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GROWING IN FAITH #2



Luke 17:5-6 "And the apostles said to the Lord: Increase our faith. And the Lord said: if you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say unto this sycamore tree, be plucked up by the root and planted in the sea and it would obey you."

The issue of faith has always been important, even more so as we enter into these times. Faith is **both a fruit and a gift of the Holy Spirit** as stated in **Galatians 5:22** and **1 Corinthians 12:9.** We have all been given a measure of faith the size of a mustard seed. What we do with it is up to each one of us. Thus, as we develop it in our lives, it grows just like a fruit would.

The more we use it and take care of it, the more it will grow just like a fruit. On the other hand, the gift of faith is a supernatural impartation from the Spirit in order to accomplish something that needs to happen. This enablement can only come from the Holy Spirit at certain times in our life. Some believers have this gift of faith residing in them and it is very often manifested in their lives.

However every believer can have this gift of faith manifested in their lives at one time or another just like any other gift of the Holy Spirit. It just will not manifest as often as in people that have been given the gift of faith. Every believer should have the manifestation of the fruit of faith, but not everyone has the gift of faith manifesting in their lives.

In our last lesson we looked at the fact that faith can grow in us as much as we desire and depending on how much we use it and exercise it in our daily lives. One of the things that believers desperately need now is to begin to develop their faith more and starve all doubt, unbelief and fear. Most will not be able to go to where the Lord wants to take them at their present level of faith.

People believe the misconception that faith is based on God's arbitrary will, as if He will change His mind. Paul uses an interesting little phrase in Romans 3: "The Law of Faith." Faith is a law of the Spirit, just like the laws of Gravity, Dynamics, Physics, Hydraulics and all the other scientific laws that we learned at School. The Laws of the Spirit do not change; they always work in the same way.

Faith is a law of the Spirit. It always works and it will always work the same way. The Lord set these laws in motion and He is not going to change them arbitrarily. On rare unusual occasions, whenever the Lord does change them, it is called a *miracle*; which could be defined as *a Divine interruption of normal established physical laws on the earth.*

We need to begin to try and grasp these spiritual principles. Many believers, who have been failing to apply these principles, need to take a fresh look at yourself and your own heart and see what thoughts you have been allowing to go through your mind. I assure you that one or more *misconceptions have been there in order to steal your faith and take you out of alignment* from where you should be.

We live in an instant society, in which bigger and faster is the order of the day. We are used to having things given to us quickly. We like our fast food restaurants; microwave ovens; fast internet and quick service when we go to restaurants. However, any time we deal in the area of faith, it is going to take time as the angels of God are moving to bring about the circumstances that we are believing for.