

Steps to Develop Faith

Faith is the foundation for **EVERYTHING** in the kingdom of heaven. It comes through the Word of God. *Heb. 11:6..says "without faith it is impossible to please God". "In the sight of God, no man is made righteous by the law (works), it is evident: for the righteous shall **LIVE** by faith"*

Gal 3:11. Every (born again) man has been given the measure of faith—Rom 12:3. So our problem is not so much as HOW MUCH faith you have, as to knowing HOW TO USE WHAT WE HAVE. It is the development (exercise) of our faith which is important. Faith is developed through feeding on the word, praying in the Spirit, and declaring your faith.

Jesus, in the parable of the sower, declares that the kingdom of God in us functions like a farmer, sowing his crop. Jesus said the seed is the word of God. Every farmer **decides** ahead of time WHAT he will plant (sow) in the coming season, for he knows that **whatsoever he sows, that, he will reap**—*Gal. 6: 7-8* Everything reproduces after its own kind.

So, therefore the **FIRST STEP** in developing your faith is you must **DECIDE** what you

want to plant in your spirit. You see, we, (our spirits), are God's field (garden) (*1 Cor 3:9*). The WORD of God is the Seed (*Mk 4:14*).

Faith comes from hearing the Word *Rom. 10:17*. That faith IS (gives) the substance of **THINGS** hoped for. THEREFORE you must have a specific, clear cut goal.

Mk 11:23 is the law which governs the release of your faith. "...Whosoever shall say and not doubt in his heart but believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Jesus said that faith is like a seed, when it is **sown by saying** to the thing desired... it will obey you. *Matt. 13:31; Lk. 17:6-10. Faith released gives substance to THINGS hoped for—so be specific.*

What things? 1 Cor. 3:21 says "all things are yours" It is done unto you according to your faith. Matt. 8:13; 9:29.

The **SECOND STEP** in the development of your faith is you need to WRITE DOWN the goals. Under the goal, write the scriptures you are using as the basis for your faith. Look at it daily, for **this gives vision**, makes it believable and gives motivation to your faith. Read and confess it daily (*Josh. 1:8; Prov. 4:21*). Only when it becomes believable to you, will you possess the spiritual strength to endure the storms and attacks from Satan who tries to keep you from receiving it. God is a God of light and there is no force that can overtake Him.

The clear cut, specific goal provides a clear sense of direction and you are not lost when the storm comes, if written. Then give praise and glory to God for it as Abraham did. This breaks up the fallow ground of your heart making it good ground for sowing seed.

The **THIRD STEP** in the development of your faith is it **REQUIRES CONSTANT FEEDING, THROUGH MEDITATION IN THE WORD**.

This prevents doubt from building up in your spirit. *Heb. 4:12* says that the Word is a **living** thing, not dead. It gives life to the dead things in us as we speak it, for it gives life to the dead—*Rom 4:17*. Faith comes through hearing the spoken word, so speak it. You must build the image of the thing hoped for into your spirit **first**. Faith comes after the image (vision) becomes **real** to you.

A lack of physical manifestation does not mean you do not have it. God and Abraham calls those things that are not as though they were (*Rom. 4:17*) All things are NOW in the faith realm. God told Joshua to see things the way he sees them. *Josh. 6:2* But through meditation (saying & muttering) seeing **yourself** receive it, **feeds your faith** and **gives vision**. See it completed for *Prov. 29:18* says, without a vision, you perish. Abraham became **fully** convinced when he SAW the stars (vision).

Seeing yourself with the vision comes ahead of **possession of** the vision. Seeing (through light revealed) changes **YOU**. Satan tries to get you to look at what **HE** has to offer, or your present circumstances, as opposed to what God offers. Eve looked at fruit, Lots wife looked back after they were told not to.

The **FOURTH STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR FAITH IS FAITH MUST BE DECLARED!** We control things by what we say. Our faith is released in our words. Faith is contagious. True faith is simply grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality, by faith. Jesus healed by the spoken word.

Matt. 12:34 says a good (righteous) man brings forth good things. Secret faith has no power. You already have faith built into your spirit. FEAR is the force used by the devil to stop you just as FAITH is the force used by God to go forth. The Light received within you as you meditate in the word, destroys the darkness of fear. Quit saying "I can't, I'm sick, I'm broke". Say what God says. His word brings life and success. *Joshua 1:8*.

The **FIFTH STEP** to development of your faith is **FAITH REQUIRES BOLD ACTION**. Now you must ACT your faith by doing. But in acting your faith **TIMING** is very important.

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Don't get ahead of God but don't hold back too far either. Jesus in Jn. 2:4 said "it is not my time" Prayer brings forth the glory. **Pray** about each step. Col. 3:15 "...peace is the witness (umpire) of God.. let it settle any questions that arise in your mind. When you pray and receive peace up from your belly (spirit), then go. If you receive restlessness, don't move! **Restlessness**, (red light), don't move ...**peace** ... (green light), then go ahead. The will of God is important, BUT timing is also.

After you've done all just stand (Eph. 6:13), be patient (James. 1:4) and hold fast your confession (Heb. 10:35-36).

Mark 9:17-23—a father brought his demon possessed son to Jesus and said to him "if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus however turned his plea around and said unto him, it is not a matter of what **I** can do but of **what you** can believe for. "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.

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