

Faith, Prayer, Confession and Doing

Key 1 – Activate your Faith Life

Smith Wigglesworth said “...I cannot understand God by feelings. I cannot understand Jesus Christ by feelings. I can only understand God the Father and Jesus Christ by what the Word says about them. God is everything the Word says he is. We need to get acquainted with Him through His Word.”

Hebrews 11:6 you have to know beyond any doubt that God and His word are one. So often we have all the right faith words to say in front of others yet behind closed door our words flow out of our hearts showing what we truly believe. What is required is an intimate relationship with God and His word; that is where we get to know Him on an intimate level and faith operates. There are no separation lines, no gray areas, and no place for any twist or turn between God and His Word. **Mark 11:22**; “...Have faith in God.” New Living Translation and “...Have the faith of God.” Douay Rheims

Having faith in God comes via time spent with God and His word where you begin to think, speak and respond like God. *To walk in this life with a constant sense and knowing God as being ever present you must first have faith in God.*

God’s Word – Meditate on It

Romans 12:2, Joshua 1:8 the battleground is in the mind. The Word renews our mind to view things God’s way.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 we war in our minds not against people.

God’s Word – Beyond Reproach

John 1:1-5 and 14 we have to realise that God’s word is beyond reproach and full of integrity.

Psalms 119:89 God’s word is forever settled.

Psalms 89:2 God’s faithfulness is established in the heavens.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever.

God’s Word – Will Never Pass Away

Isaiah 40:8 God’s Word can never pass away but fulfils that which God has purposed it to accomplish.

Matthew 24:34-35 God’s word is so settled that heaven and earth will pass away however the Word of God will never pass away or fail.

Isaiah 55:10-11 the Word of God will never pass away. The rain and snow come down from heaven and waters the earth and completes the task it was sent for.

1 Peter 1:23-25 the Word of God is the incorruptible seed which lives and abides forever, and produces in our lives what is promised.

Jeremiah 1:12 listen to what Jeremiah says, “...God watches over His word to perform it.” When God hears His word come out of a believer’s mouth through faith He sends out the decree that it must be brought to pass.

Numbers 23:19 we read “...God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?” New Living Translation

God’s Word – Upholds Everything

Psalms 33:6; Hebrews 1:1-4 the Word of God will uphold you in any area of life. You can stand on the Word of God and it will sustain you in, through and out of any trouble.

Psalms 119:116 the Psalmist knew that he could be sustained by the Word of God and his hope in God would be maintained.

Key 2 – Activate your Prayer Life

Edward Payson said, *“Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, and the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then, my dear brother: pray, pray, pray.”*

E. M. Bounds said, *“Prayer is the keynote of the most sanctified life, of the holiest ministry. He does the most for God who is the highest skilled in prayer. Jesus Christ exercised His ministry after this order.”*

E. M. Bounds said, *“What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use; men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men; men of prayer.”*

John Wesley said, *“God cannot do anything in this earth without man asking him to or giving him permission to... ..God does nothing but in answer to prayer.”*

Luke 18:1 Jesus said, *“...they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).”* Amplified
Everyone from the moment they are born again must start building their faith and start developing a lifestyle of prayer. Prayer should be that one thing you do because it has become a part of your normal spiritual life.

Psalms 3:4, 5:2 and **Psalms 65:2** when we pray we communicate with God.

Hebrews 10:22 prayer must be offered out of a true heart a heart that is fully assured in its faith in God.

Philippians 4:6, Matthew 7:7-8 and **Isaiah 55:6** men are to pray – to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom, their lives and their family.

Robert Hall said, *“The prayer of faith is the only power in the universe to which the great Jehovah yields. Prayer is the sovereign remedy.”*

The prayer of faith puts God in full force in the earth it releases Him to move in the earth on our behalf. To a prayerful man God is always present in realised force; to a prayerful church God is truly present in glorious power throughout the earth.

Hebrews 11:33-40 *“...Men of old who were strong in faith, subdued kingdoms, produced righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, their dead raised to life.”*

These men of faith had to be men of prayer. Faith always leads us to prayer, which in turn leads us to our confession of God's word. When faith, prayer and confession are working together they bring the supernatural into life's situations and you begin to do the Word of God.

The Holy Ghost helps us in prayer

Romans 8:26 we read that the Holy Ghost helps us in prayer when we do not know what to pray.

Romans 8:25-28 when we do not know what to pray or how to pray to be effective in a situation the Holy Ghost is there to lay hold with us and give strength to our prayers.

Helpeth – to lay hold along with, to strive to obtain with others, to take hold with another.

Infirmities – want of strength, weakness, or our inability to produce a result.

God has prepared things for us who love Him

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 here we find out that God has prepared things for those that love him.

Jude 20-25 we are told to build ourselves up in the Holy Ghost. This process sets us up to be effective in the earth wherever we walk and with whomever we speak.

Key 3 – Activate your Confession Life

Hebrews 11:3 – (**Genesis 1:1-2:2**) the creative power of God's spoken word formed the world and everything in it. The words God spoke released the spiritual force of Faith and created everything. Faith is a spiritual force, and through that spiritual law or force of faith, God created all things.

Man is justified by his words

Matthew 12:37 A man is justified before God by the words he speaks or he is condemned.

Luke 6:45 every man speaks out of the treasure in his heart and will locate whether they believe God or not.

Words carry spiritual power

Deuteronomy 30:14-15 – **Proverbs 14:3** we must be aware of the things we say, as they contain the power to produce in our lives.

Your words can activate God's forces (**Words of Faith**). *In the midst of a storm there is peace, grace, mercy, compassion and deliverance.*

Your words can activate the devils forces (**Words of Fear**). *In the midst of the storm there is fear and no deliverance.*

Proverbs 18:21 the awesome power of life and death that resides in the tongue makes it either a force for good or literally a lethal weapon – to us and to others.

Jesus is the Word manifest on earth

John 1:1-14 Jesus is the exact representation of the Father, He is God's expression of Himself to man.

Colossians 1:15-20 He is the image of the invisible God.

Faith filled words are creative words

- God releases His Faith with His words,
- God's faith has creative power to bring His words to pass,
- The words He speaks are alive and full of power,
- Gods words are just as active and filled with power today because they are eternally settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:89 when we "...trust in the Lord with all our heart..." we are trusting God's faith filled words.

Proverbs 3:5 if we lean to our own understanding we are not following faith filled words.

Genesis 1 and 2 and **Mark 16:18-21** the Holy Ghost performed the Faith filled words spoken by God.

Remember He will also perform the faith filled words of the believer, if they are spoken according to the Word and Will of God. God's Word is His will. The Word and Will of God are the same. We have to start making confessions about what we expect for ourselves and those who are outside of Christ.

Key 4 – Activate your Doing Life

James 1:21-22 after telling us we must receive the Word with meekness James wants us to do something else. This step is the most important step you can make and this is the step that brings understanding and knowledge.

Be – be coming into existence, begin to be.

Doers – a maker, a doer, a performer.

Notice the inference in this verse *“You are to become doers”* or *“Keep on becoming doers”*. James points out that someone who hears only without comprehending the Word of God will *deceive themselves*.

Deceive – To reckon wrong, miscount, to deceive by false reasoning, to cheat by false reckoning, to deceive, delude, circumvent.

Luke 6:46-49; Romans 2:13; 1 John 2:3-5 Jesus said the person who hears His Word and obeys them, is one who has built his house on a solid foundation. When floods arise they are prepared, and cannot be shaken. The time to act on the Word of God is now, not after the flood has hit.

Galatians 3:11 we must live by faith which means we live abiding in the vine and the Word of God.

Conclusion

Romans 8:29 when we tie FAITH, PRAYER, CONFESSION and DOING together in our lives we will begin to live in recognition of the continual work and presence of God changing us into the image of Christ until the day of Christ.

Keep your eyes on the Ark of the Covenant the presence of God. We will become intimate with the creator of the universe our God and Father. We will begin to see the supernatural as absolutely natural. We will begin to walk expecting the naturally supernatural works of God to be the cornerstone of what we do in life. We will then begin to fulfil, on a daily basis Jesus words to all His disciples both past and present found in **Mark 16:15-18**.

“...Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”