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The True Believer must Have Faith in God.

I. We must believe.

B.) Mk 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

A.) Matt 17:14-21 pg 1034

1.) Pray with an honest and unselfish heart.

2.) Pray ~~for~~ ~~forgiveness~~ WITH CONFIDENCE. I Jn 5:14-15 pg 1299

John writes that we may know we have eternal life and can approach God with assurance, knowing that He hears us.

FAITH AS A GRAIN of MUSTARD SEED.

II. We must obey.

Remember we are talking about A TRUE BELIEVER.

A.) I Jn 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1.) Obey by keeping the commandments

B.) Jn 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

~~I Jn 3:22~~ pg ~~1128~~ 8

1.) Be pleasing in God's sight.

2.) Keep his commandments.

III. For, we must believe & obey.

Christ speaking A.) John 15:7-10 pg 1148.

1.) By believing and obeying the commandments which were layed down for us to ~~obey~~ obey, Christ will be on our side NOW AND on the Day of Judgement.

2.) Reverse - by not keeping His commandments, Christ will not recognize and plead for us.

IV. We must forgive.

A.) Mk 11:20-26 pg ~~1068~~ 1068.

Faith works miracles, not because it gives us confidence in ourselves, but because it moves us to trust everything to God.

1.) Forgive others, for we are not perfect ourselves.

B.) Ps 34:16 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

1.) If we can't forgive others - should we be forgiven by the Lord when we ask for forgiveness?

I, We must overcome our doubts. James here is encouraging us to meet these trials and temptations with joy, being aware of their potential benefits.

A) James 1:2-6 pg 1284

PATIENCE

1) Temptations of the world are all around us.

NOT WORKING → The devil is at work trying to tempt us to sin.

HARD

2) The lack of enough wisdom and knowledge leaves us ~~at~~ unprotected from temptation.

B) James 1:12 pg 1284

VI. We must be righteous.

~~Ja 4:3~~ ~~pg 1135~~ → A.) Proverbs 15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

TALK YOUR PROBLEMS OUT - DON'T KEEP THEM INSIDE.

B.) James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1.) Are your prayers being answered?

a.) If not, then why?

OR ARE YOU LETTING THE WORLD DICTATE HOW YOU LIVE?

C.) Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: and if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

1.) are you living by faith?

D.) Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that "diligently" seek him.

Faith is the confidence that God exists and the conviction that He rewards those who "earnestly" seek Him.

→ 1.) Are you diligently seeking him?

2.) Are you living by faith - or are you living a lie?

Just listening to God's word will not help us with the test that we must endure.

3.) James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

4.) James 2:26 FOR as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

If we are true Believers then we have an active working faith, helping others so we ourselves can be saved.

The kind of faith that justifies a person before God is a faith that expresses itself in works. Any "faith" which is not accompanied by works is not a saving kind of faith.