

THE TECHNIQUE OF FAITH

JOHN 1:12 We receive Jesus Christ by faith. We become the children of God. God comes to live and work in us. A good definition of the Christian life is RECEPTIVITY OF HIS ACTIVITY. We are commanded to go and as we go Jesus goes because we are one. All this is by faith.

“FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST” PHILIPPIANS 1:21

“I LIVE YET NOT I BUT CHRIST...” GALATIANS 2:20

“WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD” HEBR. 11:6

“CHRIST THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH”

HEBREWS 12:2

1. NO NEED TO ASK FOR FAITH IF WE ARE BELIEVERS.

If the author and perfecter of faith is living within us, all faith is there already. We need to utilize or exercise the faith. Once the disciples asked the Lord, “Lord increase our faith” (Luke 17:5) Jesus replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ it will obey you”.

2. FAITH IS SEEING THE INVISIBLE

In John 6 we have the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people from a boy’s lunch. The disciples saw the 5 small loaves and 2 small fish, and said “how far will this go among so many?” (John 6:9)

Jesus saw the invisible = the unlimited supply of His Father.

He gave thanks and acted upon His faith in God.

We see the blind eye, the empty wallet, and the impossibilities. We are

bound by the visible. Jesus saw the invisible. He saw the will and Power of His father to heal and supply.

3. FAITH IS ADDING THE WORD OF FAITH TO THE THOUGHT OF FAITH.

We must declare the word of faith.

We may have the thought of faith but often are afraid to speak the word of faith or act upon our faith. Jesus spoke the word of faith.

“Get up and walk” Luke 5:24

“Stretch out your hand” Luke 6:10

“Be clean” Luke 5:13

Peter spoke the word of faith.

“In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!” Acts 3:6

4. FAITH IS ACTION.

Faith is built upon doubt. Faith is doubt conquered.

Unbelief is doubt accepted. Faith is active, action.

All believers say, “God is almighty” “God can do anything” But 1 in a 1000 say “God is almighty in me” or “God will do so through me”.

I have learned to NEVER WAIT FOR THE MONEY AND THEN ACT.

That is not faith. That is going and working by sight.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God” Hebrew 11:6

Ill. George Mueller in London, England. 2000 children in his orphanage.

He kept receiving more children and God kept providing more.

Ill. BMWs in Indonesia with 150 students. Budget \$6,000 per month.

Just this month we received 14 more students.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” Hebrews 13:8

We receive more students and do not have the money yet. Yet God always provides

Is faith easy? Yes and No.

Yes, if we are accustomed to it. It seemed so easy for George Mueller.

No, when the first trembling steps are being taken. Like a child learning how to walk. Faith is not simply repeating a creed. Faith is not repeating the Lord’s Prayer. Faith is a conviction of the Holy Spirit, a recognition of God’s voice and God’s will and act upon it.

Faith is a hidden communication of the Holy Spirit through the human facilities of heart and mind. God speak in His still small voice. We know what to do, we know what is right. Then we act upon this communication, upon this conviction and this recognition.

“It is God who works in us to will and to do of His good pleasure”

Phil.2:13. By faith we act based on His word and His will. His good pleasure. If He enjoys what He does in us we shall enjoy it too.

He is Joy, He is Power, He is peace and He is all. He is in you and in me and this is an exciting life, an exchanged life. Not I but Christ.

A life free of bondage, a life free of frustration and stress, free of fear.

A New life. His Life. Praise the Name of the Lord.