



# Living by Faith

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# LESSON ONE

## WHAT IS FAITH?

### Faith is...

#### Definition

Persuasion, reliance upon Christ; to agree with, to trust, to obey; constancy of confession, speech, and action. (Read Romans 4)

1. Faith is a persuasion that God is faithful to His promises in Jesus; a persuasion that He is able and willing. (Matthew 8:1-3)
2. In its simplest form, faith is taking God at His Word, acting on what God said, accepting and holding His Word above all else as if it's already done.
3. Faith is saying what God says.

#### Read Hebrews 11:1-3

- Faith is of the spirit, not of the emotions, intellect, senses, or reason.
- God requires faith from His creation.

Write out Hebrews 11:6

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- We are in a faith covenant, and we are created by faith.
- We were created to live by faith.

#### Faith Facts

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (Ephesians 2:8)
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (Galatians 3:11)
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (Ephesians 6:16; 1 John 5:4)
5. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (1 Peter 1:5)
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
7. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (Acts 15:9)

## **Faith Overcomes the World - Read 1 John 5:4**

1. Things in the world that are overcome by faith. (1 John 2:16)

- Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Pride of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4 ~ Faith overcomes:

- Satan - his kingdom, his works, his demons
- Sickness, poverty, lack, need, etc. = all synonymous with Satan

## **Faith Principles**

### **What We Know**

- ✓ Faith is a spiritual, eternal substance or force.
- ✓ Faith has God's nature, so it never changes and will always do what it has ever done. (Hebrews 11:3)
- ✓ Faith is taking God at His Word - we hear & obey.

### **Man Was Created to Live by Faith**

- ➔ When man does not live by faith, it is sin, which results in unrighteousness and perversion.
- ➔ Read Deuteronomy 32:18-20  
(Froward means perverse; a deviation from what's right and proper.)

### **Read Habakkuk 2:4 (and write it down)**

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- A deviation from faith is pride, not humility.
- An upright man needs God and walks by faith. (1 Peter 5:6-9)

1. Faith is the nature of the righteous. (Galatians 3:11)
2. Anything that is not of faith is sin. (Romans 14:23; 2 Corinthians 13:5)
3. Sin is born of unbelief and leads to pride. (Deut. 32:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:2)
4. Righteousness gives birth to faith. (Rom. 1:17; Jude 20; 2 Peter 1:1)
5. Faith is holy and belongs to the holy. It works as we live holy. (Jude 20)

Make it personal. How do you live by faith?

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## Faith Comes

### Faith Comes by Hearing the Word – Write Out Romans 10:17

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- Don't just read about faith; read its source. The Word is spirit food. (John 6:63)
- Faith comes and must be renewed daily. (Matthew 4:4)
- Faith dies if neglected. (Proverbs 4:20-21; John 6:63)
- Faith dies when it is not used. (James 2:20)
- Faith dies in the presence of sin. (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

### Three Ways We "Hear" – Read Proverbs 4:20-21

1. We hear with our ears. (John 4:41)
2. We hear with our eyes. (John 2:23)
3. We hear with our mind and meditation. (Joshua 1:8; 1 Timothy 4:15)

### Why Do You Hear the Word?

- ❖ You hear the Word for your salvation. (John 3:1-21)
- ❖ You hear the Word for your inheritance. (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- ❖ You hear the Word for your call or gifting. (Your Verse \_\_\_\_\_)

### Faith is Seed

- Faith is placed in the human spirit in seed form and must be developed by hearing and doing.
- Read Luke 17:6; 2 Peter 1:1; Mark 4:26; Heb. 5:12-14 & Romans 12:3
- List 3 things you learned by reading these verses:

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## Faith Grows

### Read Romans 1:16-17

What does this mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Describe your thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Read Hebrews 5:12-14

Where are you skillful? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### The Importance of Growth

1. The growth of faith determines the overall spiritual growth of every believer.
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-8 & Jude 20.

## Faith Speaks

### Read Luke 17:6

Explain this verse: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Read Romans 10:8-9

How do you speak the Word? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Read Romans 4:17

How is this verse relevant to you today? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Faith says what God says.**

- ✘ Genesis 17:1-7
- ✘ Matthew 8:5-13 (centurion)

**Faith acts (does).**

- ❖ Read James 2:20
- ❖ Read Luke 5:1-11

**Faith receives.**

1. When does faith receive? Faith receives before it sees.
2. You believe you are saved before any visible change has taken place.
3. Write down Mark 11:23-24:

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**Faith is a persuasion and a choice or decision.**

1. Decisions are made. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Mark 11:23)
2. Decisions are protected. (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)
3. Decisions are fed. (1 Peter 2:1-2)
4. Decisions must be held fast. (Hebrews 3:14; Acts 10)
5. Decisions have power. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

# LESSON TWO

# FAITH IS A CHOICE

## How God Looks at Faith

### Read Hebrews 11:1 (and write it down)

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1. Faith by definition is to trust, to obey; a persuasion that God is able and willing to do something. (Read Matthew 8:1-3.)
2. Faith is a belief that God is faithful to His promise.
3. Faith is taking God at His Word, acting on what He said, saying what He says.
4. Read Romans 10:13 & Galatians 6:7-9.

### God is Not a Respector of Persons

- ✓ Faith is the nature of God; therefore, faith is not a respector of persons. If you use it and develop it, it will work for you when you work it. It will save whoever uses it; heal them, bless them, deliver them, keep them, protect them, and establish them. (Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9.)
- ✓ Some will use it and receive 30 fold, 60 fold, or 100 fold, but it's up to you. (Mark 4:20)
- ✓ Every Christian has faith and can deal with all the world or Satan offers. (Read Eph. 2:8; Rom. 12:3; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:4; 2:16; 2 Cor. 4:4; John 16:33.)

### Jesus Has Authored Your Faith (Read Hebrews 12:2; Galatians 2:20)

- Jesus used faith against Satan, against sickness, and for others. (Matt. 8:16-17)
- Jesus used faith for food and for finances. (Matt. 14:18-21; Matt. 17:27)
- Never give up growing in faith, developing and using it. Don't let setbacks or momentary delays, or even failures deter you from the life of the just through faith. (Read 2 Thess. 1:3; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Mark 5.)

## Faith is a Choice

### Read Hebrews 4:1-2 (and write it down)

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- Every person that received from Jesus in His earthly work made a choice to use faith.
- Every person today that will receive must make a choice to use \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we as Christians - believing ones, Christ-like ones, God's children, His people - face needs, we have to choose to use faith and receive from God (that's His will). When trouble comes, we have to choose. When sickness comes, we have to choose. When enemies come, when everyday life comes, we have to choose the life of faith, the way of faith, God's way.
- Our choices are based on knowing God's will and choosing to have faith.
- Faith is the normal way of life for the believer. The reason is because we have the nature of God in us, and faith is His nature. When we choose faith, we choose life; we choose victory. (Read Rom. 4:17; John 12:46; Gal. 3:11.)

**Faith is a Substance**

- ✘ Faith is not just a principle; it is a substance that you possess. You know when you have it, and when you don't.
- ✘ You have to apprehend faith by study, hearing, meditating, and searching the scriptures on a subject you need faith in. (Read Rom. 10:17.)
- ✘ You can have faith in one area, but not in another, such as faith in salvation but not in healing, or faith in salvation but not in the Holy Ghost. God's will is to have a life full of faith victories. You have to develop it by using it in everyday life.
- ✘ You can have used faith once and not live a life of it.
- ✘ Many have used their faith in the past and live off its memory, but faith is NOW, for this moment, this hour, this day, your present situation.

What does this mean to you?

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**Your Key Verse**

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# LESSON THREE      FAITH IS A SUBSTANCE

## What Faith Is

### Definition:

To trust, rely on, obey; a persuasion that God is able and \_\_\_\_\_ to do something. (Matthew 8:1-3)

- ✓ Faith is taking God at His Word - acting on and saying what He has said.
- ✓ Faith is a persuasion of the existence of something without sense or worldly evidence.

### Read Hebrews 11:1-3

- ➔ Faith is a spiritual substance. We may call it a force or a power, but it is a substance.
- ➔ The life that every believer lives and experiences is not limited to where he is or what he has (2 Kings 4:1-7; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Luke 5:3-9; Matt. 15:32-38), but is limited only to the revelation of the believer as to his inheritance in Christ and God's will for his life, and faith in those promises. (2 Pet. 1:3-4; Eph. 4:17-27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16)
- ➔ So faith is given to every believer by God (Romans 12:3) to live in that which Jesus came to give (John 10:10 - blessing, freedom, health, joy, success), which consists of two basic elements - life and godliness (the nature and character of God).

## Faith is a Substance

Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for...

What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- It's important to know the Word of God, which is His will, because it is His Word which forms your hopes, dreams, goals, desires, and expectations which faith brings into manifestation.
- Faith does not work outside of persuasion. (Romans 4:21)
- Faith brings into manifestation (into the visible, physical, tangible world) God's promises, His Word, and His will (which are our hopes, dreams, goals, desires, and expectations.)

## List Your Dreams, Hopes, and Expectations:

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## Faith Makes Possible the Impossible.

- Faith turns hopelessness into fulfilled dreams.
  - a. Mark 9:23 (He wished his son was free - no hope from man.)
  - b. Mark 5:25-26 (She desired to be healed - no hope from doctors.)
  - c. Read Matthew 11:12; 1 Timothy 6:12; Heb. 4:1-2; Ephesians 6:12,16.
  
- Some look at their own abilities, assets, access to others' money, or opportunities, and decide by the natural evidence whether it can happen or not. (Read Numbers 13:26-33; Zechariah 4:6-7)
  
- You can by your faith bring your life into God's desired place for you.
  - a. Hebrews 11:1-3
  - b. Genesis 1:1-2
  - c. Mark 11:22-24

Give your thoughts on how God can fulfill your dreams, hopes, and expectations through the operation of your faith:

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## Different Degrees of Faith - Read Romans 12:3.

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| 1. Romans 4:19       | “...Being not weak in faith...” |
| 2. Matthew 8:23-27   | Little faith = in a storm       |
| 3. Matthew 8:5-13    | Great faith                     |
| 4. Romans 4:20       | Strong faith                    |
| 5. James 2:20        | Dead faith                      |
| 6. Hebrews 4:1-2     | Unmixed faith                   |
| 7. Acts 6:5          | Full of faith                   |
| 8. Deuteronomy 32:20 | No faith                        |

## Your Key Verse

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## Identify Your Level of Faith

\_\_\_\_\_ Weak      \_\_\_\_\_ Little      \_\_\_\_\_ Dead  
\_\_\_\_\_ Full      \_\_\_\_\_ Strong      \_\_\_\_\_ Great  
\_\_\_\_\_ None

What will you do now to change it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your faith goal?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Read Hebrews 11:3 + Genesis 1:1-5

- ➔ By faith mixed with His Word, God transformed something useless.
  - a.. “Without form” means worthless and confused.
  - b. “Void” means indistinguishable, ruined, empty.
  - c. “Darkness” means misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness.
- ➔ God used faith with His Word to reverse confusion, uselessness, something without form and purpose.
- ➔ God’s Plan
  1. God used two spiritual elements - the Word and faith - to correct the problem.
  2. God has revealed His will for our lives through His Word in the midst of the confusion, misery, emptiness, destruction, and wickedness that sin and Satan caused.
  3. God has given us faith. (Romans 12:3)

4. As believers, we possess both elements (the Word and faith) for order, abundant life, prosperity, and victory over a darkened, destroyed life.

### Questions and Answers

Has need brought misery and sorrow to your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Has sickness taken its toll on your family and finances? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have your joy and strength been stolen? \_\_\_\_\_  
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List how God has given you His Word and faith to bring back into order that which sin, Satan, ignorance of God's Word, fear, and unbelief have done to you and your family.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Reference \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Reference \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Reference \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Reference \_\_\_\_\_

God has given you His Word and faith to turn confusion into peace and direction, bondage into freedom, cursing into blessing, sickness into healing, offense into forgiveness, disappointments into dreams, and heartbreak into wholeness.

# LESSON FOUR

## FAITH ENABLES & EMPOWERS

### Faith Defined

- ❖ By definition: To trust, obey, rely on; a p\_\_\_\_\_ that God is able and willing to do something.
- ❖ Faith is taking God at His Word; acting on what He said; saying what He has said.
- ❖ Faith is a persuasion of the existence of something without earthly or worldly e\_\_\_\_\_.

### Scriptural Definition - Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen.”

- Faith is a substance - not a natural one, but a spiritual one.
- Faith is “say, then see” not “see and say”.

### Faith Enables and Empowers

#### Read Hebrews 11:1-3

- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to see the unseeable.  
Read Heb. 11:13; 1 Sam. 16:7-12; John 5:19 & Mark 1:9-11
- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to bear the unbearable.  
Read Acts 27:21-26
- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to do the undoable.  
Read Joshua 3:14-17 & Joshua 6
- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to say the unsayable.  
Jesus spoke to the fig tree (Mark 11:12-24).  
Abram declared himself to be Abraham.
- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to feel the intangible.  
Read Mark 5:25-34
- ✓ Faith enables and empowers man to think the unthinkable.  
Read Romans 12:2 & Romans 8:28



## Write Your Own Vision

**What unseeable thing can faith make you see?**

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**What unbearable thing can faith make you bear?**

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**What undoable thing can faith make you do?**

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**What unsayable thing can faith make you say?**

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**What intangible thing can faith make you feel?**

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**What unthinkable thing can faith make you think?**

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## Your Key Verse

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# LESSON FIVE

## SAVING FAITH

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### The Truth

#### We Begin

When we embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and are truly regenerated by His power, God then becomes our Father; thus, we have been born of the Spirit. The new relationship with God is to supersede our earthly relationships, even those with family. Our earthly father is no longer to be as important as our Heavenly Father.

Those who are born again live on a different plane. The Apostle Paul emphasized the difference between the old life and the new: *“If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God”* (Romans 8:13-14).

Read James 2:14-17, 26 and write your thoughts:

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The argument of James is simple - people act according to their beliefs. This isn't an absolute statement, as people can act intentionally to deceive others. Other times – sometimes within the church – people act as they think others expect them to (for example, when in church). When they are by themselves the mask drops, and they behave according to their beliefs.

James warned about two kinds of people. The first claim to have faith, but their actions display no faith. Of those, James said their claimed faith was useless. The second group may be those who once had faith, whose actions once showed their faith, but no longer do; James said their faith was dead.

### Actions Are the Proof of What We Believe

#### Read 1 John 3:18; 1 John 2:3-4 & 1 John 3:7-9

- ❖ Abraham's actions earned for him to be called “The Father of Faith”. In the entire section of scripture that describes his life, not once does it record Abraham saying that he believed God, or saying that he trusted God. It was his action that showed when he trusted God, and when he didn't. Looking back thousands of years later, we know that he believed God because of his actions. (James 2:21-23; Genesis 22:1-3; Genesis 22:10; Genesis 22:12; Genesis 22:18)

- ❖ We cannot claim to have faith unless we are demonstrating it. (Read Matthew 5:14-16 & Matthew 21:28-32)

### **Faith Truths**

- ➔ Faith practices the teachings for which it stands. (John 14:15; John 14:21-23; Matthew 7:24-27)
- ➔ It is impossible for the faithful to habitually live faithlessly. (1 John 3:6-10; 2:1-2)
- ➔ A telltale sign of the faithful is perseverance to the end. (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Matthew 24:13; Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:26; Luke 12:42-46)
- ➔ A person of saving faith surrenders all to Christ. (Luke 14:31-33)

What have you surrendered fully?

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### **True Saving Faith**

Before we can receive the salvation that forgives and delivers us from sin, we must first realize our need for it. Tragic it is that many consider themselves Christians simply because they have prayed a “prayer” or acknowledged culturally tainted (polluted or contaminated) theological facts.

These believe they possess a salvation that has provided forgiveness, but that provides very little, if any, transformation. Yet it doesn’t bother them because they know that salvation is by grace and not works. In their minds, works are unimportant and optional. Yet the Bible states that it is impossible to have a saving faith that does not produce works. The Apostle James wrote that a faith void of works is useless, dead, and cannot save. Let’s take a look at what James had to say: [Read James 2:14-20.](#)

Although many professing Christians claim to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, it’s obvious by their actions that they don’t believe it at all. As Paul wrote, “*They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him*” (Titus 1:6). Genuine faith and repentance continue throughout life. They begin at conversion, but continue for our whole lives.

# LESSON SIX

## WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT

### What the Word Says

#### Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Write It Down

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- ✘ We walk by faith = we walk in a way pleasing to God, though contrary to the world.
- ✘ Faith comes by revelation of God's will & ways.
- ✘ Revelation of the Word (God's will and His laws) comes when faith is born.
- ✘ Read Romans 10:13-17; Deuteronomy 6:3; Psalm 25:4 & Joshua 1:5-9.

#### Read 1 Kings 3:14

- ❖ Faith lives, acts, produces, and bears fruit because we walk in the ways of God.
- ❖ Faith produces in the believer a new way of life; not of sight, but of faith.
- ❖ It produces a life governed by the Word, will, ways, and Spirit of God.

#### Read John 17

- You are in the world, but not of the world.
- The world lives by the law of relativism, the doctrine that judgments are relative to the individual.

How are you in the world but not of it?

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#### Read Genesis 3:1-15 & Matthew 16:21-23

- ⇒ One of the laws of the Spirit (the codes of God, the values of God) is agreement.
- ⇒ The 1<sup>st</sup> part of any life of faith is agreement with God, even though we don't understand.

#### Read Numbers 13

- ➡ Agreement with one another (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)
- ➡ There is always a Heavenly Father response from God. (Matthew 5:41)
- ➡ Read James 3:13-17; Luke 17:1-5 & 2 Corinthians 2:10.

# Spiritual Laws

## The Law of Sowing and Reaping

- ✓ 2 Corinthians 9:10; Luke 6:38; Proverbs 11:24-25; Philippians 4:10-19

## The Law of Progression

- ✓ 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:12-16

## The Law of Sacrifice

- ✓ Ephesians 5:1-2; Matthew 5:21-26

## The Law of Words

- ✓ Matthew 12:31-32; 1 Peter 3:10-12

## Respond

Describe how these laws are at work (or lacking) in your life:

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# LESSON SEVEN      WHAT FAITH DOES

## Faith Faces the Unknown

### Read Hebrews 11:6-10

- Think of the lives of Abraham & Noah.
- Both faced the unknown by faith.

### Read Hebrews 11:6-7 (KJV & AMP)

- ✧ It had never rained before.
- ✧ How did that affect Noah's faith?

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### Read Genesis 6:14-15; 7:1-5

- ✗ Faith is obedience.
- ✗ How do you obey?

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### How do you face the unknown?

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## Faith Overcomes Life's Obstacles

### Many today are paralyzed by fear of the unknown tomorrow.

- They don't dare move unless they have evidence of their actions.
- They don't go into the world because of the unknown. They don't use their gifts because of the unknown.

List your gifts:

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Are you using them?

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**Faith is a journey from glory to glory, and faith to faith.**

- ☞ Faith is change in progress.
- ☞ There may be hindrances on the way, failures on the way, fiery furnaces, lions' dens, giants, or swollen rivers on the way.
- ☞ You never arrive in one day, but you do arrive. (Phil. 3:12-15; Eph. 4:22-32; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

**Faith is a sacrifice and a service.**

- Read Philippians 3:7-8 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- Moses' mother by faith sacrificed her will for God's will over her son.
- Jesus prayed, "Not my will but Your will".

**Faith changes barrenness to fruitfulness.**

- Hebrews 11:11
- 1 Samuel 1:10-18
- 2 Kings 4:13-17

Are you barren or fruitful?

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How can you bear more fruit?

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**Faith experiences the impossible.**

- ✓ Jesus gave us a command to have faith in God. (Mark 11:22 & Luke 1:37)
- ✓ Gideon - courage, acceptance & identity in Christ
- ✓ Samson - miracle birth, sanctification, strength & victory
- ✓ Samuel - vision, leadership & purity
- ✓ David - courage, patience & second chances

## Your Score Card

**Where have you experienced victory by faith?**

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**How did it happen?**

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**Your Key Verse**

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# LESSON EIGHT

## WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT FAITH

### Jesus and Faith

#### Jesus marveled about faith two times:

1. Mark 6:6 - marveled at their unbelief
2. Matthew 8:10 - marveled at great faith

#### Jesus authored our faith as His disciples. Here's what Jesus' faith did:

- Fed 5,000 - Matthew 14
- Fed 4,000 - Matthew 15
- Turned sickness into health - Matthew 8:14-17
- Reversed death's power - John 11:1-44
- Cast out demons - Mark 5:1-15
- Stopped Satan's plans over people's lives - Luke 22:31-32
- Stopped attacks against the plans of God - Mark 4:35-41
- Changed the course of failure - Luke 5:4-11
- Ruled nature - John 2:1-11

#### Faith worked for Jesus, and it will work for you the same today.

- ⇒ Read John 14:12 & Ephesians 5:1.
- ⇒ Jesus spoke of faith more than anyone else in the Bible.
- ⇒ Jesus spoke of the different types of faith people had.
  - a. Matthew 6:25-30 = little faith
  - b. Matthew 8:5-10 = great faith

#### Things that make little faith

- ✓ Thoughts, worry, wrong priorities, what you say. (Matt. 6:31-34)
- ✓ Storms cause fear, and fear allows Satan to dominate you in life. (Matt 8:26)
- ✓ Little faith will cause you to sink back from Jesus and not go forward. Lack of the Word, prayer, fasting - and too much of the world.

#### Faith growth stimulators

- The Word
- Time separated from the world and in fellowship with God
- Prayer and fasting (Mark 9:14-29)

**Jesus taught that faith is personal and is to be used for personal needs, victory, changes, heavenly help, and answered prayer.**

- Faith releases what Jesus possesses.
- We have grace to overcome.

**Give your own example of grace working by faith:**

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## What Jesus Said

**Jesus taught the opposite of many teachings today (that it's all up to God).**

- ✓ Read Matthew 9:29 & Mark 11:23-24.
- ✓ Jesus taught what happens to you is based on your faith, not on God's ability and will.
- ✓ Jesus taught us faith can be used to reverse Satan's work of sickness against us no matter how long it has been or how hopeless it seems; no matter if men, doctors, science, and technology are powerless. Faith can reverse it and turn mourning into joy, heaviness into praise, ashes into beauty. (Isaiah 61:3)

**Jesus revealed that as His coming is nearer Satan, the world, and its evil would have an ill-effect on faith.**

- Read Luke 18:8.
- Satan hates faith. It's the foundation of the believer's freedom from sin, sickness, attacks, needs, and his rule.

## Faith Results

### Increasing Faith

- ✗ Jesus is praying for your faith not to fail. (Luke 22:31-32)
- ✗ Jesus taught that it takes faith to forgive. (Luke 17:3-5) If you have bitterness, offense, unforgiveness, or anger - you need to increase your faith.
- ✗ Jesus reveals the faith you have isn't what you have to keep. You can increase it.
- ✗ Increased faith will allow you to experience more of God; more victory, joy, abundance, peace, and health.

**Jesus reveals that faith brings soundness to spirit, mind, and body.**

- ✧ Soundness to body = healing and health, strength for long life
- ✧ Soundness of mind = freedom from depression, emotional problems, insanity
- ✧ Soundness of spirit = new birth, fruit of the spirit
- ✧ Luke 17:19 - Jesus told the leper that returned to give glory to God, “...*thy faith hath made thee whole.*” (Also Mark 5:25-34)

**Jesus reveals that God’s will can be present but missed because of a lack of faith.**

Read Hebrews 4:1-2 & John 6:35-40 and record what you see:

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**Jesus teaches us that our faith can help others receive from God, and that we should use it for that purpose.**

- Read James 5:14-16 & Matthew 8:5-13.
- Faith never gives up, caves in, or quits because of Hebrews 10:35.
- Faith is used that others may come into the Kingdom of God, know God, see God, and experience God - through you.
- Jesus used His faith for others’ freedom, healing, and needs.
- You can use your faith for others, too. You can use your faith for your family and children. (Matt. 15:22-28; Luke 5:17-26)

**What do you believe?**

List 2 verses you have committed to memory regarding faith:

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# LESSON NINE WHAT THE APOSTLES SAID ABOUT FAITH

## The Operation of Faith

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:13 and write it down.**

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➤ The Kingdom operates on these 3 things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ The operation of the Holy Ghost is also based on these 3.

➤ The world operates off of another 3 things - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (1 John 2:15-17 & Ephesians 2:2-3.)

➤ Faith overcomes the world. (1 John 5:4-5.)

**Read Romans 10:17 and write it down.**

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➤ By hearing the Word, faith is developed & grows, as do all the fruit of the spirit. (Read Galatians 5:22-23.)

➤ Faith comes from the Word, thus the value of everyday life in the Word is revealed.

➤ No one can live a life in the Kingdom without a daily feeding of their faith.

➤ Life in the Kingdom is a life of faith, a life of miracles both in receiving of and demonstrating the power of the Spirit.

➤ Read Gal. 3:2-5; 2 Cor. 4:8-12; 1 Cor. 2:4-5; 2 Cor. 2:14.

## Faith in the Kingdom

**Faith is the only entrance to the Kingdom life.**

✗ Read Acts 14:22

✗ Read Ephesians 3:12 - We have boldness & access with confidence by faith.

✗ Read Matthew 11:12

**Read Romans 5:1-2**

- Receive not the grace of God in vain. (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)
- Behold now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation.  
(List reference \_\_\_\_\_)

What do you believe now - today?

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**Read Romans 12:1-3**

- ❖ Faith is a gift that equalizes all, and gives all access to God’s best.
- ❖ It requires purity of body, transformation of mind, and faith of the spirit. (Matt. 12:25)

**Faith in Life**

**Your family is a kingdom.**

1. Husband, wife, children
2. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7; Ephesians 6:1-4

**Read Romans 12:6-9 & 1Timothy 1:13-14**

- ☞ You’ll only be all you can be and are called to be, and do all you are called to do by faith.
- ☞ When faith is weak, purpose is unfulfilled and missed. People drift from God and become sinful, godless & empty.

**Read Romans 1:17**

How do you live by faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Hebrews 10:35

**Read Romans 3:3-4**

1. Faith always chooses God’s way & the way of the Word.
2. Faith dies when it sides with man’s way.

## Faith and the Law

### Read Romans 3:21-31.

- We are made righteous without the law. We don't know sin. (Gal. 3:24-25)
- Faith is a law. It is not a respecter of persons; therefore, God isn't.
- Read Galatians 3:1-26; Hebrews 9:9:25-28; 10:5-10.

### Transgression of the law is sin.

- 1 John 3:4
- Romans 8:1-2 (We live it by faith.)

### Abraham is an example of faith. (Romans 4:9-21)

- ✓ Rom. 4:17 ~ He spoke things that were not. Faith recognizes something is done, not that something needs to be done. (Read Rom. 10:6-8 & 2 Cor. 4:13.)
- ✓ Rom. 4:18 ~ He believed God against man and self. Faith is an agreement. The word confession means to agree with.
- ✓ Rom. 4:19 ~ He didn't consider the circumstance or the ability to do or not to do, whether he could or could not, but what God could do.

## The Work of Faith

### Where faith is, there is always a battle against unbelief, disobedience, and fear.

- ❖ Faith's battles are won in action, praise, and thanksgiving.
- ❖ Read Colossians 2:7 and write it down

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### Faith works by love, not division, strife, offense, bitterness, anger, condemnation of self or others. (Gal. 5:6; Eph. 3:16)

1. Faith without love is unprofitable in life and in the Kingdom. (1 Cor. 13:1)
2. Love for God (Luke 6:46; James 1:22)
3. Love for self (Eph. 5:28-30)
4. Love for spouse & family (Eph. 5:25-30)
5. Love for brethren (John 13:35; 1 John 3:17-19; Gal. 6:1-2)
6. Love for enemies (Luke 6:27; Rom. 12:19-20)

# LESSON TEN

## THE PURPOSE OF FAITH

### A Living Sacrifice

**Read Romans 12:1-3** (Fill in the blanks)

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that ye present your bodies a living \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your \_\_\_\_\_ service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more \_\_\_\_\_ than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.*

### Faith Requires Humility

- Faith is a gift that makes you dependent on God, in service to God and man.
- Your faith should never exalt you above others, but make you servant to all.
- Faith makes you willing to sacrifice and serve. (Philippians 2:17)
- Faith is never about just you, but is about the Kingdom and others. When faith becomes about you only, it dies and your acts are then fleshly and carnal. (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

### Re-Read Romans 12:1

- ✓ Faith always brings a sacrifice to self, producing holiness to God, and reasonable service; not unreasonable or out of balance.
- ✓ Consistency is the key to a faith-filled life. God loves order:
  - Genesis - God begins with man.
  - Exodus - God calls man out of sin into destiny.
  - Leviticus - God invites man into fellowship (priest) and partnership (sacrifices, offerings, and tithes).
  - Numbers - God gives order to man.
  - Deuteronomy - God blesses man.

**Re-Read Romans 12:2**

- ❖ Faith operates out of the renewed mind that has discovered God’s will and a new identity in Christ.
- ❖ The carnal mind doesn’t operate in the laws of God. Faith is a law. (See Rom. 3:27)

**Read Romans 12:4-8**

- ✗ Verse 6 - The gifts and callings of God are endowments of grace released by faith. Without the growth of one’s faith, the gift doesn’t operate to fulfill its designed purpose.
- ✗ Faith is given to us so that we can be stewards over that with which God has gifted us. (Matt. 25 - the talents - also the ten virgins and the lamps)

**Read Romans 13:11**

*“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to \_\_\_\_\_ out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”*

1. It’s time to be about the Father’s business.
2. It can only be accomplished by faith.

How does one wake up?

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**Faith Serves**

**Read Romans 12:9-21**

Faith is not to be used to operate in our gifts and callings only, but to live the Jesus life for others.

- ♦ Faith in 4 areas (4 is the number of fullness)
  - Personal development
  - Family development - personal family & family of God (brothers and sisters in Christ)
  - Daily dealings with the world in the workplace & marketplace
  - Dealing with those who call us enemies or treat us as such



### Read Romans 12:9

1. *Let love be without* \_\_\_\_\_...
  - a. Let love be real, from the spirit, not just an act. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
  - b. Real love never requires recognition, reward, honor, favor, or repayment.
2. *Abhor that which is* \_\_\_\_\_; *cleave to that which is good.*
  - a. Faith always chooses right and truth, conforms to truth, and hates evil.
  - b. Be cemented, glued to good.

### Read Romans 12:10

1. *Be kindly affectioned one to another with* \_\_\_\_\_ *love...*
  - a. Fault over-lookers, seeking to help, not criticize.
  - b. Seeking to lift up, not control.
  - c. Seeking to sow into, not get something from.
2. *In honour* \_\_\_\_\_ *one another.*
  - a. Put others first, even at your loss.

### Read Romans 12:11

1. *Not slothful in* \_\_\_\_\_...
  - a. Diligence - Proverbs 18:9; 22:29; 27:23
  - b. Be consistent - judge things before you start. Can you build the house?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *in spirit...*
  - a. Protect what you have and where you are.
  - b. Be quick to act.
3. *Serving the* \_\_\_\_\_;
  - a. Put your life in service to God.
  - b. Whatever you have or do, find a use.

### Read Romans 12:12

1. *Rejoicing in* \_\_\_\_\_...
  - a. Be a praiser even though you haven't received.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *in tribulation...*
  - a. Be stable.
3. *Continuing instant in* \_\_\_\_\_... (Phil. 4:6-8)
  - a. Pray always!

### **Read Romans 12:13**

1. *Distributing to the \_\_\_\_\_ of saints...*
  - a. Be a giver. You are blessed for a purpose.
  - b. You are to be a giver, a dream-helper, a harvest-filler.
2. *Given to \_\_\_\_\_...*
  - a. Be kind and help those you meet.

### **Read Romans 12:14**

1. *Bless them which \_\_\_\_\_ you: bless, and curse not.*
  - a. Faith is of the spirit - it gives blessing.
  - b. The flesh gives cursing.

### **Read Romans 12:15**

1. *Rejoice with them that do \_\_\_\_\_*
  - a. Be joyful when others succeed & prosper, not downcast.
2. *And \_\_\_\_\_ with them that weep*
  - a. Use your faith to bear the burdens of the broken.

### **Read Romans 12:16**

1. *Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not \_\_\_\_\_ in your own conceits.*
  - a. Don't be self-centered about your vision; be body-minded.
  - b. Don't seek the high places of man; minister to people in life.

### **Read Romans 12:17**

1. *Recompense to no man evil for \_\_\_\_\_...*
  - a. Never seek to get even.
  - b. Never seek to hurt another that hurt you.
2. *Provide things \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of all men.*
  - a. Don't have your good evil spoken of.

### **Read Romans 12:18**

1. *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live \_\_\_\_\_ with all men.*
  - a. Always seek peace.
  - b. Never be a divider.

# LESSON 11

## FAITH'S CONFESSION

### Remember This

#### Read Romans 10:4-10

- ✓ Faith is not based on what man can do, but it is based on what God has already done. It is an acceptance of something already completed.
- ✓ Faith is not based on what God might do, but on an assurance of what He has done.
- ✓ Read Mark 11:20-24.

#### Read Hebrews 11:1

*“Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen.”*

1. Now = I have it. It's done; not it will happen; not I hope it will come to pass.
2. Your salvation is a now salvation. Your healing is a \_\_\_\_\_ healing. Your answered prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ answer. Your harvest from your seed is a \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.
3. If it's not now, it's not faith. (See 2 Chronicles 20:1-30.)

### What is the Confession of Faith?

#### ➔ **The confession of faith is born of hearing, seeing, thinking, or meditating the Word.**

- Read Isaiah 57:19 & Proverbs 4:20-22.
- Read Genesis 17:1-8 - When God spoke revelation came, faith was born, and confession came forth.
- Read 1 Peter: 3:10-12 & 1 John 5:4-5.

#### ➔ **Say this: (James 5:14-15)**

*“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith **shall** save the sick, and the Lord **shall** raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they **shall** be forgiven him.”*

- ☑ Faith is now, not when you can see it or feel it. It's now, born out of the evidence of the Word. It is a guarantee.
- ☑ Make your faith connection by prayer, action, praise, and confession.
- ☑ Faith is not feeling or seeing, but a profession that God did what He said; that He watched over His Word.

➔ **Say this: (Romans 10:9-10)**

*“That if thou **shalt confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and **shalt believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou **shalt** be saved. For with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.”*

- ♦ Confession = agreeing with God, saying what God says.
- ♦ Confession of faith = a statement born out of a revelation of God. (Rom.10:14-17)
- ♦ A confession of faith comes from the spirit of man, not the mind of man.
- ♦ Confession doesn't bring faith; faith brings confession. (Rom.10:14-17)

## **Protecting Your Confession of Faith**

### **Read Romans 11:17-23**

- ❖ Faith must be protected. It's our bedrock of firmness in Christ.
- ❖ Paul teaches our union with God.
- ❖ Our relationship with God is dependent upon our confession of faith in Him.

### **Read Romans 16:26**

- Faith is a life of obedience in the small and big things. (Romans 6:15-23)
- Faith is directly connected to one's submission & honoring of authority that God has set among us to teach, lead, and guide. (2 Peter 2:10; Acts 23:1-5; 2 Corinthians 10:15; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Chronicles 20:20; Numbers 16:2-34; Romans 13:1-14)
- Faith is directly connected with submission to & honoring of the Word. (Luke 6:46; James 1:22-25; Leviticus 10)
- Faith is directly connected with the submission to and honoring of those in our households. (2 Tim.1:5; Eph. 5:23-33; 1 Peter 3:5-8; Eph. 6:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-21)

## **Your Key Confession of Faith**

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# LESSON 12

## THE KINGDOM LAW OF FAITH

### In the Image of God

#### God's faith creates.

Compare Hebrews 11:3 with Genesis 1:1-4. How did God create?

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#### We as believers are created in the image of God.

Write out Genesis 1:26.

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- We are not God, but we are made in His image. We are to see Him and act like Him; have His thoughts and think like Him; hear Him talk and speak like Him. (Mark 11:22-24)
- We are to be imitators of God. (Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 4:11)
- Luke 6:36 - *“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.”*
- Jesus was a forgiver. He was mistreated, betrayed, rejected, flogged, and crucified; yet on the cross He forgave them. (Eph. 4:32; 1 John 4:10-11; Heb. 4:14-15)

### How God Used Faith

#### God faced a problem. (Read Genesis 1:1-2)

- We see here God created the heavens and the earth, but something went wrong between verses one and two. (Isaiah 45:18; Isaiah 14:12-19)
- God saw the void and the darkness, His desire without form, a total devastation of His plan and purpose, but He didn't say what He saw. (Genesis 1:3-4)
- God said what He desired. (See Hebrews 11:1.)
- God could have done what carnal people do, what unbelief does, what the senses do, but He's a faith God. He doesn't say what He sees; He says what He desires to see.
- Thank God He didn't give into joylessness, depression, hopelessness, anger, or disappointment, or the world would still be in chaos.

**We are to be imitators of God.**

Read Mark 11:22-24 and write it down.

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- ♦ “Have faith in God” is to use God-given faith.
- ♦ God is teaching us how to possess His will, plan, and purpose for our lives; how to overcome the darkest hours.
- ♦ We learn by instruction and by examples in the Word. (Philippians 4:9)

**Embrace your image.**

1. Don't say what you see or feel; say what God desires and has promised you.
2. Read Genesis 17:1-8; Jeremiah 1:4-7; 8-9 & Galatians 6:7.
3. Don't say what you see or hear; say what you want. Don't alter what you say because change is going on. Hold fast your confession of faith.

**Put it to work.**

I say this about me: \_\_\_\_\_

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Because the Word says: \_\_\_\_\_

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# LESSON 13

## FAITH THAT GROWS

### Eat to Grow

#### God's Word is Faith Food ~ Read Matthew 4:4

1. Have \_\_\_\_\_ in God. (Mark 11:22-26)
2. God has dealt to each man a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith. (Romans 12:3)
3. By grace we are saved through \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:8)
4. Faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_. (Roman 10:17)
5. We all have the same \_\_\_\_\_ of faith. (2 Corinthians 4:13)

#### Read Romans 10:8

- The Word of God is the word of faith.
- Faith grows exceedingly so the Word might have free course. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

#### Different Types of Faith

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Little faith       | Luke 12:28     |
| 2. Weak faith         | Romans 4:19    |
| 3. Strong faith       | Romans 4:20    |
| 4. Great faith        | Matthew 8:10   |
| 5. Rich faith         | James 2:5      |
| 6. Full of faith      | Acts 6:5       |
| 7. Dead faith         | James 2:17     |
| 8. Faith unfeigned    | 1 Timothy 1:5  |
| 9. Shipwrecked faith  | 1 Timothy 1:19 |
| 10. God kind of faith | Mark 11:22-26  |

#### Read Romans 12:3

Now write it down:

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## Faith Promises

### You ...

...are saved though \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:8)

...live by \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 10:38)

...cannot please God without \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 11:6)

### Measure Your Faith

Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ faith? (Matthew 8:5-10)

Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ faith? (Matthew 8:23-27)

Do you live according to your \_\_\_\_\_? (Matthew 9:27-30)

Does your faith make you \_\_\_\_\_? (Mark 5:25-34)

Are all things are possible to you who believes? (Mark 9:23)

## Make it Right

Where are you missing the mark?

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What verse will help you fix it?

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Make your confession of faith:

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# LESSON 14

## LITTLE FAITH

### O Ye of Little Faith

#### Write out Matthew 6:30

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- Little faith is mentioned five times in the Bible. (Matt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; Luke 12:28)
- The word “little” means - puny in size & ability, value or extent.

#### Six Kinds of Faith

- No faith (Deuteronomy 32:20)
- Little faith (Matthew 6:30)
- Faith (Mark 5:25-30)
- Great faith - meaning much or so great (Matthew 8:10)
- Mega faith - the highest, largest, exceeding, greatest of all (Matthew 15:28)
- Dead faith (James 2:20)

#### Little Faith...

- ...causes the necessities of life to be missed. It causes you to settle for less than what God desires for you to have.
- ...causes fear & intimidation to push you back and stops your desire to stir yourself. (Matthew 6:30)
- ...allows storms & dangers to overcome you. (Matthew 8:26)
- ...stops the miracle life in and through you. (Matthew 14:31)
- ...stops the supernatural provision for life, vision, goals & purposes. (Matt. 16:8)

### The Cure for Little Faith

#### Write out Hebrews 11:1

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#### Make it Personal

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## Remind yourself...

- ✓ Faith is the substance (spiritual) that Kingdom business (God's will) is carried out by.
- ✓ Faith is the s \_\_\_\_\_ that brings God's will to pass.
- ✓ Faith is the victory, the \_\_\_\_\_ that causes victory to come to pass. (1 John 5:4-5)
- ✓ Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we live by in the Kingdom of God. (John 10:10)
- ✓ Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we fulfill our calls by. (Eph. 4:8-12)

## You Have What You Need - The Measure of Faith

Write down Romans 12:3

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- As a believer, God gives you the measure of faith that it takes to live the holy, blessed, empowered Christ-life. (Romans 12:3; 2 Peter 1:1)
- Faith comes to make you a hundred-fold person.
- It is planted in seed form and must be developed in every believer's life.

## Four Things Faith Does

1. It comes. (Romans 10:17)
2. By use it grows. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)
3. It is released by saying and doing. (Mark 11:23; Mark 2:9)
4. It works. (James 2:18-20)

## Avoid Little Faith

### How Little Faith Comes

- Little faith is never God's will or intent; it is the result of Satan and man.
- Satan attacks faith in order to shrink it, thus preventing it from giving the believer his rightful inheritance and victory.
- Little faith is the result of men deceiving, disputing, vexing, persecuting, and preaching error to you. (Romans 14:1; 2 Timothy 2:17-18)
- Little faith can be the result of neglect of the individual to feed his faith, to exercise his faith in God; or forsaking it because of hardship, prolonged problems; or even forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

## **Four Battle Fronts**

1. Satan and demons (Ephesians 6:12)
2. The mind (Romans 7:23)
3. The flesh (Galatians 5:17-23)
4. The world (John 16:33)

## **Avoid the Mystery of Iniquity**

- ✗ The reason Satan attacks our faith is to cause it to shrink in size, ability, and purpose; to make it small so his plans against us can be carried out.
- ✗ 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 - “Mystery of iniquity” is the working of Satan to bring a faithlessness toward God, His Word, and His ways - creating a Babylon, a humanism & a plurality of deistic worship, materialism, worldliness & godlessness.
- ✗ The work of Satan to shrink faith fulfills the mystery of iniquity. It seeks to destroy all moral restraint and establish new rights and wrongs based on the baseness of sin or the non-existence of God. (Zechariah 3:1-10; Eph. 2:1-3)
- ✗ Rights and wrongs become based on 1 John 2:16 - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - pleasure, lust, desire & need, no matter the cost to others. (Ephesians 2:1-3; Ephesians 4:17-20)

## **How to Keep Faith from Shrinking**

### **Get a revelation of God’s love & providence for you.**

- ➔ Read Matthew 6:25-34
- ➔ Providence is provision for future events before they happen.

### **Protect your thoughts, even everyday thoughts where faith works.**

- 📖 Read Luke 12:29; Philippians 4:6-8
- 📖 1 Timothy 1:18; 2 Timothy 1:4-7

### **Don’t open your mouth and open a door to shrink your faith.**

- ✧ Read Psalm 62:11; 1 Peter 3:10-12; James 3:1-10; Proverbs 18:2
- ✧ Psalm 2:8; Hebrews 4:14

### **Pray in the Holy Ghost.**

- ☑ Read Jude 19-21
- ☑ 1 Corinthians 14:4

**Seek first the kingdom of God & His will.**

- ⇒ Read Matt. 26:39; Psalm 37:3
- ⇒ Luke 6:46; James 1:22; Matthew 6:9-13

**Seek His righteousness.**

- Great faith is connected to & a platform of righteousness or sin-freeness, being morally sound in life & ethics, which means principles of conduct governing an individual.
- Read Matthew 17:17; Zephaniah 3:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:21; Romans 12:17-18; James 4:17

**Maintain your identity in Christ.**

- Keep the Word before you. (Matthew 14:31 & 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
- Read Psalm 46:1
- Do not reason or consider man’s opinions. (Matthew 16:8)

**Your Key Verse**

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**Life change for you...**

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**How can you help others?**

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# LESSON 15

## GRACE: ACCESSED BY FAITH

### What is Grace?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

- Grace is unmerited favor, an endowment of gifts from God. (Romans 12:3-6)
- Grace is a giving of supernatural benefits. (Psalm 103:1-6; Acts 20:32)
- **Grace is God's willingness to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.** (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
- The gospel is a revelation of the goodness and grace of God. (Acts 20:24; Romans 4:17-21; Ephesians 2:5-8; Acts 15:11; Hebrews 4:16; Romans 3:24)

#### Grace is not for a few, but for ALL who desire it.

1. Read Ephesians 2:6-9; Romans 10:9-13; 16:24
2. Read Acts 4:33; 2 Corinthians 1:20-21.

#### Where does grace come from? It comes from God (of course).

- ✧ Read Romans 5:17-21; Acts 20:32; 14:3
- ✧ Read 1 Peter 1:13; 2 Peter 1:2; 3:18.

### Accessing Grace by Faith

#### How do we access grace?

- ⇒ Read Romans 5:1-2 & Ephesians 2:5-9
  - ⇒ Write down Hebrews 4:16
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#### The purpose of grace is to reveal the fullness of Jesus' redemption of man.

- ✗ Read 2 Corinthians 8:9; 12:9-10; 2:14
- ✗ Read Acts 4:33; 20:32; 2 Peter 1:3-4

#### Don't frustrate the grace of God.

- ✓ Read Galatians 2:21 - "*I do not \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God: for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*"
- ✓ Frustrate = to prevent a plan from progressing or succeeding. (2 Cor 6:1-2)

**The result of grace is God’s provision.**

- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
- Read Psalm 18:29-34
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:5-6; 4:7

**Be a doer of the Word of God.**

- Read Luke 6:46-49; 5:17-21; 1 Peter 5:6-10
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-12; 2:14; James 1:22

**Use what God has given you.**

- ⇒ God asked Moses, “What’s in your \_\_\_\_\_?”
- ⇒ Read Judges 6:11-7:23
- ⇒ Read Zechariah 4:10 - Don’t look at the size of what you have.

What do you have?

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**Read Luke 4:18-19**

- ❖ Grace heals the broken-hearted.
- ❖ Grace restores broken families.
- ❖ Grace provides salvation of loved ones.

**Your Key Verse**

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# LESSON 16

## LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF

### Let's Begin!

#### Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-3

- They lived beyond themselves.
- Living beyond yourself = living outside the limitations of, beyond the power of; to be more than ordinary; to be in excess of and outside the status quo.

#### List 3 ways you can live beyond your own means and strength:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Read 2 Corinthians 1:7-10

- Faith = the fruit of the new man of the Spirit
- Faith = the gift of the power of the Spirit
- Both are beyond man's own ability.

#### Define Faith

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#### Read Galatians 2:20

- ✓ It is not just a fair weather faith. The life beyond ourselves is given to us to live in the midst of great affliction and deep lack or need; times of not enough when we find ourselves bankrupt of hope, love, strength, courage, vision, peace, assurance, and provision.
- ✓ Then Paul says there is a time to live beyond ourselves and live in Him.
- ✓ Jesus is our example (not the only one - we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses that lived beyond themselves.) Read John 14:9-11.

## Digging In

### Read Matthew 14:13-21

- Jesus lived beyond Himself.
- Vs. 17 - There were more than just 12 disciples.
- Jesus used his faith to live beyond Himself just as we are to use ours to live beyond ourselves. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matt. 14:22-33; Matt. 17:24-27)

### Read 1 Peter 2:13-23

- Jesus lived beyond Himself, to the extent that they desired to be like Him.
- Living beyond ourselves is a choice.

### Find 3 examples of people living beyond themselves in the Bible:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref \_\_\_\_\_

## Staying the Course

### Read Matthew 26:36-46

- ☞ Sometimes we go through things that we have to do, things that are bad situations, but we can make a choice to live beyond ourselves.
- ☞ The same Spirit who dwelt in Jesus, dwells in us. (1 John 4:4; 2 Corinthians 4:7-15)
- ☞ The devil wants you to live in yourself, but God calls you to live by faith, which gives birth to the “beyond yourself” living. (Psalm 43:5; 1 Peter 5:6-10)
- ☞ You may find yourself downcast, but there is a way out. (2 Timothy 1:7)

### Where do you struggle?

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### How can you fix it?

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# Faith to Overcome

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 8-10 Amplified Version

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement), who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God.”*

*“For we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about the affliction and oppressing distress which befell us in [the province of] Asia, how we were so utterly and unbearably weighed down and crushed that we despaired even of life [itself]. Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the [very] sentence of death, but that was to keep us from trusting in and depending on ourselves instead of on God who raises the dead. [For it is He] who rescued and saved us from such a perilous death, and He will still rescue and save us; in and on Him we have set our hope (our joyful and confident expectation) that He will again deliver us [from danger and destruction and draw us to Himself].”*

### Read Romans 8:1-2

- ❖ See also 1 John 1:9
- ❖ Read Micah 7:19 - sea of forgiveness
- ❖ Go to Psalm 103:12 - sins cast as far as the east is from the west

### You must live beyond reason, circumstances, and evidence.

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Acts 27
- Remember - Paul & Silas in prison praised and sang beyond the hurt, the shame, the rejection. (Acts 16:25-28)

Find 3 things you can praise God about today, even though outward evidence is against you:

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Open your mouth and praise!

**You must see who you are in Jesus.**

Do not look at past failures but at the newness of God. Look up these scriptures and read them aloud.

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| 1. Matthew 11:12         | 5. 1 Peter 3:1-12     |
| 2. 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 | 6. Ephesians 5:25-6:9 |
| 3. Judges 6:12-14        | 7. Psalm 18:28-41     |
| 4. Colossians 3:3        | 8. Philippians 4:13   |

**Plant seed.**

- ✓ See 1 Kings 17:1-24
- ✓ See 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Describe how planting seed brings a harvest:

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**Furthermore...**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:3-4.
2. Deal with your past. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Philippians 3:13-14)
3. Get yourself an attitude adjustment. (James 1:2)
4. Look for the abundance of joy. (2 Corinthians 8:2)

**Look up trusting God in the Psalms and list 3 instances where God sustained:**

_____	Ref _____
_____	Ref _____
_____	Ref _____

# LESSON 17

## TRUTH CHANGES FACT

### Whose Report Will You Believe?

#### Three Reports We Face

1. From God
2. From Man
3. From Satan

#### What is a Report?

- ✓ A report is a proclamation.
- ✓ In the case of Jesus, His report is whatever we see Him doing or saying.
- ✓ A report can be doctrine.
- ✓ Isaiah 53:1-2

#### What to Do

- ✗ We don't deny reports, because denial never changed anything.
- ✗ We put our faith, our trust, and our reliance upon the report of the Lord.
- ✗ Faith changes things.

#### Satan's Report

- ✧ The report of Satan is born out of his lies, falsehoods, and half truths.
- ✧ Satan lied to Eve. (Genesis 3:1-5)

#### Man's Report

- ⇒ Man's report is based on experience, natural understanding, imagination, and outward evidence.
- ⇒ The 10 spies brought back an evil report. (Numbers 13:25-33)

#### God's Report

- God's report is found in His will and His Word (the Bible).
- Joshua and Caleb saw things God's way. (Numbers 13:25-33)

What would you have said?

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## Responding the Right Way

### All Three Reports Come to Us, but It Is Up to Us to:

1. Choose what we will believe.
2. Resist the evil report.
3. Respond in faith.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-7 and write down what you see.

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### Don't Lose Sight of God's Thoughts

- ☞ God's thoughts are the basis for vision and faith, the life of possibility and victory.
- ☞ When we fail to side with God's thoughts, we live in a distorted reality with perverted vision; we misdiagnose circumstances and hindrances; we forsake His enablement.
- ☞ When we lose sight of God's thoughts we give place to evil, disobedience, rebellions, murmuring, discouragement, fear, and unbelief. (Deuteronomy 1:25-32)
- ☞ Without focus on God's thoughts, we will experience spiritual blindness, hardness of heart, the rule of Satan, and the curse. (John 12:37-41)

## Truth Changes Fact

### Write out John 8:31-32

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### **Fact:** Needs Arise    **Truth:** Philippians 4:19

- In Matthew 10:5-10, Jesus sent the 12 out with a commission. Luke 22:35 shows us how things went for them. There was no lack.
- The fact is that in every vision, needs arise. But the truth is that God does not see lack, only provision.
- We must believe, proclaim, and act on the truth in order to change the fact.

**Fact: Failures Happen    Truth: God Gives Abundant Life**

- ✗ In Luke 5:1-8, Peter and company had failed to catch any fish during the night shift, but when they let Jesus use their boat, and He sent them fishing during the heat of the day, they came back with their nets full.
- ✗ Peter failed on his own, but with God, he experienced abundance.
- ✗ Truth can change the fact of failure into success with obedience and faith. (John 10:10)

**Fact: Sick of the Palsy    Truth: Jesus Christ Makes You Whole**

- ✓ In Acts 9:32-35, Peter encountered a man whose fact was sickness and disease. He could not stand up.
- ✓ Peter told him the truth - that Jesus was the healer - and the man stood up whole and sound.
- ✓ Peter put his faith in the truth of the Word in action by telling the man to get up.
- ✓ A constant observance of truth keeps us in remembrance of the benefits of salvation, which include healing. (Psalm 103:1-5)

**Fact: Defeat    Truth: Victory!**

- In 2 Chronicles 20:1-25, Israel had no strength to stand against its enemies. The fact was evident in verse 12, but the truth was proclaimed in verse 15.
- When they acted on the truth – that it was God’s battle and not theirs – and did as they were told, they won a great victory, despite the facts that were evident all around them.
- They accepted the truth ~ verse 18.
- They applied faith by action and by their words ~ verses 21-22.

**Fact: Genesis 17:17    Truth: Genesis 17:19**

- ⇒ Abraham was obedient in Genesis 17:23.
- ⇒ He applied faith to the truth, and the truth brought forth a son in Genesis 21:1-3.
- ⇒ Read Romans 4:17-25.

**The Secret**

- ✧ To change fact into truth, it takes faith in action.
- ✧ Faith says what God says (the truth), even when fact (the circumstance) contradicts it.
- ✧ Faith declares the truth, even when it appears impossible. (Romans 4:17-25)
- ✧ Facts can destroy human hope, but truth can give supernatural hope, hope that is beyond reason and human possibility.

# LESSON 18

## TRUSTING GOD - THE TITHE

### What is Tithing?

#### Read Genesis 14:18-20

- A precedent is set forth in this encounter between Melchizedec and Abram. Abram gave a tithe (a tenth) of the spoils of his victory to the priest of God.
- This precedent is continued in the law as tithes were required to be given of the Israelites' gain unto the Levites, the priests of God.

#### Read Leviticus 27:30

- ☒ The tithe, or the tenth of their increase, was to be given to God.
- ☒ God has decreed that it belongs to Him. It is a holy thing.

### Is Tithing for Today?

#### What Some Believe

- There are some who believe that though we should be givers, the tithe has been done away with.
- They believe the Old Covenant has been fulfilled and replaced by the New Covenant.

#### What the Bible Says

- ⇒ Read Hebrews 7:1-2 & Hebrews 7:15-17
- ⇒ Melchizedec was tithed to by Abraham; we as the seed of Abraham still tithe to the order of Melchizedec, which is Jesus Christ our savior.
- ⇒ The tithe has not been done away with, but is still in effect today.
- ⇒ The tithe was before the law through our father Abraham. We should walk in his steps. (Romans 4:12; Hebrews 7)

### Where Should We Tithe?

#### The Storehouse

- ☞ Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse..."
- ☞ The storehouse is the church in which you are an active member.

Where is your storehouse?

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## Why Trust God with the Tithe?

**Read Malachi 3:8-9 and write down what God says:**

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**Read Malachi 3:10-11 and write down what God says:**

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### The Reward

- ✓ God will certainly reward those who are faithful to His commandments.
- ✓ Jesus commended those who tithed. (Luke 11:42; Matt. 23:23; Matt. 5:20)
- ✓ Paul taught to give in proportion to increase. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

### Examples of Tithing

- Abraham (Genesis 14:20)
- Jacob (Genesis 28:22)
- Levites (Numbers 18:26)
- Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 31:2-5)
- Nehemiah (Nehemiah 13:11-12)
- Christians (1 Corinthians 16:2; Hebrews 7:1-28)

### Benefits of Tithing

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| 1. For the priest                             | Numbers 18:21-24     |
| 2. Supply of God's house                      | Malachi 3:10         |
| 3. To honor God                               | Proverbs 3:9-10      |
| 4. For the poor, stranger, widow              | Deuteronomy 26:12-14 |
| 5. Blessing from Heaven                       | Malachi 3:10         |
| 6. God will rebuke Satan                      | Malachi 3:11         |
| 7. Your seed with prosper                     | Malachi 3:10         |
| 8. You will eat the good of the land          | Isaiah 1:19          |
| 9. Blessings to your children & grandchildren | Malachi 3:10         |
| 10. Ministries will not lack                  | 1 Timothy 5:17-18    |

Why do you tithe?

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# LESSON 19

## GIVING AND RECEIVING

### The Word on It

#### Read Philippians 4:15

📖 Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Galatians 1:4; Romans 8:1-2

📖 Read Ephesians 4:17-24

📖 Read Proverbs 3:5-10; Proverbs 15:24; Psalm 97:11; Proverbs 23:4

### Use Wisdom

- ↪ Wisdom is the sister of the believer; understanding a kinsman; wisdom and understanding are inseparable.

Write down Proverbs 17:24

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- ↪ The Kingdom of God is a supernatural, above ordinary, beyond man, beyond the world, and beyond natural law kingdom. It is a kingdom marked by miracles (events that reverse or alter the natural course of things.) Its laws rule over, dominate, and are superior to the laws of the earth. You are in that kingdom! (Col 1:13; Eph 2:5; Gal 1:4; Eph 2:19; 2 Cor 5:20; John 8:32; 8:51)

### Three Hindrances

- ➔ There are three things that will keep you from walking in the wisdom of God, in the Kingdom life of giving and receiving:
1. Fear (2 Timothy 1:7; Luke 12:1-5)
  2. Unbelief resulting from ignorance or rejection of truth by choice (1 Tim. 1:13; Ephesians 4:17-23; Romans 1:16-17; Mark 6:1-5)
  3. One's will over God's; one's goals and desires over God's (1 John 2:15-16)
- ➔ When we begin to move and live in the Kingdom life (which is giving of love, then self, then things), Satan sets forth to hinder, stop, and destroy that type of life because it is the God-life.

## God is a Giver, So are We

### Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

- ✓ As we become givers, it is a result of the nature of God being developed in us.
- ✓ (Luke 16:10-13) It is a declaration of our love for Him, our service to Him, and our faithfulness to Him.
- ✓ Verse 10 reveals that the use of finances in line with scripture is the proving ground for promotion.

### Read Mark 10:17-22

- Giving is an act of faith that brings treasures to one's eternity and increase in one's present life. (Mark 10:29-30)
- Satan comes to every believer in an attempt to get him to love mammon (money) more than God.

## God So Loved, He Gave

- ⊗ Our giving is exercised by faith and out of love. (2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Galatians 6; 2 Corinthians 9:13; 1 John 4:19)
- ⊗ Our giving is exercised in proportion to our love level – our love for God, for Kingdom things such as church and ministry, our love for our neighbor, our love for our enemies, our love for the brethren, for our families, for our enemies, and for ourselves. (1 John 3:16-19)

Where do you love and give?

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### Faith Comes – Romans 10:17

- When faith comes, fear is at the door to strip people of God's best, resulting in His purpose being defeated or overcome. (2 Timothy 1:5-7)
- When faith is exercised, the love of God can be experienced. (John 3:16)

## Avoid the Love of Money

### Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- ☞ Money is not evil, but the love of it is. (Deuteronomy 8:18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
- ☞ We are not to love money, but we are to love God, our spouses, our children, our neighbors, and our enemies as we love ourselves.

- ☞ The love of money has been and is the basis for wars, murders, violence, robberies, break-up of marriages & friendships, business failures, and church divisions; it can even stop God's plan for many people.
- ☞ The love of money to any extent is a perverse placement of faith.
- ☞ The love of money is covetousness, which is idolatry = worshiping something other than God. Covetousness by definition = greed, excessive desire to have more or acquire more. In many cases it is accompanied by a feeling of discontent. Rich and poor can be ensnared by Satan through covetousness (1 John 2:16).
- ☞ Read 1 Corinthians 5:10-12 = Church folks
- ☞ Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 = The work of the anti-Christ
- ☞ Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and notice the class of people affected by covetousness.
- ☞ Read Psalm 10:3 = God hates covetousness

Do you love money?

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## The Purpose of Giving

### Priorities

- ☞ Our giving here and now affects our lives, families, Kingdom participation, and eternity. (Mark 10:28-31; Matthew 6:19-24)
- ☞ Giving prioritizes our true purpose in life. (Matthew 6:33)
- ☞ Giving is not just to receive and have, but it is for the purpose of experiencing God as provider. (2 Corinthians 9:9-15)
- ☞ Giving allows us to become equipped to abound to every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)
- ☞ Giving develops one's faith and expresses one's love for God and others.
- ☞ God is not against people having things, or having the best. (Deut. 8:5-18)

### Blessing is God's Will – Now It's Up to You

- ☞ Write out 3 John verse 2

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- ☞ Write out Deuteronomy 8:18

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⇒ Read aloud 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 and note what you hear:

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## The How-To

1. Revelation brings faith. Study, search, seek, find, and meditate. (Joshua 1:6-9)
2. Do. (James 1:22-25; 2:20)
3. Believe and say. (Mark 11:23-24; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Romans 4:17-22)
4. Resist the devil and unbelief. (By praise & 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
5. Obey. (Deut. 6:3; 17-19; Deut. 7:12-15; Isaiah 1:19-20; Deut. 28:1-14)
6. Walk in love. (Galatians 5:6)

## Don't Eat Your Leaves

### God is Willing

- God is willing to provide. (Exodus 12:31-36; Deut. 8:11-18; Psalm 105:37)
- This has nothing to do with need, but everything to do with the Father's provision for us that we may be able to carry out His will.
- Exodus 25:1-8; 35:4-29
- Read Matthew 6:25-33 (It takes money.)
- Read Galatians 3:13-14; Eph. 1:3; 2 Cor. 8:9; Prov. 10:22; Prov. 11:24; 2 Cor. 9:1-11

### God is Faithful

- ✓ Read Psalm 119:86; Psalm 119:138
- ✓ Read Mark 4:26-29; Matthew 14:15-21

### Firstfruits

- ↻ In farming, the leaf comes before the fruit appears. This principle also works in the area of finances.
- ↻ When a plant bears leaves, the harvest will be on the way, but will not come immediately. It is important to keep the leaves safe because they are the life (the firstfruits) of the harvest. They are as much a part of the seed as the fruit.
- ↻ Leaves help keep the farmer in right action toward the plant (the place of harvest). It's the same in giving and receiving.
- ↻ When a man can see a leaf form, he becomes more patient, stable, and enduring. (Hebrews 10:35)
- ↻ Leaves help us focus on what is good and coming forth. We stop wishing and hoping for what we can see. Leaves cause us to look for the completed harvest.

Example – When you sow a seed expecting a harvest, keep everything that comes your way toward that harvest. If you sowed \$10.00 because you needed \$100.00, the moment you receive an extra \$1.00, put it aside and call it a leaf – a beginning of your harvest. Keep it in a box or an envelope. It will make you diligent and keep you stable until you see the completed harvest. (Hebrews 11:6; Proverbs 28:20)

- A leaf says God is working, and the return is coming to pass.
- A leaf helps us hold fast. (Luke 9:62)
- It works in every area of life. (James 5:14-16)
- Don't eat the leaves or you will miss the harvest. Even pennies count! Put them in your safe place and keep your faith toward the goal, the finish line. Don't ever give up, no matter how much time passes.

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# LESSON 20

## MAKING GOD YOUR SOURCE

### What Do You Trust?

#### Sources

- ↪ Source means the place we receive from, the place we build on, the thing we trust in and turn to.
- ↪ God reveals that in the troubles of life - from Satan, man, self, distress, affliction, anguish, need, sickness, brokenness - He desires to be your source.
- ↪ Jesus reveals that He came to be the source for man. (Matthew 11:28-30)
- ↪ Paul shows that God is a source for every need. (Philippians 4:19; 1 Cor 1:9-10)
- ↪ Paul shows what a believer can do through Christ. (Philippians 4:13)

#### Created to Make God Your Source

- ☞ We are created to love others by allowing God to be our source. (Matthew 4:4)
- ☞ Satan wants us to look to other sources rather than God because when we do, we become separated from God's blessing, protection, and purpose. (1 Peter 5:6-10)
- ☞ Man will try to get you to trust in other sources. (1 Samuel 17:33-40) [Now that doesn't mean God doesn't use men, doctors, or natural things ... He does, but they are instruments, not our source.]

Is God your true source?

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### God the Source for Healing

#### Read Mark 5:25-34

- † When the woman with the issue of blood heard that Jesus was going about healing the sick, she came to understand that Jesus desired to be the source for her healing.
- † After many disappointments, sleepless nights, worry-filled days, frustrations, failures, financial decay, and misguided faith, she made an adjustment and put her faith in God as her source, the place she would receive from.
- † No matter how long Satan & sickness has had you bound, no matter how many disappointments or failures, no matter what went on or is going on, God wants you to know He is still available to be your source. (Romans 2:11)

## Romans 10:13

- *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*
- “Saved” comes from sozo = to heal, preserve, deliver, do well, make whole, protect.

Have you been healed by God your source?

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## God the Source for Forgiveness

### How to Forgive

- ↻ Being able to forgive comes from Christ Jesus’ empowerment to love and cover a multitude of sins. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)
- ↻ Many people have unforgiveness or bitterness because of hurts, wrongs, offenses, or disappointments - because they made people the source of their dreams, life, family, provision, help, counsel, and their support.
- ↻ Unforgiveness can cause you to murmur and desire to go back into sin. (Ex. 16:2-10)

Do you forgive by faith?

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## How to Make God Your Source

### Five Things

1. Know He is present in every situation and need you face. (1 Peter 3:12)
2. Know He is willing to be your source and to meet the need. (2 Cor 9:10; Heb 4:16)
3. Know you have weaknesses, but He doesn’t. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
4. Take God at His Word. (Luke 5:4-7)
5. Resist looking at the problem, but look to your source. (Is 36:14; James 4:7)

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# LESSON 21

## GOD'S PROVIDENCE

### God's Providential Provision

#### Definition

- ➔ To care or prepare for something beforehand; to provide for future events or needs
- ➔ Provision through divine intervention (Psalm 47:4; Matthew 6:25-34)

#### God's Provision

- ✓ God makes provision for all His creation through His foresight and forethought.
- ✓ Read Isaiah 48:3-5; Hebrews 4:13; Genesis 1:9-23; Psalm 104:10-23

Write what you learned:

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#### God ~ All-Knowing, All-Powerful, Omnipresent

- ↻ God has foresight & knowledge of every need of creation and the believer before they ever arise, and He has made provision for them. (Psalm 139:7)
- ↻ Great faith receives where little faith struggles to get by and never receives.

#### Read Matthew 6:30 - The Foundation of Great Faith

- † Matthew 6:32 - It's a revelation of His love, care & awareness of you.
- † It destroys worry, discouragement, and fear, and gives birth to contentment.
- † Philippians 4:11-13; Hebrews 4:1-3

### God Provides for the Righteous

#### Who Are the Righteous?

- ➔ Read Galatians 4:1-4; Romans 8:15-16
- ➔ Read Colossians 2:8-10; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2:5

Are you righteous? \_\_\_\_\_

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## What Has God Done?

- ☒ God is aware of Satan, his plan against you, his demons, sin, and its consequence.
- ☒ Because He loves you, He has provided for you through His foresight about these things and His forethought about you.
- ☒ Read 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 10:13
- ☒ Read Romans 8:35; Deuteronomy 28:7; Psalm 23:5; Isaiah 54:17
- ☒ The unrighteous & unjust seek provision and labor for it, but never obtain it.

## God Provided Freedom From Sin

### Write out 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

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- ✓ He has provided delivering power from sin's consequences, addictions, perversions, poverty, depression, broken marriages, and failure.
- ✓ He will yet deliver no matter what happens or what traps are set for us.

**Read Also:** John 5:1-4; Deut. 28:7; Ex. 14; Acts 12:1-17; Dan. 3:1-30; 6:1-28; 2 Chron. 20:1-37

## God Provided Leadership

### Read Genesis 1:11-14

- ☞ God has provided leadership for you as a believer.
- ☞ Psalm 37:4, 23; Proverbs 3:5-6

### Read Acts 13:1-3

- Wait, pray, worship & fast - which are acts of faith, but direction will come because it's been provided.
- God is aware of your state and Satan's work against you, and He has set boundaries against him and provided leadership out of the temptation.
- God provided Israel a course or path where they had never journeyed before.

Name your course as given by God

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## Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 & Exodus 13:21-22

- ✈ You may be in the dark right now, uncertain what to do, where to go, or how to do it, but be still & know He is God and has provided for you a season of deliverance in the leadership He provided for creation and all believers.
- ✈ God knew about you and provided a destiny for you before you were ever born, and He has empowered you to fulfill it.
- ✈ Psalm 139:14-16; Jeremiah 1:5

## God Provided Protection

### Read Psalm 91

- ✓ He knows that you are hated by Satan, and that the ungodly lie in wait for you.
- ✓ Isaiah 54:17; Isaiah 59:19

### Read Matthew 4:5-6

- 🔊 Satan is aware of the providence of protection.
- 🔊 Read Matthew 4:11, 24

## God Provided Healing

- 👉 God is aware of sickness - its power, anguish, torment and hardships.
- 👉 Deut. 7:15; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Psalm 103:1-5

## God Provided for Every Need

### NO Limits

- ✗ God provides for you wherever you are in life, for every version of your life, and for every Kingdom work in your life.
- ✗ Deuteronomy 6:10-11, 23 - Before He ever brought them out, He prepared to take them in to the Promised Land.
- ✗ Luke 10:1-4; 22:35; Exodus 12:36; 35:1-35

Write out Philippians 4:19

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## Responsibilities

There are responsibilities you must meet in order to experience the providence or provision made through God's foreknowledge about you.

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| ➤ Be willing - full surrender             | 2 Corinthians 8:12                |
| ➤ Be obedient                             | Isaiah 1:19                       |
| ➤ Have faith - wait, pray, worship & fast | Hebrews 4:1-2                     |
| ➤ Have patience                           | Hebrews 10:35                     |
| ➤ Give praise or thanks                   | Romans 4:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 |
| ➤ Stay clean                              | John 8:34; Romans 6:13-14         |

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## Life Change

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# LESSON 22

## THE SPIRIT OF INCREASE

### Let's Begin!

#### Write out John 14:17

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📖 Read Numbers 14:24

📖 Read Genesis 1:9-12; 20:22; 24:25; 29:30

#### Read Isaiah 42:5

- ↪ The spirit of increase comes with the life that God gives, so all creation has a spirit of increase (because increase comes from God, and God is a God of increase.)
- ↪ Everything produces after its own kind.
- ↪ Jesus had a spirit of increase on Him. (Mark 6:35-44; John 12:24)

#### Read Genesis 1:26-28

- God created and blessed man and woman, telling them to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. They could not do such a task without something supernatural about them. (Zech. 4:6)
- God had given them a spirit of increase. God had placed in them a spirit of increase just as He had in the rest of creation.

#### Read Genesis 3:14-20

- ☞ With the fall of man, mankind become lost and separated from the spirit of increase. They could still have children, but the spirit of increase had been replaced by the sweat of the brow and the work of the hands.
- ☞ Even the spirit of increase over all the earth and creation became bound.

#### Read Romans 8:19-21 (see also Amplified Bible)

- † God would not quit on the man that He loved. (Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 13:6-9; Mark 6:35-44)
- † God started to look for men who would obey and serve him.

# God Found a Way to Increase Man Again

## Read Genesis 12:1-5

- ↻ Abraham obeyed God, and God put the spirit of increase upon him. (Mark 4:2-9)
- ↻ Genesis 13:2
- ↻ Genesis 13:14-17 - Abraham declared God the source of his increase. (Gen 14:22-23)
- ↻ Genesis 15:3-6; Genesis 17:1-8; Genesis 30:27-43

How did Abraham obey God?

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## Read Genesis 39:1-4

- God fulfilled His covenant to Abraham's seed, known as Israel. (Deut. 6:1-3; 8:6-13; 28:2-14)
- The spirit of increase on them was returned because of the blood of the Passover lamb. (Exodus 12:35-36)
- When the spirit of increase returned, they actually got a double portion. The increase of Abraham, but also of Christ. (Rom 8:14-17; 12:5; 1 Cor 15:22; Eph 1:3; 2:6; 2:10; 3:6)

## Read Ephesians 4:8-16

- ✓ This reveals that there is a spirit of increase on the saints, the Body of Christ, the church. (Colossians 2:19)
- ✓ It's the nature of the believer to increase, faith to faith. (Romans 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Acts 2:41-47)

Where do you see the spirit of increase in your life?

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# LESSON 23

## SPIRIT OF INCREASE - OVERCOMING

### Here We Go!

#### Review Time

- ✗ Read John 14:17 and Numbers 14:24
- ✗ Read Genesis 1:9-12; 20-22; 24-25; 29-20

#### Look at Genesis 1:26-28

- ↻ God created man and woman, and told them to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth.
- ↻ They had received the spirit of increase.
- ↻ God spoke His plan to the earth and sea; now He speaks to man to reveal the presence of the Spirit and His purpose - to fulfill His plan.

### Jesus and The Spirit of Increase

#### Read Mark 6:35-44

- Jesus had the spirit of increase in and on Him.
- John 12:24; Isaiah 9:7

How is it in and on you?

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#### Read John 21:4-7

- ✓ The spirit of increase was a witness to Jesus' identity.
- ✓ That same spirit is on the church, and it bears witness to our identity in Christ.
- ✓ Romans 8:9; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 4:16; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 16:5; 5:14; 2:46-47; Acts 11:24; 8:12

### The Seed Principle

#### Read Mark 4:14

- Seed touches us and multiplies because of the spirit of increase in us.
- Genesis 1:9-12; 2 Corinthians 9:10; Luke 6:38; Proverbs 11:24-25
- 1 Kings 17:7-24 (Zarephath)
- Matt 10:41-42; Deut 28:3-13; Judges 14:5-6

## Increased to Overcome

### Revelation Brings Victory

- ↗ Leviticus 26:3-13; Joshua 23:8-13; Deuteronomy 32:30; Judges 15:14-17; 1 Kings 18:44-46; 17:1-24; 1 Samuel 17:34-37; 17:43-50
- ↗ Not every Israelite had the revelation concerning the spirit of increase, so they evaluated their strength and victory based on their own strength and not on the spirit of increase which was on them.

### You Are an Overcomer ~ Read 1 John 5:4

- Matthew 10:19-20 ~ That same spirit is upon you when your enemies come out against you.
- Galatians 5:17-22; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (Amplified)
- 2 Corinthians 1:4-10; 12:2-10; Romans 8:31-39

## Evaluate the Spirit of Increase in Your Life

- \_\_\_\_\_ I evaluate my strength based on the spirit of increase in me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I evaluate my strength based on what I can do for myself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am in the middle and have more work to do.

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# LESSON 24

## SPIRIT OF INCREASE - OBEDIENCE

### Establish the Principle

**Write out 1 Thessalonians 5:24**

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**Write out Philippians 2:13-14**

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**Read Genesis 1:9-30**

- ☞ The spirit of increase is on all that God created.
- ☞ The law of creation = everything produces after its own kind.
- ☞ Man was created in the image of God, and God is a God of increase.
- ☞ Man lost the spirit of increase because of sin. (Genesis 3:14-20)
- ☞ As sin destroyed the spirit of increase back then, it still destroys it now. (Isaiah 1:19-20; Leviticus 26:17; Psalm 107:33-34)

### Discovering the Spirit of Increase

#### Joined by Faith

- ↪ Every man that joins himself to God by faith and obedience is joined to the spirit of increase.
- ↪ We have this right of access because of the shed blood of Jesus.

#### Bible Examples

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|------------------------|--|
| ✗ The life of Abraham  | Genesis 12:1-5; 13:2; 13:14-17; 14:22-23:15:3-6  |
| ✗ The life of Joseph   | Genesis 39:1-4                                   |
| ✗ The nation of Israel | Deuteronomy 6:1-3; 7:13; 8:6-13; 28:2-14         |
| ✗ It was on Jesus.     | Mark 6:35-44; Luke 2:52; John 12:24; John 21:4-7 |

#### It is Now on the Church

- ✓ In fact the church has a double portion increase on her.
- ✓ Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:14-17; 12:5; 8:9; Eph. 4:16; Acts 16:5; 2:46-47
- ✓ It is on individuals. (Acts 11:24; Matt. 10:41-42; 1 Kings 17; Proverbs 11:24-25)



## Read Luke 2:52

- ✓ The increase isn't just in money or things.
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 1:4-10; Matthew 10:19-20; Acts 27:43; 28:10, 16, 30
- ✓ Proverbs 24:16; Luke 22:35
- ✓ Philippians 4:13, 19; 2 Corinthians 4:7-9; Psalm 23:5-6

## How to Release the Spirit of Increase

### Study About It

- ✠ “ *My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge*” (Hosea 4:6 )
- ✠ “ *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*” (Joshua 1:8)

### Be Obedient

- ✓ Be willing in all things, big or small.
- ✓ This equals faithfulness. (Isaiah 1:19; Psalm 107:31-38)

### Be a Giver

- ✗ Proverbs 11:24-27
- ✗ Mark 10:28-31 - The sacrifice of many things to follow, the sacrifice of time, praying when Jesus calls.
- ✗ Proverbs 28:27; Matthew 25:14-30

### Be a Praiser

- Psalm 67:5-7; James 1:2-4
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

### Act on It

- ☞ 1 Samuel 17:43-50 - Every step of David released the spirit of increase to empower him to do what needed done.
- ☞ Joshua 23:8-13; Leviticus 26:3-13
- ☞ Romans 4:18-21 - Abraham and Sarah both declared that they had it.
- ☞ We receive or reject thoughts by saying. (Matthew 6:31 & Philemon 1:6)
- ☞ Psalm 2:7; Judges 6:13-14

**Do the Word**

- X The spirit of increase is released when we wait upon the Lord. (Isaiah 40:28-31)
- X Always love and pray. (Matthew 5:43-45 )
- X When the devil attacks don't mourn, complain, get down, talk to him, or agree with him. (James 1:22-25)
- X Psalm 33:20-22; Romans 12:19-21

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# LESSON 25

## BEING A WISE & FAITHFUL STEWARD

### Good Stewardship

#### It is...

- a life of systematic giving or use of time, abilities, talents, and material possessions until Jesus comes.
- a lifetime goal.
- a partnership between God and man, with God being the providing agent.
- the faithful, consistent use of all we have for the advancement of the Kingdom. (Matthew 25:14-23)
- fruitfulness, and it unveils the invisible presence of God in a believer.
- being accountable. (John 15:1-2)
- giving our best. (Leviticus 22:17-33)

#### Read Luke 16:1-13

- ↻ Good stewardship is a lifestyle of wisdom.
- ↻ The world uses stewardship for personal increase and security.
- ↻ Good stewardship brings servitude to God and is a foundation stone for promotion.
- ↻ Good stewardship begins where you are, not where you want to go.
- ↻ Good stewardship now, leads to leadership later.
- ↻ Good stewardship and servitude are inseparable.
- ↻ Good stewardship is using what we have to express our love for God.

Are you a good steward?

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#### What Good Stewardship Does

- † Good stewardship expresses discipleship under Christ.
- † Eternal life is directly connected to your stewardship today.
- † Stewardship is a declaration of Jesus' lordship over your life.
- † Your stewardship has an everlasting effect on humanity and on the Kingdom of God.
- † Stewardship protects the heart from returning to the world. (Matt 6:19-24)
- † Stewards are aware of having been given something for purpose.
- † Deuteronomy 8:11-18
- † Stewardship is an expression of obedience and consecration to the gospel of Jesus.

## Five Things Required of a Good Steward

- ☒ A good steward must be found faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
- ☒ A good steward must be teachable. (Psalm 27:11)
- ☒ A good steward must desire to serve others through gifts. (Rom. 12:10-13; 1 Pet. 4:10)
- ☒ A good steward must have a servant's heart for the promotion of the Kingdom of God.  
(Galatians 5:13; Philippians 1:19-20)
- ☒ A good steward must have a willingness to give.

### Why Stewardship?

- Good stewardship is not just for your life, but for the future and generations to come.  
(Malachi 3:10; Genesis 41:38-44; Genesis 47)
- Your wise stewardship today will make room for your generations tomorrow.

### List the Things You Have Stewardship Over

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### Where Do You Need Work?

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## Partnership

### Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

- ❖ Stewardship is a partnership between God and man with God the senior partner.
- ❖ It is the faithful use of all we have for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in this world.
- ❖ It is a putting forth of our best for Him who redeemed us. (Leviticus 22:17-25)

## Stewardship = All Things Belong to God

- ↪ Genesis 14:19-22; Haggai 2:8
- ↪ Psalm 24:1; Psalm 89:11
- ↪ 1 Chronicles 29:13-21 (David was a man after God's own heart.)
- ↪ Haggai 1:2-13 (We are born again, but our minds need to be transformed.)

## What a Lack of Stewardship Does

- † It causes man to miss his God-given purpose. (Deuteronomy 8:14-18)
- † It hinders the power of the Word, the Holy Ghost, and your faith overall, leading to faith disappointments. (Haggai 1:6-9)

## What Good Stewardship Brings

- Keys of the Kingdom
- Good stewardship looses Kingdom keys that bring blessing in this life and reward after this life. (Mark 10:17-30)

Name a Kingdom Key that helps you be a good steward:

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## Stewardship & Wealth

- ⇒ Some would say it's better to be poor because riches are dangerous.
- ⇒ The desire for wealth is dangerous, but having wealth by inheritance, by labor, or by godly increase isn't wrong. It's an empowerment for stewardship. (1 Timothy 6:17-21; Deuteronomy 8:18)

## Faithful Stewardship Moves God Toward You

1. Matthew 6:33
2. Acts 10:2
3. Luke 7:4-10

## A Willing Heart

- ↪ Exodus 35:4-5; 20-22; 29; Exodus 25:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:10-15
- ↪ Stewardship is based on equality of commitment, not on equal giving.

## Stewardship is Increased Just as Faith, Maturity, and Devotion Are.

- 📖 Mark 4:25
- 📖 Matthew 6:19-21
- 📖 Matthew 25:14-30
- 📖 Acts 5:1-11
- 📖 Luke 12:48 (Every person is accountable.)

You may say that you don't have anything, but doing great things for God through stewardship requires being consistent and faithful.

Name some examples from your life:

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### What God Has Made Us Stewards Over

1. We are stewards over life. (Acts 17:24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10)
2. Over time (James 4:14; Psalm 90:12)
3. Over talents, skills, intelligence (Romans 12:3-8; Acts 9:36-42)
4. Over possessions, what is inherited (Matthew 6:19-21; 2 John 3:16-18)
5. Over finances (Deut 8:18; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Ephesians 4:28; Phil. 4:10-19)

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