

“Increase Our Faith”

Introduction

Luke 17:1-10

1. The apostles asked Jesus to “increase their faith” (V.5).
2. We learn from the text that one can do great things when they have a deep and abiding faith.
 - A. We also learn that faith moves us to do what our master commands of us, know that is our duty.

Attaining Faith

1. There is only one way to attain faith and that is through hearing.
 - A. We gain it by the testimony of the scriptures.

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- B. Faith comes by the word of the Apostles.

John 17:20 I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

- C. Faith comes by hearing.
Romans 10:17

- C. Faith comes through preaching.

Romans 10:13-14 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

2. There is only one way to increase the faith that we have.

A. That only comes by and through the application of the word. 2 Timothy 2:15

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Faith Grows As A Result of Obedience

1. If one has faith to do what God gives him to do, he will find his faith growing day by day (V5-10).

James 2:17-24

2. Increase of faith only comes through obedience to the Master's will.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

A. We must strive to practice purity in our life. We are to be conformed to the image of His Son!

3. We must gird ourselves to diligently serve the Lord (V. 7-8).

Hebrews 6:11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

2 Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

4. Faith will grow when a sense of our unprofitableness is maintained Luke 17:10

- A. The believer in Christ owes all to God without expectations of reward.

Conclusion

1. Do you really want to increase your faith? IF SO:

- A. DO what God gives you to do.
- B. Be OBEDIENT to His will.
- C. Be DILIGENT about your salvation.
- D. MAINTAIN a sense of indebtedness to our Savior.

