

## A Lifestyle of Faith

**Overview:** Faith is our connection to all that God has done for us through Jesus. With our faith, evidenced by our actions and words of faith, we secure the promises of God for our lives. Faith needs to permeate the totality of our lives because without faith it is impossible to please God and anything that is not of faith is sin.

### A. Prayer of Faith

#### 1. Praying in Faith

- a. Believing that you receive when you pray. Mark 11:24
- b. What you do while you are praying before the Amen.
- c. Before you pray, consider your desire.
- d. Before you pray, consider the Word (i.e., find an applicable promise of God).
- e. Before you pray, consider your belief (you cannot have faith for that which you are unsure God has promised). Mark 9:23-24
- f. Before you pray, be committed to stand until you win.  
**Note:** Weigh the cost of praying (i.e., are you willing to put in the time, effort, words, actions, money etc. to your prayer until it comes to pass?).

#### 2. Understanding Faith

- a. Faith is the assurance, the title deed of things hoped for. Heb 11:1 AMP
- b. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1
- c. Faith is a confident expectation without any doubting in the heart. Mark 11:23
- d. Faith is believing despite what things look like. Rom 4:18-21
- e. Faith is the leaning of entire human personality on God (no plan B). Heb 6:12 AMP
- f. Faith is not hoping nor wishing. I Cor 13:13
- g. Faith is measured in quality not quantity. Matt 17:20; Luke 17:6
- h. Great Faith vs. Little Faith. Matt 8:10; Matt 15:28  
Matt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31

#### 3. Standing in Faith (Spiritual Warfare)

- a. What you do between the “Amen” and the “there it is.”
- b. Stand, Withstand, Stand, Keep Standing. Eph 6:10-14
- c. Engaging in Spiritual Warfare. Eph 6:15-17
  - Knowing who you are in Christ.
  - Knowing what you have in Christ.
  - Speaking what you know – The Sword of the Spirit.
- d. Walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7
- e. Keep affirming God’s Word with your mouth. Titus 3:8
- f. Keep studying God’s Word to renew your mind. Rom 12:2

## **B. How to Operate in Spiritual Warfare**

### **1. Actions:**

- a. Develop a Faith Action Plan.
- b. Be consistent with healing as best you can.
- c. Do not contradict your faith stand, (e.g., keep your schedule).
- d. Seize it by force with ardent zeal and intense exertion.
- e. Utilize the secondary methods of Spiritual Warfare.
  - Confessing sins regularly.
  - Affirmations.
  - Take communion daily – as many times as led.
  - Read the Word/Study the Word.
  - Praise and worship – Voice and Body.
  - Pray in tongues.

Matt 11:12 AMP

### **2. Words:**

- a. Words consistent with healing.
- b. Don't have stout words against your healing.
- c. Call those things that be not as though they were.
- d. A lifestyle of believing you have what you say.
- e. Speak the Word in affirmations.

Mal 3:13-14

Rom 4:17

Mark 11:23

**Note:** Mental assent produces wishful thinking. Heart belief (faith) produces actions and words.