

BASIC FAITH PRINCIPLES

The Divine Order Of Faith-Believe That You Receive

I. **Apart from faith there is no victory and we have no means of success (1 Jn 5:4)**

- A. People who don't **know and apply** the principles of faith will be limited in the victories they see manifest in their lives
- B. Every victory in life is given as an act of grace that flowed through your faith
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 15:10 – We need to have balance in grace on faith
 - 2. Faith is the channel through which the grace of God flows (Ephesians 2:8)
 - 3. Faith is not working to earn, it's doing what's necessary to receive

II. **What is faith? What exactly are we supposed to believe?**

- A. Faith is perceiving as real fact what's not yet revealed to the senses (Heb 11:1)
 - 1. **Fact**-Anything done or that comes to pass; facts are stubborn things, reality
 - a. It's not yet revealed to my senses, but I believe it as real fact
 - b. If it doesn't become fully persuaded real fact faith you won't receive
 - 2. **Faith**-Conviction of the truth or reality of anything
 - a. When a report comes that's not in line with the Word something inside of convicts you that the report is not true
- B. Faith levels
 - 1. Believing in God- **His Reality**---The devils do that (James 2:19)
 - 2. Believing God can-**His Ability**---An unborn again man did that (Matt 8:2)
 - 3. Believing God will-**His Willingness**---Lack revelation of the Father's will (Eph 5:17)
 - 4. Believing God has done it and he's offering it-**His Grace/Faith**; Agreeing w/ His Word (Rom 3:3-4)
 - a. This is believing that Jesus has already obtained for you everything that you could ever need and is offering it to you
 - 5. Believing you have received-**Receiving**---Working Principles (Mark 11:23)
- C. Faith to receive (Mark 11:23-24)
 - 1. It didn't say believe God can or God will and you'll receive; It said believe that you have received them and you will have them
 - 2. Faith is perceiving that I have it at and it's fact even though it's not yet revealed to my senses
 - a. Religion never believes it receives; it always talks about what God can do, what God will do, but never talks about what God has done and what's mine b/c of it
 - 3. Faith says Lord I believe you done it, I believe you're offering it to me, so I take it and it's mine now in Jesus name.

D. The trying of your faith is coming (1 Peter 1:7)

III. Every born again child of God was given the measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

A. God's no respecter of persons; He didn't give me more faith than you (Gal 5:22, 2 Thessalonians 3:2)

B. That measure of faith (the fruit of faith) has the potential to grow if you spend time hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

1. No Word = No Faith = No Victory---Little Word = Little Faith = Little Victory; A lot of Word = A lot of Faith = A lot of Victory

a. The amount of victory that we see in your life can be traced back to the amount of Word that you spend time with

2. To think that you have big faith and yet don't spend time in the Word violates spiritual law

a. What's interesting is that hearing that many believers won't go home and spend anymore time in the Word (Proverbs 13:13)

3. One of the main reasons people lose in life is because they spend time with the wrong words (Genesis 3, Numbers 13, Matthew 14)

C. Double-minded, non-persuaded faith won't receive from God (James 1:8)

1. The only way to develop your faith to this place of full persuasion and see victory manifest in your life is through time spent in the Word

2. You got to spend so much time with this word that when an evil report comes there's something inside of you convicting about what's really real

IV. Two of the greatest deceptions where faith is concerned in the church today:

A. Putting off till tomorrow instead of putting on today

1. As long as you believe something is going to happen you haven't believed you've received anything; you believe you're going to receive

2. Proverbs 23:7-It didn't say as a man thinks he's going to be, he will be

B. People asking for things that God's already offering; so instead of believing that they have received it they're asking for it

1. This is a **grace-faith system** and everything that you receive from God will be given by grace and received through faith (Rom 4:16, 5:2, Eph 2:8)

a. We've had the wrong picture; the picture we've had is that God has it and we don't and we got to ask Him for it because He's not offering it

2. You were saved by grace through faith (Eph 2:8, Rom 10:8-10)

a. You can believe God can save, will save, is offering salvation, and die and go to hell; you have to believe you receive salvation

- b. You didn't ask to get saved; you placed a demand on the salvation that God was offering; You took the salvation that God was offering
 - c. You didn't confess he was going to be your Lord
 - 3. The day you got born again there was a deposit made into your account with everything that you would ever need that pertains to life and godliness and God put it there by grace (2 Peter 1:4, Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:13)
 - a. Life-Absolute fullness of life, life real & genuine, life active & vigorous, devoted 2 God, blessed
 - b. You are a joint heir with Jesus (Romans 8:17, John 16:13, Heb 1:2)
 - c. You don't ask for your inheritance; you do what's necessary to receive it
 - 4. John 15:7,16:23-Ask (Aieto) – To be adamant in requesting and demanding assistance to meet tangible needs, to demand, insist, require, call for
 - a. You place a demand on what God's offering with your faith by believing you have received
 - b. EX-When you go to the bank to get money you take the steps necessary to make the withdrawal. You're placing a demand on what's already yours. You don't ask for your money, it's yours
- C. Once you have believed you received there's no more asking (Philippians 4:6)
 - 1. If you really have believe that you have received it's seen most in your words and in your attitude (Rom 15:13)
 - 2. You thank God like it's already done because you believe you received it
 - a. You keep your faith engaged through thanksgiving
 - b. Psalm 8:2-This is the praise that stills the avenger
 - c. Joshua 6:2,16
 - 3. Through faith and patience be consistent and receive (Heb 6:12)

V. The just live by faith (Hebrews 10:38, Rom 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Habakkuk 2:4)

- A. To live by faith means in every situation you agree with what God's Word says
 - 1. 1 Peter 2:24 – God says you're healed, you say you're sick
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 8:9 – God says you're are rich, you say you can't afford
 - 3. Romans 8:37 – God says you are more than a conqueror, you say you feel so defeated
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 2:16, 1:30, 1 John 2:20 – God says you have the mind of Christ, the wisdom of God, and an unction from the Holy one to know all things, you say you don't know what to do
 - 5. John 14:27 – God says you have Jesus peace, you say you're stressed
 - 6. John 16:22 – God says you have joy, you say you're discouraged
 - 7. 2 Timothy 1:7 – God says he hasn't given you the spirit of fear, you say you're afraid
 - 8. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – God says you're the righteousness of God, you say you're a sinner

9. Hebrews 13:5 – God says I'll never leave you, we say please be with us
 10. Romans 6:22 – God says you're free from sin, you say you got a sin problem
 11. Philippians 4:13 – God says you are strong, you say you're weak and tired
 12. 1 John 5:14 – We say here our prayer; he says if you pray according to my word I'll hear you
 13. Ephesians 4:28 – God says you work to give, you say you work to live
 14. Romans 8:1-2 – God says you're not guilty and you'll not be ashamed
 15. Prov 18:21 – God says life and death is in the power of the tongue, you say it doesn't matter
- B. The righteous should live by agreeing with what God said in his Word
1. 1 of the biggest failures of the church is the failure 2 **actually know** what God has said in His word
 2. You can't have genuine real faith without knowing what God said in His Word
- C. We have to watch bringing Old Covenant principles into the New Covenant
1. He didn't say cry and ball and squall and beg me and you'll receive
 - a. Romans 15:14 – The OT was written for our learning
 2. Mark 11:24, Philippians 4:6, Hebrews 4:14
- D. Faith makes the word of God final authority and places itself in agreement with the Word-Rom 3:3-4
1. I put myself in agreement with what the Word says about me and things and people that say things that are in opposition to the Word of God I let them be a liar
 2. Matthew 8:5-10 – I know what his body is saying, but if you speak the Word your word trumps that and now what his body says we don't even believe that or acknowledge that as true anymore because you said something else
- E. There's no grounds for faith without words being spoken
1. Without knowing what God spoke you have no grounds for faith
 2. You can only have faith in God according to that which He has spoken
 3. Which words did God speak to give you grounds to believe that