

## SIMPLE FAITH

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Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. Matt 9:29 KJV

You are today what you are and where you are because of your faith. You will be tomorrow what and where your faith takes you. No man rises beyond what he believes, and no one believes more than what he has been taught. The simple reality of faith governs your life. You and I must understand faith and learn to apply it systematically to accomplish what God would have us do in His Kingdom.

And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matt 21:22 NKJV

Faith is quantifiable, measurable. Jesus spoke of great faith and little faith. Great and little are descriptions of measurements. Since faith is measurable, faith is scientific, and is governed by laws, laws which you and I can understand, apply and see become fruitful. The God who created the universe is the same God who created the true sciences. Science is governed by laws. Before we consider the laws that build or destroy faith, we must learn a few more things about faith.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he... Prov 23:7 KJV

You can have great faith in certain areas of your life, and little faith in others. Remember, faith is governed by what you have learned and are learning, either rightly or wrongly, arising from what you have been taught. You are constantly learning daily by what you see, experience, meditate upon and allow into your soul. In areas that you have great faith and confidence, you will have success. In areas that you have little or no faith, you may not be able to overcome the obstacles that you face. Our success or failures allow us to see where we have great faith, and where we need to grow. Honesty is the key in evaluating our faith. The encouraging thing about discovering you have little or no faith in a certain area is this...your faith can grow!

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 2 Thess 1:3 NKJV

What grows faith? In a word, truth - truth that is carried by love. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Faith is energized by love. What you love, or learn to love, you will be successful at, because faith is energized by love. The greatest successful people of all time were not motivated by rewards or money, but by the love of the thing they pursued. Love will drive you through all the obstacles. Love will challenge you to pursue perfection in the thing that you do, whether it is a marriage, a business, a hobby or a ministry.

"He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 1 Peter 3:10 NKJV

What you speak effects your faith. The sales organizations know this...why doesn't the Church? The world could teach the Church a lot about practical faith. Every morning, I confess that this is the day the Lord has made, and that I will rejoice and be glad in it. To rejoice is to exult in victory. For us, the victory of our daily living was won at the Cross...so before the challenges of the day begin, we are already rejoicing that we have the victory over them!

At night, before we sleep, RM and I confess this: "No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against us in judgment we do condemn. This is our heritage as servants of the Lord, and our righteousness is from You. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against us, or seeking harm or evil to us, we forgive them, and having forgiven them, we bless them in the name of our Lord. We declare that You, and You alone, are our God, a just God and a Savior, the Father, Son and Spirit, and we worship You. We submit our selves afresh to You tonight in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to you Lord, we do as Your Word directs. We resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks and his deceptions. We do not submit! We resist him, drive him from us, and exclude him from us in the name of Jesus. Specifically, we reject and repel infirmity, pain, infection, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft. Finally, Lord, we thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross we have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham, whom You blessed in all things: exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory, God's favor. Amen!"

This affirmation was first written and published by our beloved Derek Prince.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Matt 12:34 NKJV

Psalms says that if I meditate on the Word of God, I will prosper. Joshua says that this Word of God is not to depart out of my mouth, that the Author and Guarantor of that Word might be glorified when it comes to pass. God is glorified when we believe and receive His promises, bless God forever. Filling our hearts with the Word of God, rather than the daily news ( throw the TV set out the window! ), will build up our faith!

And, of course, I couldn't miss this simple opportunity to remind you that speaking in tongues much builds faith ( you know the scriptures! ). So, do it! And enjoy the fruits of simple faith!

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...