

Welcome to HOPIC

We are excited to finally be back in the NEWLY RENOVATED KEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, at 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, Va. Pastor Harlan & Doris Stilwell, Sr., want to invite you and your family to come and join us as we exalt and worship God in His Holy Presence.

Our Vision

Our Goal and desire is the same as that of our Lord Jesus Christ, to fulfill God's end-time calling to enlarge the Kingdom of God, by reaching the multitudes with the gospel of Christ for all levels of our society. We are bringing glory and honor to the Father of our Lord Jesus by teaching and preparing God's people for works of service through the Word and Anointed Worship, through the manifested presence and revelation power of the Holy Spirit.



House of Praise International Church

Where Christ Jesus is still Lord

Pastor Harlan & Doris Stilwell, Sr.
7406 Alban Station Court, B-206A
Springfield, VA 22150
www.hopic.org

Phone: 703-866-4140
Email: pastor@hopic.org



House of Praise International Church
Ministering the truth of God's Word in
the power of the Holy Spirit!

FAITH - 106

ACTING ON THE WORD OF GOD



Pastor Harlan & Doris Stilwell Sr.

ACTING ON GOD'S WORD

(Continued from within)

Luke 5:5 Peter said, "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

What changes some of us would see if only we would say "at thy word I will."

When Jesus said to Peter, "come" walk the waves with me, Peter acted on the word.

The mother of Jesus said to the servants at the wedding, "whatever He says to you, do it". They obeyed what Jesus said, filled the pots with water and the water became wine. Until we act upon the Word, it does not become a reality.

You may herald the Resurrection truth as a great doctrine, but it will not mean anything to you until you say, "He died for Me" "He conquered death and hell for me." "He arose for me. And because He arose, I am a victor, I am a conqueror of Satan today. Satan has no dominion over me. I am free" then, the Word becomes a reality to you.

People who act on the Word receive things. When you act faith and talk faith, your actions and your words agree. You are a believer. It took FAITH to get into the family, but after you get in, "all things are yours." (I Cor 3:21) Now as children, we are joint heirs with Christ.

Because God says, "I watch over My Word to perform it", you can be certain that if you accept *Isa. 53:3-6* that just as surely as God sits on His throne, healing is bound to be yours. All you need do is act on the Word of God.

It is very important that you learn this simple little lesson. It is NOT struggling, or praying, or crying. It is acting on what God has spoken that brings results.

Believing is really "acting on the word". Did God say "by His stripes I am healed?", If God said it, then I must be healed, and I will act on what God has spoken. Believing is taking the step up to the object, the thing you want. Faith is having arrived. *Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who HATH blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ."*

All you need to do is thank Him that you have them. Say, "Father I thank you for my healing. Thank you for my deliverance." All Jesus did was act on Father's word. God watches over His word to perform it.

Mk 16:16-18 says believers shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." So we act on it and command the disease to leave in Jesus Name and it obeys. Abandon yourself to the Lordship of the Word: act on it and God will become real to you.

ACTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

One of the most serious mistakes that many believers make is to confess their faith in the Word, and at the same time contradict their confession by wrong actions.

James 2:14 "What good is it my brethen, if a man professes to have faith and yet his actions do not correspond?"

Verse 22, "notice that his faith was cooperating with his actions, and that by his actions, his faith was perfected (completed)."

You say "I can't understand why I did not get my healing. I have prayed and prayed. I know the Bible is true."

Well are you still taking medicine? If the answer is yes then you must also mix faith with it by saying "I believe I receive my healing in Jesus' name".

Healing belongs to us because it was in the atonement. (Isa. 53:5, 6) Our confession of the Word of God calls for healing which is already ours but is not in manifestation in our bodies. No, I'm not teaching against doctors or medicine. But don't depend on doctors or medicine alone to keep you healthy. There are some diseases that medical science cannot cure. But if you need a doctor, see a doctor. *Prov. 4:22* calls God's word of faith, medicine. So mix faith with your medicine. Most medicine will help hold down the symptoms while you are applying God's principles concerning health and healing. Don't just throw your medicine away and rely on confession alone unless the Lord directs you to do so. It takes time to renew your mind and develop faith in your words as well as God's Word. But faith does come and will

eventually become a part of you. We must learn to appropriate God's provision of healing by making the word a part of our daily vocabulary.

We say we trust the Father for finances, and at the same time we are worrying and fretting how we are going to pay our bills, an action contrary to our confession.

One minute we confess that no Word from God can fail, that He must keep His Word with us and that we know He will and the next minute we are disavowing (renouncing) all that we confessed.

James 1:22 says there must be corresponding action. *James 1:22* says "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves." *The actions of a "doer of the Word" must coincide with his confession.*"

Matt. 7:24-27— Jesus said the man who hears and does His sayings, He considers him to be like a wise man who built his house upon a rock: and the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. He continues and says that if you hear them and do not do them, when the storms come, the house you have built will not endure and will fall.

So many who profess Christ as Lord and say with great unction they believe the whole word, are not doers of the Word. They are talkers about the Word. They have just mentally assented to the fact that the Word is true. It does them no good because they are not making it their own.

When I trust in (and look to) the Word with all my heart, and stop leaning upon sense reason, stop looking to people for deliverance, THEN there are corresponding actions....in perfect fellowship with my confession. Until then there will be continual

failing.

I can confess as loudly as I can that God is the strength of my life and at the same time tell about my weakness, my inability, and my lack of faith.

There is no corresponding action here. This is bound to bring confusion in your spirit, weakness and failure in your life

Regardless of circumstances and influences around us, let us cast every problem into His care. *1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your anxiety upon Him for He careth for you."*

Your worst enemy is yourself. It comes through Sense Knowledge which limits you to your own ability.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE SENSES SAYS

"I can't, I don't have the ability, I don't have the strength, I don't have the opportunity or education, I have been limited."

THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH SAYS

"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me"

WHO IS IT THAT STRENGTHENS YOU?

YOUR FATHER GOD!

I can do all things through Him. I cannot be conquered; I cannot be defeated. Because there is not power enough in the whole world to conquer Him who dwells in me.

I am born of God, a partaker of His nature and life. I have God dwelling in me and I have Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwelling in me.

I have God's wisdom, God's strength, God's ability. I am learning how to let Him control my intellect, think through me and use my vocal faculties. I am daring to think His thoughts after Him.

I believe God is at work within me and He will work His own good pleasure.

I am daring to say, in the presence of my old enemies: failure, weakness, want, lack of opportunity, lack of knowledge, lack of strong friends and a thousand others, "*GOD IS MY ABILITY*". HE HAS MADE ME GREATER THAN MY ENEMIES.

I can stand and declare that whosoever believeth in Him shall not be put to shame.

The strength of God is mine.

THAT is faith speaking, real corresponding action.

ACTING ON GOD'S WORD

WHEN WE ACT ON THE WORD WE SHOW (reveal) OUR FAITH.

Lk 1:37— We know that no word from God is without power or impossible of fulfillment.

So we act on it.

John 6:47 Jesus said "He that believeth hath eternal life".

Believing is having, is possessing.

Mental assent admires the Word, confesses it is true and desirable, but it doesn't possess.

Believing says "it's mine, I have it".

Remember the man who was lowered through the roof by his four friends *Mark 2:1-12*

Jesus said to him "rise, take up thy bed and walk." had he not acted on the Master's words, he never would have been healed