

BASIC FAITH PRINCIPLES

Where Faith Lives

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)
- B. Faith level-(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. It didn't say believe God can or God will and you'll receive (Mark 11:24)

III. **Two deceptions where faith is concerned**

- A. People putting off till tomorrow what God said put 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 (Prov 23:7)
 - 2. To believe you're going to be something you have to believe you're not; To believe you're going to have something you have believe that you don't
- 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)
 - 2. 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
 - a. 2 Peter 1:4-Why are we asking for that which is being offered or given?
 - b. Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:13, 1 John 4:17
 - c. You are a joint heir with Jesus (Rom 8:17, John 16:15, Luke 15)
 - (1) You don't ask for your inheritance; you do what's necessary to receive
 - 3. You were saved by grace through faith (Eph 2:8, Rom 10:8-10)
 - a. You didn't work to earn salvation; Jesus 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, & die & go to hell
 - c. You didn't ask for salvation; you placed a demand on the salvation that God was offering
 - d. You didn't confess he was going to be your Lord

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 it and take it by believing you have received
 - b. When you believe that you have received faith begins to pull on/demand what's yours in the unseen to manifest it in the seen
 - c. EX-Withdraw from the bank
 - d. Mark 11:24-What things you ask believe that you take them

IV. Where faith lives-What do you do from day to day prior to the manifestation

V. Faith lives in the Word (Romans 10:17)

- A. The trial of your faith is coming (1 Peter 1:7)
 1. **Trial**-Proving or proof; Put it under the pressure of a test
 - a. This could be a bad report or time going by and nothing changing
 2. If you're not fed on the Word with a strong spirit when the pressure comes you won't win; A weak spirit and weak faith won't win
- B. You can have weak faith (Romans 4:19)
 1. 19-Your faith gets weak when you spend time with the evil report
 2. 18-He's spending time with that which was spoken to him and not considering the evil report and consequently his faith got strong and we knew it was strong because he was giving glory to God
- C. Weak faith is wavering faith that won't receive (Heb 10:23, James 1:6-8)
 1. People waver because their faith is weak and their faith is usually weak because of lack of time spent in the word
 2. People who win in faith tenaciously spend time in the Word of God until they are single-minded and fully persuaded
 3. When the trial of your faith shows up in should run into your fully persuaded faith
- D. As you continue in the Word, it goes from Word to truth (John 8:31)
 1. It's through the act of continuing that the Word becomes truth to you and when it's truth to you it'll make you free
- E. People lose their fight of faith because of a lack of commitment to the Word of God in that area (Proverbs 4:20)
 1. Matthew 14-He spent time with the evil report and failure began there
 2. Numbers 13-One group of people considered the giants and the walls and they were defeated; the ones considered the Word and the God they served and they were victorious

VI. Faith thanks God like it's already done

- A. Philippians 4:6 (KJ/AMP)

1. **Be careful for nothing**-Love cast out all fear-1 John 4:18
 2. **Prayer**-Believing that you receive-Mark 11:24
 3. **Supplication** (Deisis)-Same word as fervent prayer in James 5:16 which means; A passionate, earnest, heartfelt, sincere; A person who has some type of lack in his life and therefore pleads strongly, to beseech, to earnestly appeal
 4. **Thanksgiving**-Throw, cast, shoot (arrows), give thanks, praise
 - a. My prayer and supplication have thanksgiving attached to them because I believe I received
- B. Praise and thanksgiving is one of the main ways you your faith engaged daily (Phil 4:6 AMP)
1. Because I believe that I've received the only thing left to do is to thank God like it's done
 2. Thanksgiving is no more a feeling than love is a feeling; it's an act of your will (Hebrews 13:15-16-A sacrifice of praise)
 - a. A sacrifice of praise pleases him because it's an act of faith
 - b. It's a sacrifice when you don't feel thankful or want to be thankful, but you do it as an act of your will
- C. Thanks are in order when somebody **has done** something for you
1. Many times people aren't thankful because they don't believe it's done
 - a. Thankful people are faith people (Deuteronomy 1:27-32)
 - (1) If they believed V29-31 they'd have been thanking God
 - b. Faith and thanksgiving and unbelief and unthankful go together
 - (1) If you're attitude is not one of thanksgiving, you're not in faith
 2. Faith will shout, praise, give thanks like it's done, before it's done
 - a. Joshua 6:2,16
- D. Praise/joy/thanksgiving is the bullet that you put in the big gun of faith
1. I fire the bullet of praise/joy/thanksgiving through the big gun of faith on purpose at every negative report that comes (Habak 3:17, Job 5:22)
 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:18-In all things, not for all things
 3. Psalm 8:2-Praise that's done if love and faith is what stills the enemy

VII. Faith talks likes it done

- A. Faith doesn't talk about what's going to happen (Romans 4:17 KJ&)
1. AMP-Speaks of nonexistent things as if they already existed
 - a. It doesn't say call those things that be not as though they are going to be
 - b. Genesis 17:5-I'm calling you what you're not as though you are it
 - (1) Abram gets the promise that when he is 75; God changed his name when he was 99; Isaac came at 100 (Gen 12:1-4, 13:14-16)

- (2) When Abraham change his speech, what wasn't coming to pass for 24 years came to pass in less than two years time
- 2. One of the main acts of faith that we have our words
 - a. 2 Cor 4:13-If you believe you have received then talk like you have it
- 3. You have to talk in line with what you say you believe you've received
 - a. Joshua 1:13-Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
 - b. Joshua 2:24-Truly the Lord has delivered Jericho into our hands
 - c. Joshua 6:2-The Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho
 - d. Joshua 6:16-At it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord has given you the city
- B. Faith never talks the problem and always talks the answer
 - 1. Mark 11:23-He didn't say talk about how big the mountain is
 - a. What you believe in your heart and say with your mouth you're going to have in life (Romans 10:8-10)
 - b. If you believe it and speak it and stay in faith it'll manifest
 - 2. Ps 107:2, Gal 3:13-Let the redeemed of the Lord talk about how bad it is-NO
 - a. Talk redeemed
 - 3. Numbers 13:28-We can talk about the giants in the land or the Word
 - a. Exodus 33:1-3, 34:11-They heard the Word on the situation, but spoke the problem; Josh & Caleb saw the same problem, but spoke the Word
 - (1) I'm going to look the problem right in the eye, but speak the Word
 - (2) Rom 4-Abraham was strong in faith because he didn't consider the problem
 - b. 30-We are well able; He saw the giants and knew he didn't look able
 - (1) What you see and what you say should not be the same (Gen 1,17)
 - (a) What's keeping many people out of faith and out of victory is their saying what they see
 - (2) Your flesh has a desire to always communicate what is in the natural right now; that's the way the it was trained in the world
 - (a) Don't use your words to transmit information about what is; use your words to release your faith; say what you believe not what you see
 - c. 14:2-They're murmuring in unbelief
 - d. 14:7-9-They saw the giants, but they're speaking the Word
 - e. 14:28-As **you** have spoken, so **will I** do to you

- f. 14:34-They didn't get what God said, they got what they said because what they said was in opposition to what God said
 - (1) Maybe you're not getting what God said because of what you say
- 4. Words are supernatural building blocks that either reinforce what is or create what ought to be
 - a. The walls and giants their words reinforced; what ought to be in the land; Joshua's and Caleb's words created what ought to be
 - b. You believe and speak and it either reinforces what is or creates what ought to be
- C. The power of life and death are in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21, James 3)
 - 1. **Life**-Proverbs-18:21-*Death and life are in the power of the tongue*
 - a. Power-Direction, control
 - b. Life-State of Living
 - 2. **Healing**-Proverbs 16:24-*Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones*
 - a. Health (marpe) – Healing, remedy, cure
 - b. Bones-Any body part, one's flesh and bone
 - c. **Proverbs 12:18**-*There is that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health*
 - 3. **Protection**-Proverbs 13:3-*He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction*
 - a. Keeps-Guards, watch, protect, preserve, watchmen, besieged,
 - b. Proverbs 12:6-The mouth of the upright shall deliver them
 - (1) Deliver-Saved, delivered, rescued, preserve, escape, taken away, taken out, defend
 - c. Proverbs 18:7-A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul
 - (1) Destruction-Ruin, undoing, dismay, terror
 - (2) Snare-Snare, trap, trap that captures prey
 - d. Proverbs 6:2-You are snared by the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth
 - (1) Snared-set a trap, to be trapped
 - (2) Taken-to be taken captive, to be seized, caught, frozen
 - 4. **Prosperity**-Prov 12:14-*A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth*
 - a. Satisfied-To be satisfied, to have enough, the filling and even overflowing of appetites and desires, have plenty, filled fill, fill
 - b. Good-Desirable, better, best, prosperity, precious, wealth
- D. It's one thing to talk like it's finished, it's another to believe it is finished

1. Speaking faith words is all you have to do, but it's one thing you must do

VIII. Faith carries the attitude like it is finished (Rom 15:13, 2 Peter 1:8)

- A. If there's joy and peace in believing, depression and worry are in unbelief
- B. People in faith have **joy**-To be glad and rejoice exceedingly
 1. If you're discouraged you're not in faith
- C. People in faith have **peace**-The tranquil state of a soul assured
 1. If you're stressed and worried you're not in faith
- D. What confession are you making with your attitude
 1. Your attitude could be saying something in unbelief without you even opening my mouth.
 - a. Your attitude might not have a mouth, but it does have a voice
 - b. Just because you're not speaking words doesn't mean that you're not saying something
 2. The confession of your attitude speaks as loud and is as powerful as the confession you make with your mouth
 3. When you choose to be discouraged, depressed, and worrisome you are making confessions with your attitude that you don't believe the Word

IX. Faith is consistent and busy being the same until victory manifests (Heb 4:2,6:12)

- A. Hebrews 6:12-Faith is consistent and the same; it's not wavering
- B. Hebrews 4:3-Faith rests
 1. Luke 8:50-It's not your job to make this thing manifest; it's your job to fear not and believe only (Jairus just flat shut up)
- C. Who's working for you
 1. The Word of God is the power and it's capable of doing anything that God is capable of doing (Rom 1:16, Gen 18:14, Num 11:23, Is 55:11)
 2. As I rest in faith, faith is working as my servant and it's working to be the victory that overcomes the World (Luke 17:6-9)
 3. The blessing is out there working to make you rich and manifest the Garden of Eden in every area of your life (Proverbs 10:22)
 4. The angels are sent forth by God to minister to the heirs of salvation; and they excel in the power and ability to get the job done (Hebrews 1:14, Psalm 103:20)
 5. The Holy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters and when God spoke he worked to bring what God spoke to pass (Genesis 1:2)
 6. The Apostle and High Priest of your confession of faith (Hebrews 3:1)
 - a. He is the voice of our confession in Heaven; When we put his word in our mouths he is called to see to that his words come to pass when they come out of our mouths

X. Faith obeys God and walks in love (Galatians 5:6, Romans 1:5)

- A. If you're not walking in love and obeying God you don't have genuine faith; you have groundless expectation