
Three Elements to Deal With Life

Faith is not one-dimensional; it grows in seven distinct movements that shape a believer's walk with God.

“Lord, grow our faith in every direction.

Strengthen our hearing, deepen our belief,

Sharpen our obedience, fortify our endurance,

purify our speech, enlarge our generosity,

and ignite our worship.

Make us believers who bear fruit in every season. Amen.”

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PERCEPTION — How You See It

Perception Determines Direction. Before you move, you look.

Before you decide, you interpret.

Before you respond, you perceive.

Nothing in your life changes until your vision changes.

You Don't Live by What You Face — You Live by How You See It

Two people can face the same situation and respond differently.

“If you can see it right, think it right, and respond right — you can survive anything, overcome anything, and grow through everything.”

Matthew 24:24

In the Bible, the spirit of deception refers to a demonic or satanic influence that leads individuals away from God’s truth, causing them to believe lies, embrace false doctrines, or make ungodly decisions.

Effects and Warnings

The spirit of deception can lead to spiritual blindness, moral compromise, and estrangement from God. Biblical examples include King Ahab being deceived by a spirit to his downfall

1 Kings 22:21-23

Because Ahab has repeatedly rejected the truth, prophets, repentance, and God. When people reject truth long enough, God may allow them to be hardened in their deception.

. Mark 8:18

Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?

Matthew 13:13-15

'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

/ For this people's heart has grown callous; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.'

Matthew 24:22 ►

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Spiritual Warfare Includes Deception

Deception is a spiritual weapon used against those who refuse God's truth.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, 30slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful. They invent new forms of evil; they disobey their parents....

The Enemy Attacks Vision First

If he can distort how you see:

Yourself

God

Your situation

Your future...then he can control how you respond.

This is why Scripture constantly says:

“Lift up your eyes.”

2 Corinthians 4:4

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Acts 26:18

to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Me.'

. Perception Is a Spiritual Discipline

You must train your eyes to:

Look for God's hand

Look beyond the moment

Look through the Word

Look past fear

Look toward the promise

Your eyes must be disciplined before your feet can be directed.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Ephesians 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what the hope of his calling is, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when Christ appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. / And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as Christ is pure.

PROCESSING —

How You Think About It

Romans 12:2 •

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

PROCESSING —

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds ;)

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;

Processing Is Where You Separate Truth From Lies

Prayer filters emotions.

Scripture filters thoughts.

Counsel filters decisions.

PARTICIPATION — How You Respond to It

James 2:17

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

Joshua 1:9A.

Have I not commanded thee?

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

God Gives Strength

You Give Steps

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Faith is not proven by what you feel.

Faith is proven by what you do.

Obedience Is the Bridge Between Promise and Possession

Israel didn't get the land because they shouted.

They got it because they stepped.

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.