

# **SINGLE ALLIANCE FAITH FACTS "The Prayer of Faith"**

## **I. Intro**

- A. Continuing on Faith Facts
- B. Last week we talked about seeing and talking outcome vs. process
- C. This week I want to pull together what we have been talking about and look at the prayer of faith
- D. Many are just reacting to the devil in the area of faith and do not actively believe God. I think a large part of the reason comes from being disappointed in the past in the area of faith.
- E. **Matthew 21:22**- There are three parts to the prayer of faith- asking, believing, and receiving
- F. The prayer of faith is not repetitious but it does most often contain a process. It is not difficult. It is a simple three step process-  
Asking, Believing, and Receiving

## **II. Asking- Bottom line ask specifically in His Will**

- A. Principle #1- The prayer of faith is based upon the will of God
  - a. There are two categories to God's will
    - 1. The general revealed will- The scriptures
    - 2. The unrevealed specific will- This must be ascertained by prayer- This is a process.
    - 3. We can often ascertain God's specific will by our desires-
      - 1a. **Philippians 2:13**
      - 2a. **Ps. 37:4**
- C. Principle #2- The prayer of faith is specific- no silent requests
  - c. People are too vague in their requests
    - 1. God is a person and likes requests to be specific

2. We think since God knows everything we can be vague
3. **Matthew 6:8**- We are to still ask
4. **Matthew 20:32**
5. **Mark 10:36**
6. **Mark 10:51**
7. Illustration- Cho- chair, desk, and bicycle
8. What if we ask for something that is not in line with His will. God has something to work with. He can say no and then tell you what His will is.
9. Throughout the Bible when someone asked something from God and they received, it was based upon specific requests

### **III. Believing- bottom line- must have the assurance it is!**

A.

B. Believing is after asking because you cannot believe you have received something until you have asked first. Also, I have found that until I have asked I have trouble coming to a place of believing.

C. Many deal with hope and think that it is faith- Hope is what can or will be, but faith is what IS. You have it now!

D. Faith is of the heart- Our heart is the seat of self- Our heart has eyes

E. We must see ourselves being, having, and doing it before it can manifest

E. Reaching the place of believing can be quick or a process.

F. When can see it has ours then assurance that it is ours is present- **This is God's positive reply to your heart for what you have asked for. This is called being fully persuaded.**

G. By asking God to open our eyes and our seeing with our heart we can reach a place of assurance it is ours

H. When we have the assurance we then must declare with our mouth and actions that we have it!

#### **IV. Receiving- Bottom line- You must have patience!**

A. This often is also a process

B. This is from the time you say I have it to when you say there it is!

C. Hebrews 6:12- Through faith and patience you inherit God's promises- An inheritance is free but you must have faith and patience to receive it

E. Patience enlarges your character and capacity to receive more next time. Hebrews 10:35-36

F. Do not dig up your seed- Keep watering it by seeing it in your heart

G. Pray for those who have stopped actively believing God.

H. Pray for those who need to be more specific, pray for those having trouble visualizing, pray for those who are about to give up the faith and confession