he believed.

14. The just shall live by faith.

*Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith.***

*Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **the just shall live by faith.***

*Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **the just shall live by faith.***

*Hebrews 10:38 Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

15. You are saved by grace through faith.

*Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

All the blessings of God are available by faith. God gave you the measure of faith at the time you were born again. Learn to take your faith and use it to receive His blessings. This is His plan for you.

Believe It! Say It! Praise God For It!

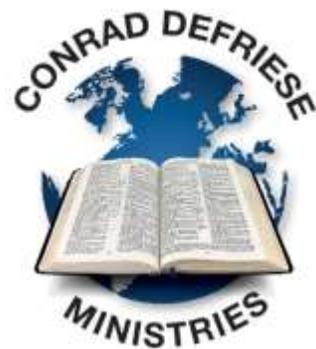
I am learning how to release my faith in order to receive the benefits and blessings that God has promised me in His Word.



*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
Mark 9:23*

I pray this study guide will bring you into greater understanding of Bible faith and how it works. Meditating on and studying these precepts will allow the Holy Spirit to increase your understanding and revelation knowledge as to the true meaning of faith and how to activate it to cause the blessings and promises of God to become a manifested reality in your life.

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