

THE MECHANICS OF A PRODUCTIVE FAITH

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The mechanics of something are the parts or motions it takes to facilitate a particular objective. Faith has mechanics- parts that are absolutely necessary to make it work.

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.

1. REVELATION

Faith begins as a revelation of God's mind and thoughts transferred to man. The revelation begins with the known word of God.

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Faith Could Be Defined As The Transplantation Of God's Mind Into Man

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

When the Bible says, faith cometh by hearing the word of God, it is speaking of a spiritual hearing that produces a quickening. It's specifically defined as Rhema,

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The Measure Of Revelation That One Receives Is Within One's Own Control.

The word of God states in:

REVELATION 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Having an ear to catch revelation is speaking of having a heart for Gods voice. You control the heart you bring to the encounter.

HEBREWS 4:1-2

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 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.

MARK 4:14-20

The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

2. IMAGINATION

Once you catch the revelation of God's mind, God begins to expand your imagination.

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Revelation Causes Us To Dream On Another Level. A Healthy Imagination Is The Sign Of A Living Faith.

ILLUSTRATION: A child is given a bicycle with training wheels to reset the imagination to what is possible, and to create an experience that renews the mind.

God will usually limit himself to your imagination.

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,

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God Is Not Interested Until You Begin To Dream Of Things Impossible.

A part of that power at work in you is the power of faith and imagination.

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Imagination Is The Ability Of A Healthy Soul To Vividly Contemplate Things That Have Not Materialized Yet.

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.

3. REGIMENTATION

A regimen is a consistent set of activities designed to create a desired out come.

- A. Keep Hearing The Word**
- B. Meditate What You Hear**
- C. Profess Your Preferred Future**

HEBREWS 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

- D. Obey The Instructions**
- E. Wait Patiently**

ROMANS 4:19-21

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 Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

4. MANIFESTATION

The manifestation of your faith comes in increments and may be overlooked if you're not careful.

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Your Faith Is Working Long Before It's Evident.

There were ten lepers who begged Jesus for healing. He told them to go and show

themselves to the priest. The Bible said "As they went they were cleansed."

MARK 4:26-29

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

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Gratitude For Every Level Is Imperative To Completing The Faith Process.

When Jesus had two fish and five loaves to feed a multitude of thousands, he lifted it up and gave thanks. While he was thankful the faith was working.

