



# WORD OF FAITH INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

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## How Things Work, Part 4

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### Introduction Summary

Faith is a lifestyle. It is enjoying a lifetime of faith in God. It is not a tool you use just to get what you want. Rather, faith is having a lifestyle of trust, confidence, assurance and belief in the truthfulness of God. When you trust Him, you will act on what He says. In this teaching, we will see biblical examples of people who had a lifestyle of faith. Let's look at the law of faith.

**Text:** James 1:22-25, Rom. 3:27

- I. A just person has a lifestyle and a lifetime of faith (Heb. 10:38).
  - A. A lifestyle of faith requires obedience (Deu. 11:26-28).
    1. Back then they worshipped gods of the moon and the sun.
    2. Today we worship gods such as luxury homes.
  - B. This is a principle of why we must have a lifestyle of faith (1 Sam. 15:22-23).
  - C. This is a benefit of developing a lifestyle of obeying God (Job 36:11).
  - D. Develop a lifestyle of obeying God no matter what (Jer. 7:23, 42:5-6).
  - E. Have a lifestyle of giving thanks to God continually (Heb. 13:15).
- II. Faith is belief, trust, confidence, assurance (Heb. 11:1). Evidence is proof.
  - A. Underline verse three.
  - B. If you don't have faith, you don't understand how the world was created.
  - C. Without faith, you must come up with a theory of the creation of the world.
- III. When they didn't acknowledge God, they became stupid about things that were unequivocally clear (Rom. 1:21-2).
  - A. God made males and females; all else is not normal.
  - B. Rejecting knowledge will move you away from God's will.
  - C. God told them what a king would do to them; they still rejected Him (1 Sam. 8:6-22).
- IV. Hebrews chapter 11 is the faith hall of fame.
  - A. Heb. 11:4: Abel was killed because he gave tithes to God almighty.
  - B. Heb. 11:5: Enoch walked so close to God that God translated Him.
  - C. Living by faith is not something you do to get something. Living by faith is a lifestyle that requires courage and a willingness to put God above all others.
  - D. Heb. 11:6: You must believe God is and that He will bless you because you stand with Him instead of the unbelievers.
  - E. As a child I was trained to go to church regardless of the weather.

- F. While pastoring WOF, one wintery Sunday morning, 18 inches of snow had fallen. I and a few people came to church, and God moved in a mighty way to bless them all.
  - G. Heb. 11:7: Noah obeyed God regardless of what people thought (Gen. 6:13-16).
  - H. Heb. 11:8: Abraham obeyed God and went not knowing where God was leading him.
  - I. The helps ministry is a call and an assignment from God (1 Cor. 12:28).
  - J. Just because you preach doesn't mean you're called to preach.
  - K. Understand assignment: God rewards you for doing what He called you to do.
  - L. Heb. 11:9: This life is an audition for eternity.
  - M. Heb. 11:11: Sarah herself obeyed and received Abraham's seed (Rom. 4:19).
- V. There is a lifestyle of faith. We must see past the comforts of life and look at the fact that God made us His own.
- A. God created the whole earth (Psa. 33:6).
  - B. The Christian is saved through faith (Eph. 2:8).
- VI. Understand the principle of the Law of Faith.
- A. The sowing part is giving away from yourself through love, fellowship, exhorting others, etc. This is a principle of the law of faith (2 Cor. 9:6-7).
  - B. Giving of any type can spark any avenue of grace for your need (1 Cor. 9:8).
  - C. Acting (#5 of the 5 elements of faith) on what God said completes the principle of the law of faith.
  - D. The manifestation of all grace abounding toward you is the result.
  - E. The manifestation of grace is limited to the degree you act on the laws of God.
- VII. You only have 100% accountability for yourself and your minor children.
- A. Adults are responsible for themselves. God draws them just as He has drawn you. They must choose God just as you chose God.
  - B. We all reap what we sow, whether it is good or bad seed.
- VIII. The people in Noah's day could have believed Noah and been saved. But they chose not to believe (Gen. 6:5; Pro. 14:12).
- A. Ministers receive greater condemnation for what they preach (Jam. 3:1).
  - B. The curse or the blessing extends to the fourth generation (Exo. 20:5; 2 Ki. 10:30; 14:12).
  - C. My children/grandchildren are blessed because my wife and I followed God.
- IX. God's grace goes into every part of your life (2 Cor. 9:8).
- A. The grace of God will help you in whatever you do (Heb. 4:16).
  - B. The grace of God is sparked by giving (2 Cor. 9:7-8).
  - C. We ought to be grateful for how much He has blessed us (2 Cor. 9:14-15).

### **Closing Summary**

We have seen that faith is a lifestyle. When we spend our life pursuing God's will, doing His plan, acting out His call, we will be overtaken with blessings. But it won't just be us; many people around us can experience that same blessing as we tell them about faith in the name of Jesus. Let's thank Him for loving us and calling us His own.