

# **SINGLEALLIANCE**

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## **AM I IN FAITH?**

### **I. Intro**

A. Today's lesson is called Am I in Faith?

B. You might be saying to yourself that faith is elementary and you know all there is about it all ready. A key to see if we know something is, is it working in our lives

C. (1Co 8:2 KJVR) And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

1. The first "know" means to perceive a truth or to grasp or see intellectually.

2. The second "know" means to experience something in your life and test its truth.

3. You do not know something in the Word until you have it working in your life.

D. If something is not working in your life you should check in with God to find out what is wrong, where you are missing it. Don't just go day after day, week after week the same way.

E. Sometimes you need to learn something new, but often you must be reminded of the fundamentals. What will keep you back more than what you do not know is what you do know because you think you know everything you need to know about it.

### **II. Faith's fundamentals**

A. Faith is based upon the Word of God

1. Romans 10:17- It is based upon the rhema- communicated or quickened word to you. A word alive in your heart. We have faith when we get saved. It came when we heard the gospel. Now faith arises when we hear the rhema of God.

2. Hebrews 4:12- The Logos is alive and sharp- rhema is the word alive in your heart- We need a rhema

3. (Mat 4:4 KJVR) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

4. We don't just need a scripture we need a proceeding word to our heart and situation.

5. The Spirit works along with the Word- The Spirit ministers Jesus to us. Ephesians 6- The rhema is the sword that the Spirit wields.

6. Do not be so quick to pray..seek God and monitor your heart for direction. If you do not get any find scripture that deals with what you need and meditate until it is quickened. Smith Wigglesworth said that if the Spirit did not move Him he moved the Spirit.

B. Faith is now not later

1. (Heb 11:1 KJVR) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2. Now faith is... The word "now" really means "and" or "but". However the word "is" is a present tense verb. This means now! Faith dwells in the now, not the future..that is hope. Faith does not dwell in the past..that is called history.

3. **Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

**Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.**

a. Faith will work for **whosoever**. Some say faith does not work for them. They have just exalted themselves above the Word. There is no grace given to the proud.

b. We are to believe those things (that God reveals is ours) we say shall come to pass- The KJV translates this future tense. In the Greek it is present tense! (WEB) For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and doesn't doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening; he shall have whatever he says.

4. **We must believe that what we say and pray for is happening right now. We more times than not believe that something shall happen. We believe that you will see a physical manifestation. This is very deceptive and is not true faith. We must believe it is happening even**

**before it manifests. It only takes a slight deviation of the truth and it is no longer truth and it will not work.**

5. Jesus cursed the fig tree and nothing happened in the natural. The next day they saw the tree had dried up from the roots. It started under the ground before it manifested in the natural. Jesus just walked away knowing his faith was working even though it was not seen. We must do the same.

C. Faith is released by words and actions

1. We must say with our mouths that the power of God is working right now. We are healed, delivered, prosperous, forgiven right now. The power is working in me now. Righteousness and the Holy Spirit is now working in us holiness and power over sin.

2. Don't wait to see or feel something before you speak you have what you need now! If you wait to see it or feel it then there is no need for faith. It is faith that manifests it to where you can see it and experience it.

3. You must act on your faith. Act as if you are healed, act as if you are prosperous. Be led in this and use common sense. Many act but it is presumption and not faith. Remember faith is based upon and rooted in a rhema word from God.

D. Are you in faith?

1. If you are in faith you have a solid inner assurance

2. If you are in faith you are at peace

3. If you are in faith you have joy

4. Pray to release faith