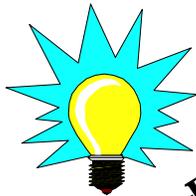


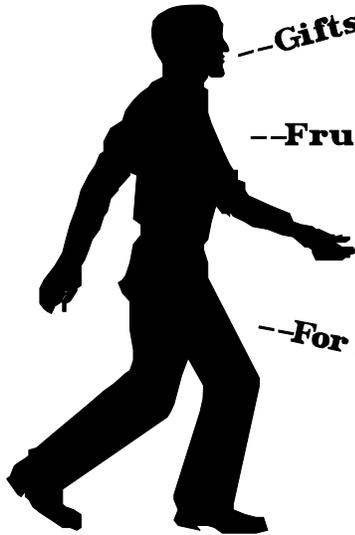
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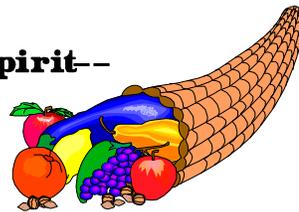
--For Salvation--



--Gifts of the Spirit--



--Fruit of the Spirit--



--For Ministry--



INTRODUCTION:

“Faith” is trust or confidence in something. “Faith” follows ‘Hope’, and is actually something you can feel, even though you can’t see it.

God’s “Faith” leads to a moral conviction of the Truth of God, and True “Faith” comes by hearing the Word of God.

Heb 11:1

1 Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Rom 10:17

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

1 Cor 2:5

5 **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

COMMENTARY:

God’s “Faith” is defined in four areas:

1. Faith for Salvation:

We are Saved through Jesus Christ by the “Faith” of God.

Rom 1:17 (Habakkuk 2:4 Gal 3:11 Heb 10:38)

17 ...**The just shall live by (His) faith.**

Eph 2:8

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Rom 3:22

22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe:...

Rom 3:25 (Jesus)

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins that are past**,...

Rom 3:28

28 Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith**...

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

2. Faith as a Fruit of the Spirit:

“Faith” that is a Fruit of the Spirit, is something we bear, such as a tree bears fruit. If you use the Fruit of “Faith” and nurture it, it will grow strong within you. The results will be obvious to others.

If you neglect it, it will wither and die. “Faith” that is part of The Fruit of the Spirit, is what is we need to change us and our personality.

Gal 5:22-23

22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith,**

Acts 6:5 (Acts 11:24)

5 ...Stephen, **a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost**

Gal 5:6

6 **For in Jesus Christ ...faith which worketh by love.**

1Thes 3:10

10 ...**and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?**

II Th 1:3

3 ...**because that your faith groweth exceedingly,** and the charity (love) of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

James 2:26

26 ...**so faith without works is dead** also.

3. Faith as a Charisma Gift of the Holy Spirit:

“Faith” that is a Gift of the Holy Spirit is what we need in order to function in the ‘Charisma’ Gifts. It takes “Faith” to believe that when we pray for things to happen, they ‘will’ happen!

Sometimes that “Faith” comes from the person you are praying for.

1 Cor 12:4

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Cor 12:7, 9

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

Matt 9:22

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.

Matt 9:29

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

Matt 15:28

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matt 17:20

20 ...If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

James 5:14-15

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him,...

15 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.

4. Faith for the Ministry:

We are all Called into the Ministry, and God has given us a ‘measure’ of “Faith” in order to Serve Him in the particular Ministry He has given us.

Rom 12:3-7

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

CONCLUSION:

In all the four areas of “Faith”, we need to preach “Faith”, stand firm in “Faith”, and fight the good fight of “Faith”!

Rom 10:8

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Rom 11:20

20 ...thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

1 Tim 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses

Amen!

Timothy II