

Got Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

“**Faith**, is the assent of the mind to the truth of divine revelation, on the authority of God's testimony, accompanied with a cordial assent of the will or approbation of the heart; an entire confidence or trust in God's character and declarations, and in the character and doctrines of Christ, with an unreserved surrender of the will to his guidance, and dependence on his merits for salvation. In other words, that firm **belief** of God's testimony, and of the truth of the gospel, which **influences the will**, and leads to an entire reliance on Christ for salvation.” -1828 edition of Noah Webster's Dictionary

Our beliefs influence our actions.

Proverbs 4:23 – “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

There are many examples of faith in the Bible. Let's look at one: Abraham

Romans 4:19-21 – “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”

Faith comes from the Word of God



If you aren't reading AND applying the Word of God to your life, your faith decreases.

Romans 10:17 - “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

James 1:21-22 – “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

James 2:22 – “Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?”

James 2:17 – “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. “



If your faith is decreased, it decreases the effectiveness of your prayer.

Hebrews 11:6 - “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.”

James 1:6-8 - “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”



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If your prayer is not in faith, you are decreasing your reliance on Him.

Psalms 118:8 - "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Psalms 20:7 - "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. "

In whom do you trust? Are you worshipping idols?



If you are not relying on Him, you are relying on other things.

Proverbs 11:28 - "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

Proverbs 28:26 - "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered."

Galatians 6:3 - "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

The solution... Repent and have Faith

Revelation 3:17-19 - "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."



2 Thessalonians 3:3 - "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

Worship the One who is worthy

Revelation 4:8-11; 14:7