

Faith – Wisdom – Fear

1. The Balance between faith and wisdom –

- A. These two do not contradict each other
- B. God is the source of Faith and Wisdom
- C. Faith – Embraces those things that God has promised to us in his word
- D. Wisdom – is the insight needed to;
 - i. See things through
 - ii. Walk in victory
 - iii. Walk in success
 - iv. Overcome the enemy
 - v. Strategy for Battles
 - vi. Etc.

E. We need to walk in faith – We need to walk in wisdom

F. Faith Scriptures

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

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) – *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*

G. Wisdom Scriptures

Proverbs 4:5 (KJV) – *Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth*

James 1:5 (KJV) – *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*

2. God doesn't always do things the same way

- A. There were times that God simply MOVED because of faith – The woman with the issue of blood simply reached out by faith and took her miracle

- B. There were other times that God gave specific direction
- i. Hezekiah – God gave instructions for his healing
Isaiah 38:21 (KJV) – *For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover*
 - ii. Paul – Stay with the Ship
Acts 27:31 (NIV) – *Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men **stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.**"*
 - iii. Jesus – put mud on a man’s eyes
John 9:6 (NIV) – *After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and **put it on the man's eyes***
 - iv. Other Examples:
 - *The lepers were told to go show themselves to the priest and were healed as they went*
 - *Naaman was told to dip seven times in Jordan*

NOTE: FAITH isn’t just saying, “I am believing God” – Faith is hearing everything that God is saying and following his directions

NOTE: God may simply move to heal/provide/protect – or he may give you specific directions to follow in order to receive victory

3. Wisdom

- A. Wisdom is not fear
2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV) – *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
- i. Fear is referenced many times in scripture
 - ii. Jesus spoke against fear –
John 14:1 (KJV) – *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me*
- B. Many are confusing wisdom with fear – Godly wisdom simply hears and follows the voice of God
- C. Many believe that a person who is walking in wisdom is in fear
This is not true!

4. Examples of people who followed Wisdom/God’s direction/Insight

- A. **Acts 16:6-8 (KJV)** – ⁶*Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,* ⁷*After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.* ⁸*And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas*
- i. Paul wanted to go to these places to preach – but was forbidden by the Holy Spirit
 - ii. Some would have accused them of being afraid to go to these regions.
 - iii. Some would have accused them of lacking faith to go
 - iv. Later – they would go to these places
- B. When famine was coming upon Egypt – God used **Joseph** as a ruler to prepare for the coming trouble
- i. God didn’t just send food and supplies out of heaven
 - ii. God give instruction/wisdom for seven years of preparation
 - iii. The victory was in hearing and following the Wisdom of God

5. Every believer needs;

- A. Faith – Faith comes by hearing the Word of God
- B. Wisdom – Insight – how to walk faith out
- C. To drive fear out – *If you fill yourself with the Word to develop in faith – you will drive fear out.*