

Heart Faith

Romans 4:12 – Abraham is the father of those who walk in the steps of faith he had.

Hebrews 11:11-12 - By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive seed when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised: wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as the sand, which is by the seashore, innumerable.

Hebrews 6:11-15 - And we desire that each one of you may show the same diligence unto the fullness of hope even to the end: that ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Follow the steps of faith of Abraham but also follow other who through faith and patience are inheriting the promises. Don't follow those who are not receiving the promises.

Romans 4:17-21 - (as it is written, a father of many nations have I made thee) before Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were. Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, so shall thy seed be. And without being weakened in faith he considered his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

V. 16 – For this cause it is of faith, that it may be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham.

V. 17 – God calls those things that be not as though they are. When God says something, we can believe it even before we see

it, even if everything in the natural is against it, even if there is no natural reason for faith – nothing except God's Word to back what we believe!

V. 18 – In hope against hope he believed in order that he might become... according to that which had been spoken...

V. 19 – He was able to look at things as they were in the natural without becoming weak in faith.

V. 20 – Looking unto the promise of God instead, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.

V. 21 - He was fully assured (faith shield) that what God promised He was able to perform.

FIXED, FIRM, ESTABLISHED, UNWAVERING, STEADFAST

He didn't waver (diakrino) in unbelief.

Diakrino

Waver – diakrino – to separate thoroughly, to withdraw from, to hesitate, waver back and forth between two opinions, not firm and established, tossed here and there.

James 1:6-7 – Ask in faith without doubting (wavering – diakrino). The one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. This man won't receive anything from God.

Isaiah 54:11-14 – You who are afflicted, storm-tossed, not comforted. I will set you on a firm, beautiful foundation, established in righteousness, far from oppression, fear and terror.

Ephesians 4:11-14 – God gave ministry gifts to equip us and mature us. As a result, we can come to the point where we are no longer be as children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine. We can be established in truth! Then we will no longer waver.

Mark 4:6, 16-18 - no root in themselves, like those in the rocky places, when they have heard the word receive it with joy and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while, then when tribulation or persecution rises because of the Word,

straightway they stumble. This is changeable. Become rooted and established.

Diakrino also used in:

Matthew 21:21 – If you have faith and doubt not, you shall not only do his which is done to the fig tree but also if you shall say to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, it shall be done.

Mark 11:23 - For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Heart faith is that quiet assurance and knowing that just takes what God has given, simply and quietly, just because He said it. It doesn't require feelings or experiences or a sense of God's presence. It simply takes God at His Word and expects Him to back it. It is that full-hearted assurance where you just know.

1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the boldness (confidence, assurance) which we have toward Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us: and if we know that He hears us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of Him. We were here given the authority to take it (whatever is His will) when we pray.

How do you know His will? Study His Word. If He said it, if He provided it, you can take it. All that Jesus provided for us is in an account for us in His name. We have the authority to take anything He has provided. Why else would He have provided it? You don't have to wait for Him to tell you it is yours or that you can have it, but you may have to take the time to assure your own heart so that you actually believe it. Just knowing it in your mind is not enough; your heart must be assured.

Marks 11:22-24 - And Jesus answering said to them, have faith in God. Verily I say to you, whosoever shall say to this mountain, be taken up and cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that what he says comes to pass, he shall have it. Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.

Heart Trust:

Psalm 33:22 – Let your mercy be upon us according as we have hoped in you.

Psalm 27:2-3 – When evil doers came upon me to eat up my flesh even my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, even then will I be confident.

Psalm 28:7 – The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding.

Psalm 112:7 – He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is fixed trusting in the Lord.

Romans 10:9-10, 17 – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made upon salvation.

Assurance/Full Persuasion:

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith *is* the assurance (substance, confident assurance) of things hoped for, a conviction (evidence) of things not seen.

Faith isn't the things you do; faith *is* the assurance, the conviction in your heart. It may be expressed through words and actions, but that is not the faith; the faith is the assurance and conviction of the heart.

You may have doubts run through your mind at the same time you have faith in your heart. Faith is not a force that comes from your mind. But what you dwell on in your mind will get into your heart. But it is what is actually in your heart – not what runs through the mind that determines your faith.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

Assurance – certain, firm, convinced, confident.

Conviction – the state of being convinced; a firm belief.

Faith is the assurance of the things I hope for, desire and confidently expect. Faith is being certain, firm, convinced and confident of these things.

Faith is the conviction of the things not yet seen. Faith believes and enjoys them beforehand. Faith is being convinced and having a firm belief in the things I cannot yet see based on God's promises.

Hebrews 10:22 – Draw near in full assurance of faith.

2 Timothy 1:12...For I know Him whom I have believed and I am persuaded that He is able to guard that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

Romans 4:21 – and being fully persuaded that what He had promised He is able also to perform.

Romans 8:38 – For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor depth nor any other creatures shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 32:17 – And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

Hebrews 6:11-12 – And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (What do those who get the promises do to get them? Follow them, and you will get the same results.)

How do you get this wonderful full assurance of faith? This assurance of faith comes through knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3 – Attaining all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding resulting in a true knowledge.

You can pray for this knowledge.

Ephesians 1:17-18 – praying that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your heart enlightened that you may know...

Colossians 1:9-10 – praying that you be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

You can study and search out this knowledge.

Romans 10:14-17 – You can't believe until you hear, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ.

Pray, study, seek:

Proverbs 2:1-7 - My son, if you will receive my words, and lay up my commandments within you; so as to incline your ear unto wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding. Yea, if thou cry after discernment, and lift up thy voice for understanding; if thou seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures: then you shall understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding: He lays up sound wisdom for the upright...

There is nothing like attaining this wealth of the full assurance of understanding and true knowledge.

- (1) Receive His Words.
- (2) Lay up His commandments in your heart.
- (3) Incline your ear to wisdom.
- (4) Apply your heart to understanding.
- (5) Cry after discernment.
- (6) Lift up your voice for understanding.
- (7) Seek her as silver.
- (8) Search as for hidden treasures.

Then you shall understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

The Lord gives wisdom; out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He has laid up wisdom for us.

The Spirit will help us understand:

1 Corinthians 2:7-12 - ...wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory... things which not eye has seen, nor has ear has heard and no mind has imagined, things which God has prepared for them that love Him. God reveals them to us through His Spirit, even the deep things of God. We have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit which is from God that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Spirit teaches, combining spiritual things with spiritual words.

John 16:13-15 - Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth: for He shall not speak from Himself; but whatever things He shall hear, these shall He speak: and He shall declare unto you the things that are to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He takes of mine, and shall declare it unto you.

John 14:26 - But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

1 John 2:26-27 – ... but as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides permanently in you so then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide (live in, never depart from) Him (being rooted in Him, knit to Him just as His anointing has taught you to do.

How much do you want His knowledge?

Philippians 1:8-10 – Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found in Him not having my own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...

Ephesians 1:17-20 - I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give to me a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; having the eyes of my heart enlightened that I may know what is the hope of His calling, what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe according to that working of the strength of His might which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead...

HEBREWS 11:6 – AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE WELL-PLEASING TO HIM, FOR HE THAT COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK AFTER HIM.

Follow the example of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. It is the diligent seeker who gets the results. How much do you want the results? How badly do you want to be healed? How much do you want the knowledge you need to overcome. How badly do you want to know Him? The choice is yours!