

BASIC FAITH PRINCIPLES

Faith Takes It

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 not live in victory
- B. Every victory in life is given as an act of grace that flowed through your faith

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. **Faith**-Conviction of the truth or reality of anything
- B. Faith levels
 - 1. Believing in God- **His Reality**
 - 2. Believing God can-**His Ability**
 - 3. Believing God will-**His Willingness**
 - 4. Believing God has done it and he's offering it-**His Grace/Faith**
 - 5. Believing you have received-**Receiving**
- C. Faith to receive (Mark 11:23-24)
 - 1. It didn't say believe God can or God will and you'll receive
 - 2. Faith says that I have it at and it's fact when it's not revealed to my senses

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

- A. God didn't give me more faith than you (Gal 5:22, 2 Thess 3:2)
- B. That measure 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
 - b. What will you do with that truth? (Proverbs 13:13)
 - 2. You can't have big faith and spend not time in the Word; that violates spiritual law
 - 3. Defeat comes by spending time with the wrong words (Gen 3, Num 13, Mt 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. The first greatest deceptions where faith is concerned in the church today is people putting off till tomorrow what God said put on today

- A. 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
 - 1. To believe you're going to be something you have to believe you're not
 - 2. To believe you're going to have something you have believe that you don't have it
- B. Proverbs 23:7-It didn't say as a man thinks he's going to be, he will be

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

- A. 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)
 - 1. 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 didn't work to earn salvation; Jesus paid the price for salvation and he offered it to you by grace and you had to receive through faith
 - b. You can believe God can save, will save, is offering salvation, and die and go to hell; you have to believe you receive salvation
 - c. You didn't ask for salvation; you placed a demand on the salvation that God was offering; You took the salvation that God was offering
 - d. You didn't confess he was going to be your Lord
- B. 2 Peter 1:4-Why are we asking for that which is being offered or given?
 - 1. Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:13-If he bought me out of the curse, I'm out
 - 2. 1 John 4:17-As he is so are we in this world
 - 3. You are a joint heir with Jesus (Rom 8:17, John 16:15, Heb 1:2, Luke 15)
 - a. You don't ask for your inheritance; you do what's necessary to receive it
 - b. You don't get your inheritance when you die, you get it when he died and you received him as Lord
 - c. 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
- C. 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
 - 1. You place a demand on it and take it by believing you have received

2. When you believe that you have received you are demanding that what's yours in the unseen, manifest in the seen realm
 3. 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
 4. Mark 11:24
 - a. What things you aiteo (require, demand,) believe that you take them and you will have them
- D. Once you have believed you received there's no more asking (Phil 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)
- E. The trying of your faith is coming (1 Peter 1:7)